



## sports roundup

By MARK QUINN

"SHOCKING" IS THE BEST WORD to describe the cunningly contrived, if crudely conducted, campaign to befuddle the public as to why Las Vegas lost the Joey Giardello-Rubin Carter title fight, originally booked for the local Convention Center on Oct. 23 but now scheduled for Philadelphia on Dec. 14. Brazen attempts to place the blame on innocent parties can only further embarrass this city and the Nevada State Athletic Commission.

Paul Price of the Las Vegas SUN hit the nail on the head when he wrote: "The plain fact--and you must search for it because the smokescreen is blowing--is that Doyle and Greb (Jack Doyle and Mel Greb of Silver State Sports Club, Inc., Las Vegas) did not live up to their contract. . . They failed to post the \$55,000 guarantee. . ." It's as simple as that.

Nationwide Sports, Inc., of Philadelphia, which signed Giardello and Carter for the bout, assigned the live fight rights to Silver State for \$55,000. The contract between Nationwide and Silver State stipulated that champion Giardello was to receive \$42,500 of the \$55,000 as part of his total guarantee of \$102,500. Carter was to receive the remaining \$12,500 as his entire purse.

Nationwide, through vice president Michael Del Collo, then assigned closed circuit television rights to Telescript, Inc., of New York and Los Angeles, on condition that Telescript pay Giardello the remaining \$60,000 of his guaranteed purse.

IN APPROVING THE FIGHT, the Nevada State Athletic Commission stipulated that the guaranteed purses be posted in advance to assure payment to the fighters. Telescript subsequently posted an "irrevocable" letter of credit in the amount of \$60,000 issued by the Bank of California, 550 South Flower St., Los Angeles, payable to Giardello. It was later established that this letter of credit was a valid obligation and cashable by Giardello if and when he so much as stepped in the ring with Carter here up to and including Oct. 31, 1964.

Meanwhile, a personal check for \$55,000 signed by a Harold Halpern, reportedly the president of a New York jewelry concern, was received by the Nevada commission to cover Silver State's share of the guarantees. (Halpern later was identified by a Nevada commission spokesman as a friend of an "advisor" to Silver State.)



VICTORY QUEEN -- Western High's Preston Spencer crowns schoolmate Leonette Taylor "Victory Queen" at Jefferson Center football dance as Warrior halfback and other West Las Vegas gridders were honored for outstanding play during past season. Left are David Scott and Phyllis Gay of Las Vegas High. Right are Lavester (Boochie) Carter and Mary Williams of Rancho High. Western's victory over Rancho for city title gave Spencer right to name his choice "Queen". Western also won state AAA championship.

Anyway, the Halpern check bounced, and when several weeks passed without Silver State replacing it, the Nevada commission, with Del Collo's concurrence, set a deadline of Oct. 6 for the \$55,000 to be posted. When Silver State failed to meet this deadline, the Nevada commission, again with Del Collo's concurrence, extended the deadline to 4 p.m. on Oct. 19, a scant four days before the fight was scheduled to take place. Commission chairman Art Lurie announced that the fight would be cancelled unless Silver State met its obligation at that time.

IN THE MEANTIME, Telescript president Curtis Howard, obviously concerned about Silver State's intention to honor its commitment, called for a three-week postponement of the fight and replacement of Silver State as the live fight promoter. This request was ignored by the Nevada commission and Del Collo pending the Oct. 19 deadline. Both apparently figured Silver State would meet the commission ultimatum to get up the \$55,000 by that date.

However, at a hurriedly arranged commission meeting at 4 p.m. on Oct. 19, Silver State president Doyle told the commission that his firm was prepared to put up only \$35,000. Anthony Giovanetti, a Philadelphia attorney acting as Giardello's advisor, promptly rejected this offer and demanded that Silver State post the full \$42,000 due the champion.

Doyle then went into a huddle with Pat Amato, Carter's manager, following which he informed the commission that Silver State was willing to post \$42,000 "tomorrow" and that Amato had agreed to accept \$1 in cash and a 60-day note for the remainder of the \$12,500 due Carter.

Del Collo immediately nixed this proposal and demanded that Silver State produce the full \$55,000 "because Nationwide is obligated to protect Carter as well as Giardello."

Doyle said it was "impossible" for Silver State to meet this demand, shouting at Del Collo, "Do you want to break us?" Del Collo was adamant, however, so the commission had no alternative but to throw in the towel and announce that the fight was off.

There you have the plain, unvarnished facts as to what transpired. Next week we will take you through the smokescreen of myths that has been thrown up to protect those actually responsible for a situation that has made Las Vegas look ridiculous throughout the sports world. It should really choke you up. And you may be assured no pun is intended.

(To be continued)

## Stratten Takes Title LA Golfers Dominate Valley View Tourney

LOS ANGELES GOLFERS took home a major share of the loot in the sixth annual Valley View Golf Club invitational tournament at the municipal course last weekend, but Jim Stratten of San Francisco won the men's championship with 79-72--151 gross.

Stratten, however, missed in his bid to retire the John DeLuca Trophy when Willie Rayson, LA, outscored him in the first round by two strokes with a 77. Rayson went to 76 the second time around to Stratten's par 72 and had to settle for runnerup in the title test with 153.

The DeLuca Trophy becomes the property of the first golfer to pace the first half of the 36-hole test three times. Stratten already had two legs on the trophy along with Henderson's Bob Taylor. The latter was forced to pass up this year's Valley View event due to a conflict with a tournament at his home club.

Helen Macon, LA, won the women's title with a net 77-81--158, while Pep Jordan, LA, won a leg on the women's permanent trophy with a gross 98 in the first round.

Lorenzo Calhoun, with a third place in the men's C flight, was the only Las Vegan to capture a trophy. Trophy winners and their scores follow: (All scores net except men's championship flight.)

Men's Championship Flight: James Stratten, SF, 79-72--151; Willie Rayson, LA, 77-76--153; Sam Cummings, Phoenix, 80-77--157.

Men's A Flight: A. W. Martin, LA, 75-72--147; Lindsay Wiley, LA, 76-73--149; J. B. Jones, LA, 81-72--153.

Men's B Flight: J. L. Earles, LA, 72-72--144; Virgil Mill, SF, 70-77--147; John Finney, SF, 75-76--151.

Men's C Flight: Nester Gold, LA, 71-73--144; Edgar Charles, LA, 71-74--145; Lorenzo Calhoun, LV, 73-73--146.

Men's D Flight: Dr. Keith Pittman, LA, 62-72--134; A. A. McCardell, Houston, Tex., 75-68--143; Emerson Sapp, LA, 86-78--164.

Women's Championship Flight: Helen Macon, LA, 79-81--160; A. Earles, LA, 78-83--161; Pep Jordan, LA, 79-83--162.

Women's A Flight: Helen Bowles, LA, 77-81--158; Hortense Sapp, LA, 78-83--161; Ella-mae Teasoan, LA, 90-82--172.

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