



Sports Roundup

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And There They Go!

LOCAL SPORTS ACTIVITIES of major import crowd the calendar during the next several weeks.

Only two days hence, on Saturday, April 17, horse racing returns to Joe Wells' refurbished Thunderbird Downs for nine consecutive Saturday-Sunday programs. Then on Monday comes the big American-Russian basketball game at Las Vegas Convention Center. Before the month is out, the annual Golden Gloves boxing tournament and golf's great Tournament of Champions will be with us again, both starting on April 29.

Both thoroughbreds and quarter horses will be featured during the spring race meeting on the fine mile track just east of the Convention Center. Climaxing the season will be the second running of the Thunderbird Downs Futurity for quarter horses on closing day, July 13.

This event is expected to offer a purse of more than \$20,000. Original nominations totaled 183 potential entries from 11 states. Supplemental nominations may swell the list of eligibles to more than double last year's roster of 101. A series of elimination trials will pare the field down to 10 actual starters on July 13.

Cage Classic Monday

MONDAY NIGHT'S CAGE CLASSIC at the Convention Center will give local fans an opportunity to see some of the greatest American college players of the past season try to cut down the towering Russians. It will only cost \$2 (general admission) or \$4 (reserved) to watch such highly touted All-Americans as Gail Goodrich, spark-plug of UCLA's two-time national collegiate champs, and colored standouts like Wichita's Dave Stallworth, Wyoming's Flynn Robinson, San Francisco U.'s Ollie Johnson and Grambling's Wilbur Frazier in action.

These five boys are given a better than even chance of making the final 12-man United States All-Star squad following tryouts in San Francisco conducted by coaches Hal Fischer and Hank Vaughn. Almost two dozen hopefuls have been strutting their stuff for Fischer, who led the Armed Forces All-Stars to the national AAU title in Denver last month, and Vaughn, veteran mentor of the powerful Akron Goodyears.

The Russian Nationals will present much the same lineup of giants who finished second to the United States in the 1964 Olympic Games at Tokyo. The Soviet Union team will be making its American debut here, with seven other games scheduled from coast to coast against different combinations of American talent.

Allen Sanders, a West Las Vegas lad, will be one of the ball-boys at Monday night's game.

Negroes Fastest Humans

WE SUPPOSE YOU NOTICED that Bob Hayes had his 9.1 clocking for the 100-yard dash ratified as a world record by the International Amateur Athletic Federation. The Florida A. & M. flash lowered the former mark of 9.2 held jointly by America's Frank Budd and Canada's Harry Jerome at St. Louis on June 21, 1963. Hayes also joined Horacio Esteves of Venezuela, Armin Hary of Germany and Jerome as co-holder of the 100 meter record at 10 seconds flat and was accorded another top niche in track archives when the United States 400 meter relay team he anchored to victory in the Tokyo Olympics had their record time of 39 second certified as a world record.

Another great Negro runner, Henry Carr of Arizona State, also received official recognition for world records of 20.2 in the 200 meters and 220 yards around a curve, while Ralph Boston, the 1960 Olympic broad jump champion, recaptured top placing in his specialty at 27 feet, 4 1/4 inches. Otis Davis and Adolph Plummer are listed as co-holders of the 400 meter record of 44.9.

In Local Cage Limelight



GAIL GOODRICH



DAVE STALLWORTH



CHAMPIONS ALL--Photo above shows Kermit Booker Sr. (right), executive head of Las Vegas Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, presenting Kappa Trophy to Larry Wilburn, sponsor of Larry's Music Bar basketball team that won Las Vegas Recreation Department 'A' League championship during past season with perfect record. Others in photo are (from left) coach Joe Haynes, Doolittle Center director and local Kappa secretary; team manager James Roberts, Johnny Gathrite, Coochie Archie, Herbert Burns, Henry Dunson and Quincy Bolden. Team members Lee Bolden and John Johnson were not present when photo was taken. Wilburn rewarded each member of squad with two tickets to Monday night's (April 19) cage classic at Las Vegas Convention Center between United States All-Stars and Soviet Union Nationals, 1964 Olympic runnerup. Among college All-Americans slated to perform against Russians are Gail Goodrich and Dave Stallworth, pictured at left. Goodrich sparked UCLA to second national collegiate title this year. Stallworth, almost a head taller than Goodrich at 6-7, was a standout for Wichita and consensus choice among NBA scouts as best pro prospect among current crop of college graduates. American squad of 12 players that will oppose Soviet Union giants in first game of eight-city tour of United States is being selected from some two dozen college stars who have been trying out in San Francisco under noted AAU coaches Hal Fischer and Hank Vaughn. Monday night's game is sponsored by Southern Nevada AAU and Las Vegas Footprinters. Expenses connected with event were underwritten by Strip and downtown Las Vegas hotels. (See 'Sports Roundup' this page.)

Former College Stars Recruit West Vegas Swimming Team

TWO FORMER Tennessee A. & I. swimming stars intend to put West Las Vegas on the aquatic map.

Leonard Mason, now an engineer's draftsman with the Bureau of Reclamation in Boulder City, and Meldon Woods, a science teacher at John C. Fremont Junior High, are organizing the Westside's first swimming team under the banner of the "Aquanauts Aquatic Club."

All boys between the ages of 9 and 21 interested in trying out for the team are invited to contact Mason at 415 Beth Circle, 642-3967, Woods at 1701 'J' St., 642-0480. Workouts will be held at Doolittle Pool as soon as it is opened, probably around May 1, but candidates are urged to enroll as soon as possible for preliminary instruction.

Mason and Woods intend to enter their team in Southern California and Arizona meets in addition to local AAU competitions. They are looking forward to help in carrying out their program from a local organization interested in promoting youth activities.

Mason, a native Nevadan who attended Las Vegas High, and Woods, who originated in Detroit, were teammates on the undefeated Tennessee A. & I. Tiger Sharks team. Both were "water babes" at the age of 3 and have kept close to the liquid element ever since.

Len received formal instruction from state athletic commissioner Jimmy Gay and competed in local meets before going to school in Tennessee and at Los Angeles City College, where he was a member of the water polo team. He also is a skin-diving devotee and served as a lifeguard at the Carver House pool.

Mel, who specialized in the 220 and 440 yard freestyle events in college, has been a lifeguard and swimming instructor for the Las Vegas Recreation Dept. for four of the past five summers. He will be attached to the Doolittle Pool this season.

Both Mason and Woods are Red Cross Certified Water Safety Instructors.

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