

# Robinson's Last Shot At The NBA



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As Jackie Robinson powers through traffic toward the basket, opponents move aside like pedestrians dodging a

reckless motorist, and he effortlessly spins in a backhand layup off the glass.

"God, he's got a body, doesn't he?" marvels a National Basketball Assn. general manager. "He

looks like he could play tight end in the NFL."

By the time Robinson was a 10th grader at Morningside High in Inglewood, he had grown to just about his present size of 6-6 and 214 poun-

ds, with muscles on muscles. He frightened opponents. He was a man among boys, built like Dr. J., after a summer at Muscle Beach.

Ten years later, he still stands out physically on a

basketball court- this summer, for instance, at Cal State Dominguez Hills, in the Summer Pro League.

The unofficial motto of players in the summer (See Jackie, page 20)

## SPORTS

### But He May Also Be Broke

# ALI CLAIMS HOLMES FIGHT ONLY A MATTER OF PRIDE

By Ed Brown



ALI

The big question floating around these days is whether Muhammad Ali is in a financial strait. Why is he risking his outstanding career and exposing himself to possible damaging body injury at such an early point of his life? The answers are not clear at this point.

Ali, 38, presently has that pudgy appearance and certainly not in shape to take on the youthful, (31) strong WBC heavyweight champion Larry Holmes. He has less than a month to put it all on the line.

"The money's good, but it's not just the money. I know I can win," says Ali. He has earned about \$50 million in gross income during

his career. He has cultivated a habit of high living.

His two previous marriages; his children by a former wife and present spouse; the full support to each his estranged father and mother; full employment to his brother; the upkeep of three mansions (in Los Angeles, Chicago and Berien Springs, Mich.); a training camp in Deer Lake, Pa.; operating expenses for cars and business equipment; a monthly payroll of \$12,000 for his regular employees; his earnings of about \$21 million has also been eaten up with \$7 million going to his manager Herbert Muham-

mad. He has given \$100,000 in New York to an old folks home; in 1976 he came up with another \$100,000 to buy tickets for U.S. servicemen to see his fight with Richard Dunn in Germany; less than six months later, upon learning of the plight of starving Africans, Ali sent another \$100,000 to Afri-Care; the IRS has picked up about \$7 million; has bought his mother a \$60,000 home; spent twice that amount for his ex-wife's (Belinda or also known as Khalilah) home and paying her \$2 million in the settlement; paying his first wife \$200,000 when they parted; his track club and boxing team are each costing him \$100,000 yearly.

\$400,000 has been paid for his 84-acre farm in Berien Springs, Mich. The training camp in Deer Lake, Pa., had a tag of \$480,000. He purchased a seven bedroom home in Berkeley, Calif. for \$850,000; learning that track star Houston Mc-Tear's family was in dire need of a better place to (See Holmes, page 19)

## 'Irate' Holmes Sends Challenge To Local Broadcaster Ed Brown

The July 18 issue of the LAS VEGAS SENTINEL carried a full page spread on the upcoming Holmes-Ali fight at Caesars Palace on Oct. 2. The write-up, however, brought some reaction from the World Boxing Council heavyweight champion Larry Holmes. Someone in the area sends Holmes copies of the SENTINEL and it was there that Holmes discovered an error in the headline. It read: Caesars land Ali-Holmes.

Holmes sent word last Thursday to the writer of



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the article, Ed Brown, through his

manager/trainer Richie Giachetti, that the headline was wrong; that it should have read HOLMES-ALI not ALI-HOLMES. The message also said that Holmes wanted to see Ed Brown when he arrives in Las Vegas on Thursday, August 7.

Ed Brown sent word to Holmes, through Giachetti, to "LET'S GET IT ON." Brown went into training immediately. The end-result of that confrontation will be reported in the Aug. 14 issue of the SENTINEL.

## Roundball Classic Shaping Up

Members of the UNLV Basketball Alumni Association are working around the clock to round off the rough edges for the forthcoming UNLV-Notre Dame "Community Roundball Classic III" set for Aug. 20 at the Las Vegas Convention Cen-

ter. Ex-Notre Dame stars to be included are Adrian Dantley, John Shumate, Toby Knight, Bruce Flowers, Bill Hanzlik, Gary Brokaw, Bill Lambier, Rich Branning and

Donald (Duck) Williams. Among Ex-UNLV players will be Ricket Sobers, Robert, Tony and Sam Smith, Glen (Gon-Sam Smith, Glen (Gondo) Gonrezick, Jackie Robinson, Eddie Owens, Robert (Jeep) Kelley, Ed-die McLeod, Mike Milke,

Bobby Florence, Lewis Brown and Lonnie Wright.

The proceeds from this game go to several charitable organizations in addition to helping former UNLV players secure college degrees.



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