COACHES NEEDED

All interested persons who would like to serve as Volunteer Baseball Coaches in the Doolittle Center Boy's Summer Baseball Program, are invited to attend the first organizational meeting, Tuesday, March 25, 1975, at 5:00 P.M. in the Doolittle Center's Multi-purpose Bldg. For further information call the Center. 386-6374.

VIKINGS WIN TWO

The Doolittle Recreation Center Vikings, played their first Girl's Basketball game Thursday, Feb. 27, 1975 against the Valley View Team of North Las Vegas. The Vikings won the game 29-7. They also played two games Saturday March 1st at Jim Bridger Jr. High School their opponents werethe Paichemettos and Valley View, the Vikings were victorious in both games with scores of 27-8 and 29-9.

The Doolittle Vikings, so far, the undefeated team, are looking forward to the championship game.

Mrs. Florence Washington, Recreation Leader at Doolittle Center, is the coach of the Vikings.

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"Smokin" Joe Frazier pummelled bleeding Jimmy Ellis into submission Sunday, in the ninth round in Melbourne, Austrailia. This victory slung Frazier back into contention for Muhammad Ali's

World Heavyweight title.
Former world lightweight champion Bob Foster, referee, stopped the scheduled 12-round bout at about 59 seconds into the round after Ellis started to reel from the sledge-hammer punches of the determined Frazier. It was ruled a knockout under the rules of the fight.

The 211-pound Frazier won the heavyweight championship Feb. 16, 1970 when he stopped Ellis in the fifth round in New York. He lost his title Jan. 2, 1973 when he was knocked out in the second round by George Foreman in Kingston, Jamaica.

"I had to box Jimmy smart, I just couldn't plow in. I had to get him under control. I got him under control in the sixth or seventh round and then I

went to work," the 31-year-old Frazier said. This was his 27th knockout in 32 victories.

The 35-year-old Ellis said, "I couldn't get my shots off like I wanted to." Ellis, former World Boxing Association champion, suffered his fourth set-back in his last five fights and 12th defeat in 52 bouts. He has 39 victories, one decision and 23

knockouts. No one was knocked down in the fight, but Frazier suffered a cut right eyebrow during the seventh round.

Ellis out-boxed Frazier in the first three rounds but after that Frazier started to "smoke" he took charge. He poured a barrage of hooks and jabs over Ellis. In the final round, Frazier landed nine straight hooks and jabs, which made Ellis bleed profusely from a cut over his right eye. This prompted Ellis' manager, Angelo Dundee, to signal Foster to stop the fight.

POOR PROMISE PRO SPORTS

Blacks have shown amazing prowess on the football field and basketball court, but their success has been a deterrent to progress for the black masses, according to Harry Edwards, a sociology professor at the University of California at Berkeley.

In baseball, 30 percent of the players are black; 40 percent of the pro football players are black; and 60 percent of the basketball players are black.

Edwards said, in an article which appeared in Psychology Today: "There are black superstars in every major sports field who have supposedly demonstrated' the viability of the American system, but racism and oppression are still the dominant facts of black life...despite nomination of a few superstar categories, sports offers little or no opportunity to the masses of black people in terms of special advancement and economic opportunity.

Edwards expressed concern over the "exagger-ated emphasis" young blacks place on pursuing careers as pro athletes. "The problem is that there is room at the top of the pro sports world for comparatively few and too many blacks are wasting their lives pursuing an unrealistic goal.'

"I know that 99.9 per cent are going to fail in that pursuit. Black folks are in deep trouble when

it comes to sports. At one school I went to, young blacks wouldn't go to class but spent their time on the basketball courts, trying to make it as a pro. Instead of spending 20 years perfecting the between-the-legs dribble, the same guys could develope equal finess with a scapel. And I think it's treasonous for black athletes who have made it to tell young blacks that if you work hard ... you can do it too.

However, blacks should not end all involvement in sports. It has given them a way to demonstrate the potential of blacks in excellence, Edwards said. Because of sports blacks have been able to pursue other careers.

But, Edwards believes, the black athlete too often helps foster the notion that there is racial harmony in this country's sports arenas. "They never tell young blacks about the incessant wars against the racist system, about the promotion of the white hopes, about the racists in the stands," Edwards said.

Blacks have so many other things they could be doing, rather than sing songs of thanks to sports for aiding and abetting in their escape from the ghetto as so many do. The successful black athlete should campaign to rid society of all ghettos, and conspire to open front offices of sports franchises across the country to more blacks.

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