

Exclusive Sentinel-Voice Interview

Long Ride With Iron Mike Tyson Saw Many Things For Chauffeur

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Rudy Gonzalez's 5-1/2 year relationship with Mike Tyson was conceivably the most genuine for the former undisputed heavyweight champion, during his three-year, two-month and twenty-day tenure as king, readers will soon learn when "Inner Ring" is released nationwide.

The 260-page book, which adds over twenty pages of photos, takes you on the long ride Gonzalez executed as Tyson's personal chauffeur.

"This book was my bullet-

proof vest," said Gonzalez Monday afternoon, during a phone conversation from Miami. "If another incident happens, it'll all be written down. I didn't want to die with all this in my head."

Gonzalez's book, which was co-written by Miami lawyer Marty Feigenbaum, will be thoroughly reviewed in the May 18 issue of the Las Vegas Sentinel-Voice.

Until Gonzalez can get his story distributed nationwide, he continues to grant interviews for the press that have already received the book. He said he is hoping he will "re-educate the world of one of the world's

greatest fighters."

About the recently released HBO movie TYSON, the 33-year-old Spanish Harlem-native said "it was a good attempt but it wasn't real accurate."

"They left out Mike Tyson," Gonzalez stressed. "They wanted to do something about Mike Tyson. A concept with an imagination."

Gonzalez said he doesn't understand why Tyson would go back to Don King, since their relationship was on the rocks when he was sentenced to prison. In the book, Gonzalez explains in detail what took place

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**Rudy Gonzalez,
Mike Tyson former chauffeur**

weeks before the Indianapolis trip, and subsequently weeks after.

"Don needed to do something fast," continued Gonzalez on the conference call with Feigenbaum. It (the relationship) had already ended, it had just been kept quiet."

After Tyson was incarcerated, Gonzalez said that he was told by King, "to go back to Harlem and keep my mouth shut."

To this day, according to Gonzalez, he is stunned by the power King has over so many people.

"I'm surprised he doesn't control the weather. ... They got Mike Tyson believing that he betrayed them in some way and that they'll expose him for it."

Gonzalez said that he doesn't really believe they do have anything, but they've done a good job in making Tyson believe so. They, referring to King and co-manager John Horne.

"Mike is in the same predicament he was then," Gonzalez said. "The techniques haven't changed. ...He went from one form of custody to another."

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WBC ranking gets jabbed by former champs

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Former heavyweight champions Evander Holyfield, Michael Moorer and Lennox Lewis all took turns ridiculing the World Boxing Council's (WBC) recent decision to rank Mike Tyson as it's number one contender, Wednesday during a teleconference call.

"It's not right," said Holyfield, who returns to the ring May 20 in Atlantic City against Ray Mercer. It'll be Holyfield's first ring appearance since losing his crown to Moorer one year ago April.

"You look at the situation and it's the kind of political type of thing

that is not fair for the other guys. You should have to fight somebody in the top 10 to get ranked."

Tyson's ranking came shortly after his release from the Indiana prison he served three years on a rape conviction.

Lewis and Moorer are also working their way back for another crack at boxing's most prestigious crown, and resent the easy ride being given to the 29-year-old Tyson, who has not fought since outpointing Razor Ruddock in June 1991.

"It shows how much politicking and racketeering plays in boxing,"

said Lewis, who fights Lionel Butler Saturday in Sacramento, California. It'll be Lewis' first bout since Oliver McCall took his WBC belt last September in Briton.

"Mike Tyson was a force to reckon with four years ago, but this is now. It's unfair to neglect everybody else and put Tyson back on the threshold of the championship," said Moorer, who will be boxing for the first time since he was knocked out by IBF champion George Foreman last November. Moorer faces Melvin Foster on the same Sacramento card as Lewis and Butler.

Zone

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Wagoner. "(Sarah) just had a point to make in zone."

A four-run fifth-inning provided the sparks for the Gaels, who beat Eldorado 3-1 in the opening round on Tuesday.

In Wednesday's first game, Green Valley topped Durango 3-1 behind sophomore Joni Scoville. The All-Sunrise second-team pitcher retired 15 of the last 16 batters she faced.

Green Valley will meet Gorman Friday morning at 11 a.m., with the winner advancing to the zone championship game and a spot in the state tournament.

Today, in the loser's bracket, Silverado meets Las Vegas and Durango gets Eldorado.

■ Zone Baseball — In the Class AAA Southern Conference baseball tournament at Wilson Stadium on the UNLV campus, Green Valley beat Durango 7-5.

After the Trailblazers jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the top of the first, the Gators responded with three in their bottom half of the inning. Green Valley extended their lead to 5-2 in the third until Durango crept closer, 5-4, in the fifth.

Once again though, the Gators responded with a pair of runs in their half of the inning.

Four of Green Valley's seven runs were by players that were

either walked or hit by a pitch.

Green Valley's A.C. Smith got the win and Taylor Myers, who struck out Gary Havens with the bases-loaded to end the fifth inning, got the save.

In the nightcap, Western made it 3-for-3 against Bishop Gorman this year, toppling the Gaels 11-7.

Trailing 3-1 in the bottom of the second, Andy McCulloch's two-run triple highlighted a six-run inning for Western.

McCulloch added a two-run home run later and Bubba Creelman blasted a solo shot.

Jim McNeel got the victory for the Warriors and Mike Smith got the save.

■ Zone Boys Track and Field — The following qualified for Saturday's Class AAA Southern Conference tournament, this past Tuesday in the preliminaries:

100 Meter Dash — Justin Anderson, Rancho HS; Tony Fields, Green Valley HS; Lucas Avina, Las Vegas HS; Marc Louis, Bonanza HS; Brian Reed, Green Valley HS; Taurus Jackson, Chaparral HS; Terry Johnson, Rancho HS; James Gilyard, Bonanza HS.

200 Meter Dash — Jackson, Chaparral HS; Avina, LVHS; Fields, GVHS; Marvin Wolfe, LVHS; Anthony Davis, GVHS; Tony Ladd, Durango HS; Reed, GVHS; Marc Bailey, Cimarron-Memorial HS.

400 Meter Dash — Ladd, DHS; Terrance Johnson, Chaparral HS; Wolfe, LVHS; Kwaku Stewart,

Cheyenne HS; George Robinson, Green Valley HS; Barry Kaiser, Durango HS; Ladell Hampton, Cheyenne HS; Jason Cunningham, Western HS.

800 Meter Run — Johnson, CHS; Kevin Walthers, Cimarron-Memorial HS; Ryan Fitt, Green Valley HS; Kelly Murie, Durango HS; Brian Walthers, Cimarron-Memorial HS; Robinson, GVHS; Chris Walker, Green Valley HS; Eric Johnson, Bonanza.

1600 Meter Run — Michael HYTE, Green Valley HS; Rex Noble, Durango HS; Yancy Kramer, Basic HS; Murie, Durango HS; Joey Montelongo, Cimarron-Memorial HS, Eric Batson, Rancho HS; Scott Gonzalez, Cimarron-Memorial HS; Justin Vogt, Clark HS.

110 Meter High Hurdles — Brian

Ferguson, Rancho HS; Shawn Norris, Rancho HS; Joe Moore, Boulder City HS; Troy Williams, Cimarron HS; Steve Lindberg, Durango HS; T.J. DeCarlo, Green Valley HS; Kindle Spears, Basic HS; Antoine Gilliam, Durango HS.

300 Meter Intermediate Hurdles — Dave Vogel, Durango HS; Lindberg, DHS; Terrance Harvey, Green Valley HS; Williams, CMHS; Ray Germain, Chaparral HS; Ferguson, RHS; Spears, BHS; DeCarlo, GVHS.

4X100 Meter Relay — Green

Valley; Bonanza; Rancho; Las Vegas; Cimarron-Memorial; Cheyenne; Durango; Boulder City.


4X200 Meter Relay — Las Vegas; Green Valley; Rancho; Cheyenne; Durango; Chaparral; Cimarron-Memorial; Bonanza.

4X400 Meter Relay — Durango; Chaparral; Cheyenne; Cimarron-Memorial; Green Valley; Rancho; Western; Boulder City.

High Jump — Tom Truman, Green Valley HS; Lateef Saleem, Clark HS; Charles Young, Eldorado


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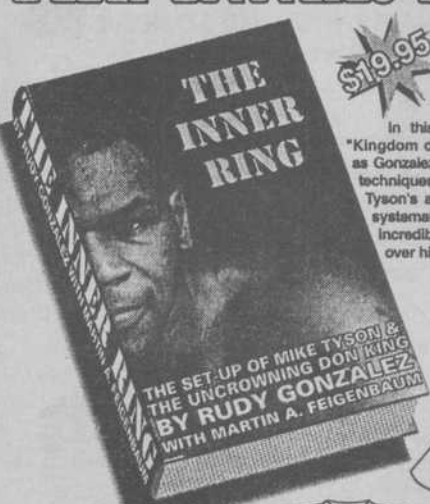


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