Postfight drug could force Ali retirement

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (UPI) — Former heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali took pain killing and anti-depressant drugs before the required urinalysis following his defeat by Larry Holmes in their Oct. 2 championship fight.

Sig Rogich, chairman of the Nevada Athletic Commission, said Tuesday the commission had the power to revoke Ali's license, suspend him for a period of time, levy a fine or all three.

"I believe he should retire a great champion for his safety and the integrity of the sport," Rogich said. "He demonstrated after the fight he should not be fighting again."

Muhammad Ali drugged after not before

Rogich said a urinalysis showed an opiate was administered to Ali, specifically codeine and phenothiazine before any drugs are administered.

Rogich said the commission would meet later this month to discuss and possibly act on Ali's license. Rogich said the commission had no evidence to show Ali had taken drugs prior to the heavyweight WBC title match.

"In my own personal opinion," said Rogich, "based on his performance two weeks ago, I would never allow him (Ali) to fight in Nevada again."

"We were told by Ali's physician, Dr. Charles Williams, that he gave Ali the drugs immediately after the fight, one as an anti-depressant and the other for pain," said Rogich.

Nevada Athletic Commission and World Boxing Council rules require a urinalysis of boxers following fights

Bits o' briefs

Thanks!!!!

"Thank the Lord," said the fellow on the street after the World Series got under way. "Thank whomever's responsible that NBC has the series and not AB-Cossll."

Computer: K.C.

The Kansas City Royals will win the World Series in six games, a computer that picked the Pittsburgh Pirates to win the 1979 World Series has predicted.

Jim's up

Jim Thorpe of the Falls Church (Va.) Thorpe brothers, climbed one spot — from 100th to 99th — among the pro tour's leading money winners last week. He's at $33,671 in earnings.

Meanwhile, Calvin Peete with $105,716, remained in 42nd place.

NBA gate's up

NEW YORK (UPI) — Attendance for the first weekend of the National Basketball Association season showed a gain of 10.7 percent over a similar period last season, the league announced Monday.

The average attendance for the 21 games this season was 11,674 compared to 10,541 for the 19 games played on the first weekend during the 1979-1980 season, an increase of 1,133 fans per games.

In the NBA

WEEKEND GAMES

Friday
New Jersey at Washington
New York at Atlanta
Cleveland at Chicago
Kansas City at Dallas
Denver at San Diego
Phoenix at Los Angeles
Houston at Portland

Saturday
Washington at Philadelphia
Milwaukee at Cleveland
Atlanta at Detroit
Boston at Indiana
New Jersey at Chicago
Dallas at San Antonio
Seattle at Kansas City
Denver at Utah
Houston at Golden State

Sunday
New Jersey at Milwaukee
Phoenix at San Diego
Golden State at Los Angeles

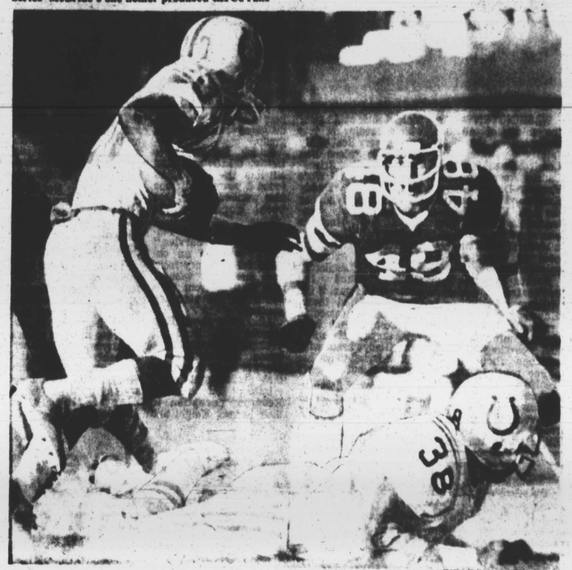
Monday
Seattle at Utah

NBA star's pop killed

PONTIAC, Mich. (UPI) — Robert Lanier Sr., father of Milwaukee Bucks center Bob Lanier, was killed Sunday in an apparent hit-and-run accident, police said.

The elder Lanier, 59, was walking along a road near a local shopping mall early Sunday when he apparently was struck by a car, police said. He was dead at the scene.

DIFFERENCE IN VIEW — One guy, the Phillies' Bake McBride (left), and another, the Royals' Willie Mays Aikens (right) had different points of view after Tuesday's opening game of the World Series. McBride's one homer produced three runs that won the game. Aikens' two 2-run homers — hit on his 26th birthday — left his team one run short as the Phillies scored their 7-6 victory.



JOE COLT ON MOVE — Joe Washington (20), busiest ball-carrier on the Baltimore roster, chalked up 74 yards against tough Buggalo last weekend.

AFRO photo by Hankwoyen

Blocking for him here, and himself rushing for 87 yards on 13 carries, is Cleveland Franklin (30), who had his best day of the year against the Bills.

Pats new test for surging Colts

If successive wins over Miami and previously unbeaten Buffalo tend to make Baltimore and Colts fans somewhat complacent, it should be dismissed by Sunday afternoon.

A brand new challenge arrives in Memorial Stadium in the uniform of the New England Patriots.

The Pats are true toughies, boasting a 3-1 record as opposed to the Colts' log of 4-2. Additionally, New England handled Denver and Cleveland and blanked the Dolphins, 34-0.

The two teams have met 20 times over the years, with Baltimore holding a slight edge, 11-9.

The colts won the first three games played, while the Patriots won three games in 1974 (won both games) and 1975. Since 1975, the two teams have split their two game yearly series. The Colts have won three games in Baltimore (1975, 34-21; 1977 30-24; 1979 31-26) and two in Foxboro (1976 27-13; 1978 34-27).

The only shutout in the 20 game series came in 1972 when the Colts won 31-0 in Baltimore (11-26). The last Baltimore win was last year in Memorial Stadium by the score of 31-26 while the last Patriots win was in Foxboro 30-21 in 1978.

At his Monday press conference, coach Mike McCormack praised the win over the Bills last Sunday, singling out quarterback Bert Jones' performance.

"I'm proud of our whole team because it is growing every game," McCormack said. "Maybe we found out we are for real in Buffalo. If the weather had been better there, the game should not have been that close. We are slowly learning what it takes to win and our execution is getting tighter."

The Colts have a 4-0 record in their division and a 4-2 record overall.

COLLEGE GAMES
Friday
Tuskegee at Morehouse (N)

Saturday
Morgan vs. S.C. State, E. Rutherford, N.J.
Howard at Va. State
Va. Union at Bowie St.
Norfolk St. at Hampton
Delaware St. at A and T
St. Paul's at Eliz. City
Fayetteville at W. Salem
Georgetown at Johns Hopkins
J.C. Smith at Livingstone
W. Maryland at Widener
Ky. State at Central State
Clark at Knoxville
Alcorn at Albany State
Ft. Bragg at Miles (N)
Ala. A-M at Ft. Valley (N)
Lane at Savannah St. (N)
Morris Brown at Tenn.-Martin (N)
Ala. State at Bethune
Texas Lutheran at Pr. View
Grambling at Miss. Valley
Jackson St. at Southern
Bishop at Langston

NFL SCHEDULE
Sunday
New England at Baltimore
St. Louis at Washington
Atlanta at New Orleans
Buffalo at Miami
Dallas at Philadelphia
Detroit at Chicago
Green Bay at Cleveland
Kansas City at Denver
Los Angeles at San Francisco
Minnesota at Cincinnati
New York Giants at San Diego
Seattle at New York Jets
Tampa Bay at Houston

Monday Night
Oakland at Pittsburgh

College results

FOOTBALL
Morgan 14, N.C. Central 7
Howard 49, Delaware St. 7
Bowie St. 14, Salisbury St. 14
UDC 10, St. Paul's 8
Hampton 38, Emory-Henry 27
Va. Union 27, Eliz. City 6
Elon 63, Norfolk St. 26
A-T 17, Miss. Valley 16
S.C. State 34, J.C. Smith 9
W. Salem 47, Livingstone 3
Morris Brown 21, Morehouse 6
Ala. A-M 32, North Ala. 28
Ky. State 20, Mo. Lincoln 6
Savannah St. 44, Central Fla. 0
Grambling 52, Tenn. State 27
Livingston 30, Tuskegee 27
Bethune 25, Albany St. 8
Southern 48, Nicholls St. 0
Ark-Pine Bluff 13, Lane 10
Alcorn 24, Texas Southern 3

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MUSIC FOR COMING HOME — Despite being committed to the busiest schedule in the school's history, the Morgan State Band provided a rousing reception for alumni visitors at last Saturday's homecoming football game. Majorettes musicians and more musicians (lower left) celebrated the 14-7 victory over North Carolina Central. And (lower right), Morgan's beloved former football and basketball coach, Talmadge "Marse" Hill responds to cheers at halftime as Morgan alumnus Al Cottman approves. Following the homecoming appearance, the band played the National Anthem at the opening game of the World Series in Philadelphia. And on Sunday it will do the halftime show for the Colts-Patriots game at Memorial Stadium.

Photo by Roman Hankwoyen and Mark Goode

Spartans thumped

ELON COLLEGE, N.C. — Bobby Redrick ran for 134 yards and three touchdowns Saturday night to lead Elon to a 63-26 thumping of Norfolk State.

Redrick had scoring runs of 13 and one yards in the first half . . . and his 17-yard touchdown early in the second half gave the Fightin' Christians a 51-6 lead.

Norfolk State's first score came on a 9-yard pass from Ray Revels to John High later in the third period that made it 51-6.

Elon reserve running back Vernon Morrison rushed for 125 yards on 17 carries and ran the second half kickoff 92 yards for a touchdown. He added a second score on a 13-yard run.

The Fightin' Christians . . . now 4-1 . . . piled up 539 yards total offense to 284 yards for the Spartans.

Japan, France OK Laurel 'Int' bids

LAUREL, Md. — A horse from Japan was the first acceptance for this season's $250,000 Washington, D.C. International on Saturday, Nov. 8, John D. Schapiro, chairman and chief executive officer of Laurel Race Course, announced Monday.

The 4-year-old colt, Hashi Kuranisu, was flown Thursday from Osaka and arrived in New York today (Friday).

Forty-eight hours after acceptance by the Japanese horse, French connections entered their classy colt, Argument.

Hashi Kuranisu was selected to represent Japan by a Recommendation Committee consisting of representatives of the Owners Association Trainers Association and the Japan Racing Association.

The colt sired by Never Bent from Daisei, won four starts last season and was second in the Kikuka Shou, which is considered the Japanese equivalent to the St. Leger Stakes in England. Shigehara Naito trains and M. Shibata rides.

Argument, whose credentials include a fast closing second in the Arc de Triomphe, is trained by John Cunnington Jr., the son of the trainer who saddled Norman, fourth in the 1964 Laurel International, and Comtesse de Loir, second 21 years later.

Jean-Claude Desaint, rider of Argument, was second in both his International appearances. Astride Carvin II, the 51-1 outsider, he was beaten a nose by Diatome in 1965. Nobiliary finished three-quarters of a length before Comtesse de Loir, his mount in 1979.

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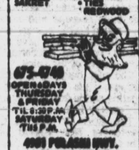

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