

SPORTS



Chuck Harris

In losing his world's Light Heavyweight title, JOSE TORRES got the boxing lesson of his career from DICK TIGER, the mighty body puncher, that if you beat on the body long enough, the head will soon have to go... Well, that's exactly what happened Friday night at Madison Square Garden. TIGER kept beating on TORRES' body and throwing an occasional punch to the head until the Champ and his title just faded away. TIGER, 37 years old, proved some men mellow and get better with age as the fight progressed and TIGER seemingly grew younger and younger as TORRES, his junior by seven years, appeared to age before the spectators' eyes.

TIGER, a graduate from the old school of hard knocks, taught his younger foe a never-to-be-forgotten lesson... TORRES' strategy it seemed, was to let the old man punch himself out in the earlier rounds, allowing the Champ to catch up with his opponent in the later rounds and finish him off, but his plans backfired, and when the Champ realized what was happening and that he had nothing left to call on, all he could do was hope the judges were on his side, and would present him with a Christmas gift... Well, I guess TORRES will realize he was not fighting in Las Vegas when he wakes up Christmas morning and looks in his stocking only to find Santa Claus's gifts are all in Nigeria with the new Light Heavyweight Champion of the World, and all he can hope for is that Santa will come around New Years and help him get his title back!

And speaking of gifts for Xmas... That's exactly what TONY MONTANO of Phoenix, Arizona got at the end of a rousing battle of fist-cuffs with FIGHTING WYNN of Los Angeles at the Fremont last Thursday night... WYNN out-fought and out-classed his opponent in every respect and before the decision was announced there was hardly a doubt that WYNN had won his fight handily, BUT everybody forgot that Santa Claus visits Las Vegas in and out of season where the fight game is concerned--or maybe it was thought that since Santa gives so many gifts in this field out of season, he would show the true Christmas spirit and put the presents

in the right stockings at Yuletide... But these Las Vegas Santa Clauses believe every day is Christmas, so they reached over in WYNN'S stocking and removed part of his legit earnings to make MONTANO a gift by calling the Middleweight contest a draw... I wonder how many more of these undeserved presents will be given before the season is over.

After chalking up six straight wins, HENRY BANKS, RED WILLIAM' pride of the boxing circle encountered his first loss in his 7th try... HENRY seemed a little over-confident Thursday at the Fremont in a match with BATTLING BILLY MARSH whom BANKS had clearly beaten before--Don't forget, HENRY, there is always tomorrow.

The DALLAS COWBOYS can be thankful to the CLEVELAND BROWNS for playing Santa Claus to them by defeating the ST. LOUIS CARDINALS making the Texang champs of the Eastern Division of the National Football League even before their 17-7 victory over the NEW YORK GIANTS Sunday... It will be the DALLAS COWBOYS against the GREEN BAY PACKERS for the NFL title.

Over in the American League, the BOSTON PATRIOTS had their beautifully-wrapped Xmas gift snatched right out of their hands... All the PATRIOTS had to do to lock up the AFL Eastern Division Title was to down the lowly NEW YORK JETS and the gift was all theirs--However, SANTA seemed to change his mind and took his heavily-laden sleigh on to BUFFALO to present the BUFFALO BILLS with the title (for the second season) as the BILLS clobbered the DENVER BRONCOS... The BILLS will meet the KANSAS CITY CHIEFS for the AFL championship.

World's Heavyweight Champ, CASSIUS CLAY, says the only gift ERNEST TERREL (who covets CLAY'S crown) will get for the New Year is the privilege of sitting on his fighting tights as he is being counted out.

Student Orator "Places"



ROY BROOKS, 3rd year Political Science student at Nevada Southern placed second in an extremely close decision in a campus-wide oratorical contest held to select a student representative to address the National Congress of Mayors which convened recently in Las Vegas. Brooks, a resident of North Las Vegas, minors in Economics.



Boys Club Xmas Party

THE BOYS CLUBS of Clark County announce the scheduling of a "Giant Old-Fashioned Boys Club Christmas". The event will be held at the North Las Vegas Boys Club, Friday, December 23 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Free bus transportation will be provided for members of the Boys Club of Clark County located in the West Owens Shopping Center. Buses will leave the Shopping Center at 9:58 a.m. and return shortly after two o'clock in the afternoon.

Programmed events include Popcorn Ball Making, Snowball Fight (with real snow?), Apple Bobbing, a visit from Santa and many other contests and surprises. The program will be coordinated by Clark County Boys Clubs' Executive Director, Jerry Gillock assisted by other Boys Clubs staff members and members from each club.

*ALL BOYS between the ages of 8 and 18 are cordially invited to attend.

A special thanks to all members of the West Owens Boys Club who helped with the Christmas Tree and club decorations. Especially helpful were: Jim McCurdy, Tonnie Rainey, Melvin Johnson, Charles Criner, and Charles and Jimmy Seals.

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