

Tyson remains in seclusion as questions remain

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Evander Holyfield's right ear is in stitches, and Mike Tyson's boxing career is in tatters.

Iron Mike, the baddest man of the decade, went far beyond the bounds of even his violent sport and was disqualified after three rounds for biting Holyfield on both ears Saturday night.

"We don't know what's in store for Mike Tyson," said Jay Larkin, the man behind boxing for Showtime-SET, which still has a 1 1/2-year contract with Tyson. "We're waiting for a lot of answers."

Holyfield answered one question while he was at Valley Hospital having his ears repaired when he said that since he has beaten Tyson twice, there's no reason to fight him again.

Holyfield did not meet the media Sunday, but his attorney, Jim Thomas, said, "At this point in time we do not believe

Mike Tyson deserves to be in the ring with somebody like Evander Holyfield."

As for suing Tyson for the bites, one of which took a one-inch chunk out of the right ear, Thomas said, "I believe the action of Mike Tyson was a tortious action. Whether Evander Holyfield wants to do anything about that, we'll have to decide."

"Both of us feel for the good of this sport, which Evander has put a lot into over the years, there needs to be some consequences," Thomas said. "It's just been hours since somebody bit a piece out of my best friend. I should calm down before deciding what to do."



Tyson

Thomas said his course of action would be influenced by the action of the Nevada State Athletic Commission, which held up Tyson's \$30 million purse pending an investigation. The commission will meet Tuesday to set a date for a hearing into the matter of fining and/or suspending Tyson.

"We could take 10 percent (of the purse) or \$250,000, whichever is greater," said Dr. Elias Ghanem, commission chairman. A suspension would be recognized by, at the least, major boxing states and by organizations such as the British Boxing Board of Control.

Lt. Dennis Cobb of the Las Vegas Police Department indicated there would be no charges filed against Tyson for taking a swing at an officer during the post-fight melee in the ring. Don Turner, Holyfield's trainer, and Tim

Hallmark, his strength coach, said Tyson didn't hit the officer.

And Cobb said, "We kind of know it comes with the territory."

Tyson spit out the hunk of Holyfield's right ear and it was recovered by a casino worker and sent to the hospital, but Hallmark said when he and a plastic surgeon looked for it, it could not be found.

Asked if Holyfield was bothered by how he looked with a chunk of his ear missing, Turner snapped, "How would you feel with a piece out of your ear?"

Added Thomas: "He was angry, not only because of the pain, but because it was disrespectful to the sport he is in. He's disappointed because he was going to knock Tyson out."

The damage to Tyson's career is immeasurable, but he can still make good money

fighting — villains can be attractions. Michael Moorer, the IBF champion, has contract with Showtime to fight Tyson whether Tyson won or lost Saturday night.

Holyfield, the WBA champion, also talked of fighting Moorer, who outboxed Holyfield in a title match in 1994. The fight might be more attractive at this time for Showtime.

What is particularly damaging to Tyson is the way he lost, and how the loss is perceived by the public.

Tyson, who avoided the media Sunday, said that his biting was in retaliation. Holyfield hitting low and butting, which opened a cut over Tyson's right eye.

Referee Mills Lane ruled the butting was accidental. Tyson also was cut on the left eye by what was ruled an accidental butt in the first fight, Nov. 9, when he was stopped in the 11th round.

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Bell, Ausmus lift Astros over Cubs

CHICAGO (AP) — Derek Bell and Brad Ausmus drove in three runs each to back Tommy Greene's first start in 1 1/2 seasons, leading the Houston Astros over the Chicago Cubs 10-8 Sunday.

Bell hit a solo homer and a two-run single and Ausmus hit a three-run double for Houston, first in the NL Central at the midway point of the season despite a 40-41 record.

Greene, who missed all of last season because of back and shoulder injuries, started for the first time since Sept. 16, 1995, against the New York Mets and was given a 7-0 lead before he tired. Greene, who hit an RBI double, struck out seven in 4 1-3 innings, allowing four runs, six hits and two walks.

Blas Minor (1-0) pitched 1 1-3 innings of one-hit relief, helping send the Cubs to their 16th loss in

23 games. Billy Wagner got four outs for his 14th save.

Terry Mulholland (5-9) lost his fifth consecutive start, allowing seven runs and seven hits in 4 2-3 innings. He has allowed 23 earned runs in 28 2-3 innings during his



skid, a 7.22 ERA.

Bell's fifth homer put Houston ahead in the fourth, and the Astros took a 7-0 lead in the fifth. Tim Bogar singled leading off and advanced on left fielder Dave Clark's fielding error. Greene hit an RBI double with one out, Craig Biggio walked and James Mouton

hit a two-run double.

Bell was intentionally walked with two outs, and Sean Berry walk led the bases for Ausmus, who doubled to left.

Ray Sanchez homered with one out in the fifth, his first since April 1996, against San Diego's Andy Ashby.

Turk Wendell walked, Doug Glanville singled and Dana Hansen's RBI single chased Greene. Mark Grace greeted Tom Martin with an RBI single and Sammy Sosa a run-scoring groundout, pulling the Cubs to 7-4.

Bell hit a two-run single off Terry Adams in the eighth and Berry grounded into a run-scoring double play off Mel Rojas.

Jose Hernandez hit a two-run homer in the bottom half and Grace singled in a run. Sanchez singled in a run in the ninth.

Graham Marsh wins U.S. Senior Open

OLYMPIA FIELDS, Ill. (AP) — Graham Marsh overcame seven bogeys in the final round Sunday, making a birdie on the 17th hole and a perfect par on No. 18 to edge buddy John Bland and win the U.S. Senior Open.

It was the first major championship for Marsh, an Australian who had come close but failed in his first three appearances in the tournament. He won despite a closing round of 4-over-par 70.

Victorious for the second consecutive week on the Senior PGA Tour, Marsh earned \$232,500 by being the only player to shoot even-par at Olympia Fields Country Club's challenging North Course. He is the first Senior Open winner not to break par since Jack Nicklaus in 1991.

Bland, a South African who has finished in the top seven in six of his last seven events but hasn't won this year, ended at 1-over. Gil Morgan and Tom Wargo were another stroke back.

Nicklaus, who played well but was able to make only two of his 15 birdie putts Sunday, was in a five-player group that tied for fifth at 4-over. He shot 69, his best round of the tournament. Hale Irwin, the tour's top money winner, also was in that group after carding Sunday's best score, 67.

Leonard Thompson, Dave Eichelberger and Hugh Baiocchi were the others at 4-over.

Marsh and Bland, who have played against each other numerous times over the years and teamed to win the Legends of Golf earlier this season, went into the 18th hole tied.

After Bland drove the ball into the short rough, just in front of a fairway bunker, Marsh sent his drive about 295 yards down the middle of the fairway.

"My best drive for the week," Marsh said.

Bland then hit a 3-iron into the trap guarding the right side of the green and Marsh followed with an 8-iron within 18 feet. Bland blasted out of the sand and narrowly missed an 18-foot putt but after tapping in for the bogey.

Marsh knew he could two-putt and win, and he did just that. He held up both arms in triumph, hugged Bland for several seconds and then pumped his right fist to the cheering crowd.

"Somehow, I scrambled and scraped and got it done," Marsh said. "I didn't have the kind of start I

TOP 25 FINAL SCORES

OLYMPIA FIELDS, Ill. (AP) — Top 25 final scores and money winners Sunday at the \$1.3 million U.S. Senior Open on the 6,841-yard, par-70 Olympia Fields Country Club course (a-amateur):

Graham Marsh	\$232,500	72-67-67-74	280
John Bland	\$137,500	70-69-73-69	281
Gil Morgan	\$73,321	69-74-71-68	282
Tom Wargo	\$73,321	69-70-73-70	282
Hale Irwin	\$39,938	73-74-70-67	284
Jack Nicklaus	\$39,938	73-72-70-69	284
Hugh Baiocchi	\$39,938	73-71-69-71	284
Leonard Thompson	\$39,938	72-70-72-75	284
Dave Eichelberger	\$39,938	69-70-75	284
Jay Sigel	\$29,413	74-68-74-69	285
Jose-Maria Canizares	\$29,413	73-74-66-72	285
Bruce Summerhays	\$25,118	71-75-69-71	286
Dana Quigley	\$25,118	71-71-71-73	286
Hubert Green	\$25,118	71-68-75	286
Frank Conner	\$21,155	71-74-73-69	287
Lee Trevino	\$21,155	69-73-70	287
Larry Laoretti	\$21,155	73-72-71	287
Jimmy Powell	\$17,876	66-78-70	288
Bud Allin	\$17,876	73-70-71	288
Bob Charles	\$17,876	68-72-75	288
Walt Morgan	\$13,349	75-71-68	289
Gibby Gilbert	\$13,349	73-74-69	289
Tom Shaw	\$13,349	76-72-69	289
Gary Player	\$13,349	72-71-70	289
Kermit Zarley	\$13,349	69-80-71	289

was looking for, but my plan was just to be totally patient. It's easy to be patient when things are going well. The challenge is being patient when things are going astray."

He went into the round with a two-stroke lead over Bland, but promptly bogeyed the first three holes.