

# No time to duck

United Press International  
LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Leon Spinks' attorney went to court arguing Spinks "didn't have time to duck," but he wasn't talking about an Ali job.

The lawyer was asking a federal court judge to order promoters to stop billing the bout Friday between Ken Norton and Larry Holmes as a heavyweight championship fight.

The World Boxing Council took away its version of the heavyweight title from Spinks, saying he did not fulfill an obligation to fight Norton.

Spinks retains the World Boxing association championship.

"Leon Spinks did not duck anybody," the attorney said. "He was only champion 30 days — he didn't have time to duck anybody."

Spinks' attorney, Edward Bell of Detroit, said Spinks does not object to holding the Norton bout, but to

billing it as for the world heavyweight championship.

U.S. District Judge Roger Foley took the arguments under submission.

Spinks, who was not in court Monday, defeated Muhammad Ali in Las Vegas Feb. 15 to gain both the World Boxing Association and the WBC titles. He has also sued the WBC for stripping him of its title.

Bell told the court Monday nothing in the WBC constitution required a newly crowned champion to defend the title against the No. 1 contender the first time out.

The WBC contended both Ali and Spinks agreed when the February bout was sanctioned that the winner would fight Norton next.

Attorney Bertram Fields, representing the WBC, told the court, "In this country a man's agreement means something. Ali and Spinks

agreed to fight Norton next."

The WBC attorney said that if there is legal interference with the fight Friday "ABC television will be out millions and Norton stands to lose \$2.3 million."

Bell disagreed. "ABC, the WBC and Norton all knew when they signed contracts for Friday's fight that we had filed suit. It isn't our fault it is now being heard the week of the fight."

## High school baseball

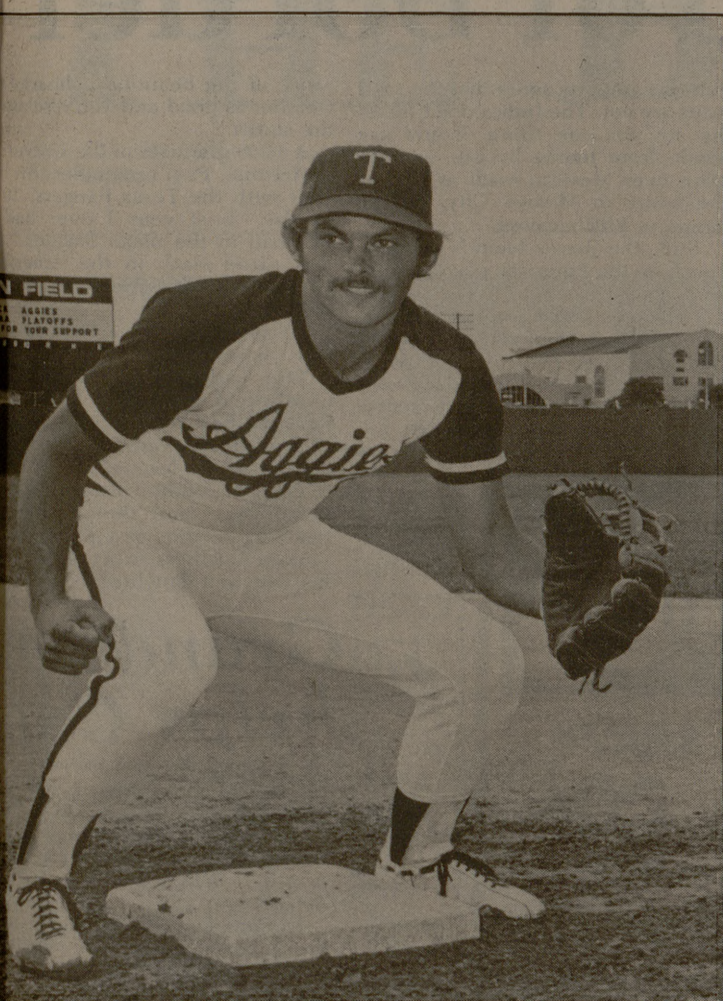
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AUSTIN — New state high school baseball champions will be crowned this week in classes AAA and AAAA.

Four finalists in each class gather at Nelson Field Thursday and Friday for the 1978 baseball state tournament. Last year's champions — Houston Sharpstown in AAAA and Uvalde in AAA — are not entered and will not repeat.

Mount Pleasant (20-2) takes on Brazosport (27-6) at 1 p.m. Thursday in a AAA semifinal game. The other two AAA teams — Jasper (27-6) and Burkburnett (20-10) — follow at 3 p.m.

Duncanville (32-3), the 1977 AAAA champion, plays Houston Bellaire (34-8) at 7 p.m. Lubbock Monterey (27-3) meets Corpus Christi Moody (29-5-1) at 9 p.m.

The AAA semifinals winners play for the state championship at 7 p.m. Friday, with the AAAA finalists following at 9 p.m.



*'I've been drafted'*

Texas A&M shortstop Robert Bonner was drafted in the third round of Tuesday's professional baseball draft by the Baltimore Orioles. In his career with the Aggies, Bonner set 12 school records, including career hits. He had 215 hits in his collegiate career, the first Aggie to have over 200 hits.

## Dogs, Horns on TV

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DALLAS — The Arkansas-Texas football game Oct. 21 in Austin will be televised, a spokesman for ABC television said Monday night.

Donn Bernstein, ABC's coordinator of college football, said, however, no decision had been made on whether the game would be shown regionally or nationally.

Arkansas is the hottest team in the country for TV purposes," Bernstein told the Arkansas manager, citing the team's Orange Bowl upset of Oklahoma, its 11th number of returning players and the charisma of coach Lou Holtz.

"We've had a devil of a problem with Arkansas' schedule, trying to get them on early and on twice," he

said. "They just don't have an early game that we can use and even the Texas game has the complication of following the Texas-Oklahoma game."

Arkansas Athletic Director Frank Broyles said he was aware of ABC's problem with the Arkansas schedule.

"I've been talking with athletic directors in our league to see if some attractive conference games could be moved to spots earlier in the season," said Broyles, who is competing in the American Football Coaches Association golf tournament at Las Colinas Country Club of which ABC is one of the sponsors.

There also is a possibility the Arkansas-Texas A&M game will be on television.

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