

'Rebels' Trip To China Not So Great

By Lonnie Wright
Sports Editor

From the interviews I received from members of the team at UNLV's Sports Office, I got practically the same response from

all — "A long experience that wasn't too enjoyable."

I talked with Sid Green and Mike Johnson together. They were happy to be back in the States, especially Sid, who will be returning

home to New York tomorrow. Sid looked as though he gained 15 pounds. I commented on his weight and he immediately blamed it on the good food in China! He continued, "Well, at least the food was

delicious. Our accommodations were okay, but we had trouble with mosquitos."

Kidding with Sid, I asked if they had one particularly pesty mosquito named Burns. He smiled and asked, "How did you

get that information that fast?" The info he was talking about had to do with the squaring off between him and Mike Burns.

Coach Hughes, who intervened said, "That situation had been

brewing for quite a while." Naturally, I asked coach who won. "To be honest, I didn't try to break it up and I don't think either one threw any devastating punches," he

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BAYLESS TWINS: SUPER ATHLETES, EDUCATORS

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Top Black Track-Field Athletes

By Kermit Bayless

Selecting the American top ten Black track and field athletes is not a very easy job to do. But selecting the greatest track athlete of all times is a very easy job to do. Jesse Owens by far is on the top of the charts. Competing in the 1936 Olympic Games, Owens won four gold medals, the only athlete in the history of track and field to complete such an accomplishment. He set world records in the 100 meter dash, 200 meter dash and the long jump. Owens' long jump record was so outstanding that it stood until the 1960 Olympic Games in Tokyo.

Along with the greatest male track athlete, I must continue with the greatest female athlete of all times — Wilma Rudolph. She showed her superior talent in the 1960 Olympic Games by winning three gold medals. When a young child at age ten, Wilma suffered from polio and the possibility of her

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Kermit Bayless, left, Ed Brown, and Kenneth Bayless

Sentinel To Present Pro Ball To 3rd Annual Slam-Dunk Champ

"They're going to get it on," says Andre Love of the Doolittle Center when referring to the 3rd Annual Slam Dunk Contest set for the center, Friday and Saturday, June 13, 14.

This annual event, sponsored by the Doolittle Center, will draw more than 30 participants including Joe Dixon, former Clark High great; Michael "Spiderman" Burns,

UNLV slam dunk specialist; Ricky Williams, former Western High star and Melvin Washington, another Western "net" hunter.

Newcomers lining up will be Sid Green and Mike Johnson, both of UNLV Running Rebels, who will thrill the many onlookers slated to attend.

The SLAM DUNK CONTEST gets underway at 6

p.m., followed immediately with a Disco Swim Party along with the winning Eldorado Drill Team, champions of the year.

The LAS VEGAS SENTINEL will be presenting a leather pro basketball to the winner. It will accompany the beautiful trophy to be presented by Hurt 'Em Bad Disco headed by George Luster and Associates.

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Leonard Versus Duran

By Kenneth Bayless

When I moved to Las Vegas seven years ago, I was able to witness for the first time live, a Muhammad Ali fight at the Convention Center. Since that time I have attended almost every fight scheduled here in Las Vegas.

The Sugar Ray Leonard vs Roberto Duran World Welterweight Championship Fight promises to be the best bout since the 1974 "thrilla in Manila" between Ali and Frazier.

Undefeated Leonard, 27-0 (15 KO's) is a very good boxer. He has consistently displayed a command of the ring. Leonard is quick as a cat, which makes him a hard target to hit, or be scored against. His hands are lightning fast allowing him to use his left jab and left-right combination very effectively. Leonard has always been prepared and in good shape for his fights.

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BY ED BROWN

It started 30 years ago in Berkeley, Calif. at the Bayless household when a double-barreled whimpering sound emerged—the birth of the Bayless twins. Kermit and Kenneth — bright eyed and bushy tailed.

They were educated in the Berkeley public school system having finished Berkeley High, then on to Cal State, Hayward, where they graduated in 1972.

The twins started teaching in the Clark County public school system in 1973 with Kermit subsequently going to Basic High School, Henderson, and Kenneth to Orr Jr. High School. Both have their Masters degrees.

During those early school days, they were super track stars in their own right with Kermit finishing as a quarter-finalist in the Olympic trials and Kenneth along with Kermit making up the 440 team that set a national record at Fresno in 1972. In that relay, Kermit finished with a time of 45:8 while Kenneth spun off a 47:2.

The Bayless twins were world-class track stars (See Bayless, page 19)

Ali Denies Making 'Dago' Remark

Former heavyweight champion Ali Monday denied calling two white promoters of his 1978 fight against Leon Spinks "them white dagos." As a matter of fact, he testified, in federal court

that he did not know what the term "dagos" meant.

Ali is a defendant in a \$20 million federal court slander suit by the two white promoters, Philip Ciaccio and William Wessel.

Austin Wilson, an Associated Press sportswriter, testified after Ali that he heard Ali make the "dagos" statement as he rushed from the room where the news conference was held. Under

cross examination by Mike Conay, Ali's attorney, Wilson said no other reporter had heard the comment.

AP put out a "corrective" when the statement could not be heard later

on any recordings.

In his testimony, Ali said he thought the Spinks bout was an "all black promotion." He denied knowing Ciaccio and Dimaggio were involved.

Ali said he asked the two black promoters, Don Hubbard and Sherman Copelon, "Are you sure you're not a front for somebody white?...I said "This is a great day for Black promotions."