



sports round-up

A SPOKESMAN for Wilbur Clark's Cavalcade of Charities has assured the VOICE that one or more West Las Vegas organizations will benefit from any profits realized on the Cavalcade's promotion of the big professional football game at Cashman Field on August 29.

We are referring, of course, to the exhibition contest between the Oakland Raiders and the Houston Colts of the American Football League, two clubs which scored more than 100 points between them in their last regular season game.

Forward, Inc., a WLV charity group, already has been designated as a beneficiary of this year's game and we understand the Boys Club also is in line for a share of the profits if the game proves the success expected. Even if there isn't enough to go around this year, the Cavalcade spokesman stated that the Boys Club will be among the preferred beneficiaries in 1965.

Regardless of where the dough goes, this game on Aug. 29 deserves support from all sports-minded residents of the community on its merits as a major attraction. It will be the first "big-league" football game ever staged in Las Vegas and several great Negro stars will play for both teams.

Tickets at \$3.50, \$5 and \$6 are now available at Sugar Hill Cocktail Lounge, Ruben's Supper Club, Larry's Music Bar and Bruce's, Kelly's, Andy's and Friendly Liquor stores.

THIS COLUMN was written and on its way to the printers before the State Athletic Commission held its license revocation show-cause hearing for the Silver State Sports Club here in Las Vegas, so we don't know if the Joey Giardello-Rubin Carter world middleweight title fight is still on for the Convention Center on Nov. 23.

However, if Silver State failed to settle its tax differences with the commission and lost its license, you probably will be subjected to a lot of malarkey about how the commission drove the Giardello-Carter fight out of Las Vegas. The Silver State propagandists already have laid the groundwork for such nonsensical blast, although we suspect everything has been straightened out by now.

If not, we suggest you reserve judgment on the entire matter until next week, when the VOICE will reveal the truth about this mess, if necessary. We can guarantee our material will be well-documented and come as quite a shock.

(Another fine feature article reprinted from THE SPORTING NEWS, the 'Bible of Baseball')

'Talent Will Get Me to Majors,' Declares Negro Arbiter Jelks

By DICK MITTMAN
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Osibee Jelks has an unusual name and is an unusual man.

Jelks is a Negro who hopes to umpire in the major leagues and he plans to do it on talent alone. There will be no umpiring sit-ins or stand-ins for Osibee, just thumb-outs.

"You get in this business to go to the top," Jelks explained. He is one of two Negro umpires in the Pacific Coast League. The other, Emmett Ashford, is umpire-in-chief.

"I know I am going to the top," Jelks continued. "This is a competitive business. It's not a matter of race; you've got to do the job. I'm trying to do everything I can to get there."

Undismayed by Barriers

Jelks is just 31 and there are mighty few umpires that young in the big leagues.

But Osibee isn't the least bit fazed by all of the roadblocks that stand in his path.

"To me, it is not a matter of race or age," he explained. "You have to be able to produce. I don't care what endeavor it is.

"If they feel I can do the job up there, they'll take me . . . not because I'm a Negro. I feel that's why Mr. Soriano (PCL President Dewey Soriano) took me."

Osibee displayed plenty of ability in his appearance behind the plate as the first Negro to umpire Organized Ball in Indianapolis. His calls were clear and distinct. There was very little complaining from the players, which is an indication (and a good one) that the man behind the plate was doing his job.

On one occasion, when the ball was



Osibee Jelks

hit to right field and a play was imminent at second, Jelks hustled out there when the base umpire had to rule on the catch.

Osibee was born in New Orleans and grew up there and in New York. His home now is in New Jersey.

Where did he get his strange first name?

"My parents tell me it's a Biblical name," Jelks replied. "But everybody calls me Osi for short."

Osi played baseball and football in high school ("Catcher and fullback. I took all the dumb jobs") and attended business college. He never considered umpiring for a living until he was approached by Charlie Hurth, presi-

dent of the defunct Southern Association.

"I was working a civil-service job for the recreation department in New Orleans," Jelks said. "Charlie told me I should be in pro ball. I told him to get me a job and I'd go."

The job was presented and Osi began his professional umpiring career in the New York-Pennsylvania League.

Did he consider the race angle?

"This didn't enter my head," he admitted. "I always feel ability is like murder—it can't be hidden. Actually, I've never run into any problems since I've been in the game."

Advanced to Coast Loop

Jelks stayed in the NYP loop two and one-half seasons, then moved to the Northwest League for two and one-half years. In 1963, he advanced to the Coast league and last winter he worked in Puerto Rico.

"I was surprised to get the PCL job," Osi related. "I thought the International League was going to buy me. I was very elated. My wife was sick and I had driven her home to New Jersey. I got this call from Soriano asking me how soon I could go to work. I left immediately."

Osi, who incidentally is paired with another young, aspiring umpire, John Grimsley of North Carolina, officiated recently in his first Southern city, Little Rock. What was his reception?

"Just what I would get in Indianapolis or Spokane," he said, grinning. "Wonderful."

"I was just another umpire."

This is Osibee Jelks, who has two good eyes on the big leagues. He plans to make it there soon.

"With God's help, I hope," he emphasized.

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circumstances as to require the application of the same legal principles to them."

THE COURT CITED Supreme Court decisions in labor cases and other rulings on interstate commerce in support of its finding that the Pickrick affects commerce by its purchase of goods moved interstate.

IN THE MOTEL DECISION, the court held there was no need to justify the outlawing of discrimination on the ground that the business is actually in the stream of commerce.

"The power of Congress," the court said, "when that body seeks to occupy the full extent

of its powers under the Constitution, 'extends to those activities intrastate which so affect commerce . . . as to make regulation of them appropriate means to the exercise of the granted power of Congress.'

The decision held that the courts may not overturn the determination of Congress "unless they conclude that under no reasonable theory could Congress find them 'appropriate to the attainment of its power to regulate commerce.'"

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