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NORTH RALLIES; DUMPS SOUTH 122-117

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There was an exhibition basketball game Friday night at the Doolittle Community Center. It didn't count. It was for fun. Actually, it was the 2nd Annual Doolittle All-Star game. It meant nothing. Except to several determined young men of the North All-Star team that pulled a 122-117 upset victory over a talented South team.

Down by as many as 19 - points at one time, the North sparked by Danny Poole's 30 - Point performance, rallied in heroic fashion. A sparse but enthusiastic crowd approved highly of Poole's selection for the games Most Valuable Player Award.

With 7:58 left in the third quarter the North pulled to within three, 97-94. Then Sam Banks hit a hoop at the 4:51 mark. Fouled on the play, Banks dropped in the free throw to tie the score at 105-all, he also contributed 26-points to the North's cause.

The North took the lead for the first time, 107-105 when Danny Poole made a steal for an uncontested layup. After trading baskets for a few minutes, Frank Jefferson hit a 3-point

play to give the North a 118-111 lead. For the remainder of the contest, the North continued to pull away for the winning margin.

For the North, Jefferson also dropped in 18-points, Melvin Washington had 10 and Ricky Williams added 8-points.

From the on-set of the game, it appeared the South would be an easy victor, breezing to a 9-0 lead before the North got on the board with a hoop by Don Thompson.

The second quarter offered the same type of run-and-gun basketball, with the South Stars finishing the half with a 61-47 lead.

Though losing the game, turning in good performances for the South were; Freddie Thompson 22, Spiderman Burns 21, Joe Dixon and Norm Adams 14 points each, and Kenny Harmon added 11.

The game was sponsored by the Las Vegas Fire Department and was played under NB rules, that included a 30-second clock, with the players being selected from various teams participating in the Doolittle Summer Basketball League.

ESPN Thursday Night Fights

It'll be a night of champions when the Thursday Night Fights resume at the Caesars Palace Sports Pavilion on July 24.

This major program of boxing will be the fourth in the series to be held at Caesars Palace. The tournament is presented by Top Rank, Inc., and will be broadcast live across the United States by the Entertainment and Sports Programming Network (ESPN).

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. with the first bout beginning at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$10 for ringside and \$5 general admission.

The highlight of the card will be the Inter-Regional Semi-Final Middleweight bout between Randy McGrady and Guy Kennedy. McGrady represents the Western Region and earned a spot in the semi-finals by winning both his bouts at Caesars Palace. McGrady, from Los Angeles, will carry a ring mark of 10-1 into this fight. To reach the semi-finals, he defeated Los Angeles' Rodrigo Hernandez on May 1 and Mauricio "El Gato" Aldana, also of Los Angeles, on May 29.

Kennedy, representing the Northeast Region, is from the Bronx, New York. His record is an unblemished 8-0 entering this fight with McGrady.

Both McGrady and Kennedy will receive \$3,000 for this fight, with the winner advancing to the finals against the winner of the other semi-final bout between the victors of the East and Mid-West Regions. Each fighter in the finals will be awarded \$4,000 with the overall winner to get an additional \$1,000 and a guaranteed match within three months against a world contender ranked #10 or above.

Also on the July 24 card will be the West Regional Lightweight Championship between Blaine Dickson of El Monte, CA and Roberto Garcia of Los Angeles. Dickson, 7-1, defeated Los Angeles' Rosendo Ramirez on June 26 to earn a spot in the final. Garcia has a record of 10-7-2, and will face Dickson after besting Carlos Villacana of Phoenix.

Americans Missed In The Olympics

According to the United Press International report, the Moscow Games have been damaged by the boycott of the United States government, but the Olympics still are being held in Moscow as planned.

The athletes have demonstrated that they oppose the boycott led by the United States and prompted by the Soviet Union invasion of Afghanistan.

Many of the athletes have expressed that they wish the Americans and other countries athletes who boycotted the games were on hand.

Swedish sprinter Linda Haglund said that the problems were "all politics". She stated that the United States and the Soviet Union were both great powers. She further stated that the presence of the Americans would not have made much difference in the women's track and field competition.

"It's still the Olympics" Haglund stated, and expressed the hope that she has for winning a medal at the Olympics.

The Americans were expected to perform well in the boxing competition. U.S. fighter flamboyance is especially appreciated by Olympic boxing crowds.

Perhaps by the time of the next Olympic games the situation will have cleared to the point that American athletes can compete without feeling that they are betraying their country's trust.

Ali & Holmes



Muhammad Ali, left, strolls with the Brown Bomber, Joe Luis, before the Brown Bomber

It is anybody's guess as to the outcome of the boxing match scheduled for this fall at Ceasars Palace between Muhammad Ali, Left in picture, and Larry Holmes.

From the standpoint of experience and know-how, this should be Ali's fight all the way. However his age (38) may not be in his favor, and may cause him to waver.

Holmes also has experience and has kayeod some of the best ones, including his recent TKO of Scott LaDoux in the 7th round. Holmes age (30), recent training, and physical fitness

was stricken with an illness. Louis presently makes his home in Las Vegas.

program will also be a factor to be reckoned with. Now more than ever, Holmes would like to put an end to Ali's winning streaks and put him into retirement for good.

The fight should be a sell-out, and tickets must be purchased as soon as they are put on sale in order to be guaranteed a seat.

Holmes' motivation to win this fight and Ali's desire to win back the crown for the fourth time should make this the fight of the century.