

Sports



SEMI-PRO HOP

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Second chances for both Ex-Rebels and Las Vegas will be the main objectives when semi-pro basketball returns to Southern Nevada next year.

In a recent interview with the Voice, Ike Bishop, owner of two area auto parts stores, said that the newly created Las Vegas Silver will enter its first season of Continental Basketball Association competition in November.

"I want to be the bridge to get our UNLV players into the pros, that's why I'm in this thing," Bishop contended. "We want to keep players ready to be picked up by the pros."

Under close "consideration" for the Silver roster are former UNLV stars: Jackie Robinson, Flintie Ray Williams, Sam Smith, Earl Evans, Robert Smith, and Billy Hungrecker. The Silver is also "looking at" former Las Vegas Dealers: Keith Starr and Kenny Harmon.

For Bishop, this is his second such venture. The first venture being a failed attempt to salvage the Las Vegas Dealers in January of 1979 after James and Sylvia Speed withdrew midway through the only Western Basketball Association season.

Shortly after the competition of the schedule, the Dealers folded, along with the league, and the CBA saved the WBA's only remaining member, the Great Falls, Mont., club.

"It (semi-pro basketball) would have made it before if the people in management had done what they said they were going to do in the first place," Bishop insisted. "It would still be strong and it would still be here."

"We pledged to be a first class operation, which it will be," vowed Bishop.

The Las Vegas franchise along with Orange County, Calif, another new CBA club, will be joining present Western Division members Billing, Mont., Great Falls, Anchorage, and Alberta, Canada, next year, thus upping the total number of league teams to 20, said Bishop.

Currently responsible for the maturing of rising NBA stars Billy Ray Bates of the Portland Trail Blazers, and Edgar Jones, now with the New Jersey Nets, the CBA is recognized a a minor league, and is subsidized with a 190,000 dollar grant from the NBA.

According to Bishop, the Silver will play 22 home games (including 2 or 3 exhibitions) on its 40-game schedule in the Showboat Hotel's 2,500 seat Sports pavilion.

"We want to create an entertainment type environment," Bishop said. "We'll have a 15 minute autograph period before each home game."

"An average draw of 1,000 people per game would break us even," he continued. "But I think it'll be a good draw. Realistically, we feel we'll draw at least 2,500 people."

Alternating between Chaparral High School and the Convention Center, the Dealers failed to attract more than 500 fans per game and sold a small amount of season tickets. Bishop indicated this will surely not be the case with the Silver.

"We've hired some promoters who have guaranteed me they'll sell 1,500 season tickets," Bishop said. "The Showboat wants to save 500 just for guests at the hotel. The other 500 shouldn't be that hard to sell at the gate."

"I don't think anybody nowadays can afford any loss," Bishop went on. "We don't feel this is going to be a losing proposition."

"We're gonna push it all summer, so that people will know who we are. We really want to get things going," he finished.

Bishop controls 52 percent of the Silver, while his son, Randy Seright owns a small percentage. According to Bishop, the remaining interest in the Silver is owned by Fausi Diab, a Las Vegas auto parts dealer, and a silent partner in South America.

OFFICIAL NATIONAL LEAGUE SCHEDULE - 1981

1981	EAST						WEST					
	AT CHICAGO	AT MONTREAL	AT NEW YORK	AT PHILADELPHIA	AT PITTSBURGH	AT ST. LOUIS	AT ATLANTA	AT CINCINNATI	AT HOUSTON	AT LOS ANGELES	AT SAN DIEGO	AT SAN FRANCISCO
CHICAGO.....		April 14, 15, 16 June 26*, 27*, 28 Sept. 18*, 19, 20	May 29*, 30, 31 June 29*, 30* July 1*, 2 Sept. 30*, Oct. 1*	April 17*, 18*, 19 Aug. 4*, 5*, 6* Oct. 2*, 3*, 4	June 2*, 3*, 4* July 10*, 11*, 12-12 Sept. 28*, 29*	April 20, 21, 22 Aug. 7*, 8*, 9* Sept. 7*, 8*, 9*	May 8*, 9*, 10 July 21*, 22*, 23*	May 12*, 13*, 14* July 24*, 25*, 26	May 15*, 16*, 17 July 27*, 28*, 29*	June 15*, 16* Aug. 27*, 28*, 29*, 30	June 19*, 20*, 21 Aug. 31* Sept. 1*, 2*	June 17, 18 Sept. 3, 4*, 5, 6
MONTREAL.....	May 22, 23, 24 July 7, 8, 9 Sept. 11, 12, 13		April 18, 19, 19 Aug. 4*, 5*, 6 Oct. 2*, 3, 4	April 27*, 28*, 29* July 3*, 4*, 5 Sept. 7*, 8*, 9*	April 9, 11, 12 June 29*, 30* Aug. 12*, 13* Sept. 30*, Oct. 1*	June 1*, 2*, 3*, 4 July 10*, 11*, 12 Sept. 28*, 29*	June 17*, 18* Aug. 21*, 22 (Tn), 23	June 5*, 6*, 7 Aug. 31* Sept. 1*, 2*	June 19*, 20*, 21* Aug. 17*, 18*, 19*	May 12*, 13*, 14* July 24*, 25*, 26	May 18*, 19*, 20* July 31* Aug. 1*, 2	May 15*, 16, 17 July 28*, 29, 30
NEW YORK.....	April 9, 11, 12 Aug. 10, 11, 12, 13 Sept. 23, 24	April 24, 25, 26 June 23*, 24*, 25* Sept. 25*, 26, 27		June 1*, 2*, 3* July 10*, 11* (Tn), 12 Sept. 28*, 29*	April 22*, 23 June 2*, 4, 5-6 Sept. 7*, 8*, 9*	May 22*, 23*, 24 July 7*, 8*, 9* Sept. 11*, 12*, 13	June 5*, 6, 7 Aug. 31* Sept. 1*, 2*	April 8 June 19*, 20*, 21 Aug. 18*, 19*	June 17*, 18* Aug. 28*, 29 (Tn), 30*	May 18*, 19*, 20* July 31* Aug. 1, 2	May 15*, 16*, 17 July 27*, 28*, 29*	May 12*, 13, 14 July 24*, 25, 26
PHILADELPHIA.....	April 24, 25, 26 June 23, 24, 25 Sept. 25, 26, 27	April 20, 21, 22 Aug. 7*, 8, 9-9 Sept. 21*, 22*	May 25, 26*, 27* Aug. 14*, 15, 16 Sept. 15*, 16*, 17*		May 22*, 23*, 24 Aug. 3*, 4*, 5* Sept. 11*, 12*, 13	April 11, 12 June 29*, 30 (Tn) July 1*, 2 Sept. 23*, 24*	June 11*, 12*, 13* July 24*, 25*, 26	May 5*, 6*, 7* July 19-19, 20*	April 17*, 18* Aug. 28*, 29 (Tn), 30*	May 18*, 19*, 20* July 31* Aug. 1, 2	May 15*, 16*, 17 July 27*, 28*, 29*	May 12*, 13, 14 July 24*, 25, 26
PITTSBURGH.....	May 25, 26, 27, 28 Aug. 14, 15, 16 Sept. 15, 16	May 29*, 30, 31 July 1*, 2* Aug. 10*, 11* Sept. 23*, 24*	April 28*, 29*, 30* Aug. 7*, 8, 9-9 Sept. 21*, 22*	April 13*, 15*, 16* June 26*, 27, 28 Sept. 18*, 19*, 20		May 8*, 9*, 10 July 16*, 17*, 18 Sept. 25*, 26, 27	May 11*, 12*, 13* July 24*, 25*, 26	May 5*, 6*, 7* July 19-19, 20*	April 17*, 18, 19 July 21*, 22*, 23*	June 19*, 20*, 21 Aug. 31* Sept. 1*, 2*	June 17*, 18 Aug. 27*, 28*, 29 (Tn), 30	June 15*, 16* Aug. 27*, 28*, 29, 30
ST. LOUIS.....	April 28, 29 July 3, 4, 4, 5, 6 Sept. 21, 22	May 25*, 26*, 27* Aug. 14*, 15*, 16 Sept. 15*, 16*, 17*	April 14, 15, 16 June 26*, 27*, 28 Sept. 18*, 19, 20	May 29*, 30*, 31 Aug. 24*, 25*, 26*	April 24*, 25, 26 June 3*, 4, 5-5 Oct. 2*, 3, 4		May 15*, 16*, 17 July 27*, 28*, 29*	April 17*, 18, 19 June 23*, 24, 25*	May 12*, 13*, 14* July 24*, 25*, 26*	June 17*, 18* Sept. 3*, 4*, 5*, 6	June 15*, 16* Aug. 27*, 28*, 29 (Tn), 30	June 19*, 20, 21-21 Sept. 1*, 2
ATLANTA.....	May 1, 2, 3 July 16, 17, 18	June 9*, 10*, 11* Aug. 28*, 29*, 30	June 15 (Tn), 16* Sept. 4*, 5, 6	June 12*, 13*, 14 Aug. 24*, 25*, 26*	May 19*, 20* Aug. 1*, 2-2	May 4*, 5*, 6*, 7 July 19, 20*		April 21*, 22 June 26 (Tn), 27*, 28 Oct. 2*, 3, 4	April 13*, 14*, 15* July 10*, 11*, 12* Sept. 22*, 23*, 24*	June 1*, 2*, 3* Aug. 13*, 14*, 15*, 16 Sept. 16*, 17*	May 29*, 30*, 31 Aug. 10*, 11*, 12* Sept. 18*, 19, 20	April 23, 24, 25, 26-26 June 23*, 24 Sept. 14*, 15*
CINCINNATI.....	May 19, 20, 21 July 31 Aug. 1, 2	June 12*, 13, 14 Aug. 25*, 26*, 27*	June 9*, 10*, 11* Aug. 28*, 29*, 30	June 15*, 16* Sept. 3*, 4*, 5*, 6	May 15*, 16, 17 July 27*, 28*, 29*	May 1*, 2, 3 July 21*, 22*, 23*	April 10*, 11*, 12 July 7*, 8*, 9* Sept. 25*, 26*, 27		April 23*, 24*, 25, 26 June 29*, 30* July 1* Sept. 14*, 15	May 29*, 30, 31 Aug. 10*, 11*, 12* Sept. 18*, 19, 20	April 13*, 14*, 15* July 3*, 4*, 5 Sept. 21*, 22*, 23*	June 1*, 2*, 3* Aug. 7*, 8, 9-9 Sept. 16*, 17*
HOUSTON.....	May 4, 5, 6, 7 July 19, 20	June 15*, 16* Sept. 3*, 4*, 5, 6	June 12*, 13*, 14 Aug. 25*, 26*, 27	June 8*, 9*, 10* Aug. 21*, 22, 23*	May 1*, 2, 3 July 23*, 24*, 25*	May 19*, 20*, 21 July 31* Aug. 1*, 2	April 28*, 29*, 30* July 3*, 4*, 5 Sept. 7*, 8*, 9*	May 8*, 9, 10, 11* July 16*, 17*, 18 Sept. 30*, Oct. 1		April 9, 11*, 12 July 7*, 8*, 9 Oct. 2*, 3, 4	June 2*, 3*, 4 Aug. 13, 14*, 15*, 16 Sept. 16*, 17*	May 29*, 30, 31 Aug. 10*, 11*, 12 Sept. 18*, 19, 20
LOS ANGELES.....	June 5, 6, 7 Aug. 17, 18, 19	May 1*, 2, 3, 4* July 16*, 17*	May 8*, 9, 10 July 21*, 22*, 23	May 5*, 6*, 7* July 18*, 19, 20*	June 12*, 13, 14 Aug. 24*, 25*, 26	June 9*, 10*, 11* Aug. 21*, 22*, 23	May 25*, 26*, 27*, 28* Aug. 7*, 8*, 9 Sept. 28*, 29*	May 22*, 23, 24-24 Aug. 4*, 5* Sept. 11*, 12*, 13	April 20*, 21*, 22* June 26*, 27*, 28 Sept. 25*, 26, 27		April 17*, 18*, 19 June 29*, 30* July 1*, 2* Sept. 14*, 15*	April 13*, 14*, 15* July 2*, 3, 4, 5 Sept. 22*, 23*, 24*
SAN DIEGO.....	June 12, 13, 14 Aug. 24, 25, 26	May 5*, 6*, 7* July 18*, 19, 20*	May 1*, 2, 3-3 July 16, 17*	May 8*, 9*, 10 July 21*, 22*, 23	June 8*, 9*, 10* Aug. 21*, 22*, 23	June 5*, 6*, 7 Aug. 17*, 18*, 19*	May 22*, 23*, 24 Aug. 4*, 5*, 6* Sept. 11*, 12*, 13	April 28*, 29*, 30* July 10*, 11*, 12 Sept. 7*, 8*, 9	May 25*, 26*, 27* Aug. 7*, 8 (Tn), 9 Sept. 28*, 29*	April 23*, 24*, 25*, 26 June 22*, 23*, 24* Sept. 30*, Oct. 1*		April 9, 10*, 11, 12 July 7*, 8 Oct. 2*, 3, 4
SAN FRANCISCO	June 9, 10, 11 Aug. 21, 22, 23	May 8*, 9, 10-10 July 21*, 22*	May 5*, 6*, 7* July 18*, 19, 20*	May 1*, 2*, 3, 4* July 16*, 17*	June 5*, 6*, 7 Aug. 17*, 18*, 19*	June 12*, 13*, 14 Aug. 24*, 25*, 26	April 17*, 18*, 19 July 1*, 2* Sept. 30*, Oct. 1*	May 25*, 26*, 27*, 28 Aug. 14*, 15*, 16 Sept. 28*, 29*	May 22*, 23*, 24* Aug. 3*, 4*, 5* Sept. 11*, 12*, 13	April 27*, 28*, 29* July 10*, 11*, 12 Sept. 7*, 8*, 9*	April 20*, 21*, 22* June 26*, 27*, 28 Sept. 25*, 26*, 27	April 20*, 21*, 22* Aug. 10*, 11*, 12* Sept. 25*, 26*, 27
1981	13 SUNDAYS 0 NIGHT GAMES 2 HOLIDAYS (Memorial Day) (July 4)	13 SUNDAYS 50 NIGHT GAMES 2 HOLIDAYS (Dominion Day, June 25)	13 SUNDAYS 47 NIGHT GAMES 1 HOLIDAY (Memorial Day)	13 SUNDAYS 66 NIGHT GAMES 2 HOLIDAYS (July 4) (Labor Day)	13 SUNDAYS 56 NIGHT GAMES 2 HOLIDAYS (July 4) (Labor Day)	13 SUNDAYS 55 NIGHT GAMES 1 HOLIDAY (Labor Day)	13 SUNDAYS 67 NIGHT GAMES 3 HOLIDAYS (Memorial Day) (July 4, Labor Day)	13 SUNDAYS 55 NIGHT GAMES 2 HOLIDAYS (Memorial Day) (Labor Day)	13 SUNDAYS 70 NIGHT GAMES 1 HOLIDAY (Memorial Day)	13 SUNDAYS 63 NIGHT GAMES 1 HOLIDAY (Labor Day)	13 SUNDAYS 62 NIGHT GAMES 1 HOLIDAY (July 4)	13 SUNDAYS 38 NIGHT GAMES 1 HOLIDAY (July 4)

*NIGHT GAME
HEAVY BLACK FIGURES DENOTE SUNDAY
NIGHT GAMES: ANY GAME STARTING AFTER 5:00 P.M.

JULY 14 - ALL STAR GAME AT CLEVELAND
AUG. 3 - HALL OF FAME GAME AT COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. (Cincinnati vs. Oakland)