

Manager claims Moses victim of circumstance

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LOS ANGELES — Edwin Moses, the two-time Olympic gold medalist facing charges of soliciting a prostitute and possessing a small amount of marijuana, prepared to defend his previously unsoiled image at a news conference Tuesday.

Moses, chosen by his fellow athletes to recite their oath at the Opening Ceremonies of the Summer Games, was to appear at the mid-afternoon conference with his wife, Myrella, to comment on his weekend arrest.

"After the press conference, you will know he is not culpable," his manager, Gordon Baskin, said.

Baskin denied Moses solicited a female undercover officer posing as a hooker on Sunset Boulevard and said the small amount of marijuana found in the athlete's car was not his.

Moses' lawyer, Harold Lipton, said Monday the track star was entrapped by police who recognized his car with its distinctive "OLYMPYCN" license plate and thought he would be a good catch. So Edwin was picked up.

Moses, one of 82 men arrested early Sunday during a vice squad sweep in Hollywood, was freed on his own recognizance pending a Jan. 29 arraignment.

Police said Moses was approached

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by an undercover officer working with a "trick task force" and offered her money for sex.

Baskin said Moses told him the woman waved him down at a stop sign as he was returning from a disco where he had spent the evening with members of the U.S. Olympic Committee's Athletes Advisory Committee.

"She came around to the passenger side and said something to the effect of, 'What are you looking for?'" he said. "Edwin looked at her and said, 'I'm just out to have some fun.' At that point she asked, 'Do you have some money?' And he said, 'Sure, I have \$100.'"

Baskin said the woman then asked him to meet her around the corner, but Moses instead rolled up his win-

dow and drove off. He was stopped by police more than a block away.

"You have to have criminal intent and proceed with the act," Baskin said. "Edwin never had a criminal intent and he never proceeded with the act."

A policewoman who works the "trick task force" said she doubted Moses' story and added, "They all say they were just kidding."

Baskin also said the small amount of marijuana found in the car did not belong to Moses.

"Edwin does not smoke marijuana and he never uses drugs," he said.

If convicted of solicitation, Moses could face a maximum penalty of six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine, a spokesman for the City Attorney's Office said. If found guilty of the marijuana charge, he could be fined \$100.

Moses won the gold medal in the 400-meter hurdles in the 1976 and 1984 Olympics. He has won more than 100 consecutive races over seven years without a defeat.

He also holds the world record for the 400-meter hurdles, 47.02 seconds, and in 1983 won the Sullivan Award as the nation's top amateur athlete.

Super Bowl XIX San Francisco's gone crazy

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SAN FRANCISCO — OK, OK. It's a big event. But big enough to warrant production of a thousand counterfeit tickets? Big enough to point guns at someone's head and steal their real tickets? Big enough to kidnap your kids' Cabbage Patch dolls and offer them in trade for one ticket?

What's going on? What is this event that has turned dull insurance salesmen in London Fog raincoats into raving lunatics for the chance to be there to see it?

Dolly Parton attempting to play the accordion?

Billy Shoemaker trying to slam dunk a basketball?

Nope. Nope.

We're talking about a football game. Sixty minutes worth of large men grunting and trying to hurt each other's knees in something called the Super Bowl this Sunday.

But for the craziness it has brought to San Francisco, you'd think Evil Knievel was jumping the Golden Gate Bridge in a rowboat.

Months ago, the ticket scalping began. People offered \$200 to buy the \$60 tickets before they even knew who was going to play in the game. And the scalpers held out for \$300.

Then, the local boys made it. The San Francisco 49ers were in the Super Bowl, and people were out of their minds. Two guys held travel agents at gunpoint this week and swiped 50 tickets. A couple talked eight friends into putting up an \$800 deposit on tickets from a man who furnished a computerized bill of sale, and then, according to po-

lice, took the money and went to India.

People are advertising their insanity in the local newspapers' classified section.

First, there are the cut and dried big money deals:

— 2 Superbowl tix. \$1000 each.

— 49ers fans need 4 tickets. will pay \$600 each.

— 2 tickets for sale. \$700 each. call 9am-11am Illinois time.

These people, for the most part, are bonkers. A thousand bucks for one seat to one football game. In a stadium where umbrellas have been banned by the National Football League? In San Francisco? In the rainy winter season?

For a thousand bucks you could buy a new color TV.

Then there are the fairly crazy, who want to go to the game but don't want to lay out hard cash for the right.

— 24K gold necklace. paid \$2200. will trade for good Superbowl tickets.

— will trade '68 Pontiac Bonneville convertible for 2 Superbowl tickets. (How's this guy going to get to the game?)

Then we have the folks who have gone over the deep end. These people are desperate. They would trade in their grandmother for a chance to see the Super Bowl.

— Will trade cabbage patch kids for superbowl tickets.

— Do you need a new roof? Will trade roof for (4) Superbowl tix.

— (2) Superbowl tix wanted. Will trade contractor's license course.

— Need 2 tix. offering rountrip, 1stclass, to paris or nice, Air France.

And last, and least, we have the dentists. Guys who, on the average, pull in more than \$100,000 a year by pulling teeth. They won't pay a cent for a ticket. But they'll do a root canal.

Can't you see these guys at the game? Sip a beer, swirl it around in their mouth and then spit it into a ceramic bowl that they've installed beside their seat. These guys wait until their friends have half a hot dog, a bag of popcorn and then ask, "What did you think of the first half?"

OK, so you've traded in your Pontiac and arranged for psychiatric counseling for your children who have just watched their Cabbage Patch Kids handed over to a stranger who threw them into the trunk of his car.

You get to Stanford Stadium, and you get arrested. Seems those tickets you have are counterfeits. Two of some 1,000 that police say were produced. You are booked for possession of stolen property, and not only don't you see the game in person, you don't even see it on TV.

A word about the quality of the counterfeit tickets — bad. The real tickets have small seat number numerals over a picture of the Golden Gate Bridge with a purple-sunset background. The fakes have a blue background and giant letters and numerals.

At least the counterfeiters got the bridge right. But in this city gone mad, you get the distinct impression that people would pay 500 bucks for a Super Bowl ticket with pictures of the Eiffel Tower and Harpo Marx on it.

49er home field advantage will mean little Super Sunday

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SAN FRANCISCO - Various members of the San Francisco 49ers woke up Tuesday in their own abodes, wherever those might be, and went about business pretty much the same way they have since July.

Those who are a part of the Miami Dolphins, meanwhile, found themselves 3,000 miles away from where they had started the previous day — trying to get their internal clocks used to a three-hour time change and their bodies used to the cool and damp of their new surroundings.

And while most of those who will participate in next Sunday's Super Bowl admit that the 49ers have an edge as far as daily schedules go, they feel it should make no difference when it comes time for Miami and San Francisco to settle the issue as to which is the best team in the NFL.

"It doesn't make any difference if it is Stanford Stadium (site of Super Bowl XIX) or Albuquerque," said San Francisco coach Bill Walsh. "The only thing that matters is that the field is lined properly and that the buses get you there on time."

With both teams finally fully involved in Super Bowl week, activities escalated Tuesday.

The Dolphins and 49ers both put on their game uniforms and stood around while having their pictures taken and their brains rattled with

the daily batch of questioning.

Miami went through its hour's session with the media at the Oakland Coliseum in the early morning with fog still lingering. A few hours later the 49ers did the same thing at Candlestick Park. Even their interview session was staged on their home turf.

Three years ago, when San Francisco went to Detroit to play Cincinnati in Super Bowl XVI, Walsh had plenty of complaints about the problems created by playing on the road. And he is still complaining about them.

"There was only one practice field and we had to use it first," said Walsh. "Because of the time change we had to get up at 3:30 in the morning Pacific time and practice at 6:30."

Now that his team is getting to play the Super Bowl only a few exits down the freeway, Walsh still finds some things wrong.

"Yes, it's an advantage to be able to practice at our own facility (in Redwood City, only a few miles from Stanford Stadium) and be able to go to our homes at night and follow the routine we are used to following."

"But there can be some difficulties, too. There is a lot of excitement around here (in the San Francisco area). There can be distractions involved with your everyday home life that you might not be thinking about if you were away from home in a hotel."

"It's a mixed bag."

Although Walsh was still not sure of his plans, he was leaning toward having the 49ers report to their airport hotel home away from home on Friday night. And he said some players might even want to check into the hotel before then.

"I guess it depends on what it's like at home," he said.

Shula, who will be coaching his sixth Super Bowl, has long since grown used to making himself at home no matter what the surroundings. But he said it was obvious that the 49ers had the more preferable set of circumstances in which to survive the week leading up to the game.

"It sure is a lot colder here than we are used to," Shula said in the first moments after he stepped off the plane which carried the Dolphins to northern California.

"Sure, they (the 49ers) are going to have an advantage. They get to stay home all week and relax at home and be with their families."

"It would be just as difficult for them if they came to Miami and we got to stay at home all week."

"But the time factor really shouldn't make much difference. You take one day to adjust to it and then you just go on from there."

"Hey, we're just happy to be here. It's the Super Bowl. They told us to be here at this time and here we are."

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