



sports round-up

By MARK QUEEN

KEEP YOUR EYE ON NAPOLEON!
Basketball coach Ed Gregory of Nevada Southern doesn't need this advice. You can be sure that Gregory will be keeping an apprehensive eye on Nap Montgomery of the University of Nevada for the next two years after watching him operate against the Rebels in two games last winter.

After the Rebs stomped the Wolf Pack down here, 95-68, in the first game of their home-and-home series, the Las Vegas team went up to Reno for the second game fully confident it could defeat Nevada on its own court. It looked like a cinch when the Wolf Pack's high-scoring Negro star, Bill Robinson, was declared academically ineligible.

But Nap Montgomery, smallish as basketball players go at 6-foot-2, jumped like a maniac to help Nevada control the backboards as Southern Nevada was soundly thrashed, 83-70.



NAP MONTGOMERY

The Wolf Pack went on from there to win the Far Western Conference title, thanks largely to the brilliant all-around work of Montgomery.

Nap is now jumping forward, instead of upward, as a member of the Nevada track team. And with equal success despite no previous experience. The sophomore from Chicago already boasts the fifth best broad jump effort in the Far Western Conference—a tidy 23 feet—and coach Floyd Edsall expects him to top the 25-foot mark before he gets his diploma two years hence.

Yes, sirl Nap Montgomery will bear a little watching.

IT ISN'T OFTEN that a ball player credits his banker (of all people!) for inspiring him to extraordinary accomplishment. But that is exactly what Willie Mays, possibly heading for his greatest season in an already glittering career, has been doing lately.

"I'm playing better ball because my mind is free of all those financial problems that used to get me down," Willie will tell you in all seriousness. "And I owe it all to Jake Shemano."

Willie's finances were in bad shape a couple of years ago but Jake has straightened things out according to the "Say, hey" kid. It's even rumored that the rampaging Giants outfielder is now completely out of debt.

"If I had met Jake ten years ago," says

GRAMBLING RELAYERS ENTER COLISEUM MEET

A speedy four-man relay team from Louisiana's Grambling College that has posted the fastest times in the nation this year for the 440 and 800 yard events was the first official entry accepted for the Los Angeles Coliseum Relays of May 15.

The Negro combine of Don Meadows, Rich Stebbins, Vernus Ragsdale and Don Owens went 40.3 in the 440 and 1:23.3 in the 880 at the Pelican State Relays at Baton Rouge

last week according to Jessie Hill, chairman of the Coliseum Relays selection committee.

"These are the best marks for those events thus far in 1964," Hill said. "Grambling's 1:23.3 was one-tenth second better than the Coliseum Relays record set in 1962 by Florida A&M and its 40.3 equals the winning effort of Texas Southern here in that year. The Coliseum record for the 440 is .40 flat by Texas in 1957."



WALTER WASHINGTON
Western High Hurdler Takes One in Full Stride

Willie, "I'd be a millionaire today."

There's one thing that bothers us about this situation, however. If a banker can do so much for a guy like Willie Mays, how come the New York Mets, who are guided by that great financial genius from Glendale, Calif., Casey Stengel, aren't setting the National League on fire?

AFTER WHAT HAPPENED at Miami Beach, a lot of fight fans claim they wouldn't put out two bucks to see Cassius Clay and Sonny Liston go at it again. Former champ Gene Tunney, for instance, says, "Personally, I don't think it was a real fight at all. They acted like a couple of novices who were in the habit of fighting longshoremen. This is the kind of show that killed boxing. All that has to be done now is a proper burial."

Slapsie Maxie Rosenbloom, on the other hand, is certain the public will soon forget the travesty of Feb. 25. The old light-heavy king, an occasional performer on our Las Vegas stages, says that when the Liston-Floyd Patterson rematch did fairly good business here last year, he became convinced that nothing can hurt boxing permanently.

"I guess they can sell the public anything these days," Maxie commented in a recent chat with Sid Ziff of the Los Angeles Times.

Rosenbloom doesn't think much of Clay's ability now, but believes Cassius has the boxing talent to develop into a good fighter. Asked how he regards Willie Pastrano, the man who now holds the 175-pound crown he once wore, Maxie replied: "I thought Harold Johnson beat him 15 out of 15 in Las Vegas."

Incidentally, Pastrano's luck seems to be holding out pretty good. From all reports, Greg Peralta was well on his way to stripping Willie of his title at New Orleans when the Argentine fighter's cut eye came to the champ's rescue. It will be interesting to see how the Wisp does against rejuvenated Bobo Olsen in San Francisco on May 22. Old Bobo was little short of amazing in his great victory over Wayne Thornton recently.

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ALL IN VAIN—Two Boston Celtics, Bill Russell (6) and John Havlicek, took on San Francisco Warriors center high and low during NBA play-off game in San Francisco last week but Wilt Chamberlain was able to clear ball to teammate Nate Thurmond (42). Big Dipper's efforts were all in vain, however, as Celtics took title series in six games for unprecedented sixth NBA crown in as many years.

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News Items From Near And Far

Entertainer Dick Gregory and his wife, Lillian, have named their new-born twins Pamela Ine and Paula Gratton "so the girls will always remember their mother's suffering when she was jailed during pregnancy while fighting for civil rights."

Gov. George Romney of Michigan, frequently mentioned as a possible "compromise" candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, has purchased a \$500 life membership in the NAACP.

Henry L. T. Koren, a career diplomat, has been sworn in as U.S. ambassador to the Republic of the Congo (Brazzaville) and has pledged his fullest cooperation in building stronger ties between the U. S. and the former French colony.

A move is under way to stimulate interest among Negroes to seek appointment to the U.S. Army, Navy and Air Force academies.

School administrators throughout the country have been requested to send the names of interested students to Alfred B. Fitt, deputy assistant secretary of defense for civil rights in the Pentagon, Washington, D. C.

Candidates must be between 17 and 21, at least 5-5 in height and possess a high scholarship record.

Only 32 Negroes are currently enrolled among the 9,000 potential high-ranking officers at West Point (11 of 2,500), Annapolis (10 of 4,000) and Colorado Springs (11 of 2,500) according to Fitt.

"The American Revolution of '63", a three-hour program that dealt with civil rights issues, was among TV and radio shows that received George Foster Peabody awards at the annual presentation ceremonies in New York City this week. The program was compiled by the National Broadcasting Co.

The Congo Republic (Leopoldville) has signed its first trade agreement with Czechoslovakia according to the official Czech news agency in Prague.

Student Don Griffin is suing the University of California at Berkeley for \$129,000, alleging discrimination and manhandling by university police because he is a Negro.

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