

A LINE ON SPORTS

By ELBURT MILLER



If you glance at this month's issue of Ebony magazine, you probably saw Pro Basketball Roundup. The roundup features the many black athletes who play the game of Professional basketball. Seeing all those black faces, one with an extremely weak mind might form a conclusion that black athletes are taking over the game of Pro basketball completely. I personally understand how someone who is naive might be misled, because there are twenty eight Professional teams; roughly seven black players on each team.

In a sense, they are dominating the game of Pro basketball in terms of the number of feet out on court; not in terms of the higher echelon positions in Pro Basketball.

Athletes feel they need protection like any other group of working people. They do, because if there're not a Super, Super Star, they can be replaced; in fact, it can be done overnight.

When you have so many talented athletes coming through the College & University ranks each year, and you have those talented athletes coming off the play grounds trying to get a piece of the action, you have competition that's second to none any place in the world. In other words, I've been to several Pro camps, while there I observed what was happening because I was a part of it. Black athletes flock to the camps, as if it is survival itself. Consequently, blacks are pitted against blacks, the ones with the most talent, prestige and political inspiration they will keep. Just to show up with talent, believe me, unless you're Wilt, someone they can't overlook, your chances of making the team are slim.

It's reported all pandemonium might break out at any time. I wonder, are things really that bad?

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Lakers: All good things must come to an end. That was the story Sunday when the Bucks lead by Sabbar came to life in the final period and dusted the Los Angeles Lakers ending their 33 game winning streak. It was a good game all the way, but the Lakers' need scoring out of Chamberlain and West and they didn't get it.

Sabbar beat the Lakers with his scoring, then a Laker with his fist, to end the game really being a Super Star. The bigger they are, the harder they are to hit!

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I asked a lady who loves to watch Basketball games what she thought about Bill Russell as a Sports commentator on the games of the week. She said, "He certainly adds a lot of 'color' to the Broadcasting. What did she mean?!"

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Everybody is talking about the Super Bowl except the Miami Dolphins. Because if by chance they pull a doubtful upset, they can say we know we are the better team but we weren't going to talk about it: Just prove it. Well! They've got a lot of proving to do, especially with circumstantial evidence.

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The National Collegiate Athletic Association voted Saturday to make all Freshman eligible to play football and basketball effective Aug. 1, a surprising move which was opposed by the nation's major College Football Coaches. However, most basketball coaches were thought to be for it.

Technically, the new Freshmen rule means that first-year players are eligible for postseason and Championship NCAA events. Regular season competition is still up to conferences and individual schools. This rule will benefit many good athletes. Why play with the youngster if you have it altogether? What ever you're old enough to do, and good enough to do, you should be allowed to carry on, Right On!!

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Free Throw Contest



The City of Las Vegas Recreation Department sponsored Annual Free Throw Contest for 3rd & 4th, 5th & 6th, and 7th & 8th grade boys were held at the Doolittle Center.

The 3rd & 4th grade contestant made 17 free throws out of 25 tries, the 5th & 6th grade contestant made 8 free throws out of 25, and the 7th & 8th grade contestant made 15 free throws out of 25.

In the picture the 7th & 8th grade winner, Cornelius James receives trophy from Edward Jackson, Recreation Leader.

The 3rd & 4th and 5th & 6th grade winners were not present at the time the trophies were presented.

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PRIZES

Prizes will vary, but will be some type of fishing gear, etc. Rod & Reel-Lanterns-Stoves-Bait or some other worth while items used by Fisherman.

In June we plan a Fish-off contest between the weekly winners; prizes will be awarded in each category (Bass-Bluegill-Crappie-Trout-Salmon).

RULES

A \$7.50 1 years mail subscription to the Voice will make you eligible for the contest. When we receive your subscription we will issue a Contest Card. On your way to your favorite Fishing spot, purchase your bait from Lloyds Baithouse and have your card stamped. On your return you stop by Lloyds and have your fish weighed in. Each weekly contest will close Monday morning at 10:00 A.M. Winners will be announced in Thursday's Voice. Prizes can be picked up at Lloyds on Thursday.

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