

# SPORTS BRIEFS

## ANGELS SUSPEND PHILLIPS, RELEASE MURRAY

Tony Phillips, facing a felony charge of cocaine possession, was suspended indefinitely by the Anaheim Angels on Monday. Phillips has not played since being arrested Aug. 10 at an Anaheim, Calif., motel and is charged with possessing free-based cocaine and paraphernalia to ingest it. The Angels suspended the leadoff hitter after he turned down the team's request to go on the disabled list and take part in a drug rehabilitation program. Eddie Murray, a future Hall of Famer, was released last week by the Angels in a move that could end his outstanding 21-year career. Murray, one of three players in major-league history with more than 3,000 hits and 500 home runs, was let go by the Angels to make room for another future Hall of Famer, outfielder Rickey Henderson.



MURRAY

## CAMEROON AND FOUR OTHERS ADVANCE TO WORLD CUP

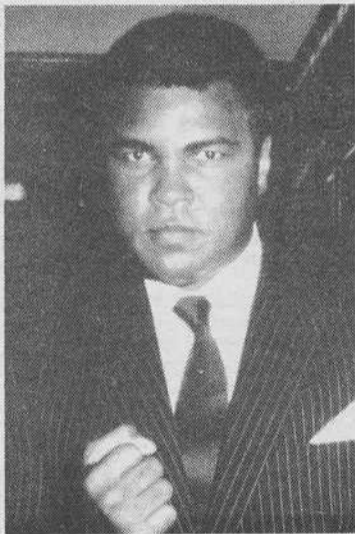
Cameroon became the fifth and final African nation to qualify for next summer's World Cup, beating Zimbabwe, 2-1. Patrick Mbowa scored both goals for Cameroon, which went 0-2-1 at the 1994 World Cup in the United States after advancing to the 1993 quarterfinals in Italy. Also qualifying the 1998 World Cup Tunisia, Egypt, Guinea and 1996 Olympic gold medalist Nigeria.

## STEELERS' STEWART WILL START SEASON OPENER

Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Kordell Stewart's knee injury was confirmed Monday as a sprained medial collateral ligament (MCL) that should not keep him out of the Aug. 31 opener against Dallas. Stewart, injured in the second quarter of a 28-20 exhibition victory Sunday over Detroit, underwent an MRI test that supported the initial on-field diagnosis of a sprained MCL, meaning a slight tear of the ligament. Stewart, who has never started an NFL regular-season game at quarterback but has led the Steelers to a 4-0 exhibition record, will spend this week mostly rehabilitating and resting. He is not expected to practice and will sit out Friday's preseason finale at Carolina.

## BOXING TOURNAMENT NAMED IN HONOR OF ALI

Former heavy-weight champion Muhammad Ali will be honored by USA Boxing next month when the governing body conducts the first Ali Cup Tournament in Louisville, Ky., on Sept. 15-19. The competition will feature the world's top amateur boxers, including two American teams, competing in all 12 Olympic weight categories. The Cup will serve as a trial event to select the U.S. team for the World Championship in Budapest, Hungary, on Oct. 17-27.



MUHAMMAD ALI

## EX-NBA ALL-STAR TO SERVE ONE-YEAR SENTENCE

Former NBA All-Star Alvin Robertson was sentenced to a year in jail Monday after pleading no contest to four misdemeanor charges stemming from confrontations with his ex-girlfriend. Robertson, 35, a former San Antonio Spurs guard who holds the NBA record for most steals in a season, entered the pleas before County Court Judge Timothy Johnson. Robertson was to report to Bexar County Jail by Monday night. He was sentenced to six months in jail for resisting arrest, four months for criminal trespass, nine months on one assault charge and one year on another assault count. The charges stem from confrontations in June 1995 and July 1996 involving Robertson's ex-girlfriend. With time served, he is expected to serve more than two months.

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# Hall opens for Hawkins

## Special to Sentinel-Voice

He was a high school and college football legend, but no one asks Frank Hawkins much about those days.

"People remember you for what you did last, and wearing a Super Bowl ring on your finger kind of overshadows everything else you've done," he said.

Now, though, Hawkins has a new ring to wear - the one the former Western High and UNR running back picked up Saturday when he was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame.

"I think I'll have to wear the Hall of Fame ring on my left hand and the Super Bowl ring on my right," he said.

Hawkins became the first Nevada collegian inducted into the Hall, a distinction of which he is quite proud.

"Being the first athlete from the state of Nevada is an honor to the entire state. And, no matter what, my kids' kids' kids will be able to say, 'My great grandfather is in the Hall of Fame,'" he said.

Hawkins rushed for 5,333 yards at UNR, a record for an NCAA Division I-AA player, during a career that lasted from 1977 to 1980. He went on to play seven seasons with the

Raiders and won a Super Bowl championship in 1985.

After retiring from football in 1987, Hawkins served on the Las Vegas City Council from 1991 to 1995 and now runs a consulting firm, Hawkins and Colleagues.

He was one of 25 players and coaches inducted into the Hall of Fame on Saturday.

Hawkins was advised to prepare a speech for the ceremony, but he chose to speak without notes when it was his turn.

"People kept saying, 'You need to prepare a speech.' But I just never could write anything, not even this morning," he said. "It just came to me. I knew what I wanted to say."

He talked about leaving home for the first time to attend UNR, playing in front of 11,000 fans in crowded Wolfpack Stadium, and the thrill of accomplishing so much.

He also highlighted two people he considers heroes: David Humm, the former Bishop Gorman and Nebraska football star battling multiple sclerosis, and his 84-year-old grandmother, who refuses to let her blindness slow her down.

"For all young people who have dreams of being a college athlete like I did, it's not the size of the frame, but the size of the heart," Hawkins told the crowd.

## Detroit Pistons sign ex-Bishop Gorman star

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Free agent center-power forward Brian Williams, who held out most of last season before joining the Chicago Bulls for their stretch run to the NBA title, signed a seven-year, \$45 million contract with the Detroit Pistons last weekend.

The 6-foot-11, 260-pound Williams signed with the Bulls for the final nine regular-season games and was one of their best bench contributors during the playoffs, averaging 7.4 points and 5.2 rebounds in 19 games. For his six-year NBA career, the ex-Bishop Gorman star has averaged 9.0 points and 5.6 boards while playing for the Bulls, Los Angeles Clippers and Orlando Magic.

## Odom cited for soliciting prostitution

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Former prized UNLV basketball recruit Lamar Odom was cited by Las Vegas police Wednesday for soliciting an act of prostitution.

Odom, 17, was cited after a man attempted to obtain sexual favors from an undercover officer in exchange for money, said law enforcement sources who asked for anonymity for Odom since he is a juvenile. He was not jailed overnight, sources confirmed Monday.

Police sources said the New York City native was one of more than 30 people cited as part of a Las Vegas police vice section undercover operation.

Odom was one of the most highly sought basketball recruits in the nation.

A Sports Illustrated story says that Odom ranked 312th out of a class of 334 students at his Queens, NY high school. He scored 22 on his ACT test, which put him in the top 42 percent of high school seniors. Odom maintains that he did nothing wrong.

"The Detroit Pistons' future is very bright, and I wanted to be a part of that," Williams, 28, said. "This is the most excited I have been during my basketball career. For the first time, I was in control of my destiny, and I chose the best situation."

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