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Moses Malone gets Hall of Fame nod

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) - Temple basketball coach John Chaney is proud to join the Basketball Hall of Fame. He would just like to do it quietly.

"I wish we could keep it a secret," Chaney said Wednesday after it was announced he would join former NBA great Moses Malone and Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski as the latest class with induction ceremonies on Oct. 5.

"I'd like to slip right in without anybody recognizing it," Chaney said. "I'm going to ask them if I can go in without being there. I'll write them a letter."

The 69-year-old Chaney has been a college coach for 29 seasons, and has led the Owls to 17 NCAA tournament appearances in 19 seasons, including five NCAA regional finals.

"You look at your whole life in total and you can't put it into words," Chaney said at a news conference in Philadelphia. "It's been overwhelming."

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JOHN CHANEY

Houston Rockets' Moses Malone will join Temple basketball coach John Chaney (left) and Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski (center) as inductees into the Basketball Hall of Fame in a ceremony on Oct. 5. Malone, who became one of the most dominating centers in the game, jumped from high school to the Utah Stars of the American Basketball Association in 1974 at the age of 19. He went on to play 21 years in the ABA and NBA.

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"It is an honor to think people consider me a great player," Malone said. "I never considered myself a great player. I considered myself a hard worker."

The 6-foot-10 Malone became the third leading rebounder in NBA history - behind Wilt Chamberlain and

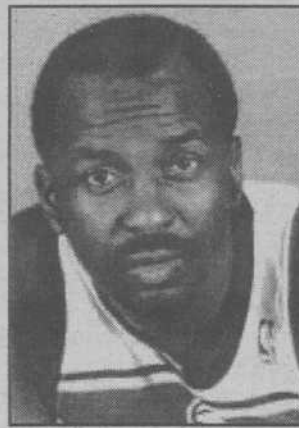


MIKE KRZYZEWSKI

Bill Russell - with 16,212, and the NBA's fifth leading scorer with 27,404 points. He also ranks third in games played (1,329), second in free throw attempts (11,090) and first in free throws made (8,531).

A 12-time NBA All-Star, he led the Philadelphia 76ers to the 1983 NBA championship and was selected MVP of the finals.

He also played for Houston, Milwaukee, Atlanta, Washington and San Anto-



MOSES MALONE

nio. Malone said if he had to single out one of his former teammates, it would be Hall of Famer Julius Erving.

"I love him," Malone said. "He is an ambassador of the game."

Krzyzewski won his third national championship at Duke this spring. He has a 606-223 record in 26 seasons of coaching, five at West Point, his alma mater, and the rest at Duke, where he also won NCAA titles in 1991 and 1992.

Ali, Frazier boxing rivalry continues

RADNOR, Pa. (AP) - It seems you can always count on one thing - an Ali-Frazier rivalry, with enough trash-talking for two generations.

As their daughters spar verbally before they face each other in the ring next month, boxing legends Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier are still trading shots over their legendary bouts of the 70s.

In March, Ali told The New York Times that he was sorry for some of the things he called Frazier before their first fight 30 years ago.

He called Frazier an "Uncle Tom" and said he was "too ugly to be the champ."

Before the third fight, the "Thrilla in Manila," he likened Frazier to a gorilla.

Frazier told the paper he accepted the apology, but TV Guide reports he was less conciliatory two weeks later.

"He didn't apologize to me - he apologized to the paper," Frazier told the magazine for its June 2 issue. "I'm still waiting for him to say it to me. He's hiding. Is he still afraid?"

Ali responded in kind. "I was trying to be nice to him. You meet people on the street. They criticize him. I tried to make it right. If you see Joe Frazier, you tell him he is still a gorilla."

Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier met three times in one of boxing's greatest rivalries. Frazier retained the world championship by defeating Ali at Madison Square Garden in March 1971. Ali beat Frazier in the two rematches, with the final "Thrilla in Manila" match in October 1975 to keep the title he had won in 1974 from George Foreman.

Tyson would consider fighting Lewis

Associated Press

How about Tyson vs. Lewis with nothing but pride and big purses at stake?

Well, it seems Iron Mike is game.

"Yes, he would consider fighting Lewis without a title at stake," said Shelly Finkel, Tyson's adviser.

Neither of the dueling cable networks, HBO nor Showtime, is talking, but it seems they've been talking about it to each other. Perhaps a joint pay-per-view venture.

"They have discussed it, but everything depends on June 11," Finkel said Wednesday.

On June 11, a trial on two separate lawsuits is scheduled to begin before Judge Miriam Sedarbaum in U.S. District Court in Manhattan. Don King and Hasim Rahman are being sued for tortious interference and breach of contract by Cedrick Kushner, who contends he has a contract with Rahman.

Rahman won the WBC-IBF heavyweight titles on a fifth-round knockout of Lennox Lewis on April 22 in South Africa. He signed a contract with King on May 10 because, the fighter later said, "He gave me the best deal."

Lewis has sued King, Rahman and the champion's managers because there was a rematch clause in the Lewis-Rahman fight contracts. Lewis contends he should get an immediate rematch.

Meanwhile, the WBC agreed in a stipulation filed in U.S. District Court on May 10 not to give championship sanction to an immediate Rahman-Lewis rematch. In turn, Tyson dropped a suit against the WBC.

"I would like to see Rahman be able to fight Tyson, with the winner fighting Lewis," Kushner said.

King wants Rahman to fight Brian Nielsen of Denmark as part of a heavyweight cham-

pionship doubleheader with John Ruiz's IBF title defense against Evander Holyfield on Aug. 5 at Beijing.

Should King get his way and Rahman beat Nielsen, who is anything but a great Dane, Rahman would have to make a WBC mandatory defense in November.

As No. 1 contender, Tyson is in line for that mandatory fight, but has said he will not fight on a King promotion. He is suing King for close to \$100 million.

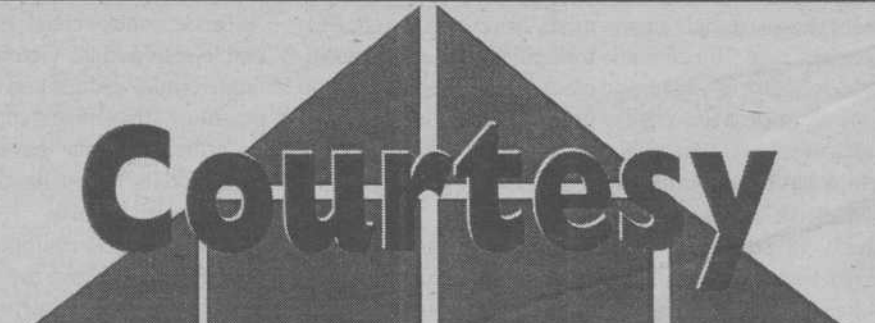
Should Kushner get his way, he would want Rahman-Tyson on HBO, the network he deals with. Rahman currently is not signed with either HBO or Showtime, which would block Tyson fighting Rahman for HBO.

So let's have Lewis vs. Tyson.

"It would seem to me that they are not the two best fighters in the world," Kushner said. "One of them getting knocked out in his last fight is indicative that he is not one of the best." Kushner, however, admitted, "commercially, Tyson-Lewis might be the biggest fight."


Perhaps Lewis would want to get a title back before fighting Tyson. It's understandable that he would want to prove his loss to Rahman was a fluke. A bigger reason might be that a championship would be a negotiating chip for Lewis. If they fight with no titles at stake, Tyson holds the winning negotiating hand. He is a much bigger gate attraction than Lewis. Still, they would make much more money fighting each other than anyone who holds a piece of the title.

Another reason to make the fight now is that Lewis' loss to Rahman might not have been that much of a fluke. After all, he will turn 36 on Sept. 9. Tyson, whose cloak of invincibility was stripped from him some time ago, will become 35 on June 30.



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