

### Two Kinds of Basketball Players: "Black" and "White"

There are two different ways to play basketball -- the "White" and the "Black" -- according to an article in October Esquire, the magazine's special all-sports issue, published recently. On the one hand there is "the mobility, leaping ability, and quickness of Black players," on the other the "hustle, drive, and intensity" of the whites. And as Jeff Greenfield points out, the two styles result from a difference in "culture, not chromosomes." The average Black athlete has learned the game "on asphalt playgrounds with a crowd of kids competing for the court," while the white style has been developed "on macadam driveways by one boy with a ball and a backboard nailed on the garage."

The "Black" game, basically, relies on "the moves": "Cats from the street have their own rhythm when they play," says Bill Spivey, formerly a New York high-school star. "It's not a matter of somebody setting you up and you shooting. You feel the shot. When a coach holds you back, you lose the feel and it isn't fun anymore."

One Black professional who hasn't lost the feel for even an instant is Bill McAdoo of the Buffalo Braves. According to the Esquire article, McAdoo "can drive to the basket with two men on him, pull up, turn around, and hit a basket without the least flicker of emotion." And that unemotional cool is another integral part of Black basketball, a carry-over from the mean streets where athletes like McAdoo first learned to play.

But the individual players make up the team, and they give it an overall style of its own. The Chicago Bulls, for example, are a classically "White" team, in large measure as a result of the methodical court technique of Norm Van Lier. Van Lier is Black, of course, but he plays "White" basketball all the same.

There are plenty of such cross-overs, but as Greenfield observes in Esquire, "what makes basketball the most intriguing of sports is how these styles do not necessarily clash; how the punishing intensity of "White" players and the dazzling moves of the "Blacks" can fit together, a fusion of cultures that seems more and more difficult in the world beyond the out-of-bounds line."

### Sahara Hotel to host international boxing matchup between U.S. and Russia

The Hotel Sahara on the Las Vegas Strip will be the site for the finals of an historic International boxing matchup between 12 top heavy-weight amateur champions for the United States and 12 from the the Soviet Union.

The announcement was made recently in Las Vegas and New York, where CBS Television announced it would carry the bouts live November 22.

Preliminary matchups are set for Madison Square Garden in New York on Nov. 14 and in Cincinnati on Nov. 18 leading up to the televised showdown from Las Vegas on the 22nd.

Roland Schwartz, chairman of the U.S. Boxing Committee of the International Boxing Association, set up the historic matches as a prep for the 1976 Olympics. He indicated that the bouts would be the first amateur team matches in the heavyweight class held between U.S. and Soviet boxers outside the Olympics.

Soviet boxers have never won Olympic gold medals in heavyweight competition but have reached the finals in 1956, 1964 and 1968.

In 1956 Pete Rademaker of the United States knocked out Lev Moukhine in the first round. In 1964 Joe Frazier of the U.S. defeated Vadim Yemelyanov by a TKO in the second round. In 1968, George Foreman of the U.S. defeated Ionas Chepulus by a TKO in the second round.

The most recent Olympics saw Duane Bobick of the U.S. defeat Yuri Nesterov of the Soviet Union in the first round of the tournament.

The November heavyweight matchups will be conducted under Olympic rules with three International judges participating in all decisions.

Tickets for the live action will be available at the Hotel Sahara.

### Sighting-in day for hunters

The Boulder Rifle and Pistol Club located at the Big Bore range east of Boulder City will hold a sighting-in day for all hunters of the area Sunday, Sept. 28 and Sunday, Oct. 5 from 10:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m. Members of the club will be on hand all day to help hunters to properly sight-in their rifles.

The club is offering this opportunity as a public service to hunters in this area as part of a nation-wide program conducted by the National Rifle Association. Hundreds of NRA affiliated clubs throughout the country are taking part in this program.

A correctly sighted-in rifle is an important step to safe and accurate shooting and increases the percentage of clean kills. Familiarization firing and knowledge of the point of impact of the gun being used adds enjoyment and safety to the fine sport of hunting.

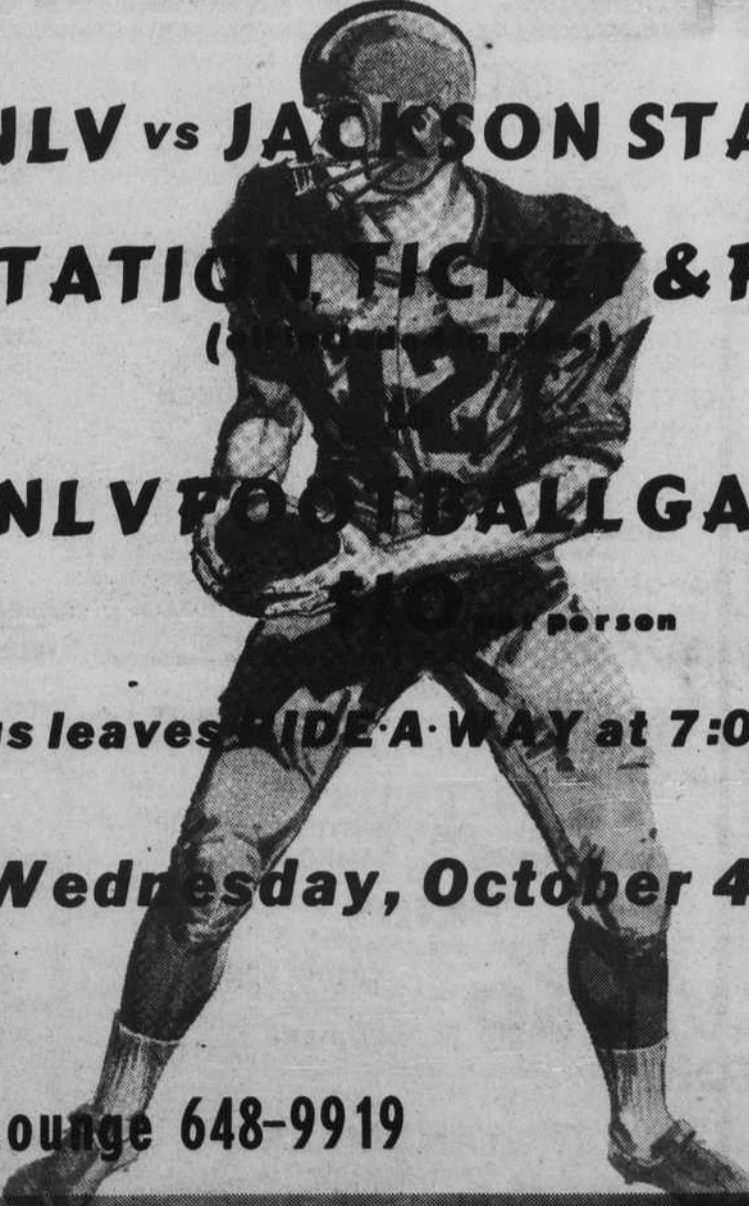
Hunters are requested to have all firearms unloaded and actions open when entering the range area. Targets will be furnished, but there will be a charge of \$1.50 per rifle to help defray range expenses. For further information call 458-3330, 293-3336 or 293-4377.

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