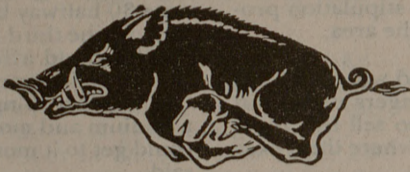


# Sports

## Razorback hoop star faces uncertain future

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP) — Arkansas basketball coach Nolan Richardson said Wednesday that he won't deal with forward Ron Huery's team status until matters related to Huery's weekend arrest are resolved.



Richardson said in a statement issued by the UA sports information office that he's more concerned about the 21-year-old Huery as a person than as an athlete.

Huery was arrested at 2 a.m. Saturday in Memphis, Tenn., and was charged with carrying a dangerous weapon, public drunkenness, reckless driving and driving under the influence of intoxicating substances.

A police report said Huery was driving a car with a flat tire at a high speed. Police said they found a loaded 9mm automatic pistol and about 20 rounds of ammunition in the vehicle.

"I've talked with Ron and his mother, and my concern at this point is Ron as a person rather than his basketball future," Richardson's statement said. "I want to make sure he receives the guidance and counseling he needs at this time."

Gary Steverson, who coached Huery in high school, said Huery told him he didn't know a pistol was in the car.

"He said it belonged to someone else and that he was unaware it was there," Steverson said.

The police report said Huery registered 0.15 on a breathalyzer test, but Steverson said Huery told him that the test did not register above the legal level of 0.10 until he took it a third time.

The 6-foot-6 Huery led the Razorbacks in scoring last year with 13.4 points per game.

## Spinks calls it quits after loss

NEW YORK (AP) — Michael Spinks, the only light heavyweight ever to dethrone a heavyweight champion, tearfully announced his retirement Wednesday, a month after Mike Tyson ended his quest to regain the crown.

"I've never retired from anything except selling newspapers," the 32-year old Spinks said, breaking into sobs between words, then wiping away the tears.

"It's been a tough 12 years. But I have to admit, it's been fun."

Spinks, whose 91-second loss to Tyson at Atlantic City, N.J. June 27, was the only one in his 32 professional fights, said he will join his promoter and manager Butch Lewis as an agent-advisor to young athletes.

An Olympic middleweight champion in 1976, Spinks turned pro six months later and quickly won eight straight fights before taking time off to help his brother Leon win the world heavyweight title from Muhammad Ali.

He won his first pro title in 1981 when he defeated Eddie Mustafa Muhammad to capture the World Boxing Association light-heavyweight title, then beat Dwight Muhammad Qawi on March 18, 1983 to unify the championship.

On Sept. 22, 1985, having beefed up from 175 pounds to more than 200, he became the first light heavyweight to take away the title from a heavyweight champ when he outpointed Larry Holmes in 15 rounds for the International Boxing Federation championship.

"Twelve years is a lot of time for getting run at and having to duck a lot of punches," said Spinks, who said Lewis had advised him to quit while he still had his health and \$25 million in the bank.

"But I look at some of the older guys — Jersey Joe Walcott, Smokin' Joe Frazier, Archie Moore, Muhammad Ali. They made 12 years look

like six months." Frazier, in fact, was one of those on hand during the tribute to Spinks. And that former champion, who fought his last fight at 37, suggested that Spinks might be quitting too soon.

## Lady Ags sign lefty hurler

A southpaw will man the mound for the first time since 1983 for the Lady Aggie softball team next season.

Tammy Capilla, a 5-foot-9 left-handed pitcher from Norwalk, Calif., signed a scholarship with Texas A&M for the 1989 season. Capilla had a 15-4 record with a 0.14 earned run average, 139 strikeouts and three walks during her senior season at Leffingwell Christian High School. When she wasn't pitching, Capilla played first base and ran up some impressive offensive statistics — a .651 average with five homers and 32 runs batted in.

"Tammy has the potential to step right in and help us immediately, not only on the mound but at first base as well," said Bob Brock, A&M's softball coach. "She is another in the long line of pitchers from California who are sometimes overlooked during the recruiting process."

"I am very impressed with her ability. She throws with a lot of velocity, and with continued work on her movement, she can develop into a fine collegiate pitcher."

## Appeals court rules NCAA records protected

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A federal appeals court ruled that the NCAA and the Southwest Conference may keep the public from seeing their investigation files which are not subject to Texas open records laws.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, in a ruling made public Wednesday, reversed a Texas federal judge who said news reporters had the right to see information on recruiting investigations at conference schools.

A three-judge panel of the appeals court

said the two organizations are not "governmental bodies" under Texas law, although they receive public funds, and therefore cannot be forced to open their records.

The case went to court when reporters tried to find out about a football recruiting scandal at Southern Methodist University.

News organizations maintained that the Texas Open Records Act of 1973 gave public access to information from any organization supported in part by public funds.

District Judge James Nowlin found in 1986 that because both organizations received public funds they couldn't keep records secret.

However, the appeals court panel reversed his decision after checking numerous rulings by the Texas attorney general to determine what constitutes a "governmental body" under Texas law.

"On the one hand," Judge Henry Politz wrote, "... the NCAA and the SWC provide services to Texas public universities, but ob-

viously not as specific or finitely measurable as done by a company which sells pencils or repairs buildings.

"On the other hand, there apparently is some common purpose of objective between the association and the universities, or they would not be drawn to each other. . . ."

The appeals court noted that "general support" is required for an organization to be designated a governmental body.

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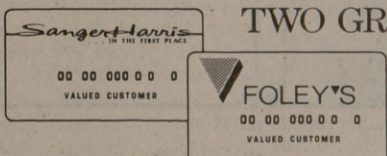


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