



Former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson, flanked by his bodyguards and promoter Don King (R), leaves the Indiana Youth Centre yesterday after serving a three-year sentence for rape. — AFP photo

Koeman to leave Barcelona

BARCELONA, Mar 25: Barcelona's Dutch star Ronald Koeman announced here Friday that he was quitting the club at the end of the season to return home to Holland, reports AFP.

Cantona on TV

LONDON, Mar 25: French soccer star Eric Cantona, sentenced to two weeks jail for attacking a fan at a recent match, appears on Friday in a British television commercial denouncing violence in sport, reports Reuter.

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Tyson released from jail

PLAINFIELD, Ind., Mar 25: Mike Tyson left prison Saturday with a chance to resume his multimillion-dollar boxing career after serving three years on a rape conviction, reports AP.

Laumann's doc responsible, says IOC official

LUSANNE, Mar 25: Tough sanctions should be taken against the doctor who supplied the medicine to Canadian rower Silken Laumann which ended with her and her winning teammates being stripped of their quadruple sculls gold at the Pan American Games, said a senior International Olympic Committee (IOC) official here Friday, reports AFP.

Chronology of Tyson's Career

- NEW YORK, Mar 25 (Reuter): The following is a chronology of some of the key events in the life of Mike Tyson, who is to be freed on Saturday after serving three years in jail for rape:
1978: Arrested for purse snatching as a 12-year-old in Brooklyn.
1982: Expelled from high school after various incidents.
1985: Begins professional career with first-round knockout of Hector Mercedes.
1986: At 20, becomes youngest ever heavyweight champion by knocking out Trevor Berbick in second round to win WBC title.
1987: Wins WBA heavyweight title with a unanimous decision over James "Bonecrusher" Smith. Charged with assault after allegedly hitting parking attendant who said he attempted to intervene when Tyson tried to kiss woman employee. Settled out of court.
Becomes undisputed heavyweight champion with decision over IBF title-holder Tony Tucker.
1988: Marries actress Robin Givens.
Givens and her mother demand access to Tyson's money for a down payment on a 4.5 million dollar New Jersey home.
Givens and family accuse Tyson of violence.
Sues manager Bill Cayton to break their contract, settled out of court.
Hires business Mogul Donald Trump as his financial advisor.
Breaks right hand in an early morning street brawl with former opponent Mitch Green.
Knocked unconscious after driving his car into tree in driveway of home of former mentor Cus D'Amato.
Tyson sits passively alongside Givens as she tells national television audience he is manic depressive and that their marriage has been hellish.
Police called to Tyson's home after he throws furniture out the window and forces Givens and her mother to flee house.
Givens sues for divorce. Tyson counter sues.
Tyson gets bill for two million dollar from advisor Donald Trump. Tyson becomes partners with promoter Don King.
Givens seeks libel damages of 125 million dollars against Tyson over newspaper story.
Tyson sues Bill Cayton again.
Tyson is sued for 92,000 dollar by Manhattan Fuurrier who claims money is payment for Sabele coat bought for Givens's mother.
Sandra Miller sues Tyson for allegedly grabbing her, insulting her and propositioning her in New York nightclub.
Lori Davis sues Tyson for allegedly grabbing her buttocks while she was dancing at same nightclub on same night as Miller incident.
1989: Tyson and Givens granted divorce in Dominican Republic.
Givens withdraws 125 million dollar libel suit.
Accused of slapping parking attendant outside Los Angeles nightclub. Charges later dropped.
Fined 300 dollars and sentenced to community service for speeding.
1990: Knocked out by James "buster" Douglas in 10th round in Tokyo to lose world heavyweight title in one of biggest upsets in boxing history.
Sued by Phyllis Polaner, former aide to Givens, for sexual assault and harassment.
New York City civil jury finds Tyson committed battery in Sandra Miller case. Miller awarded 100 dollars in damages, on grounds that Tyson's behaviour was "not outrageous."
1991: Admits paternity of eight-month-old girl born to Kimberly Scarborough.
Takes 18-year-old Miss Black America contestant Desiree Washington to his hotel room in early hours of morning.
Washington files police complaint charging Tyson with rape.
Indicted by Indianapolis special grand jury on rape and three other charges.
Natalie Fears files 12 million dollars paternity and paternity lawsuit against Tyson.
1992: Blood test shows Tyson is not father of Natalie Fears's son.
Convicted on rape and other charges, jailed for six years.
1993: Says he is converting to Islam and contemplating name change.
Fails high school diploma examination which would have shortened his sentence.
1995: Indianapolis court agrees to early release date of March 25.

Nat'l schools TT results

Narail and Gaibandha emerged champions in the boys' and girls' team finals of the Green Delta National school table tennis tournament at the NSC wooden floor gymnasium yesterday, reports UNB.

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He refused to be drafted for the Vietnam war, citing his religion. He was stripped of his title and lost three crucial years of his career while he battled the government in court.

Ali in his prime, was outrageous, outspoken and seemed out of control as he assaulted the senses of many people in the early 1960s in an America still very uncomfortable with public displays of immodesty, particularly from a black man.

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words. Includes a solution key at the bottom.

CRYPTOQUIP puzzle with a grid of letters and a key for deciphering the message. The message is: "Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I WAS A WAR BRIDE. RIGHT AFTER THE WEDDING WE BEGAN FIGHTING. Today's Cryptoquip clue: S equals N. 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."