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PRINCE ALBERT

Hockey still in the plans for Harper despite approaching changes in life

Former Prince Albert Raider Warren Harper is going to experience some changes in his life in the near future and the Prince Albert native is hoping hockey remains a major part of his lifestyle.

Harper, who has played four years of professional hockey with Rochester Americans and last season with Adirondack Red Wings of the American Hockey League, will become a father for the first time with his wife Monica due in early November.

"I am really excited about that," said Harper during a break in the Special Olympic Summer Games competitions earlier this month at Prime Ministers' Park. "That kind of changes my outlook on hockey too. There will be a lot more responsibility."

Harper made the move to Adirondack last fall after Rochester captured the Calder Cup the year before. Adirondack is the farm team for the NHL's Detroit Red Wings and Harper felt his chances of making the Red Wings were better than those of catching on with the Buffalo Sabres, Rochester's parent club.

Despite another productive season in the minors in which Harper finished fourth in team scoring with 25 goals and 35 assists, the chance to make the big time did not materialize.

"I had another good year, but it's the same old story. They classify me as a minor-league player," said Harper. "I've never really got a shot at the NHL, but I have come to accept that now and I think I'll give it a couple of more years and then hang them up."

So, Harper's options become even smaller. He explained that the Toronto Maple Leafs have expressed an interest and Finland is also an option. But, with the purchase of a new home in Prince Albert it is likely that Harper will settle here in a few years and become a regular citizen once again.

"I'm at the stage of my career where I have to look at the financial situation," said Harper.



FORMER PRINCE ALBERT RAIDER WARREN HARPER ...presents gift to Zone 4 Special Olympian Mary Ann Uschyshyn.

"I am not only thinking of money, but at this point of my career, that has to come into it.

"I can't jump around from team to team any more," he continued. "If I do sign I would like it to be for two years for more stability."

"I have been thinking more about life after hockey and I have been considering getting into something along the lines of the police force. I don't think I could

go back to school. I still like the game. It has been good to me and I wouldn't change anything. I don't think the enthusiasm is there like it was the first year, but I would still like to play one or two more years."

And, with luck, perhaps those years could be spent patrolling the wing for an NHL club — even if it is the Leafs.

KNOCKOUT IN 91 SECONDS

Tyson cements with dispatch

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — The fight with Michael Spinks was over with frightening ease. Mike Tyson's fight with his detractors goes on.

Tyson, casting aside his personal problems, needed only 91 seconds to dispose of Spinks on Monday night and retain his undisputed heavyweight championship in a bout that helped cement his stature as the top fighter of his time.

Afterward, he alternated between the ecstasy of a win and the bitterness of a man who feels he has been wronged, blasting reporters who had questioned whether the personal turmoil in his life would affect his performance in the ring.

"After this fight I wasn't really appreciative of what you reporters did to me," Tyson said after ending boxing's richest fight by putting Spinks down twice in the first round.

"You try to embarrass me, you try to embarrass my family, you try to disgrace us."

Tyson, who turns 22 Thursday, then hinted at retirement, saying: "As far as I know, this may be my last fight."

But few believe he will quit, considering the tens of millions of dollars he can earn.

With Spinks trying to stand and trade punches with the heavyweight champion, Tyson knocked the challenger down a minute into the fight, then finished him with a left-right combination that left Spinks sprawled on his back beneath the ropes.

"When I came into the ring and looked at him, I saw the fear and I knew it would be a first-round knockout," Tyson said.

Tyson landed only eight punches in the brief fight, but from the time the first left hook found its intended mark in Spinks's chin, the fight was as good as over. Spinks threw 10 punches, landing just two.

"The first punch I threw, he wobbled a bit," said Tyson. "Right



MIKE TYSON

there, I knew I had him."

Spinks, who had never knocked down in a professional career that spanned 11 years, to make it a fight.

He went to Tyson and threw an overhand right, but champion responded with a right hand that crashed into Spinks's left temple.

Tyson followed with a three-punch combination that sent Spinks ward into the ropes. Spinks bobbed off the ropes and crossed part of the ring where Tyson landed a left head and a right to the chest that left the challenger down.

Spinks was up at the count of one, and, after taking the mandatory eight-count, went right back to Tyson.

As Spinks tried to throw a right hand, Tyson crashed a short uppercut that put Spinks down for the count.

"I thought I would exchange hands with him and catch coming in," Spinks said. "Instinctively, I shot my load and he stepped

Soviet tour set for NHL

NEW YORK (AP) — Two top teams from the Soviet Union will play 14 games in North America against NHL teams including Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary and Quebec in the 1988-89 season, the National Hockey League and the NHL Players Association announced Monday.

The Soviet teams will play Boston, Buffalo, Calgary, Chicago, Edmonton, Hartford, Los Angeles, the New York Islanders, New Jersey, Pittsburgh, Quebec, St. Louis and Vancouver.

Playing against the NHL squads will be the Central Red Army Team and Dynamo Riga.

The Hartford Whalers and New Jersey Devils will be playing Soviet teams for the first time. This will be the fourth North American tour for Red Army, while Dynamo Riga will make its North American debut.

The matches tentatively are scheduled to begin Dec. 26 at Quebec with the Red Army against the Nordiques, and end Jan. 9 at Buffalo with the Red Army playing the Sabres.

Sports

GREG NICHOLSON, Sports Editor

Recycles erase 2-0 deficit with six-run third inning

Gene's Recycles overcame a 2-0 deficit with six runs in the third inning and hung on for a 6-5 victory over the Wahpeton Tomcats in Sportsman Softball League play Monday.

Elsewhere, Aalcan Stealers scored five times in the first inning and rode Charlie Mathiason's two-hit pitching to an easy 7-1 triumph over the Old Dutch Twins.

The Recycles cashed in on four Wahpeton errors and got singles from Wayne Rocheleau, Blayne Nelson and winning pitcher Wilf Lohrenz in building their big inning.

Aside from the defensive problems in that frame, it was mostly clear sailing for Tomcat pitcher Warner Goodvoice, who allowed only one runner beyond second base in blanking Gene's through the other

Lohrenz preserved his win by surviving leadoff singles in each of the last two innings, stranding Glen Generoux at second base with the potential tying run to end the game.

Mathiason, batting in the leadoff spot for the Stealers, opened the game with a single to begin the rally which would give him a comfortable cushion by the time he took the mound. Two Twin errors, a sacrifice fly by Dennis Sarvaje, a two-run single by Fon Boyer and run-scoring singles by Mike Kindrachuk and Carmen Gblett completed the five-run outburst.

A Stealer error opening the bottom of the first put Kevin Lavallee at second base and he scored on Perry Trusty's single. Kim Miller opened the Twin second with a single, but was erased on a

Overmatched Spinks of

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — Maybe Michael Spinks knew it when he entered the ring to fight Mike Tyson. He certainly knew it 91 seconds into the fight.

Through 11 years and 31 professional fights, Spinks was unbeaten. Monday night, he was overmatched.

"I finally found somebody who can beat me," Spinks said. "I have no excuses. He was the better man in there tonight."

Spinks, the only man to win the light heavyweight and heavyweight crowns, became Tyson's 16th first-round knockout victim by choosing not to run.

"I said time and time again I would come to fight and I did," Spinks said. "I was not intimidated

at all.

"If I'm afraid of anybody, I'm not show up in the ring. I'm afraid of any man on this earth. I respect them. I respect him."

He certainly must respect Tyson's punching power after losing fourth-quickest heavyweight fight ever.

"Tyson has a lot to work on," Spinks said. "If nothing else, that type of power, if I possess it, it wouldn't matter what I unloaded on me. As long as I win, that is all I'd need."

Tyson actually hit Spinks times. Spinks landed two right hands that works out to almost million US a punch for Tyson \$6.75 million a punch for the Sabres, a 1976 Olympic gold medalist.

WHL approves move of Bruins

PORTLAND, Ore. (CP) — Western Hockey League governors voted unanimously Monday to approve the New Westminster Bruins move to Kennewick, Wash., for the 1988-89 season.

"We had some concerns but you have to go with the flow for the good of the league," said Colin Day, president of the Kamloops Blazers.

Sports briefs

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