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Hoist One for Peace

ON MARCH 22 Sri Chinmoy, an Indian peace leader who lives in New York City and performs feats of strength to advance his cause, lifted 200-pound barbells over his head with each hand. The 68-year-old, 160-pound Sri Chinmoy, who is said to have lifted 7,063 pounds at age 55 and to have used a special platform to raise a four-ton elephant and a private jet holding 22 passengers, also hefts celebrities. Among the lifted luminaries have been Sugar Ray Leonard, Carl Lewis and Ronnie Lott, the presidents of Sri Lanka and Uruguay, Iceland's prime minister and, on March 9 at the presidential residence in Pretoria, 180-pound Nelson Mandela of South Africa.



HEAPS OF TALENT

IF YOU had ventured last fall to tab the Duke basketball player most likely to be a first-round draft pick, chances are you wouldn't have chosen Jay Heaps, a 5' 9", 155-pound, seldom-used point guard who earned a spot on the Blue Devils in '95 after catching the eye of men's assistant coach Quin Snyder while practicing with the Duke women's team. In December, though, Heaps, a senior, completed his degree work and became eligible for the draft—the MLS draft. In February he was taken in the first round by the Miami Fusion. ¶ A midfielder-defender who scored 45 goals for the Blue Devils' soccer team (third alltime at Duke), Heaps saw only 10 minutes of action in four basketball games this season but worried that his departure would leave coach Mike Krzyzewski shorthanded in practice. Says Heaps, "Coach K said, 'If that's where your future is, it's what you've got to do.'" ¶ Heaps had little trouble settling into the Fusion lineup; he scored on a spectacular diving header in the season opener against the New York/New Jersey MetroStars on March 20. Getting settled in his new South Florida pad in the middle of March Madness was a little trickier. "I had to get cable, and they told me they couldn't install it for a few weeks," he says. "I had to yell at the cable guy to get there quicker so I could see my guys play."



Indiana Melee

Rumble in Bloomington

On Sunday, Indiana junior cornerback Curtis Randle El showed up at the second day of the Hoosiers' spring football practice. Hardly remarkable—except that six days earlier he had been standing outside an off-campus apartment house with his guts spilling out of his stomach. Randle El, an Indiana starter and older brother of Hoosiers quarterback Antwaan Randle El, had been stabbed in the abdomen during a brawl between several members of the football team and a group of fraternity brothers.

According to Bloomington police, the March 22 incident—which may have been brewing since a hotly contested basketball game several weeks before—began when Phi Beta Sigma fraternity member Dante Wilson struck wide receiver Tyrone Browning in the head during an argument. Shortly afterward Browning and his roommate, wideout Levron Williams, along with another unidentified football player, went to the apartment building where Wilson and some other members of his fraternity live. The three scuffled with Phi

Beta Sigma member Richard Gilliam, who struck Browning on the head with a baseball bat. The players left, but minutes later defensive tackle Damian Gregory showed up wearing a football helmet and making threats. That evening, outside the same building, as many as two dozen combatants from the football team and the fraternity brawled in front of 200 onlookers.

Curtis Randle El says he was on his way home from studying when he saw the unruly crowd, stopped his car and tried unsuccessfully

to calm things down. Police say that during the ensuing melee Gilliam, brandishing a knife with a six-inch-long blade and brass knuckles for a handle, stabbed Randle El in the abdomen, opening a gash through which his intestines began to spill. "It happened real fast—just boom, boom, boom, and everyone was running," Randle El says. Gilliam told police that Randle El had come at him in an aggressive manner. A friend rushed Randle El to Bloomington Hospital, where his gallbladder was removed.

On Monday, Gilliam was charged with felony battery, Wilson with disorderly conduct Gregory with criminal trespass and disorderly conduct and Hoosiers safety Kyle Moffat with disorderly conduct and false reporting. None had filed pleas as of Monday night. Indiana indefinitely suspended three unnamed players from the team. Hoosiers coach Cam Cameron said, "The challenge now is to make sure that this never happens again."

Randle El, who was released from the hospital on Saturday, is expected to recover fully, and he hopes to play next season. Of his meeting with the team at Sunday's practice, he says, "We were all in tears. I'm supposed to be out there with them instead of something stupid like this."

Kubiak (cont.)

Calmer Waters

On March 22 former Naval Academy quarterback Jim Kubiak finally got what he wanted: a release from active duty in the Navy so he could pursue his dream of playing in the NFL (SCORECARD, March 15). The Navy previously released Kubiak in March 1998 to let him try out with the Indianapolis Colts. When he failed to make the '98 roster, he was recalled for the remaining 17 months of his five-year obligation. In January, Kubiak got a restraining order against the recall. Under the terms of last week's settlement