

Out of Bounds

Tyson destroying sport of boxing

In the dying sport of boxing, what could possibly make the once respected boxing ring nothing more than a free for all with ropes? One man...Mike Tyson.

We all know of Tyson's past troubles with the law. We all know of his ear-biting incident. We all know that he is supposedly "sane." And we all know he keeps coming back. But there are new developments with the progress (I call it progress because the boxing world continues to use his screw-ups to promote the sport) of Tyson. Once again, Tyson has found himself in prison. And once again, the boxing world doesn't care.

Tyson was sentenced to one year in prison for assaulting two motorists after a three-car accident late last August. This incident has since brought up questions of whether or not he violated his probation from his 1991 rape conviction. Despite all these questions, Tyson still might get permission to fight during his prison sentence. Yes, this criminal could be allowed out of prison to release his anger on an opponent. What next?

Why is it that this man can continue to return to the ring even after showing time and time again that he can't control his temper? Even when all eyes are watching

him to make sure he doesn't screw up...he does. They say that as long as he is mentally stable, then he can fight. So now, a man that has been evaluated

Maybe that is because every match he is involved in seems to be a return match that the boxing money makers advertise like it is some never before

fighting, because he makes the sport of boxing so much money. But what happens when he leaves, and all the money spent on keeping the criminal in the ring can't save the sport. They have taken the spotlight away from Evander Holyfield, a man with values, and are shining the lights in the eyes of their "hero." They can blame themselves for the quick and painful death of a sport that used to be loved as much as baseball and football.

To this day, I hear the names of Ali, Frazier, Liston, Spinks, Chavez and even Holyfield. I just hope that in the future, we don't give the madman the pleasure of being associated as boxing's greatest. There is more to being considered great than just a hard right. There is actually something called respect. Those men respected the sport that brought them so much fame and fortune...Tyson mocks it.

We've gone from a legend that could "fly like a butterfly and sting like a bee," to a madman that gets grounded by cops and bites like a gator. So you tell me...is boxing still a respectable sport? I can tell you with absolute certainty that it isn't and never will be like it once was. We can thank Mike Tyson and his promoters for that.

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and proven to be stable, can break the law and break boxing rules and be allowed to continue to fight?

What that tells me is that he has perfect knowledge of what he is doing, and he does it anyway. That makes it better than someone that doesn't understand what they are doing wrong? I think boxing promoters are the ones that should have their heads examined.

There are the "experts" that say this man brings so much money to the sport.

seen extravaganza. Well, what happens when Tyson actually gets two fights in without getting arrested or biting off someone's ear? How would they begin to advertise the madman's fights then? "Miss dinner? Come watch Tyson eat."

It seems as though the boxing promoters look at us as some kind of idiots. They actually think we care that they are making money off this man. They say that Tyson has to keep

BEHREND BRIEFS

Phillips' career week earns her AMCC Athlete of the Week

Freshman Erin Phillips is coming off a career week in two Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference match-ups. Phillips picked the most important week of the season to step up her play as the Lions went 2-0 against Pitt-Bradford and Pitt-Greensburg. With the wins, the Lady Lions clinched the AMCC regular season title with the wins and will host the AMCC tournament on February 27 and 28.

Phillips earned her second AMCC Athlete of the Week award of this season as a freshman. She started her week with a big game against Pitt-Bradford in Erie Hall. Phillips went 6-10 from the field and 2-2 from the free-throw line for 14 points. She added seven rebounds and two steals in the winning cause.

In the second game of the week, Phillips led the Lions to a huge second half to blow Pitt-Greensburg out of Erie Hall. She went 8-11 from the field and a consistent 16-20 from the charity stripe. She scored a career high 32 points and pulled down 12 rebounds; five offensive.

Phillips leads the Lady Lions in points per game with 13.1 and rebounds with seven per game.

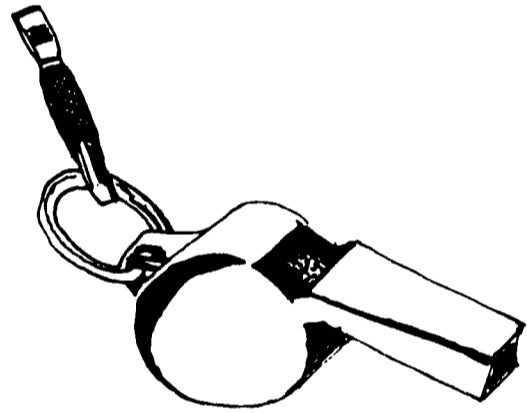
Coach Fornari closes in on 100 wins

Penn State Behrend women's basketball coach, Rosalyn Fornari is closing in on her 100th career win at Behrend. In only six seasons, Fornari has coached the Lady Lions to 98 wins and needs only two more to reach the century mark.

The Lady Lions have two more regular season games against Allegheny College (last night) and LaRoche College on February 20. If Behrend is to win them both, Fornari will win #100.

You Make The Call!

Do you think Mike Tyson should be allowed to box during his prison sentence?



"Yes, it's his job to begin with, so he is entitled to work leave despite his occupation. Besides, if he has violent tendencies, he may as well let out his frustration professionally where it can be restricted and controlled."

Katie Spykes, 01, Plast Eng

"No. It's like giving him special privileges. It's like taking away from the privileges of the other people in prison."

Michael Ross, 02, Pol. Science

"No, because he is an idiot."

Valerie Trost, 04, English

"No, because his voice is too high."

Jon Beckman, 02, DUS

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Housing and Food Service Athlete of the Week

Name: Tiffany Buck
Sport: Women's Basketball
Class: Junior
Position: Guard
Date: February 8 - February 15

Tiffany Buck, a junior guard, has been named the Housing and Food Service Athlete of the Week. Buck has helped lead the Behrend Lions to the top of the AMCC with an 8-1 record and a 15-7 mark overall.

On Wednesday in Erie Hall, Buck helped the Behrend Lions open a 31-27 halftime lead over Pitt-Bradford by scoring 12 first half points. The Panthers entered the contest in second place in the conference and challenging the Behrend Lions for home court advantage for the conference tournament. The blue, white and red worked hard to win the game by three, 61-58. Buck finished with a season-high 20 points on 6 x 10 from three-point territory. She added four rebounds and five assists. On Saturday, Buck helped the Behrend Lions secure home court for the conference tournament with an easy win over Pitt-Greensburg. Buck saw limited minutes in the game finishing with three points, four rebounds, three steals and a pair of assists.

For the season, Buck has started all 21 games for coach Fornari's crew and is averaging 7.0 ppg, 2.1 rpg, and 1.2 spg. Buck, the single-game leader in 3's in a contest with six on two occasions, has made 116 in her career and is chasing Lisa Dorencamp's ('86-90) record of 118.

Buck is a graduate of Penn Trafford High School.

INTRAMURAL ROUNDUP

Intramurals

SPRING 1999

4 vs. 4 Coed Volleyball
Registration Deadline: February 19
Play starts on February 22
Season will last one week

Soccer

M, W, Coed
Registration Deadline: March 5
Play starts on March 16
Season will last three weeks

Volleyball

M, W, Coed
Registration Deadline: March 5
Play starts on March 16
Season will last five weeks

Spring semester Intramural schedules are available in the IM office and on the Reed and Erie Hall IM boards.

