

# Las Vegas Hosts Three Sports Gigantics in 11 Days

## Warriors-Lakers, Cassius-Floyd Bout Follow Grand Prix

By MARK QUEEN

FABULOUS LAS VEGAS is only a generation removed from those halcyon days when a club fight involving two fourth-raters and the annual basketball game between Las Vegas High and some upstate school were highlights of the sports year--and the only golf course in the area was a nine-hole track out in the tules. But look at us now, huh? Or haven't some of you oldtimers noticed?

For instance, how many of you realize that this area is the only place in the entire country--regardless of size--that can boast TWO or more big-time professional golf tournaments each year. Cities five and ten times the size of Las Vegas and its environs, with dozens of fine golf courses on their outskirts, can't get ONE major PGA event a year. Yet here we are with THREE this year alone--the \$111,111 Sahara Invitational, the \$70,000 Tournament of Champions and the \$50,000 National PGA Senior--not to mention the Ladies PGA Championship with its second largest purse for women golfers offered anywhere in the world.

And have you considered the fact that in exactly 18 days, the Las Vegas Convention Center, located where scrubby desert was a haven for jackrabbits less than a decade ago, will play host to its eleventh world title fight in five and a half years?

This is for the big one, too--the heavyweight championship of the world. When Cassius (Muhammad Ali) Clay and Floyd Patterson climb through the ropes at the part-time Palace of Punch off Paradise Rd. on the evening of Nov. 22, there will be just about as many newsmen from every corner of the earth at ringside as there were spectators at the old arena where The Mint casino now stands when Poison Smith squared off with the Tangerine Kid in "the good, old days."

### Baylor, Rodgers et al

AND THAT AIN'T the half of it!

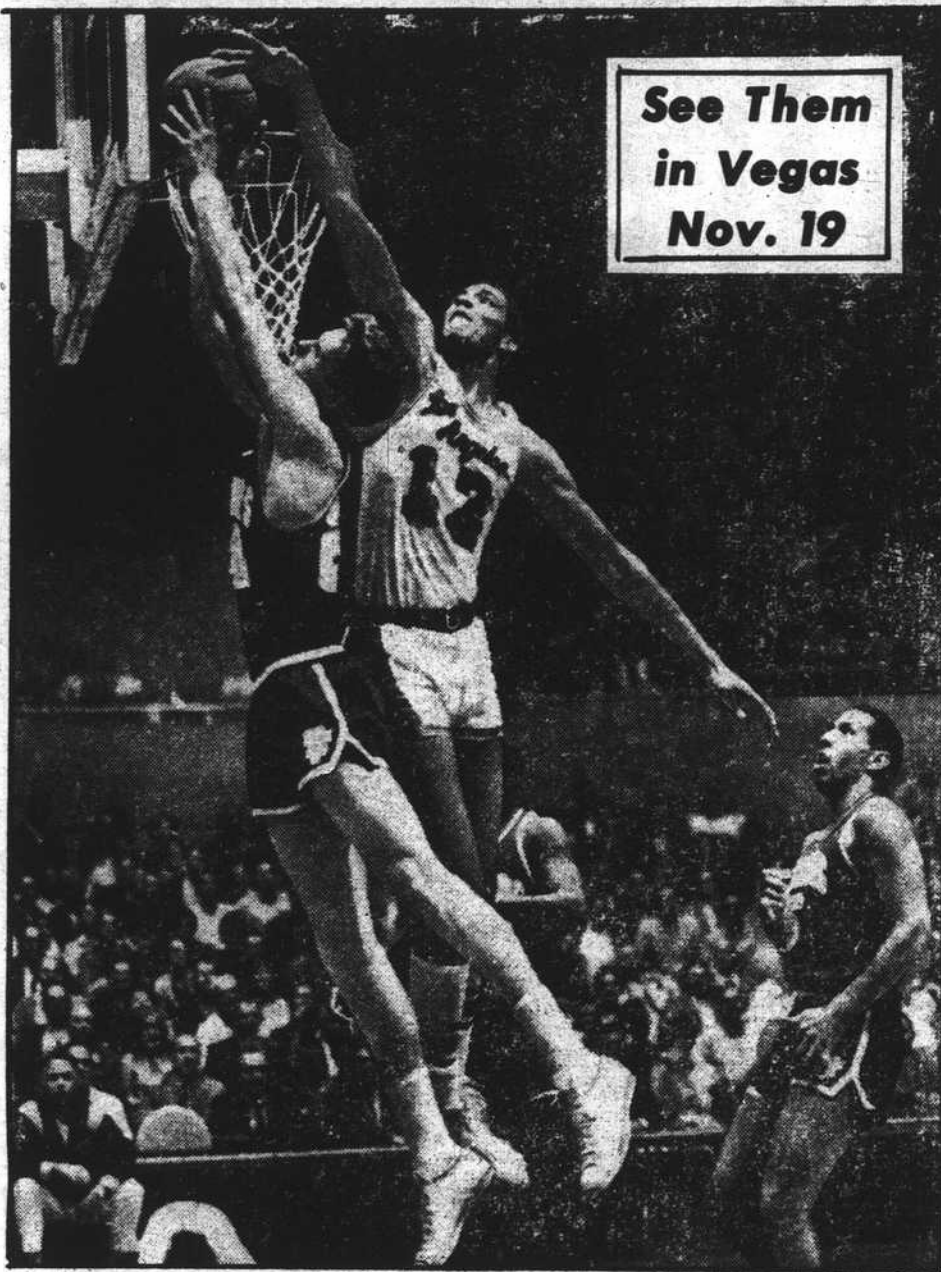
Within ten days before the big fight, this area will entertain the world's greatest sports car racers (in the \$37,000 Stardust Grand Prix on Nov. 12-14) and a dozen or so of the finest basketball players ever produced in this country (when the Los Angeles Lakers meet the San Francisco Warriors in a regular NBA league game a few nights later).

Take this here basketball game, which will be played for the benefit of the Nevada Southern Rebel Club at the Convention Center starting at 8:15 on Saturday evening, Nov. 20, less than 48 hours before the "fight of the century."

Only last Saturday night in L.A., some 12,000 fans were thrilled by the amazing talents of such marvelous cagers as Elgin Baylor, Guy Rodgers, Nate Thurmond, Jerry West, Rick Barry, Tom Meschery, Gene Wiley, Gail Goodrich (how did this guy get so far down on the list?), Walt Hazzard, Darryl Imhoff, Leroy Ellis and other former college All-Americans as the surging Warriors edged the Lakers, 124-122.

The same cast will be here on the 20th, with the superlative Baylor (who passed the 15,000-point mark in NBA competition last Saturday) and his Laker buddies thirsting for quick and devastating revenge over magician Rodgers and his rampaging Warriors.

Can there be one basketball fan--or just plain "sports nut" for that matter--in all of Southern Nevada who can resist coming up with



See Them  
in Vegas  
Nov. 19

**HOLD EVERYTHING, RICKY BOY**--Gene Wiley (12) of Los Angeles Lakers, leaps high to block layup shot by sensational San Francisco Warrior rookie Rick Barry in game at LA last Saturday. However, Warrior sparkplug Guy Rodgers (right) led league-leading Bay Area club to thrilling 124-122 victory over defending Western division NBA champions. All-American studded pro teams resume bitter intra-state rivalry at Las Vegas Convention Center on Nov. 20 in area's first big-league cage contest. Barry, nation's top college scorer last year for Miami of Florida, and one-time Temple (Philadelphia) ace Rodgers were standout performers here earlier in season when San Francisco outclassed Cincinnati Royals in exhibition game as Barry racked up 23 points in first quarter. (See story this page.)

the two bucks or five-spot that will get him in the Convention Center to see the kind of action described in Monday morning's Los Angeles Times? Like this:

### Pussycats Turn Tiger

"THE MOST STARTLING thing about the Warriors, who are directed by the sport's ablest quarterback, Guy Rodgers, and just about its best rebounder in Nate Thurmond, is that their performance looked like real."

(It should be explained before we proceed that Alex Hannum's stunners, who set a pro basketball record by losing 63 games last season, now have a firm grip on first place in the NBA's Western division--a spot reserved for the defending champion Los Angeles team before the current campaign commenced.)

"With Rodgers outdoing Bob Cousy at his best," the Times story by Dan Hafner continues, "the Warriors, supposedly hurting for subs, started running right along with the Lakers, and Rodgers, a Mr. Perpetual Motion, never let them stop."

"The Warriors (using several rookies) showed the poise of a veteran team in the closing quarter, refusing to wilt. Mr. Clutch, Jerry West, who plunked in a season high of 44 points, and his Laker teammates tied them four times in the final 3 and a half minutes. It was dead even at 120--all with 1:15 to go when Rodgers made the clincher on a drive which saw him pull up short and loft a short jumper into the hoop.

That's the sort of heroics you can expect

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### LV SOLDIER TOP SENTRY IN BRIGADE

MRS. LOUVENIA DAVIS, 1829 W. Nelson St., North Las Vegas, has been officially notified that her son, Private Jesse L. Nelson, has been selected as the "Outstanding Sentry" of the Third Training, Brigade, United States Infantry, at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

In a personal letter to Mrs. Davis, commanding officer Col. Truman A. Hopkins revealed that Private Nelson's selection "was based on his military bearing, neat appearance, knowledge of basic military subjects, high moral character and attention to duty."

Col. Tompkins went on to say, "I am certain your son will continue to meet with success throughout his military career."

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right here in this little, olé cow-town a week from Saturday night. But if you want to be where the action is, we advise you to get your tickets right now, because our little, olé hall can't handle any 12,000 spectators like the LA Sports Arena, and at "2 and 5", the joint just has to sell out long before the first whistle blows.

### Si, Rebels in Prelim

IF YOU HURRY right nimble, you can still pick up a pair of ducats at Larry's Music Bar on 'D' St. just off Jackson. If you're too late there, try the North Las Vegas Fun Center or the Nevada State Bank, El Cortez Hotel or Allied Credit Bureau in the Casino Center district. Other ticket outlets are located at Davey's Locker out on Desert Inn Rd., the Showboat Hotel, the Nevada Southern business office, Henderson Recreation Dept. and Lenon's in Boulder City.

Oh, yes. We almost forgot to mention that all you Silas Stepp fans should get out to the Convention Center at 7 p.m. on the 20th. The Little All-American star of the NSU courtiers and other members of the current Rebel hardwood ensemble will make their first public appearance of the season in an intra-squad game before the Lakers and the Warriors take the floor.

This could be worth two bucks alone to more ardent followers of Big Si and his buddies from the south Maryland Parkway institution of higher learning--and real good small college basketball teams.

See you there, podner!

Time of change:

Bigotry  
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