

Tyson vs. Cayton: Still No Decision

Lawyers for heavyweight champion Mike Tyson and his estranged manager, Bill Cayton, met for 90 minutes yesterday, but made no progress toward resolving either of the two issues still confronting them — Tyson's proposed Sept. 3 title defense against Frank Bruno and his lawsuit seeking to dissolve his managerial contract with Cayton.

Tyson's lawyer, Michael Winston, met with Mel Immergut, an associate of Cayton's lawyer, Thomas Puccio, at Puccio's Manhattan office yesterday. Puccio, who was away on other business, later said no further meetings were planned, although he expected to speak with Winston by telephone during the weekend.

British promoters have set a Monday deadline for the signing of a Bruno fight at Wembley Stadium. — Wallace Matthews

Davender Leaves Hospital

Former Kentucky guard Ed Davender, the Bullets' third-round draft pick, was discharged from an Atlanta hospital, two days after complaining of chest pains and dizziness. Davender was under the care of his personal physician and no information about tests he underwent at South Fulton Hospital was being released, spokeswoman Kris Hansen said.

Davender was taken to the hospital on Wednesday from the airport in Atlanta. He had been en route to Lexington, Ky., having failed a physical with the Bullets.

Manley 'Excused' From Camp

The NFL "excused" Redskins defensive end Dexter Manley from training camp as the league awaits "additional information" from Manley's representatives. Manley's attorney and representative, Bob Woolf, said the league will receive that information over the weekend, and will decide Monday or Tuesday whether disciplinary action should be taken. It was reported Wednesday that the NFL was investigating Manley for suspected substance abuse.

Linebacker Jesse Penn failed his physical and Cowboys doctors decided that it would no longer be safe for him to play. Penn suffered from a "degenerative condition" in his spine, club president Tex Schramm said. . . 49ers linebacker Todd Shell suffered a bruised spinal cord during a controlled scrimmage and is expected to miss several weeks.

Palmer Admits He Got Paid

Kansas City Chiefs running back Paul Palmer admitted that during his senior year at Temple he accepted monthly payments and a \$5,000 loan from two sports agents now under federal investigation, the Kansas City Times reported. Palmer previously acknowledged he signed a contract with agent **Norby Walters** before his college eligibility was up. **Walters** and another agent, **Lloyd Bloom**, are under investigation by the U.S. attorney's office in Chicago, where a grand jury is considering charges of **racketeering**, **mail fraud**, **extortion** and obstruction of justice.

Texan Leads Hartford Open

Mark Brooks shot a 65 to take a one-stroke lead over Roger Maltbie (68) and rookie Clark Burroughs (66) after two rounds of the \$700,000 Sammy Davis Jr. Greater Hartford Open in Cromwell, Conn. Brooks, a 27-year-old Texan, had a 36-hole score of 11-under-par 131.

Furthermore . . .

Brian Williams, who averaged 13 points and 6.5 rebounds as a freshman at Maryland last season, announced he is transferring to the University of Arizona. . . The Capitals and Oilers have traded left wings, **Geoff Courtnall** going to Washington in exchange for **Greg Adams**. . . The Cleveland Force has become the fourth Major Indoor Soccer League team to fold since the end of the 1987-88 season.

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McEnroe, Agassi Win

The Associated Press

The United States' Davis Cup team, which lost its berth in the World Group last year, now is two-thirds of the way to rejoining the top 16 teams.

Singles victories yesterday by John McEnroe and Andre Agassi gave the United States a 2-0 lead over Argentina in Buenos Aires. The Americans need a win in today's doubles match or in either of tomorrow's reverse singles to win the zone final and compete for the 1989 Cup.

McEnroe, of Cove Neck, outlasted Guillermo Perez Roldan, 6-2, 5-7, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 in a four-hour match. Then Agassi, the world's fifth-ranked player, dispatched Martin Jaite, 6-2, 6-2, 6-1.

"Up 2-0, you can't complain. We're confident," Agassi said. Confident, maybe. But McEnroe's win wasn't easy. For one thing, McEnroe's serve was erratic — he had 14 double faults.

Ultimately, though, McEnroe's experience in Davis Cup competition pulled the U.S. team through. After Perez Roldan broke McEnroe's serve in the final set to take a 2-1 lead, McEnroe broke right back. Then Perez Roldan began making unforced errors, McEnroe broke serve to go up 5-3 and served out the match.

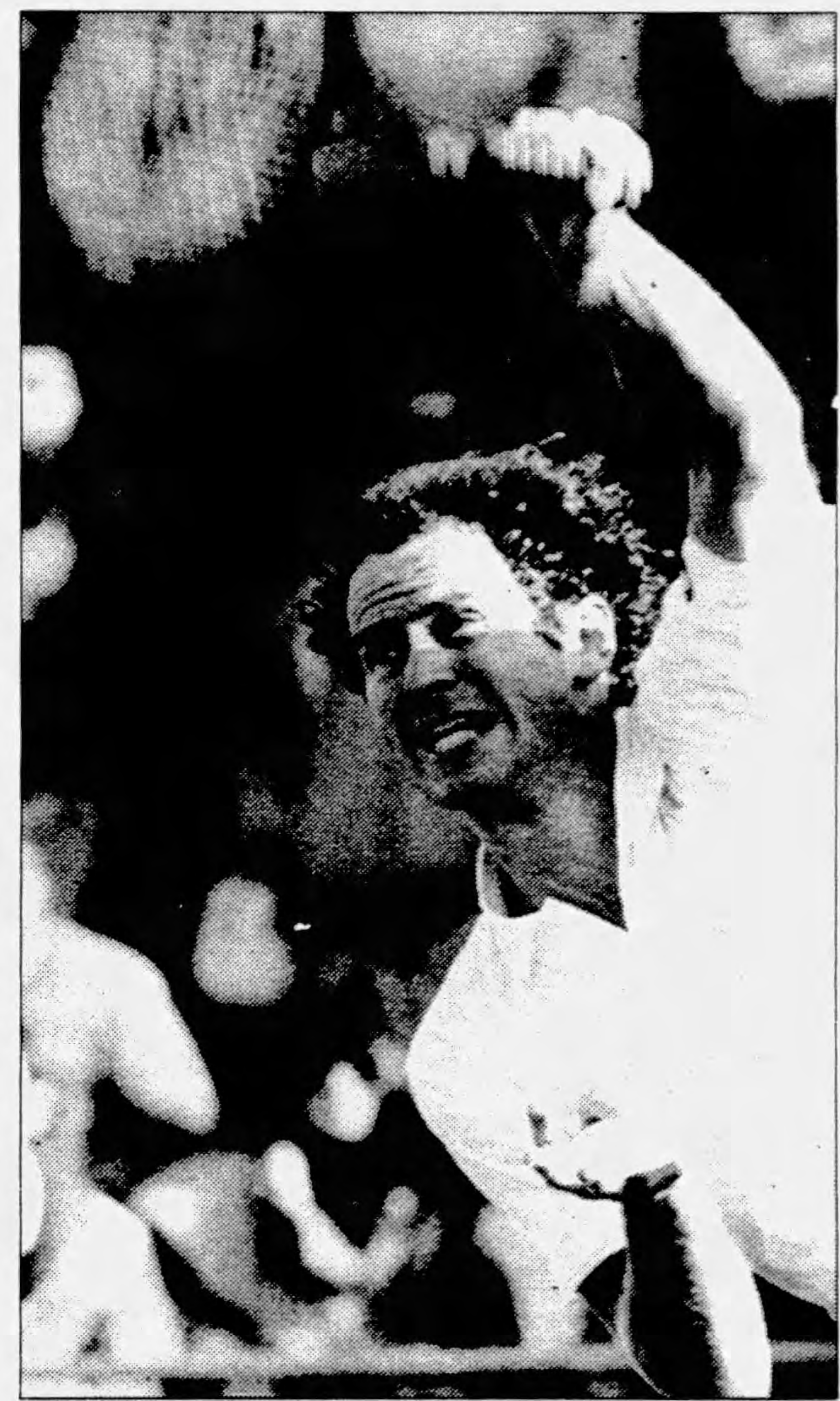
In today's doubles match, Ken Flach and Robert Seguso face Cristian Miniussi and Javier Frana.

Three other zone finals involving re-entry into the World Group all have 2-0 scores. Thomas Muster and Horst Skoff won for Austria in its lead over Britain, Andrei Cherkasov and Andrei Chesnokov won for the Soviet Union, which leads the Netherlands, and South Korea leads Indonesia.

West Germany Takes 2-0 Lead

Boris Becker beat Slobodan Zivojinovic, his former doubles partner, 7-5, 6-2, 6-4, as West Germany took a 2-0 lead over Yugoslavia in their World Group semifinal in Dortmund, West Germany. Eric Jelen beat Goran Prpic, 9-7, 9-7, 6-2, in the other match.

The first match of the semifinal tie between Sweden and France in Bastad, Sweden, was suspended because of rain. Yannick Noah won the first set, 6-2, from Mats Wilander, and the second set was 4-4 before the match was stopped.



AP Photo
John McEnroe serves to Guillermo Perez Roldan during his Davis Cup singles match in Buenos Aires. McEnroe won but needed five sets.

Brooklyn Gets 'Personal'

The Associated Press

Personal Flag, trained by Shug McGaughey and owned by Ogden Phipps, will shoot for a third straight stakes victory today in the \$350,000-added Brooklyn Handicap at Belmont Park.

On June 12, the 5-year-old came from off the pace for a three-quarter-length victory over Cryptoclearance in the 1 1/8-mile Nassau County Handicap at Belmont. Next came a stretch-driving, 3 1/2-length victory over Waquoit in the 1 1/4-mile Suburban July 5 at Belmont.

In the 1 1/2-mile Brooklyn, Personal Flag will carry 120 pounds against Waquoit, 121, Creme Fraiche, 118, and Jack of Clubs, 110, winner of the Bold Reason Handicap over Creme Fraiche in the slop last summer at Saratoga.

There will be a rare match race today at Ak-Sar-Ben. Explosive Girl, a 4-year-old filly, and Who Doctor Who, a 5-year-old gelding, will go head-to-head in the first match race in the 68-year history of the racetrack. It also will be the first match race in North

America since Keen Traveler opposed Graphic Miss at Denver in 1981.

Explosive Girl has 11 wins in 24 career starts, while Who Doctor Who has 20 wins in 33 races.

The winner will get \$40,000 of a \$50,000 purse. The richest match-race purse was \$350,000 for Chris Evert's 50-length trouncing of Miss Muffet on July 20, 1974, at Hollywood Park.

Dutrow Jr. Suspended 90 Days

Assistant trainer Richard D. Dutrow Jr. was suspended for 90 days for possession of a "prohibitive substance," the New York State Racing and Wagering Board announced yesterday. Dutrow's suspension will run from yesterday through Oct. 19.

A statement from the board said Dutrow was suspended because he was "in possession at Aqueduct of a prohibitive substance [marijuana] and transmitting same to a person located at another racetrack." The statement did not identify the other person or racetrack.

Jets' Line of Inexperience

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they're still trying to find their role on the team," O'Brien said. "Once they do, we'll have a solid line."

O'Brien is excited about the prospect of having Jim Sweeney at center, although Sweeney hasn't snapped since his college days. In his four years with the Jets, Sweeney has played guard and tackle. When the Jets drafted Cadigan, they immediately moved Sweeney back to center, where he made all-America as a senior at Pittsburgh.

"Sweeney could be an all-Pro center," O'Brien said. "He has that kind of ability. He has great potential."

The right side of the line will be manned by guard Dan Alexander and tackle Reggie McElroy, who started the last five games of 1987 after returning from knee surgery. Both players are seasoned veterans, but it remains to be seen how they blend with their inexperi-

enced teammates.

O'Brien feels continuity will be the key to the line's success. "Last year, we had guys playing a lot of different positions and we never had the same situation," he said, in reference to the five different starting combinations used in the 12 non-strike games. "Over the years, you'll notice that the good offensive lines are the ones that have been together. That's what we're hoping for."

The three unsigned veterans — linebacker Troy Benson, safety Harry Hamilton and tight end Rocky Klever — didn't report to camp yesterday. The 23 remaining veterans reported by the 9 p.m. deadline. . . Agent Leigh Steinberg on the Cadigan negotiations: "We're inching forward. We made a minor degree of progress" . . . Withycombe (sprained knee), linebacker Onzy Elam (bruised knee) and quarterback Tom Flick (strained hip flexor) returned to practice.