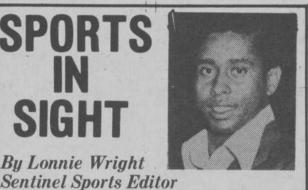
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SPORTS

SPORTS SIGHT **By Lonnie Wright**



By Eddie Owens Guest Columnist

Recently as I drove around the community, particularly the Black community, I noticed on the playgrounds and in the public parks, that everyone wanted to be a Magic Johnson. This, no doubt, is in response to the recent NAB championship. The kids would throw a fancy pass or dribble between their legs like thousands of others im titating the NBA star.

I'm not saying it's wrong to pattern oneself after a winner in athletics, but that is only a mere part of life.

I personally spent 18 to 19 years of my life involved in a basketball career and I definitely was a winner on every level of play. But down the line an injury could have ended my career as quickly as a blink of an eye. Although I spent those many years playing basketball, I must admit that I never played just for the attainment of wealth. I played because I was blessed with natural ability and talent and because I enjoyed the game immensely.

I believe that no matter what endeavor a young person pursues, he must attain the intellectual factors surrounding his or her goal. It is a total enigma for a young person to put all his marbles in one basket. We need more doctors, lawyers and, yes, even musicians, if one is musically inclined.

Youths should pattern An education is an imthemselves after someone portant part of one's life.

A LOOK AT OUR GUEST COLUMIST:

-Made All-American basketball player, 1st team -Player of the year-State of Texas-High School 1972 -Most Valuable Player-Pizza Hut Classic

-Most Valuable Player — twice '74-75, Rebel Roundup

-Record-Most points at UNLV, over 2,000

-Director at free basketball clinics

-Recently returned to UNLV to receive B.A. degree in elementary education ... received financial aid to return for degree inrough UNLV Basketball Alumni Association fund - one of the principal purposes of the organization's effort.

because

physical being.

both on the high school

and the university levels.

Only 1 percent of

players around the coun-

try will ever play in the NBA. So to the youth of

today I say, put and keep

your feet on solid ground!

Be an educational protege

of people like Alex Haley,

Rev. Jesse Jackson, Dr.

Bill Cosby, Barbara Jor-

dan and many many more.

Ticket sales for the touted World highly Boxing Council welterweight championship bout between the champion Sugar Ray Leonard and Roberto Duran is fast approaching an all-time high.

They meet Friday night in Montreal's Olympic Stadium in possibly the richest fight in history. It is reported that the most Muhammad Ali ever made for a fight was \$6 million should look up to, not New York's

because of the financial Stadium in/1976. wealth he attained, but the homework and fed his lightweight

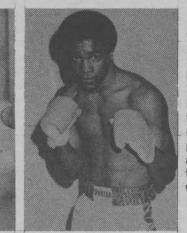
This fight will be seen Pavilion. really wants to play basketball, football, ten- at 310 locations in the nis or whatever sport he United States



Yankee other countries.

Twenty-four year old Duran bout on closed cir- fight from Montreal and an Canadian

Special



SUGAR RAY LEONARD

Caesars Palace has ex- main event matches

Caesars also an-"Little Red" Danny Termed the of remain eligible to play The fight will also be Los Angeles to provide Pavilion beginning at

12:30 p.m. A \$5.00 discount off the price of the two events is offered to fight fans attending both days of boxing. Tickets for the Sanchez-Lopez bout are priced from \$15 to \$100 (ringside), making it possible to spend as little as \$30 for these two events of national and worldwide interest.

Doors will open for the Friday, June 20 event at 4:00 to allow time for seating; the first fight will Tate against heavyweight champion Trevor Berbick.

The Leonard-Duran Bob Arum (Leonard's man) and Don King (Duran's kingpin), and Frazier series, Ali-George Foreman, the second the Gene Tunney-Jack Dem-Schmeling and Billy Conn.

ROBERTO DURAN like Alex Haley. He is a for his successful defense televised live or on a the best possible rehero whom our youth against Ken Norton in delayed basis in 60-70 production of the action. begin at 6 p.m. The semi-In Las Vegas, tickets clusive Southern Nevada heavyweight contender for the June 20 Leonard- broadcasting rights to the John

Approaching All-Time High

DURAN-LEONARD FIGHT

SPARKS TICKET SURGE

educational aspect he Leonard is getting a per- cuit TV at Caesars Palace early sellout i likely. brought forth in learning centage of all revenues are on sale at the ticket ofabout one's history. He and stands to make bet- fice near the Omnimax nounced that a special impinged on America's ween \$8 million and \$10 Theatre in the hotel's two-day fight package is fight is co-promoted by conscience. He did his million. Duran, the former Fantasy Tower. All seats being offered, in conchampion are general admission, junction with Saturday's mind as well as his who has lost once in 70 with tickets available in World Featherweight pro fights, reportedly will both the Colosseum com- Championship between rivals in anticipation such In addition, even if one make 1.5 million tax-free. plex as well as the Sports Salvador Sanchez and fights as the Ali-Joe

Eidophor Lopez. and projectors, representing "Rematch may decide upon, one Canada, with a total a 1.6 the state of the art in Decade," this exciting psey fight and Joe Louis' still must maintain a cer- million seats and tickets giant-screen television, event will be held live in rematches against Max tain grade average to ranging from \$15 to \$30. have been brought in from Caesars Palace Sports

Parents Furious Over Sports Cuts

Action of the Clark Board County of Education last week has outraged the parents, students, educators and some members of the board over the staggering budget cuts wiping out junior varsity athletics and special school counselors

The board of trustees voted 5-2 to approve \$2.5 million in budget cuts for the 1980-81 school year which will take effect July 1. Trustees Janet Sobel and Tom Semmens opposed the cuts.

"It's my position that this is the best possible recommendation," trust-Virginia Brooks ee

Brewster said.

Over 200 residents. crowding into the board room and hallways, were opp osing the elimination of boy's and girl's junior varsity programs and 12 counselors in elementary schools and sixth-grade centers. There were more than three hours of pleadings from the audience. Elimination of junior varsity sports will affect about 1,700-students.

"If you take out the junior varsity you will see a high increase in crime," warned par ent Pat Little.

Wiping out special school counselors also drew sharp criticizism. "Without a counselor for my daughter, I probably would have been seeking psychiatric help for her,' Kay Searle said.

Associate superintendent Ed Greer told the trustees: "Frankly, I think this is just the beginning. If we don't get relief in July, we will be coming back with \$3 million more in proposed cuts."

Officials of the Clark County Classroom Association Teachers charged the district with mismanaging funds and said the budget cuts might violate terms of a recently-negotiated contract.



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