



# Sportfolio

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People are always willing to give me and there are few well known men, supposedly wiser than us who make a profession of sharing opinions whether we want or not.

One notices, these syndicated givers never delve into the world. How would 'Dear Abby' handle the complicated problem of today's athletes? Let's give it to him, Abby:

Dear Abby: A baseball player who loves the game and would play without the pay. But we all have to make a

## S. Olympic prospect may tee into pros

Associated Press  
CINCINNATI — Aaron Pryor, America's chief contender for Olympic boxing gold medal, says considering a professional offer if he needs a job.

Want that gold medal more than anything in the world, but I have to go, too," said the nation's No. 1 amateur lightweight.

The 5-foot-6 Pryor, who last year successfully defended his pound Golden Gloves title in Las Vegas, said boxing promoter Angelo Sotgiu, who manages heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali, has made him an offer.

The 20-year-old Cincinnati native wants to remain an amateur after the Olympics. "I don't want to be pushed into a pro career. I need a job to keep me going," he said. "A gold medal means more to me than a pro career — but I need something to get me through the next four months."

Pryor, who has a brilliant lifetime record of 209-12, said travel expenses and his training schedule had put a burden on him financially.

The only way I could get decent pay prior to the Pan-Am games was to go to Washington, D.C., and so I went with Ray Leonard, the No. 1 contender in the light welterweight," said Pryor, who was the first American to win three Russian fighters, including the 1972 gold medalist on the free tour.

Pryor said he recently had to give an extra job as a salesman in a men's store because a fighter can't spend time working on his feet during the day and stay sharp for twice-a-day work.

"I'm running five miles a day extra working out at night.

Plan to be in the best shape of my life by the time the Olympics start around.

My coaches have helped me cut my expenses, but I can't expect them to keep it up," added Pryor, said he will meet with Dundee next week to discuss the pro offer.

Pryor is regarded as one of the nation's most seasoned amateur boxers. He has won 18 of 20 international bouts, losing the Pan American gold medal last fall on a controversial low-blow decision.

Pryor said he hopes to have a title fight with world lightweight champion Roberto Duran within two years.

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# Racketball continues rise in popularity in America

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The governing board of U.S. racketball is the International Racketball Association (IRA).

Racketball is played on a court 40 ft. long, 20 ft. wide with a 20 ft. ceiling. The same court is used for handball. The court is divided into three areas: the front court, the server's area, and the back court. The server's area occupies three feet and divides the two courts.

Equipment includes a racket similar to a cut down tennis racket and a rubber ball. The racket looks as if it might be a Munchkin's tennis racket, being only about 19 in. long, with 7 in. of it making the handle.

Nylon strings are used in the racket for better control of the ball movement. The handle has a rubber grip on it and a safety string is looped on the end of the handle.

A match of racketball is comprised of two out of three games. A game is won with 21 points, and points may only be awarded to the server.

Racketball is a game of precision and wit.

Racketball is played by a Racketball Club on campus and that club is soon to be recognized as an official IRA sponsored group.

The A&M Racketball Club was founded last semester and now has 52 members. This is the first semester, however, that the club has participated in tournaments. With only three tournaments on their slate, the club has placed in all three and brought home 12 trophies.

The club emphasizes that membership is not limited to proficient racketball players. Members serve as coaches for the many beginners in the club. Anyone interested in learning about racketball is invited to attend the next meeting, April 6, 7:30 p.m., rm. 141 MSC.

## Consol sports

A&M Consolidated High School took first place and set two school records in the Liberty Relays on Saturday.

The 440-yard relay team finished first with a record time of 42.7 seconds. The team, Sammy Jones, Philip Steen, Larry Johnson and Reggie Carr also finished second in the 880-yard relay.

Another school record was set by Chris Powell in the mile run. His time of 4:29.9 placed him third in the competition. Brett Whitten finished fourth and Damon Buffington finished sixth for Consolidated.

Steen placed second and Jones fifth in the long jump.

In the 880-yard medley relay Jones, Steen, Johnson and Harold Eaton took second place.

Chris Ramsey came in second in the 880-yard dash. Doug Chester and Jay Carlton placed third and fourth, respectively.

Consolidated took another first place victory in the distance medley relay. Carlton, Chester, Powell and Joe Wilborn were the runners.

Carr placed third in the 100-yard dash.

Ramsey, Eaton, Chester and

Carlton finished third in the mile relay.

Bobby Garner placed fifth in discus throwing and in the high jump, Brad Smith finished sixth.

**BASEBALL**

Consolidated scored only in the first inning but defeated Hearne 3-2 Friday.

Early in the game, Consolidated loaded the bases with Ronnie Morgan, Colin Ward and Tim Lyda. Walter Boone drove in Morgan and Ward with a single. Lyda scored the final run for Consolidated on a sacrifice fly by Ashraf Ayoub.

The pitcher, Ward, a sophomore, struck out nine batters.

On Saturday Consolidated finished third in the tournament they hosted. Three of their players, Jay Ward, Tim Lyda and Walter Boone, were named to the All-Tournament team.

Consolidated beat Cleveland 9-1 in the first game and then was defeated by Crockett 7-4 in the second. This defeat stopped Consolidated's six game winning streak.

A victory over Hearne 1-0 gave Consolidated the third place finish.

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