

SPORTS



Leaders at Halfway Mark

Al Skinner, #42, of the ABA champion N.Y. Nets, and Larry Fogle, #32, are returning to the Knicks' training camp. The Passport Scot lead at the halfway point in the Robert Douglas Pro (New York City).

In the league, NBA players and college stars perform without pay three times weekly. Passport has lost only one game and this week topped the Lord Calvert Superstars, captained by NBA's Nate Archibald.

Above (seated left to right): Joe Artine, #10, a star at Univ. of Massachusetts; Bob Carrington, #25, draft choice of Atlanta Hawks after

a brilliant career at Boston College; Skinner; and Larry Fogle. Top (left to right): LeRoy Shaw, #13, Midwestern University, who has played for U.S. teams in Europe; Mike Baskauskas, #20, who played for Columbia University; Bernard Tomlin, #24, Hofstra standout drafted by New Orleans Jazz, and coach Tom Penders, cage mentor of Columbia.

Douglas league players include Ricky Sobers, Phoenix Suns; Lloyd Free, Philadelphia 76'ers; Henry Bibby, New Orleans; Phil Sellers, Rutgers' ace drafted by Detroit, and Larry McNeil, Kansas City Kings.

Runnin Rebels at Aladdin?

Las Vegas' basketball team may move out of the Convention Center beginning with the 1977-78 season due to the city's growing convention business.

Chances are the Rebels will be playing the home games for at least one season in the Aladdin Theatre for the Performing Arts.

The UNLV Rebels and the Convention Center have obviously outgrown each other. The Rebels played to sellout crowds last season and Coach Jerry Tarkanian has more good basketball in store for local fans in seasons to come.

The Aladdin theatre with the already installed 7,500 seats can add 500 more seats with bleachers on the stage which will give Rebel fans 1,300 more seats than the Las Vegas Convention Center could offer.

O.J. Having

Second Thoughts?

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Superstar O.J. Simpson has said he intends to play football just one more year, but the Buffalo Bills running back indicated Tuesday that some factors — like being traded to the Los Angeles Rams and playing on a championship team — could change his decision.

He emphasized, however, in the wake of renewed interest by Buffalo to trade him, that he currently plans to end his football career after this season.

"Sure, it could make a difference if I were playing in Los Angeles with a championship team. But I said five years ago that I was just going to play five more years. That's still my plan, but a lot of things could change that."

Bills owner Ralph Wilson Jr. said Tuesday that they would ask Simpson if he will allow them to try to negotiate a trade for him with teams in New York, Washington, Miami or other "so-called glamor" National Football League cities.

Wilson, in a statement read by Buffalo Coach Lou Saban at the Bills camp in Niagara Falls, N.Y., said: "Limited in our trading scope, we have not been successful to date, gaining players even closely approximating Simpson's value. We promised O.J. that we would make every effort to trade him to a West Coast team and this we have done. But it would help immeasurably if we could broaden the market."

"It would help Simpson and it would help the Bills, who would like the new players in camp as quickly as possible. And keeping O.J. in the game would help football."

But Simpson said he had no interest in going to a new team strictly because it was in a "glamor" city. Instead saying he wants to play for the Rams.

"I want to play in Los Angeles so I can be close to my family," Simpson said. "Being traded to a glamorous city has nothing to do with it. I wouldn't asked to be traded if I didn't want to play on the West Coast."

The former Southern California Heisman Trophy winner, saying he was optimistic something could still be worked out, said one thing was certain: "One thing I cannot do is play back East. I have to be here with my family."

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Franklyn Ajaye, Little David Records' new comedy sensation who will star in Universal's upcoming 'CAR WASH,' is also something of a tennis fanatic. Ajaye's own hero is Arthur Ashe, and the two men will get the chance to share a court during the Second Annual Jet Magazine & American Airlines Tennis Tournament, to be held in Los Angeles July 26 through Aug. 1.

The celebrity tournament, with all proceeds going to various charities, including the United Negro College Fund and the Junior Tennis League, will also include Bill Cosby.

During that week, Mayor Tom Bradley will declare July 26 - Aug. 1 "Arthur Ashe Week." Franklyn Ajaye will be on hand for that celebration as well.

W.L.V.A.A. League

The Town Tavern and the IBPO Elk #1508 played the game of the season with the Town Tavern hitting eight (8) home runs. Joe Ducree, Big Sam, and Little Luke each hit two (2) home runs beating the Elk 18-7 for first place in the

league standing.	Town Tavern	8-1
The Westside Gamb-	IBPO Elk #1508	7-2
lers beat the Associates	U.S.A.	5-4
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ser Palace 14-8.	Costa Rosa	4-4
*****	Caesar Palace	4-5
LEAGUE STANDING	Westside Gamblers	3-6
*****	Ellis & Gus	0-9