

# SPORTS

## Chuck Harris

Whether you choose to call him "CASSIUS CLAY" or "MUHAMMAD ALI", you'll have to agree this great fighter is, indisputably, the King of the Boxing World. Displaying his matchless skill and ability to millions of fight fans throughout the nation via radio and closed television circuit, and abroad through the EARLY BIRD SATELLITE, as well as, in person, before upwards of 40,000 roaring spectators in Houston, Texas, the Heavyweight Champion of the World was just as beautiful to watch as is the famed Astrodome Stadium in which the fight was staged.

The Champ was absolutely magnificent, and though most of the fans had come hoping to see him lose, they marvelled at the elegant performance of CLAY against his opponent, the "Big Cat", CLEVELAND WILLIAMS, whose futile efforts to dethrone the master champion was pitiable to behold. WILLIAMS just couldn't get anything together to work against CLAY... Not at any time during the bout did he show he had any business in the same ring with a champ of CLAY'S ability and know-how.

The "Big Cat" was like a lamb thrown to the lions for slaughter...he was bewildered, outclassed, out-manuevered and beaten at the champ's will. He was a "cat" being trampled under the hooves of an elephant as CLAY bombarded all kinds and types of combinations off the noggin of big CLEVELAND WILLIAMS. The Champ was so graceful and fluid in his movements--so artful in parrying the punches CLEVELAND tried to put together, so ferocious in proving his punching power to be as great as his speed and thinking, the most doubting Thomas was convinced, that night, that CLAY is, not only the greatest, but the greatest for a long time to come.

Referee KESSLER said he has just about seen them all but, that night at the Astrodome, CLAY was the greatest his eyes had ever beheld.

It was some kind of show--I viewed it through closed television circuit in Reno, and hundreds of fans there admitted they were dazed--it was near incredible that a man of CLAY'S size could move and execute punches with such devastating speed and power--never had anyone witnessed so much action in the short period of less than three rounds.

The Champ said of his next opponent, ERNEST TERRELL, whom he is scheduled to meet some time in February, that he thinks he will punish him unmercifully rather than knocking him out quickly since TERRELL had "talked

himself" into the role of a lamb to be slaughtered for the New Year.

Now fans, both here and abroad, have joined the believers...It is being remarked that Champion CLAY has hung the rabbit, PATTERSON, destroyed the "Bear" twice, minced the challenger, MILDENBERGER, bombarded the Englishman, LONDON, and blinded his countryman, HENRY COOPER, and massacred the Canadian, CHUVALO, and in reviewing the situation, the reluctant admission is "This American" must be the greatest fighter who ever stepped into the ring.

The All American Boys Club salutes the Heavyweight Champion of the World. By any name CLAY or ALI--LONG LIVE THE KING!

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Sorry to say that the kid, "KID LONJORIO" proved he was not yet ready as a boxing headliner. In his main-event debut against CHARLEY HALL of Phoenix, Arizona, HALL really gave the Kid a good going over, and it appeared that HALL could have ended the fight at any time he wanted to...We couldn't understand why HALL didn't finish the fight when he was in command.

Although beaten at many times during the bout, KID LONJORIO proved that he will be a gladiator to be considered one day. He showed good punching power, and tremendous heart. With more training and a much needed rest, I am sure that with the ability of this 18-year-old youngster, he will go a long way in the future. He's got to be lauded for the heart and grit displayed in overcoming all HALL'S experience to win his 9th straight pro fight.

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RED WILLIAMS' fighting warrior, HENRY BANKS, won his 5th straight fight in dethroning the well-seasoned, more experienced fighter, BILLY MARSH of Henderson, Nevada. MARSH has fought just about the best in this area, and it is his opinion that BANKS has so much on the ball that right now he is ready to meet the topnotchers in his division. But BANKS' wise manager, RED WILLIAMS (of Bar Z fame) says "not yet--give us TIGER WILLS next". Red said old TIGER knows all the tricks of the trade, has been around, and has engaged some of the best in the ring. If his boy beats the TIGER, Red says "Look-Out".

The All American Boys Club wishes everybody a "Good Eating" Thanksgiving and lots of reasons to be thankful.

## BOWLING'S CAMP AT COLLEGE PARK LANES



Sports Arenas Inc. College Park Lanes have a good thing going with the Saturday "Bantam Boys" and Bantam Girls" tournament play...Here are some of the young bombers photographed at the November 12 competition play...Above, players of Teams 5 & 2 and their respective averages--(from left) Eva Atkins (112), Sharon Severson (76), Darlene Smith (88), Phyllis Wagoner (45), and Randy Parrish (35).



Bantam Boys of Team 8 are (from left) David Knapp (110), Steven Ashley (107), and Ed Smith (83).



More Bantam Girls--this time, bowlers of Teams 1 & 2--(from left) Patsy Pennock (76), Betsy Joyner (61), Debbie Joyner (45), and Denise Smith (40).

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### Cheers And Concern For Robinson

BALTIMORE-(NPI)-Plaudits were still coming in for Baltimore's Frank Robinson, American League Most Valuable Player in 1966, when it was announced last week that he plans to undergo surgery soon to repair a torn cartilage in his right knee. Robinson is riding a crest of popularity following his World Series heroics and his unanimous selection for the MVP award which makes him the first baseball player to win in both leagues. He had formerly won the MVP in the National League.

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