

Sports

Maryland coach says '1st-time experiment' cost Bias his life

WASHINGTON (AP) — University of Maryland basketball coach Lefty Driesell said Wednesday there is no drug problem in the school's athletic program, and the cocaine that killed all-American Len Bias was apparently a first-time experiment for the player.

"He's gone because of one mistake," said Driesell.

Driesell spoke at a news conference where members of Congress called for a national "war on drugs," and the Rev. Jesse Jackson and Boston Celtics president Red Auerbach said the campaign should include mandatory ran-

dom drug testing of professional and college athletes.

Driesell said he would participate, with Jackson and Auerbach, in a "major summit meeting" on drugs with university presidents, sports coaches and athletic leaders.

Bias, an All American who the Celtics made the second player chosen in the NBA draft last week, died two days later after a seizure the Maryland state medical examiner said was caused by "cocaine intoxication."

The Maryland state medical examiner said the cocaine Bias apparently snorted was pure and

caused the fatal seizure two minutes after entering the athlete's body.

"We must have a coordinated effort to drive this poison from our culture," said Jackson. "Leaders in athletics must play a leading role."

"Let's not just mourn this athlete, whose death is so tragic. Let's take advantage of the pain of this tragedy," said Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., chairman of the House Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control.

"It is imperative that we begin a massive campaign to teach our children the dangers of drug

abuse and to rid our communities, once and for all, of drugs. Let's not let Len Bias' death go without swift reaction so we will no longer stand for this senseless destruction," said Rangel.

"Leonard died for a purpose," said Driesell, "and I believe that purpose was to bring attention to this committee and the world that drugs, that cocaine is a killer."

Prince George's County authorities, meanwhile, continued to search Wednesday for Brian Tribble, a friend of Bias' who was with him in the hours before his death. Tribble is a former student at the University of Maryland.

Bias death indicates cocaine a 'random killer'

BOSTON (AP) — The death of basketball star Len Bias highlights a new image of cocaine that has begun to emerge from case histories and autopsies: The euphoria-inducing powder is a random killer.

Within the past 18 months, researchers have started to recognize that even a single encounter with the drug can sometimes cause death by stopping the heart.

"There are still superb cardiologists who are surprised to find out that cocaine can cause a lethal cardiac event," said Dr. Jeffrey Isner of Tufts Medical School in Boston.

Isner is one of a small number of researchers who are studying

the damaging influence of cocaine on the heart. Recently, he reported research on seven young people who were hospitalized or died suddenly because of heart disorders immediately after using cocaine.

Yet this complication remained obscure until the sudden death last week of Len Bias, the University of Maryland basketball star. Dr. John Smialek, the Maryland state medical examiner, ruled Tuesday that Bias died of cocaine that disrupted the electrical stimulation of his heart.

"The most likely explanation is that this man was extremely sensitive to cocaine, as some people are extremely sensitive to almost any drug," said Dr. Lester

Grinspoon, a cocaine expert at Harvard Medical School. "It's not clear how rare this is, but it's not common."

However, Isner said heart damage from cocaine probably occurs far more often than is recognized, in part because doctors rarely ask heart patients about their illicit drug use.

Two effects of cocaine are certain: The drug makes the heart beat rapidly, and it raises blood pressure. This alone could explain how cocaine kills people whose hearts are already weakened by disease.

"It's like taking a person who has pre-existing heart disease and

asking him to run a marathon," said Isner. It demands more work than the heart can perform.

Isner said cocaine also increases the body's adrenaline supply. This might overstress the heart's electrical system, causing it to beat wildly or stop entirely.

Large doses of cocaine can cause death by paralyzing the regions of the brain that control breathing and heart beat. Whether more ordinary doses can do the same thing in susceptible people is unclear. But Isner said that cocaine may interfere with the electrical signals that the brain sends to the heart to keep it beating smoothly.

Lendl advances, more seeds upset

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Top-seeded Ivan Lendl and No. 13 Mikael Pernfors, who battled for the title at the French Open, won their matches Wednesday on the grass courts at Wimbledon.



9 Zina Garrison of the United States, No. 10 Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina, No. 11 Carling Bassett of Canada and No. 15 Catarina Lindqvist of Sweden.

Rinaldi, who was knocked out of the tournament by Nathalie Herremann of France, 7-6, 6-4. Rinaldi won the first three games of the match and had a 5-3 lead in the first set.

But the 20-year-old Herremann battled back to send the set into a tie-break, which she won 7-5, then ran out to a 4-0 lead in the second set. Rinaldi lost in the semifinals last year to Chris Evert Lloyd.

Lendl, the Czechoslovak right-hander playing his second match in two days, breezed past American Marcel Freeman 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 to move into the third round, while Pernfors, a Swede who honed his game at the University of Georgia, scored a first-round victory over American Mike DePalmer 2-6, 6-4, 6-4, 7-5.

But five seeded players fell on the third day of the year's second Grand Slam tennis tournament, including sixth-seeded Kathy Rinaldi, and another, No. 13 Barbara Potter, withdrew with a back injury. Potter's spot in the draw was taken by "lucky loser" Ronni Reis of the United States, who defeated Britain's Amanda Brown 6-1, 3-6, 7-5.

Joining Lendl in the third round of the men's singles were No. 6 Joakim Nystrom of Sweden and No. 10 Tim Mayotte of the United States. Another American, No. 12 Brad Gilbert, advanced to the second round with a 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 victory over Australia's Mark Woodforde.

Posting first-round victories in the women's singles were No. 4 Claudia Kohde-Kilsch of West Germany, No. 8 Manuela Maleeva of Bulgaria, No.

Besides Rinaldi, American Stephanie Rehe, the No. 12 seed, failed to make it out of the first round, losing to Larisa Savchenko of the Soviet Union 1-6, 6-4, 8-6.

Losing second-round matches were No. 8 Anders Jarryd of Sweden, No. 14 Martin Jaite of Argentina and No. 16 Johan Kriek of the United States, a semifinalist at the French Open.

Lendl was awesome, dominating the out-gunned Freeman. On occasion the big right-hander followed his booming serve to the net to finish off points with hard-hit volleys. And when Freeman was foolish enough to attack — which he had to do to have a chance to win — Lendl passed him down the line or flashed a wicked cross-court passing shot to finish off the point.

Cosell 'tells it like it is' during testimony at NFL-USFL trial

NEW YORK (AP) — In sometimes bombastic, often argumentative testimony that drew uproarious laughter from the packed courtroom, Howard Cosell said he had been told by his former boss at ABC that NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle was unhappy with the network for giving the USFL a television contract.

Cosell's testimony contradicted what the jury at the trial of the USFL's \$1.69 billion antitrust suit against the NFL heard earlier from Roone Arledge, who ran ABC's sports and news division. Arledge testified that Rozelle had never expressed displeasure over the network doing business with the USFL.

Cosell, who no longer is a commentator or broadcaster for ABC TV, was the USFL's final witness. The NFL will begin its case Thursday by calling former USFL Commissioner Chet Simmons.

And while he said he was a disinterested witness, Cosell said at one point, "I'm here to help these people," referring to the USFL. And he also said under cross-examination that Donald Trump, the owner of the New Jersey Generals, had offered him a chance to buy into the USFL team.

But that was overshadowed by the spectacle of what became "the Howard Cosell Show" and particularly by Cosell's sparring during cross-examination with NFL attorney Frank Rothman, who once represented him. When he finished, U.S. District Judge Peter K. Leisure remarked to him: "thank you very much, Mr. Cosell, we enjoyed having you with us."

Throughout his 3 1/2 hours on the stand, the first 39

minutes of which, Cosell spent talking about himself, he used some of the words, phrases and figures of speech that made him an institution on the network's "Monday Night Football" telecasts. "I'm telling it like it is," Cosell said half-a-dozen times.

At various points, he referred to the Iran hostage crisis; his books; President Reagan, Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes; Johnny Carson; Walter Cronkite; Coca-Cola; Dr Pepper; singer Michael Jackson's cross-country tour, fight promoter Don King; the puppet show "Kukla, Fran and Ollie" and the time early in his career, when "I was going, locker room to locker room with a 40-pound tape recorder on my back."

The crux of his testimony was about his discussions with Arledge and Arledge's former deputy, Jim

Spence. The television issue is critical to the trial — the USFL alleges that the NFL pressured the three major networks into denying it a contract for its switch to a fall schedule is asking that the established league be thrown off at least one network.

Cosell described a 1984 meeting with Arledge at "a very long luncheon" at which Arledge described Rozelle's feelings about the USFL.

"Roone said to me," Cosell testified, "you know, you've got to understand. Pete is all over me on the grounds that I'm sustaining the USFL with the spring contract."

"When he told me that I was shocked," Cosell continued. "I went back to my office and called in my staff. I was shocked by it and I told them that."

Phillies release struggling Carlton

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Steve Carlton, the only pitcher ever to win four Cy Young Awards, was given his unconditional release Wednesday by the Philadelphia Phillies after struggling for two seasons with a shoulder injury and control problems.

"The Steve Carlton era has ended in Philadelphia," team President Bill Giles said, emotion choking his voice and tears on his cheeks. Several times during the news conference, Giles had to stop to regain his composure.

"The decision was mine," said Giles.

Giles said that Carlton, whose 318 victories are 10th in the major-league all-time list and sixth in the National League, resisted to the end pleas to retire.

"He still thinks he can pitch and win," Giles said. "It has been 14 memorable and remarkable years.

The greatest left-hand pitcher in Phillies history and one of the greatest pitchers of all time will no longer be pitching in Philadelphia.

"I want to thank Steve for all he's done for the Phillies and for Philadelphia."

Giles concluded his remarks by saying, "I apologize for my emotions."

Carlton was not at the news conference, maintaining the silence with the media he imposed some eight years ago because of alleged references to his personal life by writers. His last interview was in 1978.

Giles said the 41-year-old Carlton is very hopeful that someone else in baseball will sign him, and Giles said the Phillies had inquiries from an American and National League club.

Carlton gave up 25 earned runs and 27 hits through 20 1-3 innings in his last five starts. He is 4-8 for the season with a 6.18 ERA, and has fought to retain command of his

pitches and his velocity, as indicated by 45 walks in 83 innings.

Just last Friday, the Phillies announced Carlton had assured them he was healthy and that he could overcome his pitching problems, which he said were mechanical.

But on Saturday, Carlton was knocked out by the St. Louis Cardinals in the latest disaster of a 15.1-inning stretch in which he looked like a batting practice pitcher. The figures for those 15.1 innings show 31 hits, 23 earned runs, 15 walks, 14 strikeouts and an ERA of 13.53.

Giles, who steadfastly said the Phillies had no timetable on Carlton and would hang in there with him, explained how he came to his decision.

"I had made up my mind in the fifth inning Saturday," Giles said. "It took me three days to get up enough nerve to tell him."

Giles said he was ready to release Carlton last Friday, but that the pitcher talked him out of it.

Baseball

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West Germany, Argentina to square off in Cup final

MEXICO CITY (AP) — West Germany and Argentina both registered 2-0 victories Wednesday to qualify for the World Cup final.

West Germany, using a rugged defense to frustrate the fluid French attack, advanced to its second straight world soccer championship game. The West Germans, winners of the tournament in 1954 and '74, will face 1978 winner Argentina on Sunday. The final, West Germany's fifth, a World Cup record, will be at Aztec Stadium here, where Diego Maradona scored both of Argentina's goals against Belgium.

As he did against England in the quarterfinals, Maradona took

charge in the second half. He scored in the 51st minute by beating two defenders to a pass from Jorge Burruchaga and tapping the ball over charging goalkeeper Jean-Marie Pfaff.

Twelve minutes later, the magical striker dribbled between four defenders and beat Pfaff to clinch the win and end Belgium's stunning run to its first World Cup semifinal ever.

France's best chances were thwarted by quick goalkeeper Harald Schumacher. He made superb stops on Jean Tigana and Yannick Stopyra, and also got lucky when Maxime Bossis sent a shot at an open net high over the cage.

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