

# Sports

dp 1988

## Tyson could teach Leonard a few lessons in etiquette

It is the best of times.  
It is the worst of times.  
This is a tale of two champions (of the pugilist sort).

The first is a champion in every sense of the word. Mike Tyson, the unified heavyweight champion of the world, knows that talk is cheap.



**Anthony Wilson**  
Sports viewpoint

Pre-fight press conferences have become circus-like events with the participants jawing on and on about how they are the ultimate fighting machine. Unlike his next opponent (or should I say victim) Michael Spinks, you won't find "Iron Mike" wearing a tuxedo to these gala events.

His attire at Wednesday's event was plain and devoid of style — similar to the simple black trunks and shoes he enters the ring wearing. No tassled socks. No silk robe with a silly nickname embroidered on the back. When he climbs through the ropes he's not playing a game. He's going to war — a serious business.

The second boxer was at one time the golden boy of the sport. He had style and a smile to go along with

grace and a pretty face. He was so sweet the media gave Ray Leonard the nickname Sugar.

Leonard won the gold medal for the U.S. and was a great welterweight champion. He retired when his eyesight was threatened while he was still young, rich, successful and on top.

The public would miss him, but they respected him for not threatening his health and trying to hang on.

With the exception of Home Box Office boxing telecasts, Sugar disappeared from the public's eye. That must've bothered Leonard, because he brushed away five years of rust to take on Marvelous Marvin Hagler, the world's undisputed middleweight champ.

Leonard danced with Hagler for 15 rounds and shocked the nation when he walked away with Hagler's belt. Sugar sweetened his image once again when he returned to retirement saying no one was left in the middleweight ranks to challenge him.

However, Leonard recently made some comments which may tarnish his golden image. He told former welterweight champion Donald Curry that he did Curry a favor by fighting Hagler because Hagler would've destroyed him.

Now all of this may be true. No one is trying to suggest that Curry's abilities are on the same level as Hagler's or Leonard's. The fact is they aren't. And that's where the problem lies.

The public doesn't mind when its champions brag at the expense of an opponent as long as the opponent is a worthy one. And in this case, Curry is not worthy of all the attention given to him by Leonard.

Think about it this way: How would it look if Magic Johnson taunted Craig Ehlo, or if the New York Yankees teased the Seattle Mariners, or if the Texas A&M football team publicly ridiculed the Rice Owls. It just wouldn't look good.

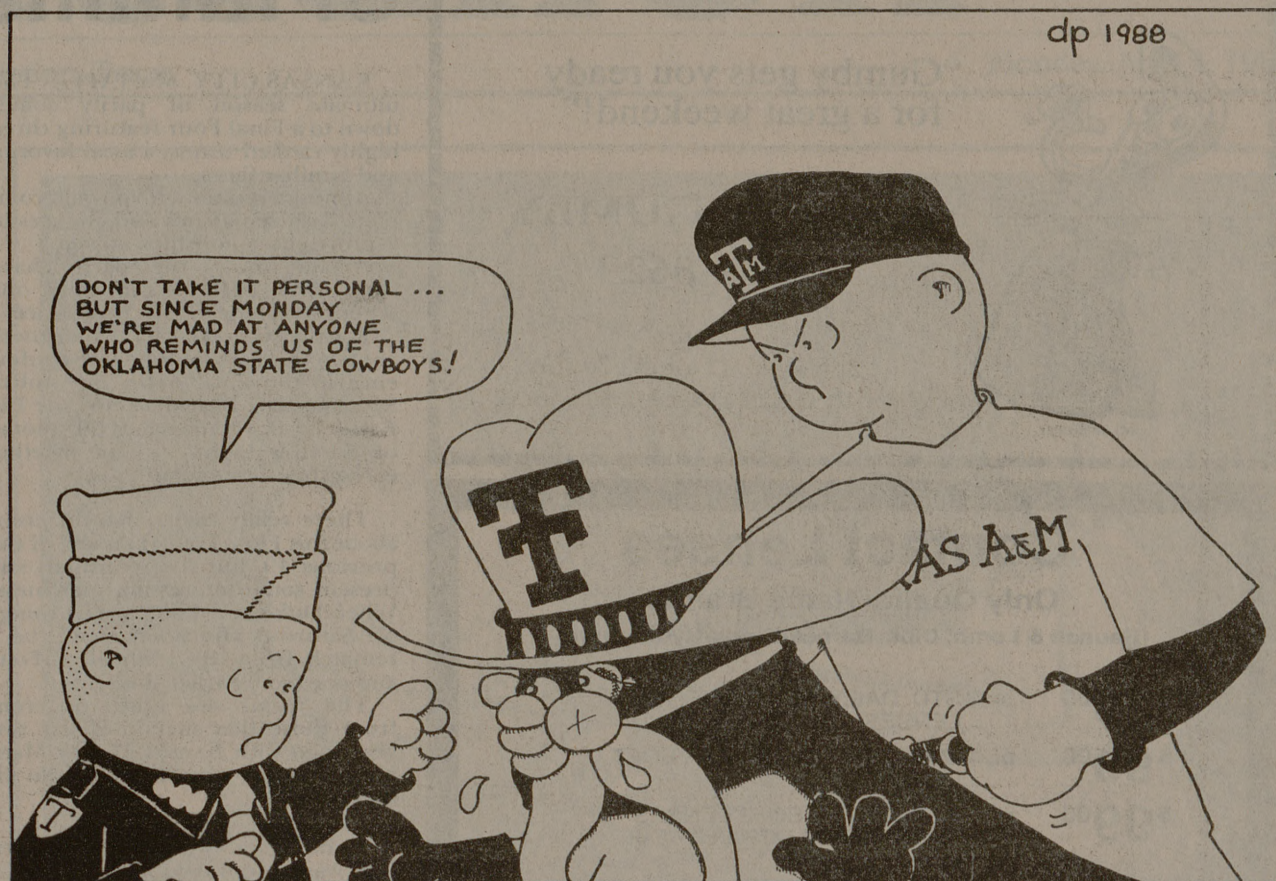
So how do we expect our champions to act? That's where Tyson comes back into view.

Although no one in the heavyweight division is on Tyson's superior level, he has faced some challenges in Tyrell Biggs, Larry Holmes and Mike Weaver.

And even though no one in his division can compare with Tyson, he has given each opponent the utmost respect. He's trained hard for each fight and it's showed.

And frankly, the public likes that. This man's on a mission to be the best there ever was and he's not letting anyone or anything, including meaningless small talk and boasting, get in his way.

It's a lesson Sugar Ray could take to heart.



## Jeffcoat pitches Rangers to 2-0 shutout of Red Sox

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. (AP) — Mike Jeffcoat allowed only one hit for four innings and DeWayne Vaughn just four the rest of the way as the Texas Rangers edged Boston 2-0 Thursday, handing the Red Sox their first shutout of the exhibition season.

Competing with Vaughn for the No. 5 starting spot with the Rangers, Jeffcoat surrendered just a line double into the left-field corner by Jim Rice in the second inning.

A left-hander who spent a couple of years with Cleveland and most of 1987 at Oklahoma City, Jeffcoat struck out three and walked two.

Vaughn, a right-hander who has won a job as a non-roster

pitcher in training, was nicked for two-out singles by Rich Gedman and Spike Owen before retiring Brady Anderson on a pop-up to end the fifth.

With one out in the sixth, Wade Boggs singled to right and took second on a wild pitch. Rice grounded a single to right, but Ruben Sierra saved the shutout by throwing a one-hop strike to catcher Mike Stanley to get Boggs trying to score.

Right-hander Dennis "Oil Can" Boyd took his first loss in four decisions. Boyd pitched seven innings in his sixth and final Florida appearance.

He allowed six hits, struck out two and walked four before Mike Smithson and Lee Smith each hurled one hitless inning.

## A&M sluggers face Raiders in SWC play

Southwest Conference play resumes in full for the Texas A&M baseball team this weekend as it takes on Texas Tech tonight at 7 and Saturday in a doubleheader scheduled for 2 p.m.

The Aggies, 30-7 and 2-1 in the SWC, are tied with Tech for second place in the conference.

The Red Raiders enter the series with the SWC's top batting average at .342. A&M is batting .303.

Randy Pryor, 2-3, will start Friday's game for A&M, while Sean Snedeker, 4-0, will pitch in Saturday's first game. A&M's starter for the third game has not been determined.

## 19-hit attack paces Astros to win

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — The Houston Astros scored five first-inning runs and had seven doubles and 19 hits en route to a 13-2 exhibition victory over the Philadelphia Phillies Thursday.

Shane Rawley, the ace of the Phillies staff, was rocked for 11 hits and 10 runs in two and two-thirds innings of play.

Rawley is 1-5 this spring.

Glenn Davis lead the way for the Astros with three hits and four RBIs, including a double and his second home run in as many days.

Bill Doran drove in three runs with two hits and Billy Hatcher had three hits and scored three runs.

Danny Darwin, 1-1, allowed four hits over six innings for the win. Philadelphia's Juan Samuel

doubled and then scored on Phil Bradley's sacrifice fly in the first. Von Hayes walked and stole second and later scored on Darren Daulton's double in the fourth.

The Astros are 15-14 this spring while the Phillies are 12-16. Housontros open the season next week at home in the Astrodome against the San Diego Padres.

# SENIOR WEEKEND 1988

## Senior Bash

Friday, April 15, 8 p.m.  
Texas Hall of Fame, \$5/couple  
Featuring **Melissa Prescott**

## Senior Banquet

Saturday, April 16, 7 p.m.  
College Station Hilton, \$30/couple  
Cocktail Hour, 5:30 p.m.  
Guest Speaker **Gene Stallings, '57**  
Coach of St. Louis Cardinals

## Ring Dance

Saturday, April 16, 9 p.m.  
MSC and Rudder Exhibit Hall, \$35/couple  
Featuring **Michael, Michael and the Maxx**  
**Ed Gerlach Orchestra**

The Senior Weekend Package at \$65/couple, includes all three events. Tickets are on sale at Rudder Box Office at 845-1234. All tickets are presale.

# ANNOUNCING

## The Directors' Club

### The Directors' Club

Qualified Texas Aggie Credit Union members are now eligible for an exclusive new service! The Board of Directors has commissioned a special new club for credit union members. Its purpose is to provide special financial services to a select group with special financial needs. The entrance qualifications are stringent, but the rewards and benefits are great. Those qualifying for acceptance into The Directors' Club will be eligible to receive:

- Exclusive Directors' Club Checks
- "Instant Cash" Line of Credit
- Free ATM Card - No Service Charges!
- Special Maroon MasterCard
- Special, Low Interest Rates on Personal and Auto Loans
- Free Cashier's Checks and Drafts
- Special Rates on Traveler's Checks
- Convenient Direct Deposit Service
- Special Credit/Charge Card Debt Consolidation Service

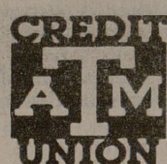
### The Directors' Club Maroon MasterCard

Members of The Directors' Club pay no annual fee for their Maroon MasterCard. They will have a 25 day grace period, be eligible for higher credit limits, and, when they do elect to carry a credit balance, pay lower interest rates!

### Criteria for Admission

By becoming a Directors' Club member, you can now conduct almost all your credit union business in the privacy and convenience of our new, spacious offices with your own personal representative.

In order to offer such an attractive array of incentives and special financial services, the Board of Directors has had to set strict requirements for acceptance into The Directors' Club. Membership is open to all qualified members of the Texas Aggie Credit Union. Call or stop by now for an application to see if you qualify.



**TEXAS AGGIE CREDIT UNION**  
301 Dominik Dr College Station, TX 77840 (409)696-1440

Insured by the National Credit Union Administration, Inc.