

THE SPORTS REPORT

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Baseball

The California Angels held onto a 4-3 lead over the Seattle Mariners, following a three-hour delay caused by a bench-clearing brawl and failed assassination attempt. An additional delay was necessitated by a search for home base umpire John Smith, who had been knocked unconscious by an unnamed police detective before the game.

The New York Yankees have re-signed Clu Haywood and Duke Simpson to new five-year contracts. Haywood won the American League Triple Crown last year, with a batting average of .348, 48 home runs, and 121 runs batted in. Simpson, with a record of 11-2, leads the league in strikeouts per inning, saves, and hit batters. While the pair of signings was not a surprise, many Yankee fans were disappointed with their failure to perform in the clutch in last year's divisional tiebreaker against the Cleveland Indians.

Football

Cleveland Cats owner John Smith announced a memorial for the two slain players, murdered in front of 49,256 fans last Friday night in Los Angeles. Pro football has ruled the game a victory for the Cats, who were leading 17-10 with seconds to go before the game was ended by Billy Cole's murderous rampage/suicide. Los Angeles Stallions owner described the bizarre murder/suicide of star running back Billy Cole a "true tragedy for football fans everywhere." John Smith, who was shot in the knee, left the hospital yesterday, but confirmed initial rumors that he will return.

Who is Ray Smith?

Washington Sentinels owner Edward O'Neill is refusing to comment on the identity of Ray Smith, one of the many substitute players brought in following the recent football strike. According to Clifford Franklin, a substitute running back, Smith kept mostly to himself and never discussed his life outside football. Jamal Jackson and Andre Jackson both insist that Smith is a football coach who likes to embroider, and is not a dangerous convicted felon. According to some rumors, Smith is really Deion Sanders, who attempted to reenter professional football during the strike, but wanted to protect his reputation among other striking players.



The mysterious Ray Smith, after he intercepted for a touchdown in Washington's 14-10 loss to Detroit.

Tonight's TV picks

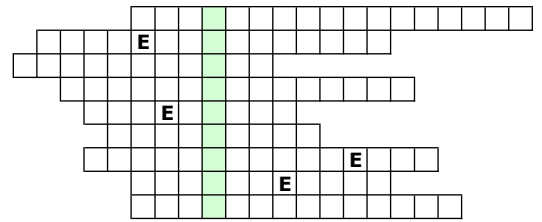
Fourth Annual Border Patrol Tractor Race hosted by Pepper Brooks and Cotton McKnight. 8PM, ESPN8

High School Basketball

The Lincoln Cougars defeated the Omaha Wildcats to win the Nebraska State High School basketball finals. Cougars coach Pete Bell credits their victory on his team's focus on fundamentals. Bell, who has brought Lincoln five all-state victories in five years, has been offered a second opportunity at coaching at the collegiate level with the Western University Dolphins, despite the scandalous past and NCAA violations shared by Pete Bell and Western U's board of directors. NBA star Neon will present the Cougars and Pete Bell at an awards ceremony on Friday, then fly to Miami where he'll join the Heat in a pre-season game against the Celtics.

Cash Prize Contest

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