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Europeans are wimps

The rumor mill continues to churn out tales regarding the apparently late second period goal that stood up as the winner in Game 2 of the Winnipeg-Calgary series. Word is that Jets G.M. John Ferguson had warned the goal judge (83 year old R.A. Charles) to make sure anything close is a goal. That prompted CBC analyst Don Cherry to quip "Had to be one of them wimpy Europeans. Probably Inge Hammerstrom or Hannu Kampurri."

Out of Vancouver, the Canucks are continuing their search for defensive help and this week were trying to work out a deal with Tony Pena. "I hear he's got great defensive skills," says G.M. Mighty Quinn. "No one mentioned baseball to me."

Mark Messier of the Oilers has ironed out an endorsement deal with Macco Autobody for the next two years. "I expect Mark to use our services quite a bit in those couple of years; he has been one of our best customers," says Guido Sharp, Macco's Edmonton manager.

In a move to stamp out party-related problems, the N.H.L. will no longer allow businesses to distribute freebies to players and management. Glen Sather growled about the ruling: "If (Ken) Linselman was still here I might agree with it, but since he's gone I haven't seen a girl near the dressing room."

And it's not just the escort agencies that have the coaches concerned — no free suds either. "As a coach I have lots of free time. I enjoy drinking all the promo beer then," boasts Bob Johnson, Calgary coach. "Does this mean we have to return those Patty Stackers we got?" asked Chris Nilan of Montreal. "I'm willing to pay for mine."

Buffalo rearguard Lee Fogolin, who worked on some T.V. advertisements while in Edmonton, just finished shooting a series of commercials for Mr. Hairstyle. "They wanted somebody with a perfectly monotone voice and a great head of hair," said Fogey. "But they settled for me. They said I had the locks for the job, heh heh."

Paul McLean and Lanny McDonald have started a new youth awareness campaign which will air over the summer. It's called "Say NO To Facial Hair."

Shark shits as sharp shot sinks

Australian golfer Greg Norman has lost another major golf tournament on a miracle shot.

On the third playoff hole, the 178-yard 16th, Wang Chung Wokkingbank hit a hole-in-one after Norman dropped his tee shot five feet from the hole.

It was a \$160,000 shot for Wokkingbank, while Norman only got \$96,000 for yet another in a series of second place finishes.

It was the beginning of a bad week for Norman, who had his flight to Australia delayed for four hours due to a fake hijacking by an escaped member of a nearby mental institution.

When he finally got Down Under, his

The Hockey Night In Canada network announced yesterday that they have found a replacement for deposed host Dave Hodge. After scouring the country for a media personality with enough charm to be able to explain early exits from important games, and the right amount of sheer wit to perform as Don Cherry's straight man, mothercorp settled on Brent Kane of CJSR.

Kane, who has held the managerial reigns at CJSR for seemingly years, will begin working on the HNIC set when the second round of the playoffs begin on April 21st.

Said Hodge from his home in Vancouver, "It all seems so clear to me now. It's just like Quinn-gate — they were going to hire him all along. It's no wonder I was considered so expendable."

When one closely examines the scenario, Hodge's claims appear to be more than just sour grapes. Kane, 25, grew up in Los Angeles, where as a mere tot of two years he could be seen talking into his soother as if it were a microphone and interviewing the other children. After years of training he finally reached the pinnacle of North American broadcasting as Station Manager of CJSR, the campus radio station at the University of Alberta.

"How can I compete?" queries Hodge, himself a mere veteran of 15 years at HNIC. "I saw him on the news last night. They gave him my blue sports coat! My coat . . . I can't believe it."

When reached for comment, Kane had little to say: "Who does that guy think he is anyways? Notre Dame?"

Dick Irvin, the long time HNIC play-by-play man who basically calls the shots around the set, welcomed a man of Kane's prestige and experience

luggage was actually sent to Melbourne, North Dakota, instead of Melbourne, Australia.

After getting that re-routed, his car broke down in the middle of the Outback where he had to spend the night among the crocodiles.

"I was so mad about that day that when these crocs came, they didn't know what hit them," Norman said.

After getting his car fixed, he took it to the car wash, which broke down trapping his car inside.

"This day has been more frustrating than going shark fishing," a distraught Norman was heard saying.

CJSR magnate goes to HNIC for Hodge

Former Heavyweight Louis to attempt comeback against current holder Mike Tyson next month in Las Vegas parking lot bout

Right Bitter News Service

Former world heavyweight champion Joe Louis will come out of retirement and the grave to take on current WBC heavyweight champion Mike Tyson next month.

At a late night press seance Louis revealed his reasons why he wanted to retake the heavyweight title. "What with Leonard beating Hagler and George Foreman making a comeback, I think I can be just as successful," Louis said through a seer.

"I don't have to worry about dying in the ring, at least."

"Everyone says he looks like me, fights like me," Louis said. "I'll hit him so hard that he'll be visiting me to learn about boxing."

Also on hand at the seance was his trainer Apollo Creed. "I've been whippin' him into shape just the way I did for Rocky Balboa when he fought Clubber Lang," said Creed, who is planning a comeback of his own.

"If I don't succeed with my comeback or with training Joe," Creed said, "I'll probably get into Shakespearean acting or something like that."

Louis also commented that he has been working for two years towards a successful return to the ring. "There's no shortage of stiff here for sparring partners," Louis said, adding that John L. Sullivan, Jack Dempsey, and Gentleman Jim Corbett would all be in his entourage at ringside.

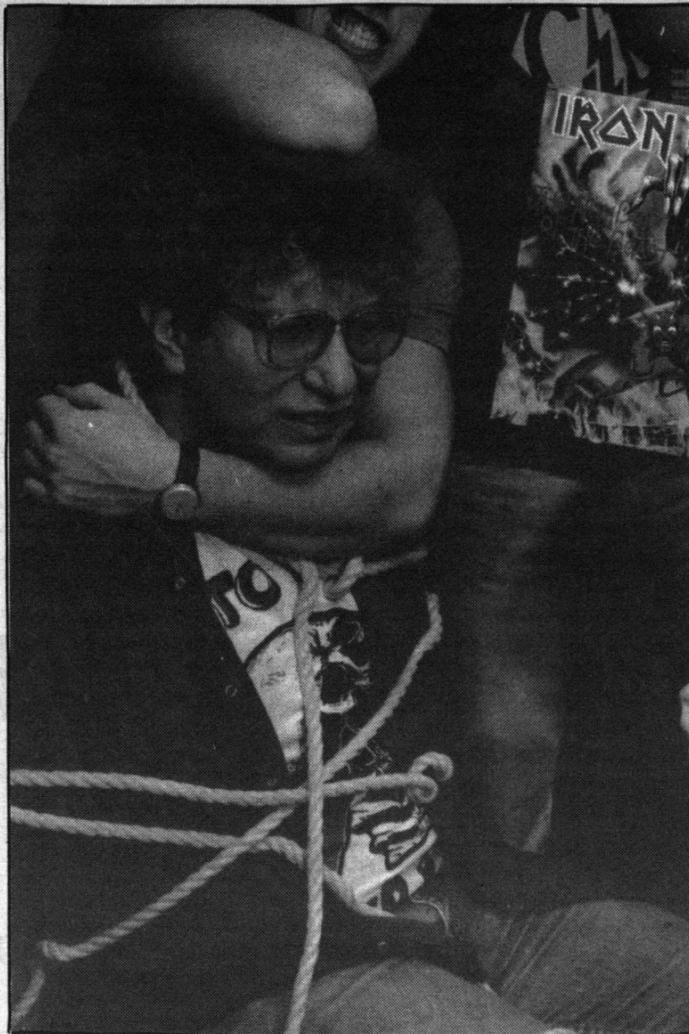
Although he was probably the greatest heavyweight champion ever, there are some detractors who think that the Brown Bomber is foolish.

"I think he will be a ghost of his former self," said NBC fight analyst Dr. Ferdie Pacheco.

When contacted, the Tyson camp was skeptical of Louis' chances, but did confirm the fight. "Yes, Mike Tyson will take him on," said manager Imere Fordamone. "It could give a whole new meaning to the term shadow-boxing."

Tyson was cool about the whole thing. "It should be a close fight," he said. "He may be old, but he can't get much slower than Boncrusher Smith was in my last fight."

The fight will take place next month in the parking lot of Caesar's Palace.



Kane got out of this hold . . . from the outhouse to the penthouse in one year

to the set. "We'll be the best team since Don Witman and Scotty Bowman," he said. "Grapes will be so happy. Who

knows, maybe there's some way we can get 1070 Gold to help us out. You know, maybe exclusive radio rights or something!"

The Scores

(Read 'em here — they aren't inside)

Hockey

Edmonton at Los Angeles (night game)
Toronto 2 St. Louis 2 - 3rd period
Muskegon 6 Baltimore 5
Peoria 8 Milwaukee 2
Helsinki IFK 7 AIK Solna 4
Jokerit 17 Kokkudo 0

Full Field Hockey Scores

Baseball

Mudhens 12 Expos 0
Seibu Lions 6 Yakult Swallows 3
Portland Beavers 9 USC Game Cocks 5 (exhibition[ist])
Pawtucket 7 Maine Guides 1
Al Campanis vs Satchel Paige All Stars (postponed - riot)

Stickball Scores D3

They might have said it:

"If I lose another Major tournament to some clown on a B.S. chip shot from 20 yards away, I'm gonna beat the hell out of him." — Greg Norman, Saturday.



Obscure logos. D4

Inside

Whoops! The Football Bears, after signing the contract with Husky Oil to give away 5000 tickets per game, find themselves back at Varsity Field after a deal for Clarke Stadium has fallen through. D3

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