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"THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE"



Mike Tyson, left, punches Ireland's Kevin McBride in their heavyweight bout on Saturday at the MCI Center in Washington, D.C. Tyson didn't report for round seven.

## Tyson succumbs, career likely over

WASHINGTON (AP) - Mike Tyson's career apparently ended in yet another shocker Saturday night when he quit on the stool after taking a beating in a foul-filled sixth round against unheralded Kevin McBride.

Tyson lost for the third time in his last four fights, and once again he faded badly as the rounds went on before deliberately head butting McBride in a desperate attempt to end the fight in the sixth round.

"I don't have the stomach for this anymore," Tyson said. "I most likely won't fight anymore. I'm not going to disrespect the sport by losing to this caliber of fighters."

Tyson was out of gas when he was pushed to the canvas as the sixth round ended, his head stuck between the first and second ropes. He stayed there for several seconds before finally untangling himself from the ropes and wobbling back to his corner.

When referee Joe Cortez came by to look at him, his corner told Cortez the fighter could not continue. Cortez then went over and raised McBride's hand in victory while he still sat on his stool.

Tyson, meanwhile, just sat on his stool blankly watching McBride's celebration, a white towel draped over his shoulder. When he got up to congratulate his opponent, McBride kissed him on the left cheek.

"I could have gone on but I thought I was getting beat," Tyson said. "I don't think I have it anymore."

Tyson was winning, ahead 57-55 on two scorecards and behind by the same score on a third. But the fight had clearly changed and McBride had taken over and it only figured to get uglier as it went on.

The Associated Press had the fight even, 56-56.

The 38-year-old Tyson was a huge favorite over McBride and won the early rounds. But as the fight went on, it was McBride landing the bigger punches as Tyson desperately tried to score a knockout.

Tyson was weary by the fifth round and, in the sixth round, he was penalized two points for deliberately head butting McBride and opening a cut over his left eye. The head butt came after Tyson appeared to try to break McBride's arm in a clinch like he once did against Francois Botha and after he hit him with several low blows.

Cortez warned Tyson after he grabbed McBride's arm, telling him "I don't want any more fighting with the arms, understand?"

When the action resumed, Tyson then head-butted McBride, forcing Cortez to stop the fight briefly to allow McBride to recover and to penalize Tyson.

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## Vegas great host for Arena Bowl

By Tasha Pope  
Sentinel-Voice

Las Vegas seemed the perfect host for Arena Football League's ArenaBowl XIX, which took place last Sunday afternoon at the Thomas and Mack Center.

"I think it's a great place for people to come down and watch the game and also have a family weekend," Colorado Crush chief executive officer and co-owner John Elway said.

This is the first year in Arena Football League's 17-year history that the championship game was played at a neutral site. In the past, the team with the best record gained home field advantage for the championship game.

"For the first year, the league could not have done a better job than they did this year," Elway continued.

The Georgia Force went up against the Colorado Crush for the title on the turf. The Thomas and Mack Center was filled with nearly 11,000 fans hoping for a great show, and some would agree that's exactly what they got.

"I love it! There are fans from both sides," said Colo-



Members of the Colorado Crush celebrate winning the Arena Bowl football championship. The Crush beat the Georgia Force 51-48 on Sunday at the Thomas and Mack Center.

rado wide receiver Kevin McKenzie when asked about Las Vegas being the host of the championship game.

The game was back and forth but Colorado managed to walk away with the win beating Georgia Force 51-48.

"The AFL is an offensive, explosive game," explained Georgia Force wide receiver Derek Lee.

This was very evident in the fourth as both teams scored a combined seven times, tying the score three

times and keeping eager fans on the edge of their seats in the indoor arena, where AFL games are typically played on a smaller size field about half that of a regulation NFL-size field. The smaller size play area and the heavily padded walls as the sidelines, make play action faster.

With less than two minutes remaining in the game, the score was tied at 41. Colorado Crush offensive specialist Damian Harrell, who was named Arena Foot-

ball League's 2005 Offensive Player of the year, caught a 30 yard pass to give his team the lead with 29 seconds left on the clock.

The thrills in the game weren't nearly over. A few moments later, Georgia quarterback Matt Nagy found Chris Jackson in the back corner of the end zone and brought the score back to even.

Crush quarterback John Dutton launched a 37 yard

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## Judicial thriller: Jackson gets vindicated

By George E. Curry  
Special to Sentinel-Voice

WASHINGTON (NNPA) - African-Americans rejoiced over Michael Jackson being acquitted Monday of child molestation charges, not because of a firm belief in his innocence but because they welcome evidence that demonstrates that the criminal justice system can treat Blacks fairly, many activists and civil rights leaders say.

"We have a double standard in this country," says psychologist Julia Hare of San Francisco. "That's why so many Blacks cheered this case on. They do not condone molestation. It's not even about Michael Jackson. It's about the injustices in the history of this country."

Joe Hopkins, a prominent attorney in Pasadena, Calif., agrees with that statement.



Michael Jackson and his mother, Katherine, leave the Santa Barbara County Superior Court in Santa Maria, Calif., Monday after he was acquitted in his child molestation case.

"For African-Americans, this case, like the O.J. [Simpson] case, was much bigger than Michael Jackson," he says "This case raises a question of whether they — the dominant society — can bring flimsy charges against a named celebrity and win," Hopkins added.

"After being in court for nearly four months and deliberating for seven days, the [sans Blacks] jury acquitted Jackson of all 10 felony counts — four for child molesting, one for attempted child molesting, four of administering alcohol to aid in the commission of a felony, and conspiracy to commit child abduction, false imprisonment and extortion. If found guilty on all counts, Jackson could have received more than 18 years in

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