# An older and wiser Spinks aims to recapture his heavyweight title

NEW YORK (AP) — Leon Spinks, boxing's one-day wonder, has reorganized his camp, cleared his mind of old problems and set his sights on recapturing the world heavyweight championship.

"I got a better handle on life — I am a better person, a more reliable person,' the 25-year-old Olympic gold medalist said yesterday at a press conference called to reveal details of an elimination tournament designed to select a successor to Muhammad Ali.

Ali, who lost the World Boxing Association version of the title to Spinks and regained it seven months later last

year, has said he will formally retire in a \$2 million TV spectacular. The World Boxing Council recognizes Larry Holmes as champion.

Spinks, who has been in virtual hiding since his defeat last Sept. 15 in New Orleans, appeared at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in a full-length fur coat and black derby hat with his wife, Nova, and son, Charles, by his side. He never took off his derby.

He heard Bob Arum, president of Top Rink Inc., apologize for "intemperate remarks" made about the fighter after the loss to Ali and disclose plans for a

series of bouts built around Spinks, beginning in May.

"Leon lost to a great champion," Arum said. "No one was more frustrated than I was. I regret the remarks I made publicly about Leon's activities.

"Leon Spinks is the greatest fighter in the world. I am convinced he will prove that.'

Arum, who has promoted Spinks' fights from the time the latter turned pro in January 1977, said the ex-champ would meet Kalie Knoetze, the South African ex-cop, in early May, the exact date yet to be determined. The winner of this weekend's Duane Bobick-John Tate

bout in Indianapolis will meet the other South African contender, Gerrie Coetzee, on that card

The survivors then would meet in a slugoff to see who would chase Holmes' WBC crown. Holmes is expected to take on the winner of a bout between Ken

Norton and Earnie Shavers. "I am going for the whole thing," Spinks vowed.

"I regret I let my business affairs get in the way of my fighting life," Spinks said. "I was a young man. Things happened too fast. I made mistakes. I was trying to take care of business and fight at the same time.'

# Captures third in national meet Ramsay continues to squash foes

#### By GLENN KAUP

Daily Collegian Sports Writer Squash is one of the few competetive

sports at Penn State that does not have varsity status. Yet, Penn State's Gail Ramsay is the nation's highest ranking collegiate player.

But last weekend Ramsay traveled to New York City's Uptown Racquet Club participate in a non-collegiate to tournament - the Women's National Squash Racquet Championship. She placed third in the tournament, losing only to winner Heather McKay and runner-up Barbara Maltby.

Because McKay is not a U.S. resident, she wasn't eligible for national ranking after the tournament. Maltby became the top-ranked squash player in the U.S. and Ramsay moved to second.

"McKay is considered to be the best player in the world," Ramsay said. "She

lost her first game in six years to Barbara Maltby this weekend.

Ramsay lost to Maltby in the semifinals of the tournament in three straight games, 15-6, 15-7 and 15-9.

"She is a very strong player," Ramsay said. "She was the only player who hit so hard that she overpowered me and it took me a while to get back into the groove. But, by then, it was too late in the match. In addition to hitting hard, she hit her shot very well and they were hard to return.

"The coach allowed me to prepare for the tournament by not playing tennis the week before the matches. I schedule a match everyday and try to play once a day. I don't have time to run, but the running in playing tennis is keeping me in shape.

Ramsay is no stranger to the squash

hasn't lost a match in 17 years and only championship, competing in the tournament for her seventh straight year.

"Last year I was ranked sixth in the United States, but I came in seventh or eighth, which means there were some better players who were not from the U.S.," she said.

Despite ranking second in the U.S. Ramsay was the second youngest player in the tournament, with only Connie Pierce of Brandywine Junior College younger.

"Connie will be the player that I expect to give me the greatest trouble at the collegiate championships this year. She is a freshman and is from the same Philadelphia club that I am from. She is very tough. The match against her was rough. Out of the best of five game, the match went 3-2," she said.

Ramsay won the collegiate championship the last two years with her

strongest competition last year coming from Yale's Liz Munsa.

"The first year I beat Liz in the semifinals, but she improved a lot from the previous year and I had to fight to get the title last year," Ramsay said.

"She played real well in the third game of the final and came on real strong. But I came back in the end to only lose the game by two points. The game right after that I won by a good margin.

"The other players that might give me trouble are from the Ivy league schools. They didn't participate in the tournament because they normally have matches on the weekends," she said.

Wesley American University on March 2-4 is the site for the 1979 Collegiate Squash Title where Ramsay will be defending her title for the third straight year.

Gamecocks' coach survives 'takeover'

The "Battle of South Carolina" clearly was a victory for Frank McGuire.

Conspicuously cheery in the wake of an attempted palace takeover, the basketball coach of the South Carolina Gamecocks says with special emphasis:

"I'm pretty stubborn. I don't know. Maybe it's because I'm Irish, or maybe it's because I'm a New Yorker."

#### Analysis

McGuire, of course, is both of those things but the reason that he is still in control of his own destiny - and the destiny of the basketball program at Columbia, S.C. — is because he has been conditioned to challenges and battles all his life.

The rugged McGuire has been knocked around, all right, but never

Any college basketball fan is familiar with McGuire's fabled accomplishments. He is the only coach to have reached the NCAA finals with two schools - St. John's and North Carolina. His 1957 Tar Heels won the national championship with a 32-0 record, beating Kansas and Wilt Chamberlain in a triple overtime says. "They couldn't say too much thriller in the finals. McGuire has

won more than 500 games and countless tournaments in a career that has spanned more than four decades.

The highs have far outpointed the lows, but occasionally McGuire's basketball has been deflated. Though bringing North Carolina its tallest success, McGuire was often involved in power struggles, particularly with Jim Tatum, the strong-minded football coach. Each wanted to control the athletic department. As it turned out, Tatum died unexpectedly and McGuire left unexpectedly in the late 1950s, in the wake of a recruiting scandal.

After a one-year layover with the NBA Philadelphia Warriors, McGuire was back in college ball, at South Carolina. There, he built a new empire - as he had at North Carolina - with the help of New York-area athletes. But again, there were more.

power plays in his way. When the anti-McGuire forces started to group against him last year, the mandatory retirement age was 65. Since then, it's gone to 70. That gave McGuire five more years, and he plans to use them all.

"It was the only way they could get at me — through my age," McGuire about my record."

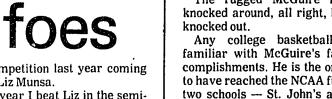
### Marguette holds of Stetson

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Tenth-ranked Marquette, with 18 points by Bernard, Toone leading balanced scoring, opened a 14-point halftime lead and held on for a 86-78 college basketball victory over Stetson Tuesday night.

Jim Dudley and Oliver Lee added 14 points apiece and Sam Worthen and Odell Ball 12 each for Marquette, 18-4. Stetson, 13-10, was led by Dirk Ewing with 22 and Kevin Tucker with 21. Stetson's Hatters used their front line

bulk to stay with Marquette in the early'. quickness in the pivot, scored eighGinpoints to help the Warriors pull away. Marquette led at the half 47-28.





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