The Press Box



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Keepers of the flame

Chinese soldiers hold aloft the Asian Games torch Tuesday during "Spirit of the Great Wall" ceremonies at the Great Wall. The torch then was carried to the Asian Games Village near Beijing.

Billy Martin's friend convicted

PORT CRANE, N.Y.—A Detroit bar owner, who had claimed he was not behind the wheel of the pickup truck in the 1989 crash that killed Billy Martin, was found guilty Tuesday of driving with a blood-alcohol content above the legal limit for intoxication.

William Reedy, 53, a close friend of the former major league manager, was cleared of a lesser charge of driving while impaired by a Town of Fenton Court jury that deliberated for about two hours.

Reedy was fined \$350 and his driving privileges in New York state were revoked for at least six months.

Reedy was convicted of a charge of driving with 0.10 percent or more blood-alcohol con-

tent, a misdemeanor. The charge carries the same penalties in New York as driving while intoxicated, but is lodged against some drivers because intoxication can be more difficult to prove in court, said George Filieau, spokesman for the state Department of Motor Vehicles.

Reedy was driving Martin's pickup truck last Christmas when it crashed into a culvert near the entrance to Martin's farm north of Binghamton.

Martin's widow, Jilluann, said "we are gratified with the verdict. Now maybe Billy can rest in

Jilluann Martin attended the trial but did not testify. She has filed a wrongful death lawsuit against the town and Reedy.

Spurs' Wingate faces rape charge

COLUMBIA, Md.—San Antonio Spurs guard David Wingate was free on \$10,000 bond Tuesday after being charged with the second-degree rape of a 17-year-old woman.

Wingate, 26, who played on Georgetown's 1984 NCAA championship team, faces up to 20 years in prison if convicted.

Howard County police said the alleged incident occurred Sunday at a Columbia apartment that Wingate rented.

The woman told police that she went to Wingate's for a party and became ill. Wingate allegedly went into the room where she was resting and made advances. She told police she tried to resist but was "so drunk ... that

she was helpless." Wingate told police he had sex with the woman but insisted the contact was consentual.

Spurs owner Red McCombs said Tuesday that the team was close to a contract agreement with Wingate, but the rape charge has held that up.

"We're very concerned about the image of the Spurs," McCombs said. "Our players have become a very big part of this community. They're looked up to by our young people and all of our citizens."

Wingate averaged 6.8 points in 78 games last season for San An-

Earlier Tuesday the Spurs signed free agent guard David Rivers in part because Wingate remained unsigned, Spurs vice president Bob Bass said.

Expansion owners beware!

NEW YORK—Union chief Donald Fehr on Tuesday accused baseball owners of dragging their feet on collusion damages and said the hearings could continue for years before players get their money.

Fehr said potential owners of expansion franchises or groups contemplating the purchase of an existing team should think twice because of the cloud of

collusion damages. "Anyone that's interested in buying into baseball should be aware that there are these potential liabilities on the horizon," Fehr said at a news conference, the day after arbitrator George

Nicolau ordered owners to pay \$102.5 million as collusion damages for 1987 and 1988.

As Fehr was speaking, potential owners for the two National League expansion franchises were making presentations several blocks away to a committee of league owners.

Players have been awarded a total of \$113 million by arbitrators to compensate for salary lost to collusion in 1986, 1987

and 1988. Rich Levin, a spokesman for the commissioner's office, said baseball would not respond to Fehr's remarks.

Briefs

Pro football: A practice squad of three to five players has been agreed upon by the NFL and lawyers for players involved in a class-action suit challenging the 1989 developmental squad. The NFL said Tuesday that the agreement is subject to approval by a federal court in Washington and by the 28 NFL teams.

The Detroit Lions' leading tackler, linebacker Chris Spielman, will undergo arthroscopic surgery Wednesday on a separated right shoulder and will miss at least three games, the team said.

College football: Notre Dame reported that it had escorted 24 ticket scalpers off campus and confiscated 49 tickets before Saturday's season opener against Michigan. Eight off-duty police officers hired by the university posed as potential ticket buyers. Police said one scalper was offering two free tickets with the purchase of a \$200 map of the campus. Selling tickets for more than face value is legal in Indiana, but is against Notre Dame's policy.

Soccer: Ron Bergstrom, a Frankfort businessman, officially became the new owner of the Power and named former Sting star Pato Margetic head coach. The indoor team will kick off its third season Nov. 18 in Dayton.

Baseball: Hall of Famers Mickey Mantle, Ernie Banks and Don Drysdale were among several sports stars who claimed they were swindled out of as much as \$32,000 by promoters of a memorabilia show, authorities in Pasadena, Calif., said. Mantle reported that a check he received from Eugene Dent for \$16,000 had bounced, detective Mark Hansen said.

Golf: Cypress Point in Monterey, Calif., has withdrawn as a host for the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am tournament over demands by the PGA Tour to change its membership policies. Cypress Point denied that it discriminated against any group but declined to rush in a new member to conform to the PGA Tour requirement, saying said it would be unfair to applicants already on its seven-year waiting list.

Miscellany: Federal prosecutors said they haven't decided whether to retry sports agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom on charges of illegally signing college football players. The U.S. attorney's office in Chicago said a decision probably would not be reached for another three or four weeks.

Outdoors: Zoning to allow a hunt club on 580 acres of farmland near the Northwest Tollway south of Marengo was denied Tuesday by the McHenry County Board on a 16-4 vote. From Tribune staff and wire reports

HORSE RACING

Balmoral loses thoroughbred meet

By Neil Milbert

After putting up a valiant fight, Balmoral Park was knocked out of thoroughbred racing in 1991 at a hearing Tuesday.

Actually, the KO came on a decision—an 8-0 vote by members of the Illinois Racing Board, which awards dates.

It may be a requiem for the thoroughbred sport at the Crete track, once one of the heavyweights of the racing world.

Even though Balmoral currently is conducting thoroughbred racing only twice a week when Arlington International Racecourse is closed—Sunday night and Tuesday—Arlington Vice President Ed Duffy told the board, "exclusivity without exception is the most important thing we seek."

Stormy Bidwill, president of thoroughbred racing at Sportsman's, and Hawthorne President Tom Carey concurred that the thoroughbred exclusivity concept proposed by Board Chairman Tex Griffin was in the best interest of the sport.

To replace the lost thoroughbred meeting, the board gave Balmoral a harness meeting during the same period.

Balmoral's current thoroughred minimeeting took the rap for the short fields that have plagued Arlington this year and helped produce a decline in betting.

However, Balmoral Chairman Steve Swindal and Vice President John Johnston argued that their successful meeting had no impact on Arlington's decline.

"I cannot believe we are being put out of our thoroughbred existence without warning," Swindal said. "Our purses are ranked 10th in

'91 Illinois racing schedule

Chicago thrghbred	Dates	Programs
Sportsman's	Feb. 19-May 11	73
Arlington	May 12-Oct. 9	132
Hawthorne	Oct. 10-Dec. 30	73
Chicago harness	Dates	Programs
Hawthorne	Jan. 1-Feb. 18	70
Maywood	Feb. 19-May 16	
Sportsman's	May 17-Oct. 5	123
Maywood	Oct. 7-Dec. 31	*147
Balmoral	Jan. 1-Dec. 31	168
Downstate thrghbred	Dates	Programs
Fairmount	April 12-Dec. 1	167
Downstate hamess	Dates	Programs
Fairmount	Jan. 1-April 7	**
Quad City Downs	April 11-Oct. 27	131
Fairmount	Dec. 5-31	**89

the country. We maintain we are an integral part of the industry. We race the two worst days of the week, and it seems we are being penalized for doing so well. It is tantamount to revoking our thoroughbred license."

"It was not Balmoral that caused small fields," Johnston argued. "It was Arlington itself. Short fields are determined by how you allot stalls and how you write a condition

of "You wil not get large fields if you are trying to attract world class horses. From 1978 through 1985 Balmoral raced five days a

week against Arlington every summer, and Arlington had full fields.

"All summer we have heard Arlington's declines being attributed to the diminishing of the curiosity factor, the projections being too high, general economic conditions, dog racing 50 miles to the north [in Kenosha and Delavan, Wis.] and poor weather. Suddenly, today we hear for the first time the reason is

Balmoral had Fred Adams, president of the Chicago division of the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association, in its corner.

"I represent 4,000 owners and trainers and 70 percent of them are Illinois residents," Adams testified. "Of the owners and trainers at Balmoral 90 percent are Chicago residents. These people have invested substantial resources but not all of their horses have the ability to race at Arlington. We feel very strongly there has to be consideration of these lower-class horses.

"It's not only the owners and trainers. It's the grooms, hot-walkers and jockeys who also live here. There has to be someplace for them to go between Sportsman's and Hawthorne."

Duffy assured the board that stable arrangements will be made with Hawthorne to ensure that displaced horses from Balmoral will be able to run at Arlington next year. "For competitive horses there will be ample opportunity," he said.

"What simulcasting has done is artificially inflate purses at Balmoral. Of Balmoral's handle 70 percent comes from off-track and intertrack. It's not the way it was [from 1978-85]. Balmoral does compete to the effect that it has had a negative impact this year."

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1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta

Marietta

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Money matters

Sources of income

Corporate sponsorship

Olympic coin program

How money will be spent

Total (in billions)

Venue construction

Communications

Promotion, media

Village operations

Venue operations

Total (in billions)

Savannah, Ga.: Yachting

Ocoee River, Tenn.: Whitewater

Ticket services

Transportation

Elsewhere

Village construction

Personnel, adminstration

(In millions)

Ticket sales

(in millions)

Security

Ceremonies

Insurance

Other

canoeing

Other

Television rights

International Airport

\$549.0

324.0

171.1

50.0

\$1.16

\$358.8

150.0

149.1

59.6

57.0

56.0

31.2

25.0

20.0

17.6

15.0

12.3

53.8

\$1.0

The 100th anniversary of the modern Olympics will be held in Atlanta, which expects to spend \$1 billion to host the event.

Venues

Existing sites

Stone Mountain Park: Archery, canoeing, rowing, 3-day equestrian, modern pentathlon,

shooting 2 Georgia World Congress Center: Badminton, fencing, judo, table tennis, team handball,

wrestling Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium:

Baseball 4 Georgia Tech Coliseum: Boxing Clark-Atlanta

University: Field hockey, water polo (facility must be Omni: Volleyball Atlanta Civic

Center: Weightlifting 8 Blackburn Park: Tennis

To be built

Velodrome: Cycling 2 Olympic Stadium: Opening and closing ceremonies, show-jumping, soccer medal round, track and field

Natatorium for diving, swimming and synchronized swimming; Olympic village will house athletes

10 Georgia Dome

(under construction): Basketball, gymnastics Sites on Georgia Tech campus:

Chicago Tribune Graphic; Source: KRTN News, Phil Hersh, news reports

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for some support services.

The budget breaks down to \$580 million for operations and \$420 million for facilities, including three of the major venues for the 31 Olympic sports. Nearly all existing facilities must be modified, including the removal of an island and dredging in Stone Mountain Lake to accommodate a 2,000-meter rowing

The biggest project will be an 85,000-seat Olympic stadium, adjacent to Fulton County Stadium (home of the Braves). It will be used for opening and closing ceremonies, track and field, show jumping and the soccer medal rounds.

The other big-ticket items will be a cycling velodrome (\$14 million) in Stone Mountain Park; a swimming and diving natatorium (\$22 million) on the Georgia Tech campus; and an adjacent twin-tower high rise residence building (\$50 million) to be used as an Olympic Village during the Games and later as a Georgia Tech dorm.

In Los Angeles, the velodrome and pool were the only facilities that needed to be built. Both were privately financed, the velodrome by Southland Corporation (7-Eleven) and the pool by McDonald's.

While the L.A. Games were spread over hundreds of miles and linked only by cars or buses, Atlanta's will be mainly compact and reachable on rapid transit.

Some 21 of the sports will be played at 10 venues within the so-called "Olympic Oval" of central Atlanta. All but one (tennis) are served by the Marta rapid transit system.

That includes the Georgia Dome, site of the 1994 Super Bowl and under construction. The 80,000-seat Dome will be partitioned to create a 25,000seat arena for gymnastics and basketball. Another seven sports will take

place in the Olympic Family Park at Stone Mountain, 18 miles east of downtown. The only far-flung events will

be yachting, in the ocean off Savannah (255 miles from Atlanta); whitewater canoeing, in Tennessee's Ocoee River (130 miles); and early-round soccer games, which could be at three other sites in the Southeast. There will be times when Los Angeles will seem part of the At-

lanta Olympics. The 1984 success in Los Angeles, where there was a \$225 million profit and not even a Soviet Bloc boycott spoiled the Games, will be the standard for Atlanta. "Atlanta inherits a much more

daunting challenge than we did," said Rich Perelman, vice president of media operations for the LAOOC. "We were the only bidder for

the Games, so almost anything we did seemed good at the time, when the Olympics were hammered from all directions.

"Atlanta comes into an Olympic movement awash in success. It will be challenged to keep up with the Joneses."

Lincicome

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jump and ask the world to send its healthiest children.

Los Angeles ruined the romance of the Games forever. L.A. proved there is money to be made off this sort of thing, money enough to have obscure cities of the world trumping each other for commerical rights.

Not too many years ago-following the fis-cal idiocy of Montreal and the private gloom of Moscow-bidders for the Games were invisible. Olympism was in peril. Greed brought it all back, and greed will keep it alive.

using business, using Atlanta, Atlanta using the Olympics. Atlanta never has been a destination of envy as much as irri-

The Olympics are now in the

the road, a place to change planes or, if stuck, admire livestock. The world's biggest track meet is going to change all of that.

Way to go, you all.

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PRO BASKETBALL

Atlanta 'frees' Levingston, Bulls still coy

By Sam Smith

Cliff Levingston, the Atlanta Hawks' free agent forward, moved closer to Chicago Tuesday. But the Bulls have yet to put out the welcome mat.

That was the picture after the Hawks surrendered their rights to re-sign Levingston until at least midseason. The Hawks took that action so they could have enough money under the salary cap to sign first-round draft choice Rumeal Robinson from Michigan.

Robinson, a 6-foot-2-inch point guard, was the 10th player selected in the draft and reportedly signed a four-year deal that will pay him about \$1.1 million a season.

The Hawks had been trying to trade one of their excess guards so they could sign Robinson and maintain their right to sign Levingston, whom they had offered \$1 million a year last season. But when they could not make a deal, they were forced to "renounce" Levingston, meaning they are prohibited from signing the seven-year

veteran until the 55th day of the season.

That effectively eliminated the Hawks as an option for Levingston. That came a week after the players association agreed to a "pre-pension" plan, which knocked about \$1.5 million off the salary cap and took interested teams like

ning for the 6-8, 220-pounder. "This obviously eliminates a team that fits a number of criteria we had for signing," said Levingston's agent, Roger Kirschenbaum. "But Cliff feels he has some op-

Detroit and Indiana out of the run-

But they are limited beyond the Bulls, who are more than \$1 million under the cap. San Antonio has expressed limited interest in Levingston, as has Denver, but neither has offered a deal. And Levingston hasn't received much interest from the expansion teams, which have the most cap room.

"We have talked to Cliff," said Bulls General Manager Jerry Krause. "But we're looking at a lot

of things. We're looking at every possible way to make this team

But signing Levingston appears to be the best way now. He fills the Bulls' needs for an athletic backup small forward and second-team rebounder; his signing eliminates the need to lose another player in a trade; and he is considered the best

free agent currently available. Still, the Bulls remain fixed on saving enough room in the cap for future years to sign Yugoslavia's Toni Kukoc and are concerned about paying a backup for Scottie Pippen more than the approximately \$770,000 Pippen will earn this season.

"We don't necessarily have to

make another move," says Krause. But there were rumors that Levingston was coming to Chicago to meet Bulls owner Jerry Reinsdorf this week until Reinsdorf fired Sox GM Larry Himes and had to

"I know of no such meeting being scheduled," said Krause.

cancel all other meetings.



Cliff Levingston could fill a number of roles for the Bulls, but the team's management has shown little enthusiasm for the Atlanta Hawks' free agent.