

# Ali may fight again, says promoter King

NEW YORK (AP) — A May tuneup bout in Korea as a prelude to a summer title defense against George Foreman is the latest blueprint being prepared for heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali.

"It's alive — very much alive," promoter Don King told The Associated Press yesterday by phone from Annapolis, Md., where he is staging the televised U.S. Boxing Championships.

"I am convinced Ali wants to fight again and feels obligated to give Foreman a return shot at the crown. Herbert Muhammad has given me 90 days to work up a promotion agreeable to the champ."

Herbert Muhammad is the longtime manager of Ali, who since wrestling the heavyweight crown from Foreman and winning a rubber duel from Joe Frazier has been playing on-again, off-again game of retirement.

King confirmed that he had been contacted by responsible parties regarding a fight in Seoul, the capital of South Korea,

proposing one of several young challengers.

Among the prospective opponents are John Boudreaux of Houston, Tex., boasting a 21-1-1 record; Larry Holmes of Scranton, Pa., 23-0, and the South African champion, Mike Shutte.

King, ringmaster of the King enterprises which pulled off Ali's multi-million-dollar conquests in Zaire and Manila, said he had been approached by representatives of Korean business interests and an American promoter, Paul Covino.

The plan would be for Ali to defend his crown in early May. The Korean group would put up \$5 million with \$10 million expected from world-wide television rights. The idea has not reached the stage of guarantees.

"This would be strictly a warmup fight, looking to a return match against Foreman," King said.

"When I talked Foreman into defending his heavyweight title against Ali in Zaire, I promised him that — in case he lost — he would get a return bout. It seemed only fair.

"I feel that Ali thinks it is fair also and wants to prove to everyone that his Zaire victory was no fluke."

Ali, now 35, regained his heavy weight championship by stopping Foreman in the eighth round in Kinshasa, Zaire, Oct. 30, 1974, and a year later knocked out Frazier in the 14th round of their third fight in so-called "Thrilla of Manila."

# But just get by Shippensburg Swimwomen keyed for Pitt meet

The Lady Lion swimmers have been looking ahead to Sunday's showdown in Pittsburgh all week. Shippensburg almost took advantage of that fact, but Penn State was able to get things back into perspective in the second half yesterday to win 76-55.

"It was more of a warmup than we hoped," Penn State coach Ellen Perry said. "One mental error and we would have lost the meet."

In the opening half of the meet, Shippensburg took first in seven events and led the Lady Lions 37-33. Penn State had risked some experimenting in their lineup and were forced to swim their strongest women to salvage the meet in the second half.

"They were primed, ready for us," Perry said. "We needed a team effort to win."

The Lady Lions won five of the six final events, losing only the 100-yard backstroke.

Three Penn State competitors were double winners. Diver Becky Binny won on both the one-and three-meter boards. Freshman Carol Mazzer took the 200-yard freestyle and the 100-yard butterfly. Lynn Ross-Scovazzo outdistanced the field in 50-yard and the 100-yard breaststroke.

With yesterday's victory safely under their caps, all attention is focused on Pittsburgh's Trees Pool. The Pantherette's only loss thus far was to

Princeton by a mere two points. Penn State slid past the Tigers last weekend 66-63. Early in the fall Penn State finished second to Pitt in the Pittsburgh Relays.

The Lady Lions are going full strength for the contest, which will include the return of sophomore Mindy Millard in the individual medley. She had been out for the past few weeks due to a back injury.

The Pantherettes slapped the Lady Lions with their only loss last season. Once again, they have another perfect record to protect, and revenge is sometimes a very effective weapon.

—Joyce Tomana

# No progress in NFL player-owner negotiations

WASHINGTON (AP) — The National Football League owners and players appear to be no closer today to settlement of labor differences than they were three years ago when the last contract expired.

The latest round of negotiations on a new collective bargaining agreement was broken off yesterday with the union apparently less optimistic than it was three days ago. Another meeting has been set for Monday in New York.

"We are still hoping to achieve an agreement in the near future," was the word in a brief statement issued jointly by spokesmen for both the NFL Management Council,

bargaining agent for the owners, and the NFL Players Association.

The date for the next meeting is Feb. 15.

That is one day before the Feb. 15 deadline set by Ed Garvey, union executive director, for reaching an agreement which would include the blueprint for the holding of a draft of college players, now declared illegal by a federal judge.

There were reports that several players' agents plan to file suit against the NFL challenging Commissioner Pete Rozelle's order prohibiting the member clubs from negotiation with any college players. The agents believe they need several

months to negotiate a contract for their clients.

Last week, both sides expressed optimism that an agreement could be reached quickly even if one could not be achieved at the meeting in Washington, the fourth to be held since Super Bowl week a month ago. However, the union's optimism apparently was dimmed after two days of discussions Tuesday and Wednesday.

"After two days of negotiations there is absolutely no progress," Garvey said Wednesday. "It is now clear that the Feb. 15 deadline was unrealistic and there is little optimism on our side."

Prior to the meeting, Garvey said most of the issues, such as a pension plan, were "out of the way" but that there were at least seven major issues, such as the draft, on which the two sides were far apart.


After Wednesday's meeting, one union source indicated that negotiations had taken a step backward. "Some things which we thought had been already agreed upon weren't."

Representing the owners during the negotiations were Wellington Mara of the New York Giants and Dan Rooney of the Pittsburgh Steelers along with Sargent Karch, executive director of the NFL Management Council.

## Major league standings

National Basketball Association					National Hockey League						
EASTERN CONFERENCE					CAMPBELL CONFERENCE						
Atlantic Division					Patrick Division						
W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA		
Philadelphia	32	20	.615	—	Phila	32	10	12	76	215	149
Boston	25	27	.481	7	NY Isl	32	15	8	72	184	138
NY Knicks	24	28	.462	8	Atlan	24	20	11	59	184	179
Buffalo	18	33	.353	13 1/2	NY Rng	19	24	13	51	193	200
NY Nets	17	35	.327	15	Smythe Division						
Central Division					St Lou	23	26	6	32	164	192
Washington	29	21	.580	—	Chgo	19	27	10	48	175	196
Houston	29	22	.569	1/2	Colo	17	29	9	43	168	204
Cleveland	27	23	.540	2	Minn	13	29	12	38	161	219
S. Antonio	28	25	.528	2 1/2	Vancvr	15	35	6	36	183	219
Memphis	24	29	.453	6 1/2	Wales Conference						
Atlanta	21	34	.382	10 1/2	Norris Division						
WESTERN CONFERENCE					Mont	40	7	9	89	268	128
Midwest Division					Pitts	24	22	9	57	173	175
Denver	34	17	.667	—	L.A.	19	25	11	49	170	160
Detroit	31	23	.574	4 1/2	Wash	16	30	10	42	152	211
Kan City	27	27	.500	8 1/2	Dtrt	15	31	6	36	133	190
Indiana	25	28	.472	10	Adams Division						
Chicago	22	32	.407	13 1/2	Bstn	32	17	6	70	209	172
Milwaukee	16	42	.276	21 1/2	Buff	30	17	6	65	180	150
Pacific Division					Tno	25	21	7	59	201	176
Los Ang	34	19	.642	—	Cleve	17	28	9	43	161	194
Portland	35	20	.636	—	Wednesday's Results						
Golden St	29	23	.558	4 1/2	Buffalo 2, New York Rangers 1						
Seattle	28	26	.519	6 1/2	Montreal 6, Vancouver 0						
Phoenix	25	26	.490	8	Toronto 5, Atlanta 1						
Wednesday's Results					Cleveland 6, Los Angeles 3						
Los Angeles 105, Buffalo					Washington 4, Chicago 4, tie						
New York Nets 83, New Orleans 80, OT					Colorado 6, Minnesota 6						
Philadelphia 107, Milwaukee 104					Yesterday's Games						
Indiana 110, New York Knicks 109					New York Rangers at Detroit						
San Antonio 135, Detroit 129					Washington at Philadelphia						
Houston 100, Chicago 103					Boston at Buffalo						
Atlanta 99, Seattle 96					Today's Games						
Today's Games					Colorado at Cleveland						
New York Knicks at Boston					Pittsburgh at Vancouver						
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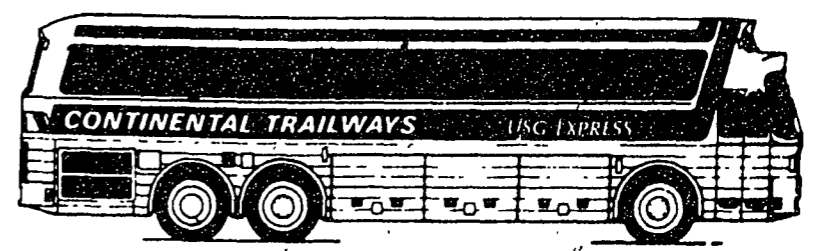
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