Spinks, Cooney ready to fight

AP Boxing Writer

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. - Michael "Nobody else I've ever seen fights know what it feels to get hit by a real weighed 200 and 205 pounds, respec-

the finest heavyweight tradition. Tonight, they will match their "Effectiveness is the only thing title bid June 11, 1982, then lost the challenged Holmes.

appears to floundering about the ring es," Spinks said. on a street of row houses.

Spinks brings his personal brand of that's how I win, making an opponent sion in a rematch April 19, 1986. finesse to the fight game.' At times he miss and capitalizing on his mistak- "If Cooney fights him like he fought But even New Jersey isn't recognizlike a drunk looking for the right door One mistake against the physically said. So far, he's always found the right Spinks makes in the fight.

and becoming both a light heavy- Cooney, who has scored 24 knockouts weighed in yesterday at 238 pounds. weight and heavyweight champion. in winning 28 of 29 pro fights. "He'll Spinks weighed 208% pounds. Spinks Spinks is a boxer, but not one in the like Michael fights," said Eddie heavyweight." Futch, Spinks' veteran trainer, "but "Cooney's too big," said Larry and he weighed 201 when he defended

styles — and their wills — in a sched- that matters with Michael. He isn't a International Boxing Federation title Promoter Butch Lewis is billing the uled 15-round fight at Convention classic boxer, but he is a fine boxer." to Spinks on a decision Sept. 21, 1985. match at the about 16,500-seat arena "I pride myself in defense ... Spinks beat Holmes on a split deci- as being for the heavyweight

second.

tages of 41/2 inches in height and five

Gerry Cooney is a power puncher in Michael knows what he's doing every Holmes, who stopped Cooney in the the IBF title against Steffan Tan-

me, it won't go six rounds," Holmes ing it as a title match. Recognition is superior Cooney could be the last one The 6-foot-7 Cooney holds advan- sions in Florida and the District of

13th round of a World Boxing Council gstad. Cooney weighed 225 when he

coming only from boxing commis-

Michael Spinks

Schmidt

slams his

Phils win

By The Associated Press

inning game.

2000th hit,

MONTREAL - Mike Schmidt hit

three homers, drove in six runs and

collected his 2.000th career hit vester-

day, powering the Philadelphia Phil-

Schmidt tied Mel Ott for 13th place

on the all-time home run list with 511.

He tied his single-game career-high

with six RBI. Schmidt has hit three

home runs in a game two times and

once homered four times in an extra-

Schmidt hit a three-run homer in

the third inning against Montreal

starter Lary Sorensen, 3-3, for a 4-0

lead. He connected for a solo shot in

the sixth off reliever Curt Brown for

his 2,000th hit, the 153rd major-league

Schmidt hit a two-run homer, his

16th of the season, off Randy

Darren Daulton and Von Hayes

also homered in the Philadelphia

seventh. Don Carman, 4-5, got the

Cardinals 3, Cubs 2

ST. LOUIS - Danny Cox pitched

five-hit ball for eight and one-third

innings and the St. Louis Cardinals

beat the Chicago Cubs 3-2 for a sweep

St. Louis won its fourth straight

game and extended its lead in the

National League East to six games,

the Cardinals' largest margin since

they won the World Series in 1982. The

Cox, 7-3, beat Chicago for the fourth

time this season. Todd Worrell gave

up Manny Trillo's two-run single be-

fore getting his major league-leading

16th save. Scott Sanderson, 3-4, took

Reds 4, Braves 3 CINCINNATI - Dave Concep-

cion's two-out single off Gene Garber

in the eighth inning scored Barry

Larkin with the winning run in the Cincinnati Reds' 4-3 victory over the

Buddy Bell drew a leadoff walk

from Garber, 8-4, and Larkin came on

as a pinch runner. He moved to

second on Nick Esasky's sacrifice

bunt and scored on Concepcion's sin-

Atlanta Braves.

of their three-game series.

Cubs have lost four in a row.

St. Claire during a six-run seventh

laver to reach that mark.

that made it 11-1.

lies past the Montreal Expos 11-6.

Ron Hextall honored as all-rookie

By GEOFFREY HAYNES Associated Press Writer

DETROIT - The teachings of former Los Angeles star Marcel Dionne helped make three Kings players what they are today - members of the NHL all-rookie team.

Steve Duchesne, Jimmy Carson and rookie-of-the-year Luc Robitaille were named to the six-man team Friday, one day before a new set of potential NHL rookies are selected in the NHL entry draft.

home with Robitaille, was traded by the Kings late in the season to the New York Rangers. "He was kind of a dad, showing us stuff about professional life," Robitaille said. "He helped me, Jimmy

Dionne, who shared his California

by the Professional Hockey Writers Association were Philadelphia goaltender Ron Hextall, Vancouver Canucks right wing Jim Sandlak and St. Louis defenseman Brian Benning. "It's a good feeling to have three guys from the same team," said Robitaille, who led all rookies in scoring with 84 points. "I think it's

and Steve."

good for California. I think it's going to help hockey there." Also benefitting from Dionne's tutoring was Carson, a center drafted second in last year's NHL entry draft behind Joe Murphy, who spent the season with the Detroit Red Wings' American Hockey League affiliate in Glens Falls, N.Y.

Hextall, who won the Conn Smythe trophy as the most valuable player in the NHL playoffs, led all NHL goaltenders with 37 wins and finished the season with a 3.00 goals against aver-

Duchesne, 21, finished eighth in the NHL rookie scoring race with 38 points, while Sandlak had 15 goals and 21 assists for 26 points with Van-



Canadians lead draft

By KEN RAPPOPORT AP Hockey Writer

DETROIT — As expected, the Canadians led the way and the Americans brought up the rear in selections at the 25th NHL draft.

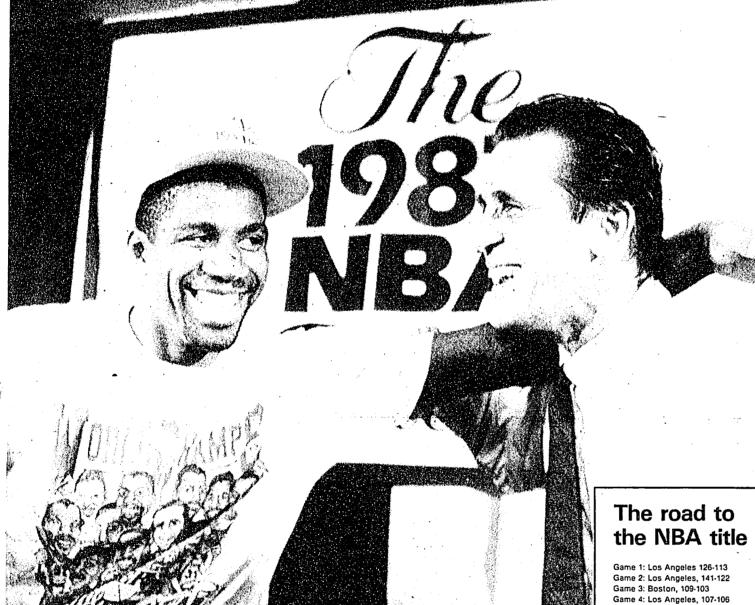
"I'm sure next year you'll see Americans back in the first round," said Dave Branch, commissioner of the Ontario Hockey League, which produced 35 players in Saturday's

draft at Joe Louis Arena. "It's a just a cyclical thing," Branch said, referring to the flood tide of Canadians taken in the early rounds, "After all, Canada isn't the only country that produces hockey

However, it seemed that way Saturday — at least in the early rounds of

Please see DRAFT, Page 12

World champs



Playoff MVP Magic Johnson and Coach Pat Riley are all smiles following the L.A. Lakers win over the Boston Celtics.

Lakers win title with 106-93 victory

AP Basketball Writer

Valuable Player for the third time. sparked a 30-12 third-quarter and the Los Angeles Lakers won their fourth NBA title since 1980 with a 106-93 victory over the Boston Cel-

Los Angeles won the A return to the Forum was just

the tonic for the Lakers, who lost two of three games at Boston Garden. Los Angeles took control when Johnson scored 12 of his 16 points in the third quarter after missing sev- By BILL BARNARD en of nine field-goal attempts in the AP Basketball Writer

The 6-foot-9 Johnson, who led the Lakers in scoring, rebounding and assists in the finals, also was playoff MVP when the Lakers won NBA decade. titles in his rookie season of 1980

title in 1985 behind MVP Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, beating the Celtics for the first time in nine title meet-

ings between the teams. Abdul-Jabbar had 32 points, 19 in the first half, and James Worthy broke out of a slump with 22 points. Johnson had six points and three assists as Los Angeles began the second half with an 18-2 spurt, turning a 56-51 halftime deficit into a 69-

At the end of the period, it was 81-Reston made only five of 19 field ical attempts in the quarter. The Lakers, who won all 10 of their home games in the playoffs, continued their dominance at the Forum over the Celtics, who lost

their last seven postseason games

33 points and Kevin McHale had 20. finals the next season. Larry Bird, a three-time regularseason MVP and twice the playoff playoff games this year, won their

The defeat was only third in 19 with 16, has more championships finals appearances for the Celtics, than any other NBA team. who became the 18th consecutive Trailing by 13 going into the was Boston in 1969. The Celtics scored 10 points in the first 61/2 ahead 10-4, with Worthy scoring on were only the fifth defending chamminutes as Boston pulled within 92-

MVP, was held to 16. He missed 10th NBA title and fifth since the nine of his first 12 shots from the franchise moved to Los Angeles

from Minneapolis in 1960. Boston, he leaped into Worthy's arms and The opening three minutes were like a replay of the first two games NBA champion to fail in an attempt fourth quarter, the Celtics got no at the Forum, which Boston lost 126to repeat. The last team to do so closer than 12. Dennis Johnson 113 and 141-122. The Lakers jumped

Unity and speed lift L.A. to the top

The Los Angeles Lakers' title season started with a trade that wasn't made and flourished with the continued excellence of Magic Johnson and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, as they won their fourth NBA championship in this

Los Angeles was stung by four consecutive defeats to the Houston Rockets in the 1986 Western Conference finals, a loss that convinced many that the Lakers didn't have enough size to contend for the title. They almost agreed to a trade with Dallas that would have brought small forward Mark Aguirre and 6-foot-11 rookie Roy Tarpley to Los Angeles for

Lakers Coach Pat Riley is happy that General Manager Jerry West vetoed the trade although Tarpley went on to become an All-NBA rookie "From a talent standpoint, Tarpley showed up better than anyone thought, but right now there isn't a better player in this league than James

Worthy," Riley said. "You don't let a guy like that go unless you know what you're going to get in return." In deciding to keep Worthy and move second-year pro A.C. Green into the starting lineup ahead of Kurt Rambis, a strong rebounder, Riley figured that the Lakers could win the title with speed and quickness. After producing the best record during the regular season (65-17) and playoff victories over Denver, Golden State, Seattle and Boston, Riley's

decision proved wise. Riley said there were three reasons why the Lakers won this season. "One, Kareem is still here to do it every night, Two, not making that trade kept the unit together. Three, Magic's development," Riley said. Abdul-Jabbar, despite his continued status as one of the NBA's best Laker James Worthy lifts team Please see SEASON, Page 12. mate Michael Cooper.

points during a 7-0 run that clinched The Lakers, who won 15 of 18

Game 5: Boston, 123-108 Game 6: Los Angeles, 106-93

game with two minutes remaining When Michael Cooper left the floor.

Rob Murphy, 4-2, pitched one perfect inning to earn the victory. John Franco, the fourth Cincinnati pitcher, closed the game for his 13th save. Mets 7, Pirates 3

PITTSBURGH - Darryl Strawberry hit a two-run home run, Keith Hernandez added a solo homer and a run-scoring double and Doug Sisk pitched 4 2-3 innings of scoreless relief as the New York Mets defeated the Pittsburgh Pirates 7-3. Sisk, 2-1, the Mets' third pitcher, earned the victory by checking the Pirates on two hits. Jesse Orosco pitched the ninth inning for the Mets.

SAN FRANCISCO - Left-hander Dave Dravecky pitched a five-hitter and Carmelo Martinez knocked in a pair of runs with a double and a homer in the San Diego Padres' 4-1 victory over the San Francisco Gi-

By winning the final three games of

a four-game series, the Padres won

Brian Fisher, 2-4, took the loss.

three in a row for the first time since Aug. 19-21, 1986. The Padres, who outscored the Giants 20-4 in the series, jumped on left-hander Mark Davis, 4-5, for two runs in the first inning. Stan Jefferson, just off the disabled list, led off with a walk, went to second on a wild pitch and reached third following a

Orioles 8, Blue Jays 5 BALTIMORE - The Baltimore Orioles used a familiar weapon to Please see BASEBALL, Page 10.

Snead victorious in

By BOB GREEN

HARRISON, N.Y. - J.C. Snead needed only a par 4 on the first hole of a sudden-death playoff yesterday to defeat scrambling Seve Ballesteros for the

Ballesteros, the dashing Spaniard who forced the playoff with a birdie on the 72nd hole, chopped up the playoff hole after driving deep into the rough. He required four shots to reach the green and never did hole out. The victory was the eighth of a 20-year career for Snead, a 45-year-old nephew of Hall of Famer Sam Snead, and his first since 1981.

Snead and Ballesteros completed the regulation 72 holes over the Westches ter Country Club course in 276, eight under par. Snead had a closing 70, one under par. Ballesteros, twice a Masters winner and holder of two British Open titles, struggled to a 72.

more than \$1 million in an 11-year career but still is seeking his first victory. Reid, three shots in front at the turn, backed away with bogeys on the 12th and 15th, where he could not reach the greens, and with a decisive double

said after a 4-over-par 75 dropped him back to 278, two shots out of the playoff. Roger Maltbie came on to take third with a par 71 that put him at 277. Reid was tied with Mike Donald and Morris Hatalsky, each of whom had a

Westchester Classic

AP Golf Writer

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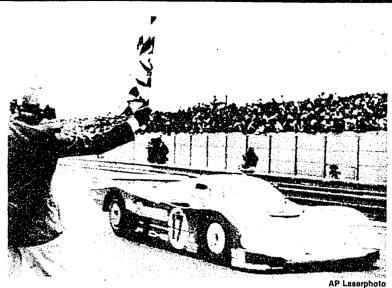
title in the Westchester Classic.

The triumph was worth \$108,000 from the total purse of \$600,000

Richmond, 32, took the lead for good on the 153rd lap of the 200-lap tour of the 2.5-mile tri-oval. His finish, eight car lengths ahead of Each benefited from the back-nine collapse of Mike Reid, who has earned Bill Elliott, was worth \$40,325. The winner spent most of the

bogey on the 16th, where he failed to get a little chip out of deep rough near the "I can't explain it to myself, so how can I explain it to anyone else," Reid

Fred Couples, with a 67, and Sandy Lyle of Scotland, with a 71, were next at



The winning Porsche 962 gets the checkered flag at the end of the 24-hour Le Mans endurance race yesterday.

·Le Mans Le Mans 24 Hours race yesterday. LE MANS, France — A Porsche The Porsche 962 driven by Stuck. clockwork," Richmond said. "It driven by defending champions Bell and Holbert led throughout the was just like the last four or six Hans-Joachim Stuck of West Ger- night and finished more than 168 months that I was out didn't hap- many, Derek Bell of Britain and miles ahead of the second-place American Al Holbert won the 55th car.

It was the second-largest winning margin in Le Mans history. Only a 217-mile victory in 1927 by a Bentley was larger.

The winning entry completed 354 laps over the 8.41-mile circuit, covering 2,977 miles at an average speed of more than 124 mph.

> Budweiser 200 PORTLAND, Ore. - Bobby Rahal, inheriting the lead after mechanical problems eliminated polewinner Roberto Guerrero and Emerson Fittipaldi, raced off to a runaway victory yesterday in the

Budweiser-GI Joe's 200 Indy-car The victory was the first of the season for Rahal in the CART-PPG Indy-car series, his ninth on a road

course and 15th of his career. It also was the third race the defending Indv-car champion has won in eight days. He took a round of the International Race of Champions on June 6 and, a day later, joined Jochen Mass of West Germany in winning an IMSA Camel

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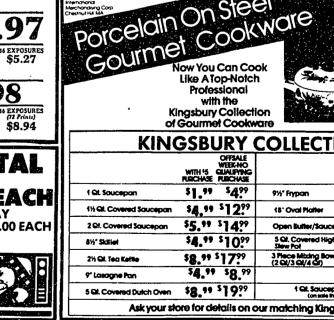


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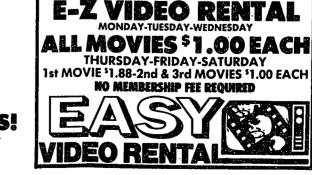
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