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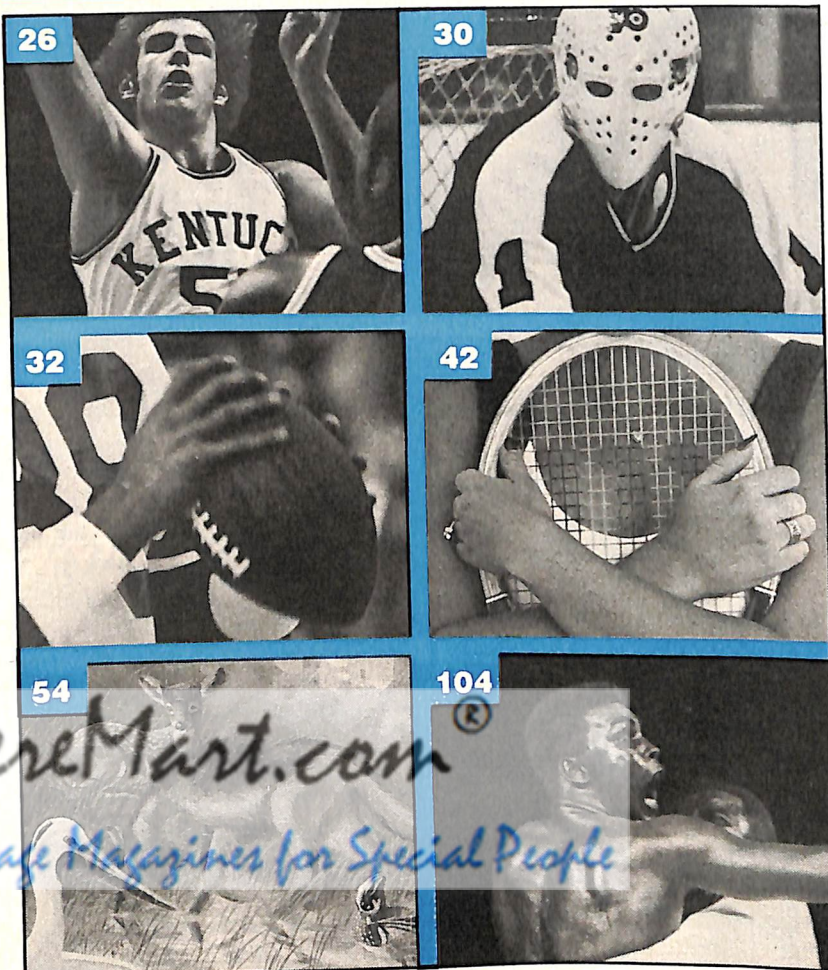
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IT'S NO JOKE for the more than 60 pro fighters who will participate in the U.S. Boxing Tournament and its \$1.5 million in purses. Mark Kram reports on TV's six-month-long blockbuster that will begin in January.

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