

S P O R T S

Tyson looks to strip Seldon of WBA title

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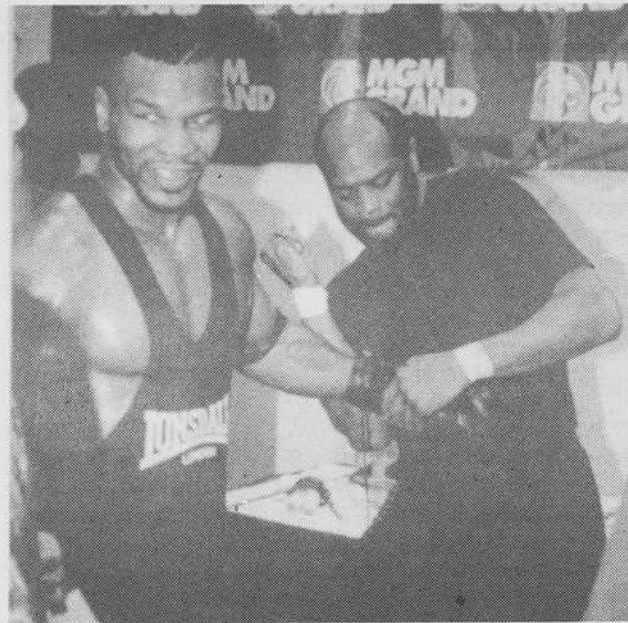
A more peaceful, yet not so gentler Mike Tyson appears ready to climb back on top of the world of boxing as he prepares to dethrone World Boxing Association heavyweight champion Bruce Seldon Saturday evening at the MGM Grand Garden.

Tyson, appearing in only his fourth bout since being released

from prison in 1995, captured the World Boxing Council heavyweight title last March when he easily stopped England's Frank Bruno in the third round, also at the MGM.

The Tyson-Seldon fight was originally scheduled for July 13, but was postponed after Tyson was diagnosed with bronchitis. Tyson, 30, is currently a 22-1 favorite to win the fight.

Calling himself the "sleeper



A relaxed Mike Tyson appears ready to take Bruce Seldon's WBA heavyweight title Saturday at the MGM. Photo by Savoy/LV-Voice

SPORTS BRIEFS

BRYANT FRACTURES WRIST

LOS ANGELES — Kobe Bryant, who recently made the jump from high school to the NBA, has a fractured left wrist that will sideline him for a minimum of six weeks, the Los Angeles Lakers announced Tuesday. Bryant, who is right-handed, fractured his wrist while playing in a pickup game Monday, the Lakers said. The diagnosis came Tuesday after he was examined at the Kerlan-Jobe Orthopedic Clinic. Bryant, who turned 18 on August 23, earned USA Today's national High School Player of the Year honors last season, averaging 30.8 points, 12 rebounds and 6.5 assists per game at Lower Merion, Pa., High School. The Lakers open training camp Oct. 4 in Honolulu and open the season at home Nov. 1 against the Phoenix Suns.

USC TAILBACK'S SUSPENSION EXTENDED

LOS ANGELES — The University of Southern California has been informed by the NCAA that tailback Delon Washington, the team's leading rusher last season, must sit out two more games for an alleged "ethical violation." The NCAA ruled that Washington must miss a total of three games. He already served the first game of that suspension when USC declared him ineligible for the Kickoff Classic two Sundays ago.

NEBRASKA LINEBACKER SUSPENDED

LINCOLN, Neb. — Nebraska linebacker Terrell Farley has been indefinitely suspended from the top-ranked football team after being arrested on suspicion of drunken driving last Friday morning. Coach Tom Osborne said a decision on Farley's future would come later. Farley, a Butkus Award semifinalist, was the Big Eight defensive newcomer of the year last season and a second team All-America selection.

AMATEUR BOXER NUNNALLY DROWNS

JACKSON, Tenn. — Mike Nunnally, who lost to eventual Olympic gold medalist David Reid in the semifinals of the U.S. Boxing Championships, drowned in Michigan. He was 23. Nunnally was pronounced dead Monday night at Marquette General Hospital after his body was recovered from Lake Superior by the U.S. Coast Guard, according to reports by Jackson's WBBJ-TV. He was spending Labor Day at the lake with four friends, and apparently tried to swim to shore alone.

OLYMPIC MARATHONER FEARS FOR LIFE

BETHEL, South Africa — Josia Thugwane raced to fame and fortune when he won the Olympic marathon in Atlanta last month. Now he wonders if it was all worth it. Thugwane's family has moved from a shack that has been their longtime home and he now fears being killed because of the thousands of dollars in prizes he has earned from his Olympic victory. "Everyone is talking of plans to kill me," Thugwane told the Star newspaper of Johannesburg. "I do not know who these crooks are, but if they say they will kill someone, they always do." Thugwane, 25, said news of the rewards for his performance in Atlanta had spread throughout the impoverished black settlement of Emzini, where he lived with his wife and four children.

BRUNO RETIRES FROM BOXING

LONDON — Last Friday, 34-year-old Frank Bruno announced his retirement from boxing after learning he may lose his sight in one eye if he continues fighting. Bruno, who lost his WBC heavyweight title to Mike Tyson last March at the MGM Grand, a title it took 13 years and four attempts to land, had been considering a third fight against Tyson. Bruno, only the third Briton ever to hold a world heavyweight title, compiled a record of 40-5 with 38 knockouts. He lost three world title fights before winning the crown by beating Oliver McCall in a unanimous decision at Wembley on Sept. 2, 1995.

KENYAN LOWERS WORLD 3,000-METER MARK

RIETI, Italy — Kenya's Daniel Komen lowered the world record for 3,000 meters by more than four seconds and Wilson Kipketer missed the 800 mark by one-tenth of a second at the Rieti Grand Prix II track and field meet. The 20-year-old Komen, who set the two-mile record in July, was timed in 7 minutes, 20.67 seconds, for the 3,000 meters, bettering Algerian Noureddine Morceli's previous record of 7:25.11, set at Monte Carlo in 1994.

JOHNSON DEFEATED IN 200 METERS

BERLIN — Michael Johnson may have gotten the Olympic gold, but Frank Fredricks got the pot of gold. Fredricks edged double Olympic champion Johnson to win the 200 meters at the ISTAF track and field Grand Prix meet and become one of five athletes to share a jackpot of gold. Fredricks, powered home in the final 100 meters to win in 19.97 seconds. Johnson, who achieved a historic double at Atlanta by becoming the first man to win the 200 and 400 at the same Olympics and set a world record of 19.32 for the 200, lost for the second time to the Namibian this year. He was timed in 20.02.

of the heavyweight division," Seldon, who hails from Atlantic City, N.J., became the WBA heavyweight champion when he stopped Tony Tucker in the seventh round of their title fight at Caesars Palace in April 1995.

Seldon (33-3, 29 KOs) is unbeaten in nine fights since 1992 and no fighter has gone the distance with him in more than three years.

It will be Seldon's second defense of his WBA crown.

Tyson's WBC title is not at stake in the fight. Should the former undisputed champion lose, Seldon, 29, would not claim Tyson's belt as the WBC title would become vacant. Seldon's WBA crown, however, is at stake.

Fighting out of Southington, Ohio, Tyson (44-1, 38 KOs), despite having only 16 minutes and 51 seconds in the ring in the last five years, still shows the awesome hand speed and power that made him the most feared fighter in the past decade.

Also on the card will be International Boxing Federation (IBF) welterweight champion Felix Trinidad (29-0, 25 KOs) of Puerto Rico as he defends his 147 pound title for the 10th time against No. 9 contender Ray Lovato (21-1, 11 KOs). In addition, IBF and WBC 154 pound champion "Terrible" Terry Norris (43-6, 27 KOs) will put his titles on the line against the IBF's No. 6 contender Alex Rios (18-2, 14 KOs), while women's pound-for-pound champion Christy Martin (35-2-2, 25 KOs), makes her third appearance on a major card.

"I'm in great shape," Seldon said at an open workout Monday at the MGM. "On Saturday night I'm the champion and I'm going to fight like the champion."

Tyson, on the other hand, says he's the better of the two, and is confident he will dispose of Seldon.

"Today, I'm a better fighter," Tyson says. "I'm more mature, and I've cultivated my skills more."

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RANCHO	0-0	0-1

SUNSET DIVISION

Team	League	Overall
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SILVERADO	0-0	1-0
WESTERN	0-0	1-0
BISHOP GORMAN	0-0	0-1
BONANZA	0-0	0-1
CLARK	0-0	0-1
DURANGO	0-0	0-1

SCHEDULE

Friday, SEPTEMBER 6, 1996

Rancho at Western — 7 p.m.

Chaparral at Clark — 7 p.m.

Basic at Durango — 7 p.m.

Las Vegas at Bonanza — 7 p.m.

Long Beach Poly at Green Valley — 7 p.m.

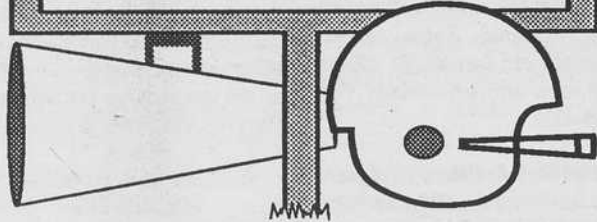
Cheyenne at Mountain View, Ut. 7 p.m.

Madson at Cimarron Memorial — 7 p.m.

Little Rock at Valley — 7 p.m.

Highland, Ut. at Silverado — 7 p.m.

Eldorado vs. Bishop Gorman — 7:30 p.m. @ Sam Boyd Stadium



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