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A GUIDE TO THE DAY IN SPORTS

BEST BET: CUBS AT BRAVES

Steve Avery, who has been dominant over his last three starts (2.91 ERA in 213/3 innings), goes for his 15th win. The Cubs' Jose, Guzman (11-8) makes his third start against Atlanta. TV: Ch. 5, 1 p.m.

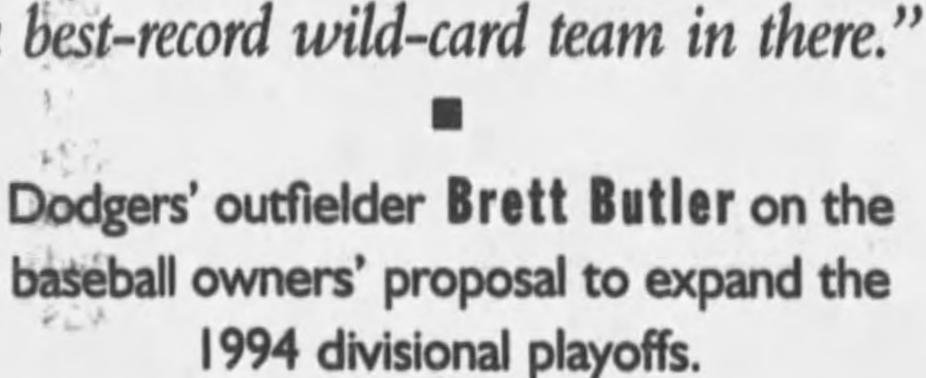
TODAY'S TRIVIA QUESTION

Eleven players have accumulated at least 200 hits in a season while wearing the uniform of the Boston, Milwaukee, or Atlanta Braves. Who was the last Brave to reach the 200-hit milestone? (answer below)

THEY SAID IT

"To have a second-place team in the playoffs is ridiculous. You have divisions and division winners, and those are the ones that should go to the championship

[series]. But I like the format of breaking up into three divisions with three division champions, and then have a best-record wild-card team in there."





TODAY

Chicago at Braves: Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, 1:10 p.m. (tickets: 249-6400).

UPCOMING

(tickets: 249-6400).

- Chicago at Braves: Sunday, Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, 1:10 p.m.
- High school football: Monday, Southwest DeKalb vs. Brookwood, 6 p.m.; Newnan vs. McEachern, 8:15 p.m., Georgia Dome (tickets available at schools, Georgia Dome and 249-6400).
- ▶ U.S. Open Tennis: Monday-Sept. 12, New York.
- ► Georgia season-opener: Sept. 4, vs. South Carolina, Sanford Stadium (tickets: 706-542-1231).
- Falcons' season-opener: Sept. 5, vs. Detroit, Silverdome, I p.m.
- Labor Day Gridiron Classic: Sept. 6, Clark Atlanta U. vs. Morris Brown, Georgia Dome, 7 p.m. (tickets: 249-6400).
- ► Georgia Tech season-opener: Sept. 11, vs. Furman, Bobby Dodd Stadium (tickets: 894-5447).
- Falcons' home-opener: Sept. 12, vs. New Orleans, Georgia Dome, 1 p.m. (tickets: 249-6400).

FOR LONG-RANGE PLANNING

- Pro boxing: Sept. 14, WBF junior welterweight champ Homer Gibbins heads 7-bout card, Mama's Country Showcase, 3952 Covington Highway (tickets: 288-6262 or 325-3351).
- Nationwide Seniors Championship: Sept. 22-26, Country Club of the South, Alpharetta (information: 973-4653).
- Atlanta Historic Auto Races: Sept. 24-26, Road Atlanta (tickets: 881-
- MHL Exhibition: Oct. 2, Tampa Bay vs. Boston Bruins, The Omni, 7:40
- p.m. (tickets: 525-8900). Atlanta Knights' season-opener: Oct. 8, vs. Kalamazoo, The Omni, 7:38
- p.m. (tickets: 525-8900). Phoenix at Hawks: Oct. 17, preseason exhibition, The Omni, 7:30 p.m.
- (tickets: 249-6400).
- Hawks' season opener: Nov. 5, vs. Indiana, The Omni, 7:30 p.m. (tickets: 249-6400).

▶ 1996 Paralympic Games: Aug. 16-27.

TODAY ON THE AIR

Time	Event	TV/radio
11:30 a.m.	Baseball: Dixie World Series*	SSouth
Noon *	Football: FSU-Kansas	Ch. 2, 102.3 FM
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I p.m.	Baseball: Red Sox at Royals	1010 AM
I p.m.	Tennis: Hamlet Cup	SSouth
2:05 p.m.	Golf: Tournament of Stars*	TBS
2:30 p.m.	Golf: Men's U.S. Amateur	ESPN
3 p.m.	Golf: Michael Jordan Classic	Ch. 11
3:30 p.m.	Baseball: Little League Champ.	Ch. 2
3:30 p.m.	Autos: Slick 50 150*	TNN
5 p.m.	Volleyball: Pro Beach Champ.	Ch. 11
5 p.m.	Bowling: Homestead Classic*	ESPN
5 p.m.	Diving: Alamo Diving Challenge	TNT
7 p.m.	Tennis: WTA Challenge	SSouth
	Baseball: Twins at White Sox	WGN
7 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Autos: Bud 500	ESPN, 97.7 FM
		105.7, 106.1 FM
7:30 p.m.	Tennis: Arthur Ashe Special*	BET
8 p.m.	Gymnastics: U.S. Champ.*	Ch. 11
9 p.m.	Football: Chargers at 49ers	Ch. 5
9 p.m.:	Golf: du Maurier Classic*	SSouth
11 p.m.	Football: Hamilton-Winnipeg*	SSouth

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Collectibles	222-2032	Soundoff	222-2031
Dog, horse racing	222-2080	Sports Doctor	222-2988
Fishing forecast	222-2003	Sports fax line	526-5977

TODAY'S TRIVIA ANSWER

Flashy first baseman Willie Montanez had 206 hits for the 1976 Atlanta Braves.

Atlantans won't see Pigskin Classic live

College football season begins for real this weekend with the Kickoff and Pigskin classics, but viewers in Atlanta will be able to see only one of them live on television.

Raycom, which is carrying the Pigskin Classic Sunday night between Southern Cal and North Carolina,

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couldn't find any takers for the game in the Atlanta market, which joins Baltimore as the only city in the top 25 that will not

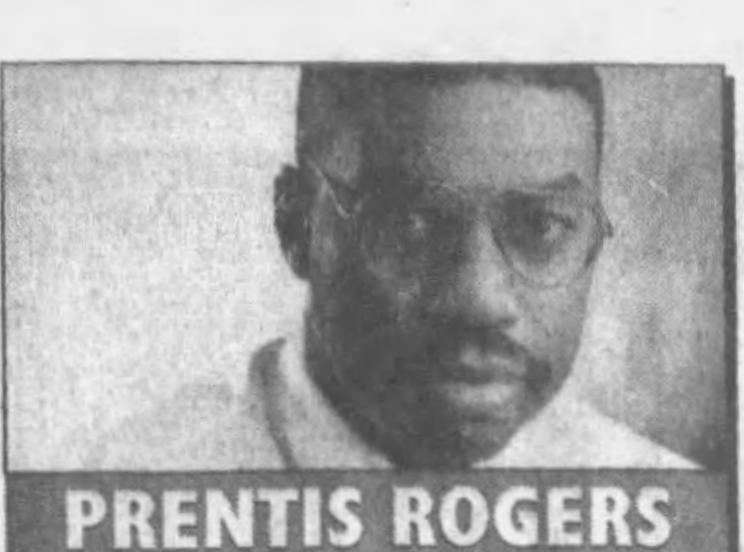
show the game live. "We certainly tried to get it on in Atlanta," Raycom spokesman Pat LaPlaca said Friday, "and we'll try to see if we can work something out on cable, but right now, it's not on in Atlanta."

Such news will surely be disappointing to more than 6,000 North Carolina alumni in the metro area. SportSouth will televise the game Monday on nextday tape delay, but that's not the same as watching it live.

However, the game will be available on two local radio stations, WGUN (1010 AM) and WFOM (1230 AM).

In terms of viewer interest, the Pigskin Classic pales in comparison to the Kickoff Classic, which features top-ranked Florida State against Kansas, which is not in the Top 25 but is rejuvenated under coach Glen Mason.

"He has done one of the remarkable coaching jobs in the



country," said ABC's Keith Jackson, who will call the game with analyst Bob Griese. "Kansas is not splashy, but the Jayhawks are a bunch of tough kids who've got some pluck. Now, whether they've got the talent to stay with Florida State, I don't know."

Jackson's memories of calling Kansas games for ABC are not fond ones, the last two being lopsided losses against Missouri and the University of Oklahoma.

"When people sent us out there for Oklahoma-Kansas, thought they were crazy. We shouldn't have been there, but I guess they wanted to show the Sooners," Jackson said. "And in the Missouri game, Missouri went up 42-0. Nobody likes to see mismatches on TV. But things are different now at Kansas, and I don't see this game as a mismatch."

For ABC's sake, it better not be a mismatch because CBS is countering with the Braves and

A YOUNG REPORTER:

ABC will not only be showing off the Little Leaguers in baseball today, but its coverage of the championship game also will include reports from 12-year-old Maria Sansone of Erie, Pa.

But this is not merely an attempt by the network to come up with something cutesy for the Little League telecast, Sansone is a working sportscaster and has been for nearly a year.

Once a week for WJET-TV in Erie she does an interview segment for the station that airs three times during the week with her subjects ranging from Chicago Bulls star Michael Jordan to Buffalo Bills quarterback Jim

"I will have taped interviews [for the telecast], but I will also do live interviews the day of the game with families in the stands," said Sansone, who admits that before this ABC assignment, "I didn't know there was a Little League."

But being on national television is not new for Sansone, who has appeared on "The Tonight Show," David Letterman and "Good Morning America" to name a few.

"I don't get nervous," she said. "I never get nervous, so that helps me a lot. I didn't feel overwhelmed when I was talking to people like Michael Jordan. When I got overwhelmed was when all these shows like 'Good Morning America' started asking

me to be on as a guest."

Her career in television started after winning a slam-dunk competition for kids with a fancy move of taking the ball between her legs before dunking it and then hanging on the rim.

"Most of the kids were real scared, but I hammed it up. I guess I've always been like that," Sansone said. "After I won, the producer at WJET interviewed me, and people called the station saying I spoke well and who is she? I did another show that was run by the station, and it got more calls.

"So I started doing taped interviews for a kids show on Saturday. It wasn't anything planned. There were no auditions, tryouts or anything like that. I wasn't even thinking about television as a career. I wanted to be a dermatologist. But now I'm not sure. I think I might stick to

BITS AND PIECES: Just in case tennis fans missed tennis star Monica Seles's interview with Diane Sawyer Thursday on ABC's "Prime Time Live" or simply want to hear more from her, CNN's Tom Kirkland has a "Conversation with Monica Seles" today at 7:30 a.m. with a repeat telecast of the interview at 4 p.m.

INSIDE BOXING: JEFF SCHULTZ

Ellis is getting on track after losing fast track

The problems didn't really start in 1988, when Romallis Ellis turned pro, so much as they did four years earlier.

He saw all those U.S. boxers from the 1984 Olympics - Pernell Whitaker, Meldrick Taylor, Evander Holyfield, et al turn pro and almost immediately fall into riches. He assumed when he medaled at Seoul in '88 — only a bronze, but then so was Holyfield's — that similar purses awaited him. He was wrong.

"The money just wasn't as promising in 1988, and I think it disappointed him," said Holyfield, who once acted as Ellis's co-manager with Ken Sanders. "Things weren't moving as fast as he would have liked, and he got impatient. Then he went to Philadelphia, and I couldn't look out for him anymore."

Ellis is back in Atlanta again and, after a string of management and training problems, apparently back in boxing as well. "I'm looking to keep busy, and I'm looking for a

world title," he said.

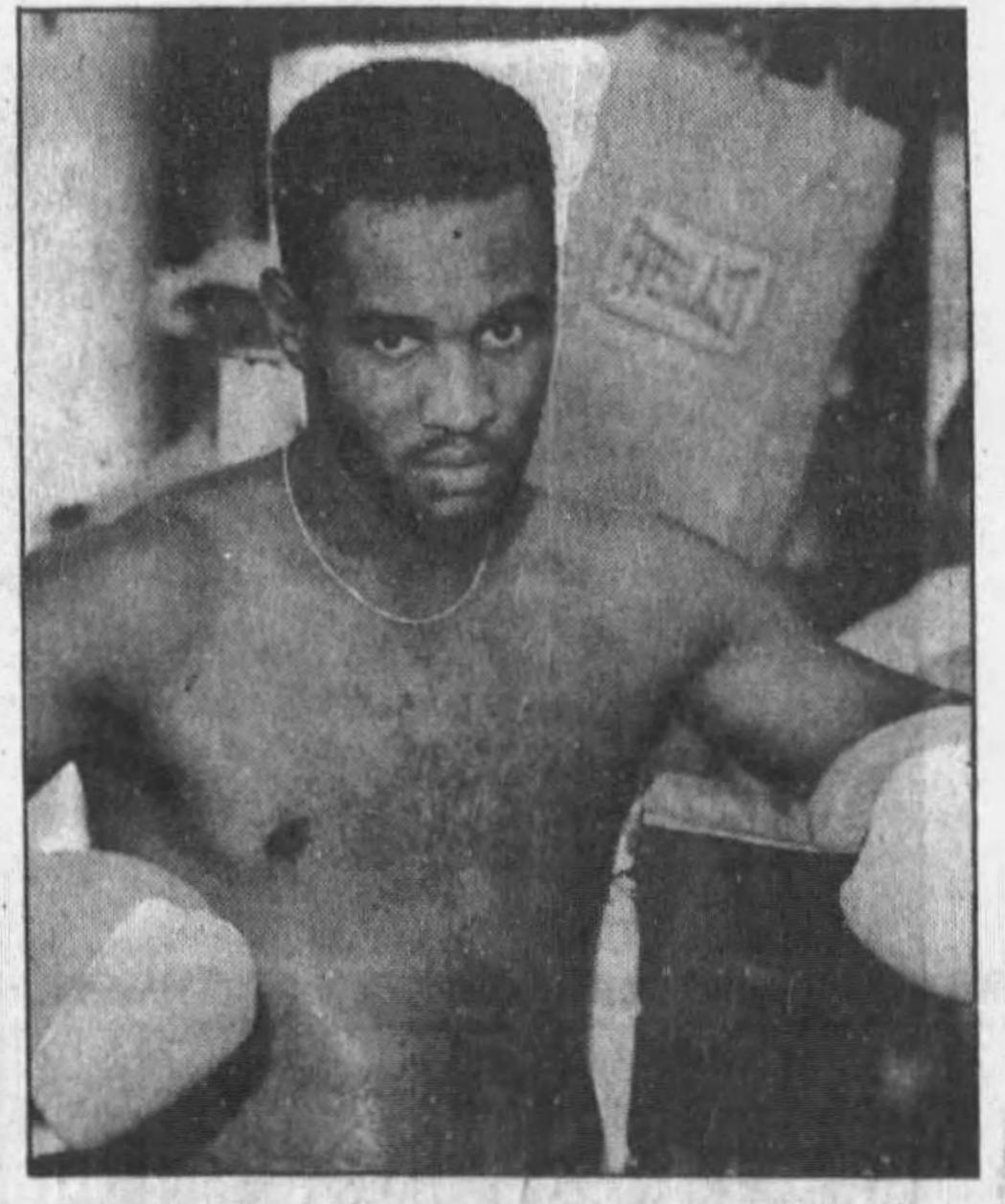
Bob Moreland, an Atlanta publicist attempting to dabble in boxing, can at least accomplish the former. He plans to follow up Ellis's six-round win over Juan Romero in June with another fight in late September against an opponent to be determined. Moreland also says he has convinced promoter Don King to get involved in Ellis's career (for better or worse).

Ellis (18-1) is no longer the 132-pounder who competed at Seoul, or the junior welterweight who won his first 15 fights in a span of 22 months. He weighed 150 for his lone loss to Darryl Lattimore last year and 146 for

Romero. Ellis's problems began in 1991 when he split with Main Events promoter Dan Duva, who, Ellis claims, backed out of an oral agreement for a three-fight deal that included a title shot against then-champion Loreta

Duva blames the split on Ellis, saying he twice had to cancel fights because Ellis said he wasn't in shape. Holyfield no longer had the time to co-

manage Ellis. Holyfield also had split with



RICH MAHAN/Staff

Romallis Ellis was disappointed to learn that a bronze medal in the 1988 Olympics did not guarantee riches.

Sanders. Ellis's career hit a wall. He had trouble getting fights or decent representation. He fought once in '91 and twice in '92. In the process he moved to Philadelphia.

"I fell off the scene," Ellis said. "Every-

thing just blew up." None of which has affected his bravado -

he's mightily interested in the WBC welterweight title fight Sept. 10 in San Antonio between Pernell Whitaker, of Norfolk, Va., and Julio Cesar Chavez of Mexico.

"I'd like to fight the winner," he said.

LOCAL SCENE: Mama's Country Showcase in Decatur will host a seven-fight card Sept. 14, headlined by Riverdale's Homer Gibbins against an opponent to be determined. Atlanta super middleweight Melvin Wynn (22-10) and Rome welterweight Lee Fortune also will be on the card. Tickets are \$50, \$25 and \$10, and proceeds benefit CURE, a local children's charity.

BRIEFLY: Holyfield's trainer, Emanuel Steward, is trying to convince the fighter to hold his training camp for the Riddick Bowe rematch in Reno, Nev., instead of Houston, where Holyfield has trained since he turned pro. It would shorten the trip to Las Vegas for the Nov. 6 fight, acquaint Holyfield with the Nevada climate (the rematch is being held outdoors at Caesars Palace) and get the boxer away from his part-time home. Holyfield will start training in Atlanta at his backyard gym and open camp in October.

TRIATHLON

Women's series debuts Sunday

By Louis T. Mayeux STAFF WRITER

The Danskin Women's Triathlon Series comes to Atlanta Sunday morning, with a group of elite triathletes seeking a \$1,200 top prize and points toward the overall series championship.

No. 1-ranked Michellie Jones of Australia, who last weekend won the 1993 World Championship, will lead the field in the sprint triathlon, which begins at 7 a.m. Sunday at Stone Mountain Park. Jones, 23, won the San Jose and Milwaukee races in the Danskin series this year and is leading in

Besides showcasing pro athletes, the purpose of the Danskin races is to give women who have never run in a triathlon the opportunity to do so. The field of 500 expected for Sunday's race will include many first-timers.

The race begins with a .75K swim in Stone Mountain Lake, followed by a 10.25mile bike ride and a 5K run. The race will finish on the lawn before the Confederate memorial carving at the park. The event benefits the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

This is the first time that the four-yearold Danskin series has come to Atlanta. Triathlons have already been run in four other cities, and after Sunday, races will remain in Dallas and San Diego. The overall winner after the San Diego race Oct. 3 will receive a BMI 318I. The other top nine series finishers will share \$10,000 in cash.

Besides Jones, other top triathlates who will compete here include Alexandra Laws, Heather Fuhr, Nancy Vallance and Katie Webb.

Laws, 18, an Australian, is racing for the first time in the United States this summer. She trains with her countrywoman, Jones, and finished second in the Danskin New

York and Seattle races. Fuhr, a Canadian, placed sixth in the 1992 Danskin series and placed third in the Seattle and Milwaukee races this year.

Registration for the event will conclude on Saturday at the Lakeside Center at Stone Mountain Park. Women wishing to register should bring their bicycles for check-in. The entry fee is \$50.

Former sports agent Lloyd Bloom found dead at home

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Only sketchy information has been made available by authorities concerning the death of Lloyd Bloom, a former sports agent who was found shot to death at his Malibu residence. He was 36. Bloom was found by a "family acquaintance who was checking on the welfare of Bloom" Thursday morning, a sheriff's spokeswoman Benita Hinojos said Friday.

Bloom was shot several times in the upper body, but no weapon was found. There was no obvious sign of a break-in, police said, and it was unclear if anything had been taken from the home BRIEFLY

along Pacific Coast Highway. Bloom and partner Norb Walters were convicted in 1989

of racketeering and other charges relating to their attempts to sign college football players to representation agreements before their eligibility had expired. An appeals court reversed the convictions a year

PRO BASKETBALL

First-round draft choice George Lynch, who helped North Carolina win the NCAA championship last spring, has signed a contract with the Los Angeles Lakers. Lynch, the 12th

overall pick in the NBA draft, averaged 12.5 points and 7.8 rebounds in four years at North Carolina. He averaged 14.7 points and 9.7 rebounds. last season. Terms weren't announced. . . . Kendall Gill has signed a contract with the Charlotte Hornets, the Gaston, N.C., Gazette reported, possibly clearing the way for a trade that would send him to the Seattle SuperSonics.... Atlanta resident and former Hawks coach Hubie Brown is coming back to coaching, temporarily. The former NBA coach, now a TV analyst, will take the Nike-CBA All Stars to the Legrand Trophy tournament Sept. 2-4 in Limoges, France.

PRO HOCKEY Marty McSorley, whose illegal

stick began the downfall of the Los Angeles Kings in the Stanley Cup playoffs, was traded Friday to the Pittsburgh Penguins for center Shawn McEachern. The Kings matched a five-year, \$9 million contract offer for McSorley by the St. Louis Blues before trading the defenseman.

DIVING Mark Lenzi of Ann Arbor,

Mich., won the 3-meter springboard title by more than 20 points over Dmitry Sautin of Russia in the Alamo Challenge, a diving meet featuring the United States, China, Germany and Russia in Pasadena, Calif. Tan Shuping of China won the women's 1-meter springboard title, and Svetlana Khokhlova of Russia won the women's platform.