



A Tribute to Arthur Ashe

"Arthur Ashe's passing away makes this a very sad day, not only for the world of sports, but the entire world in general," said Magic Johnson, who retired from professional basketball after testing positive for the AIDS virus.

"Not only was Arthur a leading figure and pioneer for minorities in sports and business, but also in the fight against HIV and AIDS. He was one of the best men of his generation, and his loss is a loss for all of us."

Ashe, who twice during his career was ranked as the world's top tennis player, first tested positive for HIV in 1988. He chose to keep that fact secret to protect his family's privacy. Feared that a newspaper would publish a story about his astonishing news, Ashe, in an emotional press conference, revealed that he had AIDS on April 8, 1992.

After going public, Ashe became active in the fight against AIDS, forming a fund-raising foundation and joining the boards of the Harvard AIDS Institute and the UCLA AIDS Institute.

"He went to jail to free South

Africa. He went to jail to free Haiti," said the Rev. Jesse Jackson. Ashe suffered a heart attack soon after he was jailed in Washington last year for organizing protests on behalf of Haitian refugees.

"I went to visit him in the hospital that Sunday," Jackson explained. "He was lying in bed, with monitors hooked up to him. He said, 'Jesse, I'm glad to see you. We've got to free Haiti.'"

Even near the end, while suffering from pneumonia, Ashe was asking questions about items in the news and what was going on in the world. Instead of lying there, feeling helpless, he inquired about the world. Rather than wondering where the medication was, Ashe wondered who the next attorney general would be.

Ashe and his doctors believe that the source of his HIV infection was a contaminated blood transfusion he received after undergoing heart by-pass surgery in 1983. That was about two years before the routine testing of blood for AIDS was instituted.

Ashe, who retired from tennis in 1979 after suffering a heart attack and undergoing his first heart-bypass surgery learned to play tennis in Richmond, Virginia's segregated courts.

He came onto the scene in 1961 when he captured the National Interscholastic Tennis Championships as a high school star in Richmond. Unfortunately he was unable to sharpen his tennis skills as he was caught in the civil rights movement during the late 1960's and 70's.

In March 1970, Ashe was instrumental in getting South Africa banned from the Davis Cup because of the nation's apartheid policies. In 1985 he was 1-of-47 persons arrested in anti-apartheid protests in Washington at the South Africa Embassy.

By the end of his career he had won the singles crowns of all the coveted tennis championships; including Wimbledon, the U.S. Open, and the WCT Finals. He is the only black man ever to have won the Wimbledon singles championship, capturing the ultimate tennis title at the hands of the unyielding Jimmy Connors.

Ashe was instrumental in founding the Association of Tennis Professionals and the National Junior Tennis League. The latter is a program designed to involve inner-city youths in tennis.

At the close of his tennis

career, he became captain of the U.S. Davis Cup Team, a sports commentator for ABC-TV, and a contributing columnist for the Washington Post and Tennis magazine. Ashe was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame in 1985, the same year he retired as captain of the U.S. Davis Cup Team.

He also is an author. His

works include the critically acclaimed two-volume book, "A Hard Road To Glory," which chronicled the history of black athletes in America. His television adaption of that work earned him an Emmy award for writing.

Ashe also is the author of "Portrait in Motion," a tennis diary, and of an autobiography, "Off the Court."



Arthur Ashe in announcing that he had been stricken with the AIDS virus.



Arthur Ashe thrashed Jimmy Connors in the '85 Wimbledon final ... then held the prize high.

This page is dedicated to the memory of Arthur Ashe
By W.G. Ramirez

Whether it be visions of him playing tennis on Center Court, or sounds of his voice speaking on human rights, education or AIDS research, one thing is for certain, memories of Arthur Ashe will always bring a sense of dignity and integrity to one's mind.

The champion, on-and-off the court, passed away last Saturday of AIDS-related pneumonia at the age of 49. Not only did the sports world lose a true legend and friend, but there are those that looked up to him for leadership as an advocate who would challenge society to make things right for all people.

Sports figures, politicians and business leaders all responded to Ashe's death by saying that the world had lost a talented, eloquent and generous man.

GORMAN



Tough "D" was the name of the game as Cheyenne and Gorman battled it out Tuesday afternoon. Photo By B.Lee/LVS-Voice

Cheyenne turnovers while committing several of their own, yet still managing to hang on to the lead.

At one point the Gaels were up by nine, only to see the 'Shield pull within a bucket with about a minute left and the opportunity to tie the contest.

Topped off by a Jo Jo Rundy slam dunk, Gorman maintained their lead and pushed the final margin to five as the clock ticked away.

Chris Robinson was high man for the Gaels with 17 points and

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SCOREBOARD

CURRENT STANDINGS

SUNRISE DIVISION		SUNSET DIVISION	
ELDORADO	10-0, 17-8	CHEYENNE	9-1, 23-3
CHAPARRAL	8-1, 11-11	GORMAN	7-2, 18-5
GREEN VALLEY	5-5, 9-12	CIMARRON	5-4, 16-8
VALLEY	4-5, 5-17	CLARK	5-4, 14-8
RANCHO	4-6, 8-15	BONANZA	4-6, 12-13
BASIC	2-7, 4-17	WESTERN	2-7, 13-11
VO-TECH	0-9, 3-18	LAS VEGAS	1-9, 5-19

TUESDAY'S RESULTS	FRIDAY'S GAMES
GORMAN 64 CHEYENNE 59	LAS VEGAS AT CLARK
CIMARRON 60 BONANZA 54	CIMARRON AT WESTERN
LAS VEG. 102 WESTERN 86	VALLEY AT ELDORADO
RANCHO 60 BASIC 41	BASIC AT GREEN VALLEY
ELDORADO 100 VO-TECH 60	VO-TECH AT CHAPARRAL
CHAP. 65 GR. VALLEY 54	BONANZA AT GORMAN

Gabe Hunterton added 15. Roundy ended up with 11 points. Gorman pushed their record to 18-5 and 7-2 in division play. Cheyenne fell to 23-3 and 9-1.

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