

Sentencing reserved for March 6

Jury believes Tyson's accuser

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb 11: Boxer Mike Tyson was found guilty Monday of raping a Miss Black America contestant who said he lured her to his hotel room and overpowered her, reports AP.

Tyson faces a maximum prison sentence of 60 years when he's sentenced March 6. He was allowed to remain free on \$30,000 bond.

The conviction threatens to end the rags-to-riches career of one of the most prominent athletes of his generation. Tyson was the youngest heavyweight champion ever, and had been planning a comeback this spring.

Tyson, 25, sat staring straight ahead impassively as the verdict was read. He was found guilty of all the charges he faced — one count of rape and two counts of criminal deviate conduct.

Tyson and his promoter, Don King, left the courthouse without commenting.

"It's clear that when a one-on-one crime results in conviction, it's always a victory in a sense," said prosecutor Greg Garrison. "However, we don't

want to make it bigger than it is." The teenage victim was not in the courtroom when the verdict was returned.

Asked what his most effective evidence was, Garrison said, "That beautiful 18-year-old kid with a pure heart. She's a young person with a lot of courage."

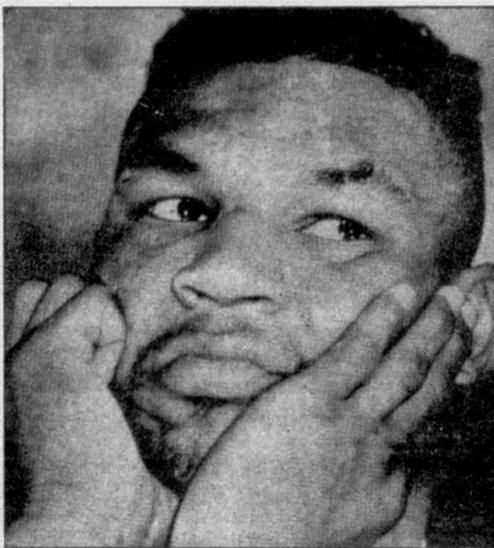
The jury deliberated nine hours Monday after nine days of testimony that featured nearly 50 witnesses.

Tyson, whose stormy relations with women have been the stuff of tabloid headlines for years, offered an unusual defence — that he was a crude womanizer whose accuser must have known he wanted sex.

He maintained that he was blunt about his desires from the outset, and that they had sex with her consent.

"I didn't violate her in any way," he testified. "She never told me to stop, or I was hurting her, nothing."

His accuser testified that the boxer had overpowered her in his hotel room, pinned her on a bed with his forearm, stripped her, raped her and laughed while she cried in pain and begged him to stop.



MIKE TYSON ... ponders the future

"I said, 'Please, you're hurting me! Please, stop!' And he started laughing, like it was a game," she said.

The incident took place last July 19 before the Miss Black America pageant in Indianapolis.

Besides the accuser, crucial prosecution witnesses included an emergency room doctor who said the woman suffered injuries consistent with rape, and a chauffeur who said the woman appeared scared and shaken when she emerged from Tyson's hotel.

Eleven pageant contestants testified for the defence, which ironically sought to portray Tyson as lewd and obsessed with sex. Many described Tyson's use of crude, sexually explicit language.

The woman said she met Tyson at a pageant rehearsal. Later, he called from his rented limousine and asked her to go sightseeing, she said.

Tyson said the two kissed in the car, but his accuser said she rebuffed his advances. She said they stopped at Tyson's hotel presumably so he could make a phone call or pick up his bodyguard. She said they were watching television and talking casually when Tyson

CHRONOLOGY OF A RAPE

A brief chronology of former heavyweight champ Mike Tyson's rape case: 1991: — July 18. Tyson meets Miss Black America contestant at pageant rehearsal. — July 19. Tyson and woman go to the boxer's hotel room in the early morning hours. — July 20. The woman calls the 911 emergency phone number and says she was raped by a celebrity. — July 22. Woman files a complaint with police alleging Tyson raped her. — Sept 9. Grand jury returns four-count indictment after hearing 36 witnesses. — Sept 11. Tyson booked and released on \$30,000 cash bond. 1992: — Jan 21. Judge denies motion to delay trial. — Jan 27. Trial begins with jury selection in Marion Superior Court. — Jan 30-31. Tyson's accuser testifies. — Feb 4. Prosecution rests its case. — Feb 7-8. Tyson testifies. — Feb 9. Defence rests its case. — Feb 10. Attorneys give closing arguments, case goes to jury. Tyson found guilty.

Holyfield has no regrets

PATERSON, N. J., Feb 11: Evander Holyfield will have no regrets if he and Mike Tyson never meet in the ring, the heavyweight champion's promoter said Monday night, reports AP.

Dan Duva said moments after Tyson was convicted of raping a Miss Black America contestant on July 19 that the champion probably will fight Riddick Bowe, Larry Holmes or George Foreman in May or June.

The verdict "just means that Mike Tyson's fans won't be able to see him fight for a while," Duva said.

Holyfield and Tyson were scheduled to fight last November, but that bout was canceled due to Tyson's rib injury and was not rescheduled before Tyson's trial began on Jan. 27.

Tyson was convicted two years to the day that he lost the heavyweight championship to James "Buster" Douglas. Holyfield took the title by beating Douglas on Oct. 25, 1990.

IBF orders rematch

EAST ORANGE, New Jersey, Feb 11: The International Boxing Federation (IBF) on Monday ordered a rematch between champion James Toney and Dave Tiberti within 90 days due to the disparity of scoring in Saturday's middleweight title bout, reports Reuter.

Toney won a controversial 12-round split decision over Tiberti in Atlantic City on Saturday to retain his title. Tiberti had contacted IBF Championship chairman Bill Brennan to discuss a rematch.

Retzsova claims biathlon gold

LES SAISIES, France, Feb 11: Anfissa Retzsova of the Unified Team won the first Olympic medal awarded to women biathlon competitors by capturing the 7.5-kilometer race Tuesday, reports AP.

Antie Misersky of Germany took the silver medal, while the bronze went to Elena Belova, also of the Unified Team of former Soviet athletes.

This was the first time the women's biathlon — which combines shooting with cross country skiing — was a medal event at the Winter Games.

Retzsova missed three shooting targets, but overcame the penalty loops with her superior cross country skills, winning in 24 minutes, 29.2 seconds. Misersky, who had two penalty loops, finished in 24:45.1, while Belova, also with two penalty loops, finished in 24:50.8.

Italian men finish 1-2

VAL D'ISERE, France, Feb 11: Josef Polig led a 1-2 Italian finish in the men's Alpine combined event Tuesday, giving his nation its first medals of the 1992 Winter Olympics, reports AP.

Italy gained from falls by four of the top favourites in this event, which combined a downhill one day with a slalom the next. They included defending champion Hubert Strolz of Austria.

Marc Girardelli of Luxembourg and Guenther Mader of Austria fell in the downhill on Monday, opening the way for Strolz and Paul Accola of Switzerland.

But Accola, the World Cup overall leader, fell in the first run of the slalom, had to re-climb the hill to get around the gates he missed, and finished way out of the race.

And Strolz, who had the fastest time in the first slalom run and was the overall leader going into the afternoon heat, fell about five gates from the bottom and did not finish.

That left the way open for Polig, who was sixth in the downhill and finished fifth in the slalom with a two-run time of 1 minute, 42/16 seconds. His combined points from the two results were 14.58, just ahead of the 14.90 for countryman Gianfranco Martin.

"I could not believe my eyes when Strolz dropped out," Polig said. "He made me a great gift. It was like winning the lottery."

Martin was seventh in the slalom with a time of 1:42.76 after a second-place finish in the downhill on Monday. The bronze medal went to Steve Locher, giving Switzerland its first medal of the Games. Locher was second in the slalom in 1:41.44 after placing 12th in the downhill.

A day of hattricks

Murad and Md Sadek scored the fourth and fifth hat-tricks in this year's Green Delta First Division hockey league to help earn easy victories for Sadharan Bima Krira Sangstha and Ajax Sports Club respectively at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

In the more exciting second match of the day title-aspirants and former champions Ajax SC rallied from being a goal down to swamp Bangladesh Railway Sporting Club 5-1.

German doping expert rallies to Krabbe & Co's support

COLOGNE, Germany, Feb 11: A leading German doping expert has leapt to the defence of sprint queen Katrin Krabbe and her colleagues Silke Moller and Grit Bruer, who are accused of trying to cheat on drug tests, reports AFP.

In Tuesday's edition of the daily newspaper Cologne Express, Dieter Baron, former head of the German Athletic Federation Anti-doping Commission, dismisses speculation that the trio or other members of the team "planted" identical samples to escape detection.

"The samples only appear to be identical," he claims. "We know from experience several people can produce urine samples that are very similar if they have been eating and drinking the same things over recent days and if the samples have been stored under the same conditions."



KATRIN KRABBE

He added: "The accusations of doping against Krabbe and her two colleagues have not been proven and there is nothing that has come to light so far which leads me to sus-

pect an attempt at trickery. As far as I am concerned, she is innocent."

Krabbe, 22, the 100m and 200m world champion in Tokyo last year, protested the trio's innocence on Sunday and said none of them had tried to cheat on a random dope test carried out in South Africa, where they were training.

But Professor Manfred Dornike, who carried out the second test at his specialist Cologne laboratory, confirmed that although no trace of illegal substances had been found in any of the three samples, they all came from "one and the same person."

He was, however, unable to state which of the three had provided the sample.

Under IOC rules, anyone trying to tamper with dope tests is liable to the same four-year suspension as an athlete found to have taken proscribed substances.

Bubka hopes to break own world record

OSAKA, Japan, Feb 11: Sergey Bubka of Ukraine is expected to break his own world pole vault record of 6.12 metres by one centimetre at the International Indoor Track and Field Osaka meet here Tuesday, reports AFP.

"My aim tomorrow is to break the record by one centimetre, as usual," said Bubka, who has rewritten the world record 28 times, half of them indoors.

The 28-year-old, also the outdoor record holder of 6.10m, spearheads 167 athletes from 11 countries competing in 20 events at the Osaka Jo Castle Hall.

The hottest athlete to join is Heike Henkel of Germany, who set a new high jump record of 2.07m Saturday at the German indoor championships in Karlsruhe, breaking previous holder Bulgarian stika Kostadinova's 2.06m.

"I'm not in the best condition, because I'm tired after along trip" said Henkel, the gold medalist at the World Championships last year, who just arrived. "I take a rest today and I'll do my best tomorrow."

Meanwhile, Kostadinova warned, "Of course, I'll try to break her record as I'm in good shape."

Kostadinova, who established an outdoor record of 2.09m at the 1987 World Championships in Rome, came back to the sport last may after a two-year-break due to a knee injury.

Heike Drechsler of Germany. Conley, who set 17.76m in 1987, is expected to win the triple jump gold easily, while Sotomayor, who has a record of 2.43m in 1989, competes against Hollis Conway of the United States in high jump.

Drechsler, former East Germany with a record of 7.37m takes on American Julie Bright, Satomi Kawazu of Japan and her compatriot Sabine Braun in the long jump.

Other world indoor record holders to compete are Mike Conley of the United States, Javier Sotomayor of Cuba and

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Table with crossword clues: ACROSS 1 Excitement, 4 Road goo, 7 Radiate health, 11 Mary's pet, 13 Anagram of doe, 14 Kentucky Derby, for one, 15 Soviet sea, 16 Buddy, 17 Minced oath, 18 Play a guitar, 20 "A miss is as good as a...", 22 Dawn goddess, 24 Venetian waterways, 28 Throb, 32 Plumbed bird, 33 Israeli port, 34 Strong urge, 36 Split, 37 Home of Saul's witch, 39 Cosmetics base, 41 Scamp. DOWN 1 Woe is me!, 2 Pub missile, 3 Actor Sharif, 4 Spinner, 5 Early gardener?, 6 Souvenir, 7 Vegetable dealers, 8 Fall behind, 9 Wood sorrel, 10 Tie the knot, 12 Pedantic woman, 19 Extinct bird, 21 New Guinea town, 23 Pig's place, 25 Seed coat, 26 Son of Jacob, 27 British gun, 28 Earl or baron, 29 Forearm bone, 30 Young boys, 31 Slippery one, 35 Siesta, 38 Operated, 40 Seize suddenly, 42 Soda bottle size, often, 45 Mediterranean seaport, 47 Sharpen, 48 Word from the faithful, 49 "A friend in...", 50 Mushroom part, 51 Zsa Zsa's sis, 52 Actor John, 54 Criticize sharply.

Grid for crossword puzzle with letters filled in: SUNDAY EUGENE, PAROLE AMORAL, IRE LOLS MMI, TEAR NOT MEET, EDDIE WHEEDLE, ARB YAM, WRINGER ROMPS, REST DAW SEEM, ISO ISHAM ROT, TOBAGO RECEPT, ERASER ENISLE, TRITE SUITE.

Grid for crossword puzzle with numbers 1-61 indicating clue positions.

CRYPTOQUIP

CEDSI-NGVEYH PKUWKAED EN G VWXTGKPGXS CGPAWD HGQH, "PA HWDUWH QEY DPJTA."

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN SHORT SKIRTS WENT OUT OF FASHION, ONLOOKERS THOUGHT IT WAS A GREAT LETDOWN.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: Q equals Y

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

A TORMENTED TALENT

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb 11: Mike Tyson's head jolted backward as though he'd been hit with a stiff jab. It was not a punch that caused the reaction Monday night, but a guilty verdict.

The former heavyweight champion, at 25 one of the biggest boxing figures of all time, was convicted of raping an 18-year-old Miss Black America contestant on July 19 in Indianapolis, reports AP.

Except for the quick jolt, Tyson showed no emotion as the verdicts were read and left the courtroom without comment.

Tyson lost the title to Buster Douglas on Feb 11, 1990 — nearly two years to the day of his conviction. It seems his life has come full circle.

It was as a 13-year-old inmate at a New York State correctional facility for boys that Tyson took up boxing.

An instructor there brought Tyson to boxing guru Cus D'Amato, who had guided Floyd Patterson to the heavyweight championship and Jose Torres to the light heavyweight title.

Tyson, an orphan who grew up shy and tough in the gritty Bedford-Stuyvesant and Brownsville sections of Brooklyn, moved into the Catskill, N. Y., home of D'Amato and Camille Ewald. D'Amato became Tyson's legal guardian in 1984, a year before he died.

Tyson refers to Ewald, now 81, as his mother. She attended the trial, holding Tyson's hand before the scenes began.

Under the tutelage of D'Amato and the management of Jim Jacobs and Bill Cayton, Tyson burst upon the pro boxing scene in 1985.

He won a piece of the title at age 20 in 1986, becoming the youngest heavyweight champion ever, by knocking out Trevor Berbick in the second round. The next year, he won the undisputed title.

Jacobs died in 1988 and Tyson broke with Cayton, moving into promoter Don King's camp.

While Tyson's celebrity grew, so did his notoriety. There was his violent, eight-month marriage to actress Robin Givens. When the tabloid headlines — over her profligate spending, his violent outburst — got to be too much, the couple went on national TV and American watched Tyson sit quietly by as Givens described him as a manic depressive who made her life hell.

About that time, he ran into a tree with his sport car in the driveway of the house in Catskill and knocked his himself unconscious.

Tyson was 37-0 going into the fight against Douglas. Now 41-1, he had planned to challenge Evander Holyfield in a bid to regain the heavyweight crown.

Nothing in boxing regulations would automatically bar Tyson from fighting while free on appeal or after completing his sentence, but boxing's governing bodies and state boxing commissions could refuse to sanction a match. And no promoter would undertake such a fight under those circumstances. Some promoters also might shy away, because of bad publicity or fear of protests by women's and victims' rights groups.

Tyson still faces numerous lawsuits, including several filed by women who claim he assaulted them.

Taylor picks rookie Jones in squad of 30

LONDON, Feb 11: Rob Jones, the Liverpool defender who started the season in the English Fourth Division with Crewe, has a real chance of breaking into the England side for the European Championships finals in Sweden this summer, reports AP.

Jones, 20, was a surprise inclusion in a list of 30 names announced on Monday for England's Senior and B international squads against France next week, testimony to the fact that he has adapted so quickly to life at the top.

He is one of eight uncapped players in the single squad announced by manager Graham Taylor, from which he will choose teams to face France in a A B international at Loftus Road next Tuesday and the senior clash at Wembley 24 hours later.

The others are Manchester City goalkeeper Tony Cotton and club colleague Keith Curle, Everton defender Martin Keown, Sheffield Wednesday's Carlton Palmer, Paul Ince of Manchester United and Southampton's exciting dual strikeforce Alan Shearer and Matthew Le Tissier.

And Taylor made it clear all eight have a strong chance of forcing their way into the full squad for Sweden.

He said: "I feel it is important to introduce a squad situation now and I intend to keep it going until Sweden. The players for the B and full matches will stay and train together. I don't want to separate people at this point."

He added: "We can't wait until we reach Sweden to see people — we have got to have a look at them now."

Taylor confessed he was surprised by the speed with which Jones has come to terms with the demands of First Division and European football with Liverpool — a rise reminiscent of two other former Crewe players, midfielder David Platt and Geoff Thomas.

He said: "Rob has come out of nowhere and done excep-

tionally well this season. The maturity he has shown has been very surprising."

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Apart from the 30-man squad, there are six other players, currently unavailable, who will be considered when Taylor finally sits down and sorts his party for Sweden.

The other are Liverpool pair John Barnes and Michael Mabbutt and David Roadster of Arsenal, both currently out of their club sides through injuries.

He added: "Tottenham manager Peter Shaveas has assured me he sees no problems with Mabbutt's availability and George Graham of Arsenal was happy for me to include Roadster, on the understanding he would be withdrawn if he is not fit to play for Arsenal on Saturday."

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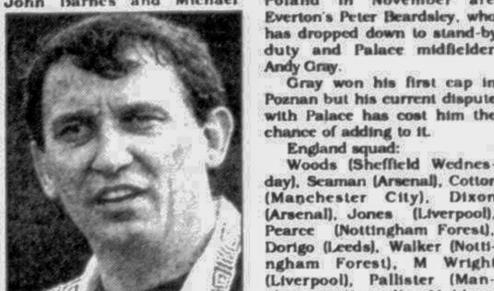
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