

Larry Holmes retires for good this time

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NEW YORK — Larry Holmes announced his retirement from boxing yesterday three days after he turned 37.

It was the second time the former heavyweight champion has announced his retirement, but this time he said it will stick.

Following a news conference at Larry Holmes' Commodore Inn outside Philadelphia, N.J., Holmes told The Associated Press in a telephone interview:

"I'm tired of people using me. I'm tired of fighting and I'm tired of not getting the decisions I earned. I've got old too."

Holmes said he would retire after fighting David Boy on March 15, 1985. He stopped Boy in the 10th round to make his record 47-0. If he had stuck to his decision he would have joined Rocky Marciano, 49-0, as the only heavyweight champion to retire unbeaten.

But Holmes fought and outpointed Carl Williams next. Then, on Sept. 15, 1985 — in a bid to equal Marciano's record — he defended the International Boxing Federation title against light-heavyweight champion Michael Spinks.

Spinks won a close, but unanimous 15-round decision, then kept the title on a disputed 15-round split decision last April 19.

Holmes appealed to the IBF to overturn the decision, but the appeal was rejected.

"I'm 50," Holmes said. "People know it. They can question the 49th (the outcome of the first Spinks

fight), but they can't question the 50th."

In retiring, Holmes said he was walking away from a proposed fight with Tyrrell Biggs, the 1981 Olympic super heavyweight champion.

"Don King (the promoter) said, 'Fight Biggs,'" Holmes said. "If you beat Biggs, I'll get you a title shot."

"Do you love me?" Holmes said he loved King.

The promoter replied he did, according to Holmes.

"Then why do you want me to fight?"

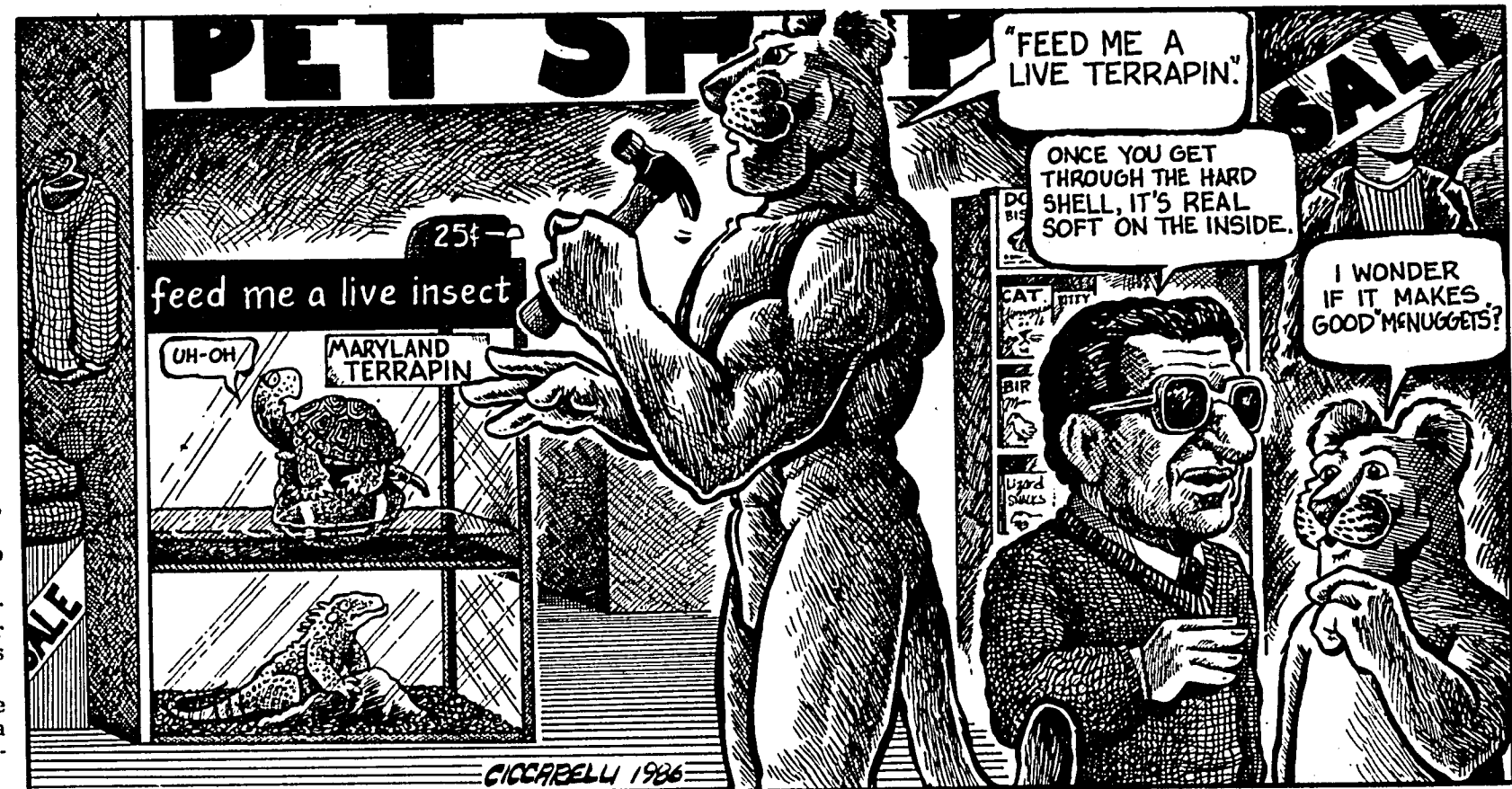
Holmes also said he asked King for \$100,000 he contends the promoter still owes him from the two Spinks fights.

Holmes turned pro in 1973 "to make money." He took home \$83 from a \$100 purse, but made millions of dollars in his career.

On June 9, 1978, Holmes won the World Boxing Council title, which he defended 17 times before he relinquished it in December 1983, rather than fight Greg Page for the purse King was offering. Recognized as champion by the IBF, Holmes defended that title four times before losing to Spinks.

In a finer career, which was overshadowed by Muhammad Ali, who preceded him as the world's premier heavyweight, Holmes considers the highlights "winning the title, then fighting Gerry Cooney."

In an atmosphere of rancor, with charges of racism on both sides, Holmes stopped Cooney in the 13th round June 11, 1982.



Netwomen gear up for tough Terp challenge

By ANN GARRETT
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Beaver Stadium isn't the only place the Maryland Terrapins will see action against Penn State this weekend. The women's tennis team ends its regular season when it takes on a tough Terp squad Sunday at 2 at Penn State Tennis Club.

A win over the Terps would mean a perfect 6-0 dual match record for Head Coach Jan Bortner's team, but neither Bortner nor his players are putting the record at their first priority.

Cocaptain Romi Walker said the team record hasn't been an issue much of the season.

"We haven't really thought about it," Walker said. "We can do it, though."

Bortner said the team tries to prepare for each match in the same way — measuring its opponent's strengths against its own — and the Maryland match is no exception.

"We usually know what we have to do in practice," Bortner said. "For this match, we've mainly worked on conditioning, technique, and strategy."

The Lady Lions defeated the Terps 6-3 in last fall's contest, but they've discovered through tournament play that this year's Maryland squad is new and improved. Penn State is well aware of that.

"Where Penn had overall depth comparable to us, Maryland has strong No. 1, 2, and 3 players."

Maryland's top three will be challenged by Darrell Adams, Claudia Karabedean, and Kelly Nelson, respectively. Bortner will play the same lineup he has used against Penn and at last weekend's ECAC tournament.

"We've played them in other tournaments, and we're ready to get revenge on some matches," Bortner said.

Icers travel north for weekend invite

By DAVE SOTTILE
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The unbeaten ice hockey team takes to the road this weekend, traveling to New York for the Manufacturers Hanover Invitational at St. Bonaventure University.

The Iceers (4-0) will tangle with Canisius today at 5 p.m., while Hobart takes on the host team in the nightclub.

In their last meeting with Canisius (during the 1984-85 season), the team dropped a 1-2 decision.

This year's high-scoring Penn State squad has averaged 9.25 goals per game while surrendering an average of just 2.25 in wins over Fredonia (10-0), Gannon (12-3), Rochester (8-5) and Niagara-Weldland (7-5).

"That was two years ago, and we have a totally different team now. We're ready to get revenge on some matches," said Head Coach

Jon Shellington, referring to the previous contest with Canisius. "They have one high-scoring line and it's our tricks last weekend against Rochester and Niagara-Weldland. The 6-0, 187-pound center has two short-handed goals and a pair of game-winning goals to his credit, while Jim Yablacki has 10 points (five goals and five assists) in the first four games.

"We recruited him (Smith) as a freshman before he went to Kent State and when we played them, we always had to keep an eye on him," Shellington said of his high-flying transfer. "He's such a special knacker for scoring goals whenever he touches the puck."

"With Smith, Sipe and Mike Cardonick, I feel very confident in our top line," Shellington said. "They're starting to click and if they jell half as well as I think they will, they're going to roll up some big-league numbers.

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Swimmen challenge Clarion

By JOSEPH HAAS
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After a strong season-opening road victory last weekend, the women's swimming and diving team returns home tonight to face Division II powerhouse Clarion University at 7 p.m. at McCoy Natatorium.

On Saturday, the team easily defeated George Washington University, 147-102, but it knows it will need a better effort and more intensity when it faces Clarion.

"Clarion is a much more difficult opponent for us," Head Coach Bob Krimmel said. "Last week we got out to such a big lead that we lost intensity. In this meet we'll have to keep it throughout."

"Clarion is a much more difficult opponent for us," Krimmel said. "Last year the score was 75-65 and the meet came down to the next to last event. Talent-wise, they are comparable to most Division II schools. They have a very strong swimming tradition."

Some critics might look at this season as a rebuilding year for Penn State, since the Lions graduated a large class of talented swimmers and divers last spring.

Krimmel, however, feels the team still ought to be successful this season. Tonight's meet, then, could set the table for a prosperous winter.

"I would hope we're going to do well in each event because when it would show that we're strong... from top to bottom in the lineup," Krimmel said. "You don't want to have a place (in the scoring) where you get nailed. I hope we will show some depth in each event."

"Our freshmen swam well last week in the meet against George Washington," he added. "It's a chance to find out about our talents and strengths."

Diving Head Coach Craig Brown is optimistic that tonight will yield positive results in both the one and three meter diving competitions despite the presence of Clarion's Dorie Namilo, who finished 14th individually in Division I diving last year.

"We're physically strong," Brown said. "We're ten times stronger this year than at this time last year."

Krimmel is also looking forward to the meet and expects tough competition, especially from Clarion's Tina Bair, Kathy Hansen and Kristi Rosenbaum.

"It's going to be an exciting meet for us because the competition is higher than last week," Krimmel said. "I'll be pleased if I show substantial improvement from this week over last week."

A-10 releases poll, TV plans

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Temple was selected yesterday as the preseason favorite to win the Atlantic 10 Conference basketball title and the league announced it has gained a corporate sponsor for 15 games that will be televised.

Commissioner Ron Bertovich said the league has agreed with Mazda Motors of America (East) Inc. on a 15-game syndicated television package, called the Mazda Game of the Week.

The games will be seen throughout the northeastern United States on both over-the-air stations and major cable networks, including Home Team Sports and Madison Square Garden Network.

"Two of our television related goals were to maximize the exposure of Atlantic 10 Conference teams, and to make certain that every member school was involved in our television plans," Bertovich said. "This syndicated Game of the Week package enables us to accomplish both of those tasks."

The Game of the Week package features eight pre-season games as well as quarterfinal, semifinal and championship games in postseason action.

Some games involving league teams also will be shown on CBS, NBC, ESPN and the USA Network, and Bertovich said more than 60 league games will appear on TV this season.

St. Joseph's Coach Jim Bortone said the entire TV package will help recruiting efforts.

"All the young players out there, the high school players, are going to see our best players and are going to be impressed with the level of competition and the general quality of the league," he said. "That's going to really help us recruiting."

In the preseason poll among 20 members of the news media who cover the league, Temple received 180 out of a possible 200 points, including its first place votes. The Owls were 25-6 last season and are led by center Tim Perry and guard Nate Blackwell, both chosen to the preseason all-league team.

St. Joseph's, which captured last year's regular season and tournament titles, was second, followed by West Virginia, Dugglesne, St. Bonaventure, Penn State, Massachusetts, George Washington, Rutgers and Rhode Island.

West Virginia Coach Gale Catlett said the top three teams traditionally are the league's best.

"However, I'm trying to acclimate our fans because one of the other teams might slip through this year," he said.

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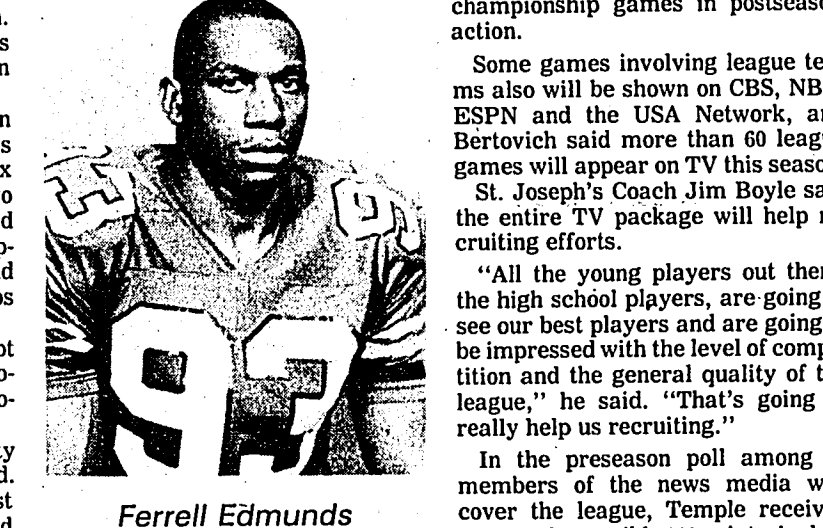
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Last weekend the Terps lost for the fourth time in five weeks and a weakened offense didn't make things any easier against North Carolina.

Maryland managed to score often in the 23-30 final-second loss, but did so without the backup duo of Alvin Blount and Tommy Neal. Between them they've gained 770 yards, making things tough for opposing defenses. Blount is expected to start tomorrow, but Neal's status is questionable.

"We've had some things that have gone wrong, the toughest one being injuries," Ross said. "I'm not going to cry over all that, though."



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playing with a lot of confidence.

"They're an extremely well coached and disciplined type of football team. Looking at the two deepest most of them are seniors and there's nobody under a junior listed — that's a healthy type of situation."

It's also the exact opposite of Ross' team, but the veteran coach isn't conceding anything to the Lions.

"I think we've got to play two good halves," he said. "We've played some very good halves as a team, but never two in one game."

"I'm just hopeful we can stay healthy. We don't have to play a perfect game — you never do — but we can't make mistakes in critical areas."

"I think there has been a difficulty with continuity," Henning said. "We've had guys in and out. Last week was the first time we've started the same offensive line two weeks in a row all year."

Ross has characterized the Terps' defense as "up and down" this season as injuries have again taken their toll. The team's been without the services of lineman Bruce Messer and halfback Kees Covington, O'Brien Alston (linebacker) and Irvin Smith (defensive back) missed last week's game as well.

"To stop a Lion attack that has been blowing out their opponents, the Terrapin defense will have to be in peak form. Ross knows it will take a lot to defeat the No. 2 Lions."

"I'm expecting to see a great football team," he said. "There's not one weakness you can see. They have good size, speed, depth and they're

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