

# SENTINEL SPORTS

## Atlantic City Gaming Officials Fight Tyson, Mathis Jr. Bout

**Sentinel-Voice**  
New Jersey gaming authorities are strongly opposing a petition by Donald Trump and Trump Plaza Associates to allow the rescheduled Mike Tyson-Buster Mathis, Jr. bout to be held at the Atlantic City Convention Center on December 16.

The Division of Gaming Enforcement told the New Jersey Casino Control Commission that the fight would violate a 1994 order banning Don King, Tyson's promoter.

According to a request filed

Tuesday, Promoter Don King would assign the fight's promotional rights to another party licensed by the New Jersey State Athletic Control Board for "nominal consideration."

King and his Don King Productions, Inc. promotional company were prohibited from doing business with Atlantic City casinos on August 19, 1994 after an indictment for wire fraud. King's wire fraud trial in U.S. District Court in New York ended in a mistrial two weeks ago.

Donald Trump's petition requests that four other Atlantic

City casinos, in addition to Trump Plaza, would become "sponsors" of the Tyson-Mathis fight and enter into a professional agreement with the promoter of the fight.

According to the agreement Don King Productions would pay all the undercard fighters and Tyson in "fixed-sum amounts" not derived from the live gate ticket sales. Mathis, on the other hand, would be paid by the promoter out of proceeds from the ticket sales.

The petition also states that no proceeds from ticket sales would go to Don King Productions.

In addition, the petition also states that the Fox Sports Network would televise the Tyson-Mathis fight live, but a Fox Sports spokesman has denied that report.

"Anyone who says we are televising any boxing event at this time is incorrect or premature in their reporting," said Vince Wladikda, a spokesman for Fox. Wladikda did add, however, that it was possible that position could change within the next few days.

Tyson has had only one bout on a six-fight deal with the MGM Grand Hotel & Casino — his first round disqualification over Peter McNeeley. Tyson's was to fight Mathis in his second bout of the contract on the same night as

### WINTER BASKETBALL LEAGUE

The City of Las Vegas Municipal Sports Unit announces registration for a winter basketball league for adults, 18 and older. Registration takes place November 20-30, at the City's Municipal Sports Office, 821 1/2 Las Vegas Boulevard South, behind the Reed Whipple Cultural Center. The cost is \$375 per team.

Competition begins Monday, December 4, and runs weeknights from 6-10 p.m., at three locations; K.O. Knudson Middle School, 2400 Atlantic Avenue, the City's Dula Gymnasium, 441 East Bonanza Road; and the Chuck Minker Sports Complex, 275 N. Mojave Road. Call 229-2595 for a complete play schedule.

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Tyson has been training in Atlantic City for his rescheduled bout against Buster Mathis, Jr. since last Friday, according to co-manager John Horne.

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the Bowe-Holyfield III bout, but that fight had to be postponed due to an injured thumb Tyson sustained during training.

Tyson is next scheduled to

take on WBC Heavyweight Champion Frank Bruno of England on March 16, 1996 at the MGM.

Tyson's co-manager, John

Horne, has stated that the Tyson-Mathis fight is definitely on for December 16, and that Tyson has been training in Atlantic City since last Friday.

### National Sports Briefs

#### Robinson Plans To Resign From Orioles

Baltimore Orioles assistant general manager Frank Robinson said he has offered his resignation and plans to offer it again in the wake of the hiring of general manager Pat Gillick.

"I think I probably will (resign) at some time in the next three weeks or so," said Robinson, who added that he plans to meet with Gillick this week.

Robinson, 60, has been with the Orioles for 19 years, the last five as assistant general manager. He was not a candidate to succeed Roland Hemond, who resigned under pressure in October as general manager.

#### CFL Owners To Meet

The status of several U.S. teams rates high on the agenda as Canadian Football League owners began three days of meetings Wednesday in Toronto. Owners are expected to vote on the proposed move of the Shreveport (La.) Pirates to Norfolk, Va., as well as discuss possible reactivation/relocation of the Las Vegas franchise, which did not play this season, to take the Pirates' place in Shreveport next season.

Also, despite the relocation of the NFL Cleveland Browns to Baltimore next season, Baltimore Stallions owner Jim Speros is expected to unveil a plan that would keep his team in Baltimore if as many as 20,000 season tickets are sold by the end of December.

#### Proposal Caps Big-Number Game

Nikki McCray is putting up numbers with the U.S. women's national basketball team, after eight games with 59 points, 13 assists, nine steals and a wedding proposal.

After the team's win against Tennessee at Knoxville last week, McCray's boyfriend of three years, Thomas Penson, proposed to the former Tennessee All-American at center court in front of more than 6,000 fans. McCray says she was as surprised as the fans but had "been waiting for this for a long time. I'm glad it happened in Tennessee in front of all my teammates, both on the USA team and the Tennessee team."

McCray and Penson, a 1994 Tennessee graduate and an engineer in Knoxville, plan to marry after the 1996 Olympics.

#### Olympic Ticket Sales To Enter Second Phase

Organizers of the '96 Olympics close out the mail-order phase of ticket sales this Friday, and take a two-month hiatus to count remaining seats and process paperwork.

In February, they will begin taking phone orders. But fans who have waited this long "better be in love with soccer and baseball," according to organizers, as they are the sports with the largest numbers of remaining tickets.

#### Pittsburgh Policemen Charged

Two white Pittsburgh policemen were charged with third-degree homicide and another with involuntary manslaughter in the death of black businessman Jonny Gammage, 31, a cousin of Pittsburgh Steeler defensive end Ray Seals, on October 12.

A third officer was charged with manslaughter and two additional officers at the scene weren't charged. One plans to testify against his fellow officers.

Gammage was driving Seal's Jaguar when police say they mistook Gammage's cellular phone for a weapon and hit him with a flashlight. Two officers were hurt in the struggle and Gammage suffocated while being restrained face down.

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