

Is Iron Mike Tyson really calling it a career?

There aren't very many boxers who could receive \$5 million for appearing in a bout that was not listed as a champion bout.

But that's what the promoters of the bout between Mike Tyson and Kevin McBride were supposed to have given the former champion, who decided to retire at the end of the sixth round last weekend in Washington, D.C.

Of course that might have seemed like a drop in the bucket, \$5 million for Tyson, who some say has made over \$400 million in his storied career.

But that is still a lot of money to end the fight sitting on the stool in his corner.



SPORTS PACE

By Huel Washington

During the fight, it was easy to see that Tyson was getting tired after each round because of the many clinches that he and McBride were having, much to the dismay of referee Joe Cortez, who had been brought all the way from Las Vegas to work the bout.

After all, McBride, who outweighed the former champion by 38 pounds at the weigh in and had a seven inch height difference, was

taking full advantage of these two factors. He was literally weighing poor Mike down by tying him up and using his uppercut because of his reach.

At the end of the sixth round, McBride, a 15-1 underdog, pushed a tired Tyson down. Tyson sat there long enough for Joe Cortez to come over and help him to his feet. After returning to his corner, Tyson allowed his trainer to tell the referee that

he would not come out for the seventh round. He said he thought he was losing the fight and didn't see it was necessary to complete the ten round contest since he was behind.

There was a possibility that Tyson could have been hurt badly if he continued because it was obvious that he was very tired. McBride had withstood his best punches in the earlier rounds because he was much bigger than "Iron" but Little Mike.

The same thing happened when Tyson met Danny Williams and Lennox Lewis. Both of these fighters were taller and outweighed Tyson, the youngest fighter to win the heavyweight championship.

Williams weighed 261, and Lewis, who is 6 feet 5

inches tall, weighed 259 pounds. Tyson weighed 233 each time, just as he did last Saturday.

Although, that claim of being 5 feet 11 inches tall is questionable.

The facts are simple and have been proven in all weight classes. The big guys beat the little guys, no matter who is fighting, every time. Last year:

Hopkins over De La Hoya, Morales over Pacquiao, Wright over Trinidad—and the big guys won each of those fights. Tyson might have a chance against someone his size, like John Ruiz, James Toney, or even Chris Byrd — opponents who are closer to his size — but not those super heavyweights who outweigh him by 30 pounds or more.

Marion Jones Fourth in Mexico

Stepping back into the starting blocks in the Mexico Galatitica Track competition, Marion Jones ended up fourth behind her Olympic 400 meter relay teammate Lauryn Williams last Saturday in a slow time of 11 minutes 40 seconds. The 100 meters race was won by Chandra Sturup of the Bahamas, who finished with 11:14. Williams, who made the 2004 Olympic team, is the young lady from Louisiana who missed the baton exchange with Jones in the 400 meters relay exchange in last year's 2004 Athens Olympics. Jones' fourth place finish was considered to be the third time she has lost to Sturup having been beaten by her in Italy and the Netherlands earlier this year.

Bush snubs Black college champ

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RICHMOND, Va. (NNPA) - Virginia Union University's national title winning basketball team was excited about its invitation to the White House. They already had been saluted by the Richmond City Council, the General Assembly and Gov. Mark Warner. They, undoubtedly, felt that the invitation represented the opportunity to meet President George W. Bush and that would be the icing on their cake in recognition for winning the 2005 NCAA Division II title. Anyway, they anxiously prepared to see the president.

Coach Dave Robbins had to make a special effort to bring his Panthers back together since the semester had ended for the summer. Nevertheless, 16 Panthers, dapper in their Sunday best, headed for the White House last week.

They thoughtfully carried their NCAA championship trophy and gifts for the president — a personalized jersey and a commemorative basketball. The VUU delegation, including the board chairman Dr. Frank S. Royal; Dr. Belinda C. Anderson, president; CIAA Commissioner Leon G. Kerry; and team physician, Dr. Walton M. Belle, was greeted at the White House and escorted to seats of honor at an hour-long celebration of Black music in the East Room of the White House.

The Panthers got close to President Bush, but he failed to acknowledge even their presence, in the audience or when he spoke on the stage to a gathering of 200, many of them VUU supporters.

"The team sat across the

aisle from President Bush and Mrs. Bush," said *Free Press* photographer Sandra Sellars, who covered the event. "As a matter of fact, an aisle separated Dr. Belinda Anderson from Mr. Bush. She was close enough to touch him."

What was VUU's reaction to the presidential snub? It was a model of diplomacy and remarkable restraint.

"I don't want to say we were misled," Coach Dave Robbins said. "I did think we were going to the White House to be honored and meet with the president. It didn't work out that way. Maybe everyone read too much into the White House invitation."

Coach Robbins, who has guided the Panthers to three national titles over the last 25 years, said his team was grateful for the White House visit, but said, "everyone was a little disappointed that the president didn't say anything about our being there. I was told we were the first team from a historically Black university to be invited to the White House."

Coach Robbins credited Sen. George Allen of Virginia, considered a leading Republican presidential candidate in 2008, for pushing "for us to meet with the president," but, "for whatever reason, he (President Bush) was too busy."

Nevertheless, Coach Robbins cast the visit as "a positive, positive" thing, adding, "We did get within six feet of the president; we just didn't get to shake his hand."

News of the White House invitation to the VUU champions was widely distributed

by Republican bigwigs with the aim of polishing its tarnished image among Black voters, who mostly vote Democratic.

In an obvious damage-control effort, Sen. Allen held a press conference on the White House lawn with Coach Robbins and Panther

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