

SPORT IN BRIEF

Nigerian in trouble over assault claims

INDIAN police have arrested Nigerian footballer Emeka Ezeugo in Calcutta on charges of assaulting a local photographer and have seized his passport, officials said yesterday.

Police said the visiting sportsman, who was in Calcutta to play a charity match, allegedly battered the photographer and smashed his cameras inside a central Calcutta hotel when he tried to take his picture.

The Nigerian-born footballer, who plays professionally for Bangladesh team Mohammedan Sporting Club in Dhaka, was released on bail later in the day.

But police banned Ezeugo from leaving the city.

Reagan praises team

PRESIDENT Ronald Reagan welcomed the US Winter Olympic team to the White House and told the athletes there had been "too much talk in my opinion about the number of medals that weren't won" in the Calgary games.

"Every one of you has a right to be proud," Reagan told approximately 100 competitors in the Rose Garden on one of Washington's first fine spring-like days of the season.

The United States won six medals, including two golds, in the games, adding up to the worst US showing in 52 years. The US team finished in eighth place in total medals, with the Soviet Union on top at 11 gold and 29 overall.

Triumphant Americans

AN American yacht crewed by Pease Herndon and Cindy Goff won the international women's 470 Class yacht competition yesterday for the second consecutive year.

The Herndon-Goff team from Long Beach, California, won yesterday's final race, giving them a total of 8.5 points for eight races — seven points ahead of the Australian yacht manned by Nicola Green and Karyn Davis.

A total of 18 yachts, including eight from Australia, Canada, Denmark, Finland, South Korea, Britain, the United States and the Netherlands, competed in the races on Sagami Bay off Yokosuka, southwest of Tokyo.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Clyde seals narrow win for Blazers

JEROME Kersey scored 33 points and Clyde Drexler added 31 to lead Portland to a narrow 112-110 away victory over the Dallas Mavericks, the Trail Blazers' sixth straight victory.

Drexler hit a field goal with 1:32 remaining and Kevin Porter added a free throw 11 seconds later to give Portland a 111-107 lead going into the final minute. After Mark Aguirre nailed a three-pointer with 18 seconds left to cut the lead to 111-110, Drexler added a free throw with eight seconds left for the final two-point margin.

Dallas had a chance to tie the score on their final pos-



sion. Rolando Blackman penetrated the lane, but missed the shot. Portland controlled the rebound to end the game.

In Atlanta Dominique Wilkins scored 41 points and Glenn Rivers handed out 19 assists to help the Atlanta Hawks snap a three-game home losing streak with a 143-113 triumph over the Phoenix Suns.

Atlanta led 107-95 entering the final quarter and their final margin of 30 points represented the Hawks' biggest lead.

Steve Stipanovich and Reggie Miller each scored 22 points and Vern Fleming collected his third triple-double

of the season lifting the Indiana Pacers to a 117-104 victory over the Detroit Pistons. Fleming scored 18 points and led the Pacers with 10 rebounds and 13 assists. The victory, which halted a four-game losing streak, marked the first time Indiana have won when Fleming notched one of his four career triple-doubles.

Meanwhile in Milwaukee Terry Cummings scored 27 points and Randy Breuer 23 to lead the Milwaukee Bucks to a 119-101 victory over the San Antonio Spurs.

The Bucks improved to 32-25 while the Spurs, led by Alvin Robertson with 23 points, dropped their third



Reuter picture

Suns' Mark West is fouled by Hawks' Cliff Levington as he is about to slam the ball home. Hawks' Doc Rivers looks on.

straight game and fell to 22-34. San Antonio received 21 points from Mike Mitchell.

And in Denver Akeem Olajuwon scored 25 points and Rodney McCray added 17 to lead the Houston Rockets to a 113-103 victory over the Denver Nuggets.

Purvis Short added 15 for the Rockets, who improved

to 35-23 and closed to within a half-game of second-place Denver in the Midwest Division. Danny Schayes scored 25 points for Denver, followed by Alex English with 21 points, as the Nuggets dropped to 36-23.

Dale Ellis scored five of his 29 points in overtime to help the Seattle SuperSonics

to a 121-116 triumph over the Golden State Warriors.

The score was tied 108-108 at the end of regulation and Derrick McKey put Seattle ahead for good when he converted a layin with 36 seconds remaining in overtime, moving the Sonics ahead 118-116.

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ICE HOCKEY

Olympian Burke is blasted off rink

JAN Erixon, Mark Hardy and Marcel Dionne scored on three of New York's first four shots at rookie Sean Burke to put the Rangers into fourth place in the Patrick Division with a 7-4 home triumph over the New Jersey Devils.

Burke, Canada's top goalie during the Calgary Games, made one save before being replaced by Alain Chevrier after Dionne's goal at 6:25.

The Rangers snapped a two-game losing streak and escaped last place in the Patrick Division, moving a point ahead of New Jersey and the idle Pittsburgh Penguins.

In Utica, New York Rookie Derek King scored two goals and added an assist powering the New York Islanders to a 7-4 rout of Vancouver, the Canucks' eighth consecutive defeat.

New York moved into a tie with Philadelphia for second place in the Patrick Division.

New York took a 4-1 lead after one period.

Meanwhile in Detroit, Lue Norwood and Glen Hanlon made 24 saves in his fourth shutout of the season leading the Detroit Red Wings to a 2-0 victory over the Boston Bruins.

Detroit, unbeaten in their last five games, improved their Norris Division-leading record to 35-24-9.

Hanlon's shutout ties him with Washington's Clint Malarchuk and Edmonton's Grant Fuhr for the NHL lead.

In Quebec Marc Fortier scored his first two NHL goals and Jeff Jackson notched two goals to lead the Quebec Nordiques to a 6-4 victory over the Hartford Whalers.

The triumph brought Quebec within three points of Hartford for the fourth and final play-off spot in the Adams Division.

And in St Louis Doug Gilmour scored a goal and had two assists and Greg Millen made 22 saves to lead the St Louis Blues to 3-2 victory over the T- N.Y.

New plan to entice the Giants

SAN Mateo County supervisors have endorsed a redevelopment site in East Palo Alto to try and lure the San Francisco Giants to a new home.

On Monday night, the East Palo Alto City Council called for the formalisation of an agreement with the county and the stadium task force to study the possibility of building a 45,000-seat stadium as part of a proposed industrial park project.

Two Santa Clara County sites near San Jose are also being looked at as possible sites for a new Giants' stadium.

The team's owner, Bob Lurie, has given Bay Area officials until the end of the year to find a new site for the Giants. If they cannot do it, he has said he will sell the team, or move it to another area of the nation when his lease runs out at windy Candlestick Park in 1994.

The East Palo Alto site is about 25 miles south of Candlestick Park.

Arizona, Chili Davis blasted a two-run double to highlight a five-run, fourth-inning rally that carried the California Angels to a 5-3 exhibition victory over the Giants.

Mike LaCoss, 0-2, allowed the five unearned runs after a throwing error by Giants shortstop Jose Uribe. Bob Boone scored on the Uribe's error, then Johnny Ray and Tony Armas sandwiched run-scoring singles around Davis' double to the wall in right centrefield.

California starter Mike Witt, 2-0, threw three-hitless innings, striking out six and walking one, for the victory.

The victory gave the Angels a 3-2 Cactus League record while the Giants fell to 1-4.

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