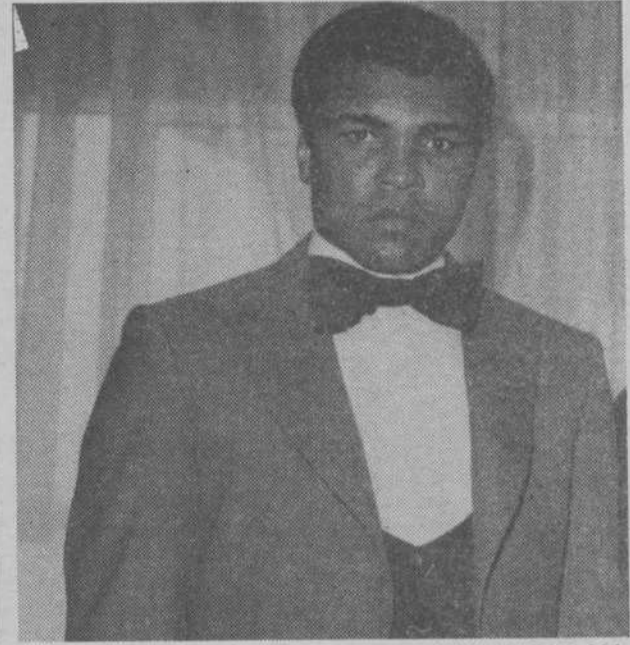




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Bolden's Beat

By Lee Bolden



Since Las Vegas has emerged as the sports capital of the world, we feel that it would be fitting and proper that our latest effort be to make The Las Vegas Sentinel a more productive newspaper, we are adding a new feature: The Sentinel Sports Board.

This new addition will feature:

All major sports events such as: Ali-Holmes Fight-World Series — Super Bowl- NBA Championship — College Bowl Games — Kentucky Derby — Belmont — Preakness

Scores, point spreads and betting odds on all sports.

Weekly predictions.

Standing and weekly statistics.

UNLV sports

Interviews and close

up features on players, coaches, owners and fans.

T.V. schedules

Complete local sports coverage — High School, youth sports, adult sports and girls and women sports.

Black Community sports.

Jai alai coverage. Sports contests.

Special section on how to play casino games — Baccarat — 21

— Craps — Keno — Poker — Roulette.

We expect the addition of the Sports Board will double our distribution and number of readers within the next six months.

I am happy to be a part of this growing community venture. This is just the beginning.

'Flight Of Bumble Bee' 7 Days From 'Last Hurrah'

By Ed Brown

The stage is about set at the mammoth outdoor arena taking shape on the western section of Caesars Palace parking lot — near the Sports Pavillion. It will be the site for the Oct. 2 World Boxing Council heavyweight championship fight between the champion Larry Holmes and the challenger Muhammad Ali.

At the moment, a psychological warfare permeates the air between Holmes and Ali and, as time wears on, the battle of words should reach an all-time high.

Ali, as usual, is talking a good game. He

appears obsessed over being able to lose the excess weight in a comparatively short time.

"Look at me, three months ago I weighed over 250 and was fat and sloppy. Now I am trim, fast and dancin'. Larry Holmes hasn't got a chance," Ali bragged, as his weight of 224 was announced.

"Three weeks ago my waist was 38½, now it's 37½. By fight time I will be down to 36," Ali grinned. "That is as good as it was when I knocked out George Foreman in Zaire (1974).

The "Louisville Lip" continued, "I am the only man in the world who can make time stand still. A man that

sets his mind can accomplish the impossible. I have proven three times that I am that kind of man. I will do it again."

Ali flatly predicts that he will beat Holmes. "I'm too fast, too smart for that duck," Ali said while dancing around the ring during his workouts. At the same time, one of his trainers, Bundini Brown kept yelling: "Come on champ. Float like a butterfly and sting like a bee."

Ali has trained harder for this fight than anytime since he won the title from George Foreman.

Holmes is just as confident that he will beat

Ali and predicts that he will finish Ali before the 10th round. Ali says he will take Holmes in 10 rounds.

"I want to knock this guy out. It won't be much after the fifth round," Holmes predicts.

"I want to take Ali out. I don't want to beat him, I want to take him out. I am young. I could have beaten Ali eight years ago when I was a sparring partner. He is too old for me and he is fat," Holmes said.

The fight, which will take place on a 22-foot ring in the makeshift 25,000-seat stadium, figures to be one of the best heavyweight fights in many years.

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Greg Page On Holmes-Ali Garden Telecast

Unbeaten Greg Page ranked the No. 6 heavyweight contender by the World Boxing Association, will be featured in a 10-round bout on the undercard of the Larry Holmes-Muhammad Ali closed circuit telecast at

Madison Square Garden Oct. 2.

Page, who is 11-0-0, with 10 knockouts, will meet Dave "Big Foot" Johnson of Bowie, Md., 9-6-0, with two knockouts.

There will be two other 10-rounders on the show

featuring the Holmes-Ali telecast from Las Vegas.

Carmelo Negron of New York, the WBA's No. 6-ranked super featherweight and winner of all of his 13 pro fights by knockout, will meet Baby Kid Chocolate of

Philadelphia, who has an 18-4-0 record.

In a welterweight bout, Johnny Turner of New York, 37-4-1, with 28 knockouts, will fight Irish Pat Hallacy of Wichita, Kan., 24-4-0, with 11 knockouts.