

# SENTINEL SPORTS

## Promoter Don King's Trial Begins

NEW YORK - Opening statements began after the Jury was selected Tuesday in the mail fraud trial of boxing promoter Don King at a New York federal court. King has pleaded not guilty to charges of filing a fraudulent insurance claim after a 1991 title bout between Julio Cesar Chavez and Harold Brazier was canceled.

The 12-person jury is comprised of nine women and three men. Four alternates — three women and a man — were also selected.

King filed a \$350,000 claim

with Lloyds of London, the British based insurance giant, for what was termed "non-refundable training expenses" paid to Chavez, the world champion. King allegedly lied when he said the fees were not refundable.

If convicted, the 62-year-old King could receive up to five years in prison and up to \$250,000 in fines on each of the nine counts. King was sent to prison in the late 1960s after being convicted on manslaughter charges.

The IRS also is investigating allegations that King helped

foreign fighters evade paying taxes in the United States and that King's promotional firm filed false tax statements.

The Justice Department has probed King's dealings for two years. The investigation began when King's former chief financial officer, Joseph Maffia, filed civil affidavits against King. Maffia agreed to cooperate with the Manhattan U.S. Attorney's office.

King filed a counter complaint against Maffia with New York's Board of Regents, which licenses accountants, blaming Maffia for

any crimes that might have occurred. Maffia was exonerated after an investigation.

In 1967, King was convicted of manslaughter for stomping Sam Garrett to death in Cleveland. King was a bookmaker at the time and Garrett worked for him. King also killed a man in 1954, but the killing was ruled self-defense.

King was also indicted for tax evasion in 1985, but was acquitted. His secretary at the time, Constance Harper, was convicted and served a year in prison.



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## Lewis Stops Morrison In Sixth

ATLANTIC CITY - Lennox Lewis of Britain took a major step in his campaign to regain the heavyweight crown by stopping American Tommy "The Duke" Morrison at one minute and 34 seconds of the sixth round last Saturday night.

Lewis used a piercing jab and solid combination punching in outclassing the smaller Morrison, who hit the canvas

four times against the former World Boxing Council heavyweight champion. He effectively jabbed Morrison repeatedly during the fight, opening a nasty cut near the corner of his right eye in the second round.

In the same round, Lewis used a counter right hand to send Morrison down to one knee, prompting referee Mills Lane to

institute a standing eight count. Lewis's heavy-handed barrage forced Morrison to wilt to a knee three more times, once in the fifth and twice in the sixth. Morrison rose each time but with his right eye nearly closed and gasping for breath in a neutral corner, Lane finally waved off the fight without protest from the battered Morrison.

Lewis gave his virtuoso performance with promoter Dino Duva of Main Events promising the winner a crack at new WBC champion Frank Bruno, also of Britain.

"My priority is Frank Bruno," said Lewis. "Then the winner of Holyfield/Bowe," said Lewis of the match-up between former champions set for November 4 in Las Vegas. "I don't care who I fight. I just don't want any Mickey

Mouse fights."

Morrison's performance was listless and baffling and prompted scattered hooting from the 8,369 in attendance. Instead of charging Lewis and going for a quick knockout with his devastating left hook, Morrison fought timidly, weaved and ducked and attempted to bore inside. His best round was the third, when he landed a right cross that temporarily stunned Lewis. Lane had to ask the Briton twice if he was okay before continuing the action.

Morrison went on to rock Lewis with a couple of overhand rights and left hooks, but they were infrequent and Lewis began scoring heavily on big counter blows.

Lewis, 30, sensed an end to the fight in the waning moments of the fifth round when he tagged Morrison's bruised head with a

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## NFL Trading Deadline Passes Quietly

NEW YORK — As is usually the case, the National Football League trade deadline passed Tuesday with no major activity.

There was speculation that the Philadelphia Eagles would trade quarterback Randall Cunningham to the Arizona Cardinals a few weeks ago, but that deal did not happen. Cunningham is eligible for free agency after the 1995 season.

Cunningham was benched in favor of backup Rodney Peete before Philadelphia's Oct. 1 game at New Orleans. Peete started and led the Eagles to

victories over New Orleans and Washington over the past two weeks to even the Eagles' record at 3-3.

Peete completed 30-of-45 passes for 256 yards and one touchdown in Philadelphia's 37-34 overtime win over Washington Sunday.

Quarterback Dave Krieg, who was signed as a free agent in the off-season, has led the Cardinals to just one win in six games. He has completed 103-of-167 passes for 1,241 yards and six touchdowns, but has been intercepted 10 times.

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## National Sports Briefs

**Buffalo's Andre Reed out with hamstring injury** 267 yards.

Buffalo Bills wide receiver Andre Reed could be out for up to six to eight weeks after suffering tears to his right hamstring in the second quarter of last Sunday's game against the New York Jets.

The Buffalo News is reporting Tuesday that Reed's injury will likely sideline him until late November, but the Bills said Monday that an official decision on Reed's status will be made this week.

Reed suffered the injury on a reverse play late in the second period. After gaining 14 yards on the play, he was hit out of bounds by safety Victor Green and landed awkwardly on his right leg. Reed, an 11-year veteran, has 21 catches this season for

**Nike reportedly makes licensing deal with NFL**

Nike has reportedly made a licensing deal with the National Football League.

U-S-A Today is reporting that Nike chairman Phil Knight has made a deal to sell official N-F-L apparel starting next year.

The move by Nike with the N-F-L comes one month after it made an unauthorized stadium sponsorship deal with Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones. The deal prompted N-F-L Properties to file a \$300 million lawsuit against Jones. N-F-L Properties President Sara Levinson told U-S-A Today that Nike's "timing was right" for making the deal since Converse recently folded its Apex unit.

**Keating named chairman of NCAA Basketball Rules Committee**

Seton Hall University athletic director Laurence Keating has been named chairman of the N-C-A-A Men's Basketball Rules Committee.

The 13-member committee is responsible for formulating the official playing rules for men's basketball.

Keating has also been appointed to the N-C-A-A Basketball Officiating Committee, representing the Men's Basketball Rules Committee. He replaces George Raveling, formerly at the University of Southern California. Kansas men's basketball coach Roy Williams was appointed to the N-C-A-A Men's Basketball Rules Committee.