

The Sports Parade

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RUBBER MATCH

NEW YORK - (NPI)--Efforts were being made last week to get recrowned middleweight champion Emile Griffith of New York to defend his title against Nino Benvenuti, the man he deposed last week. The fight, which the Madison Square Garden braintrust would promote, would also be the third (or "rubber") title match between the two fighters, with Nino having won the title from Griffith in the first encounter, and Emile regaining it in the recent rematch.

HOBBLER

PHILADELPHIA - (NPI)--Tim Brown, Philadelphia Eagles halfback, was placed on the disabled list for 30 days, after he aggravated a pre-season injury in a game against the Baltimore Colts.

LEGAL HASSLE

CHICAGO - (NPI)--A legal hassle developed between attorneys for heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali (Clay) and his former wife, Sonji, after Ali asked the circuit court to permit him to terminate support payments. Sonji's attorney says the Circuit Court lost jurisdiction to terminate the order initiated in Florida in January, 1966; Ali's lawyer disagrees. Judge Harry A. Iseberg will rule on Ali's motion, Oct. 16.

EUROPEAN DEBUT

STOCKHOLM, Sweden - (NPI)--Buster Mathis, undefeated heavyweight contender and ex-Olympic champion, will make his European debut as a professional fighter Nov. 2, in a fight to be promoted by Sweden's Ingemar Johanson, ex-heavyweight champion. Mathis, who hails from Grand Rapids, Mich., is currently being boosted as a possible title challenger.

WINS BATTING TITLE

PITTSBURGH - (NPI)--Right fielder Roberto Clemente won the National League's batting title with a healthy percentage average of .357, as the 1967 season closed last week with the St. Louis Cardinals as the champion team. Matty Alou, Clemente's teammate, finished second with .338.

INJURY COSTLY

BALTIMORE - (NPI)--An early season injury which sidelined him for several months has cost Frank Robinson, Baltimore Orioles' triple crown titlist in 1966, the American League batting crown this year. Even so, Robinson finished only five percentage points below the batting champion, Carl Yastrzmski. Carl batted .319; Robinson, .314.

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GIBSON EASED the tension somewhat, when he threw his blazing fastball right past Tresh and Blanchard for key strikeouts. But then Phil Linz rifled one of Bob's pitches into the stand to make the score 7-5. It was obvious the Yankees were swinging for the fence, and there was real tension now. However, Gibson, undaunted, got Bobby Richardson to pop-up to end the suspense thriller. He was promptly mobbed by joyous teammates.

Gibson thus emerged as the Series HERO, winning the annual sports car award as the "Outstanding Player."

Will Gibson become the hero of the '67 Series, also? At this juncture, your guess is as good as mine. But one thing is certain, he will be the big pitcher, the big star on whom the Cardinals will rest much of their Series' hopes.

Gibson, who once barn-stormed with the Harlem Globetrotters basketball team, is extremely fast and throws the hardest sliders and curves in baseball. And these factors will surely pay off in his favor.

Another certainty: If, at any time during the Series, Manager Red Schoendienst should need an "ace in the hole," Gibson will be the man to answer the call.

Let's see if history will repeat itself for Bob.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK-OCT. 8-14



Handsome Las Vegas Fire Department Inspector Larry S. Powell, Sr., addresses meeting of the local NAACP chapter last Sunday on the traditional fire safety drive now in observance as Fire Prevention Week--Oct. 8-14.

Fire Chief Warns Of Halloween Hazards

Halloween Trick-or-Treat fun can turn into terror-and-tragedy, unless safety rules are sensibly followed.

THIS IS the timely warning from Fire Chief C. D. Williams, of the Las Vegas Fire Department as October 31 approaches. The Chief points out that the greatest hazard at Halloween is the clothing fire, according to National Fire Protection Association reports.

"Fire and flowing ghost and witch costumes just don't mix, Chief Williams says. He suggests the following basic safety rules for Halloween time. If costumes are purchased at a store, be sure they are marked "Flameproofed." This includes masks, wigs and beards. If costumes are homemade, the flameproofing process can be done at home also, using a solution of Borax and Boric Acid. But never rely completely

on a flameproofing treatment, and be sure that children in costumes keep a respectful distance from any source of flame, sparks or intense heat.

USE A flashlight to light up the pumpkin which the children carry--never a candle which can set clothing afire.

Indoors, lighted candles for decorative purposes can be risky too, because Autumn leaves, dry cornstalks and berry branches and similar Fall decorative arrangements ignite readily. Watch out for light bulbs, open fires, and smoking near such decorations.

Pay attention to these safety rules, says Fire Chief Williams and you can be reasonably sure the Hobgoblin of fire won't get you this Halloween.

"BUCS" SIGN SECOND GRAMBLING CAGE STAR

By COLLIE NICHOLSON

NEW ORLEANS - (NPI)--The New Orleans Buccaneers had their fourth Louisiana standout and second former Grambling College star last week in the fold just prior to embarking on their initial exhibition tour.

John Comeaux, a 6-foot-5 guard who graduated at Grambling in 1966, agreed to terms over the weekend, according to Buccaneer coach-general manager Babe McCarthy.

A NATIVE of Lafayette, Comeaux played three years at Grambling as teammate of James Jones, the BUCs' No. 1 draft choice and one of the team's first signees. The other two Louisiana players on the BUC roster are Jack Morelans, Louisiana Tech; and Marbert Pradd, Dillard.

Comeaux accompanied the BUCs on their four-night swing to Kilgore, Texas; Pineville, Grambling and Shreveport.

Comeaux came highly recommended by Grambling coach Fred Hobdy. "The important feature about him is the fact that he will add

tremendous size to our backcourt which had been regarded as small," McCarthy said.

During his senior season at Grambling (1965-66), Comeaux poured through an average of 31.8 points a night and earned first team berths on three All American teams, AP, UPI and NAIE. He averaged 11.8 points, his freshman year; 12.9, his sophomore season and 21.3, his junior year.

COMEAX, who calls Eunice home, averaged 47.8 points during his senior year at Moss-ville High, West Lake, La., and was twice named All-State. He made prep All-America his senior year.

After his graduation at Grambling, he was drafted in the fifth round by the Chicago Bulls of the NBA.

"I didn't play or even try out for the team because I couldn't come to terms with them (the Bulls)," said Comeaux. "The ABA and the Buccaneers have given me a chance to play pro basketball and I'm grateful for this."

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