

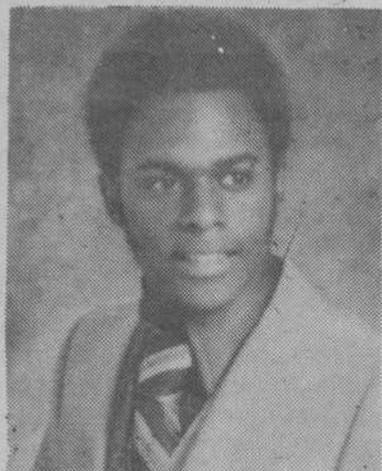
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KEN'S COMMENTS



By Ken Wilson

The Runnin' Rebels of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, beset by injuries over the past several weeks, closed out the regular season on Thursday of last week with a 67-61 win over San Jose State.

The Rebels are now headed into the Pacific Coast Athletic Association post season tournament with an overall record of 25-2, and will be involved in the opening round of the tournament in a game with Pacific University on Thursday night. The tournament will be held in Inglewood, California.

The general health situation of the UNLV Runnin' Rebels seems to be somewhat improved, even though Sidney Green will be getting out of the hospital on Wednesday and his status is still up in the air. Otherwise, Danny Tarkanian and John Copeland should both be over the flu.

However, 6' 6" freshman Eldridge Hudson's left knee is still tentative, and the attitude for the PCAA tournament is wait-and-see.

The UNLV Lady Rebels' Track Team, which successfully opened the outdoor season this past weekend, will send a representative amount of sprinters and middle-distance runners to participate in the 1983 NCAA Indoor Nationals on March 11 and 12. The Indoor Nationals, a two-day event, is scheduled to be held in the Silverdome in Pontiac, Michigan, with the finals to be held on Saturday afternoon, March 12. Lady Rebels to qualify for the Nationals are: Inger Peterson, Valerie Fleming, Lisa Thompson, LaTanya Dawkins, and the UNLV mile relay team. In UNLV's last outing, the Lady Rebels' track team captured 1st place in twelve events to successfully open the 1983 outdoor campaign with an 81-49 dual-meet victory over Weber State.

The new United States Football League (USFL) kicked off its initial season this past weekend, and from all first returns the league had a successful debut. Even though it was the first game of the season for many of these athletes, including Herschel Walker, all concerned performed admirably. Attendance for the opening weekend of action averaged 40,000, to prove that spring football can be an attraction. If the fledgling league can survive competition this spring against the National Basketball playoffs featuring a Dr. J. — Magic Johnson showdown and the Stanley Cup playoffs, it should survive.

KICKBOXING CAESARS PALACE

Six Kickboxing titles will be awarded March 19 at Caesars Palace, when the top competitors in the nation and the world climb into the ring for the 1983 Kickboxing Championships.

Competing in the main event at Caesars Palace Sports Pavilion will be defending World Light-heavyweight Champion Don Wilson and challenger Curtis Crandall. Wilson will carry with him into the ring a record of 44 wins and only 3 losses. And, while Crandall has earned 19 wins and only 3 losses, he will face Wilson with 10 knockouts under his belt already.

Kickboxing is an exciting and flashy sporting event combining explosive action with impressive athletic discipline. Each competitor in the sport of Kickboxing possesses a black belt in Karate in addition to expertise in the discipline of traditional boxing.

A relatively new sport, Kickboxing has burst onto the scene as a fast-paced one-on-one and team competition that satisfies America's enduring fascination with the art of boxing.

The kickboxers will compete using the highly skilled techniques of the martial arts — from flying kicks to spinning fists. Yet, like the western boxers, the participants wear protective padding. The single matches are fought in 2-minute rounds, which challenges the athletes to the same endurance

HUTCHINS-BROAD HEADLINE 'BOAT ESPN CARD MARCH 10

Fred Hutchings, a hard-hitting, 6-foot-2-inch middleweight who should be world ranked within the next few months, and James Broad, an undefeated heavyweight from New

vin Hines of North Carolina in a 10-rounder while Broad, with an 11-0 record, faces tough Tony Pulu in another 10-rounder.

Showboat Sports Pavilion ticket office.

Hutchings is regarded as one of the finest young middleweight

Also on the card promoted by Bob Arum's Top Rank, Inc., in association with the Showboat, will be at least four preliminary bouts, one featuring undefeated Las Vegas light-



James Broad

Jersey, headline of ESPN professional boxing card Thursday, March 10, at the Showboat Hotel, Casino, Country Club and Bowling Center.



Irvin Hines

weight Ted Michaeliszyn.

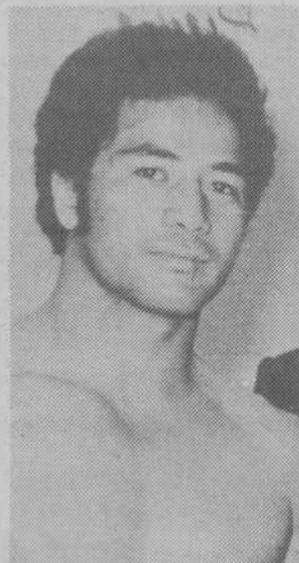
The card begins earlier than usual — at 5:30 p.m. — Thursday with doors to the Showboat Sports Pavilion opening at 5. Tickets, priced at \$15 for ring-side reserved and \$10 for general admission are on sale daily at the



Fred Hutchings

prospects in the country. The Stockton, Calif., slugger has all the tools. Not only can he punch, but he has a long jab and can box.

Hines, from Winston-Salem, N.C., has a 12-5 record with seven knockouts. His last outing was on Sept. 16 when he lost a decision to Wilford Scypion in the winner's hometown of Port Arthur, Texas. Scypion has gone on to beat Frank "The Animal" Fletcher and earn a title shot against undisputed middleweight champion Marvelous Marvin Hagler.



Tony Pulu

Hutchings, with 14 straight wins and a record of 18-1 with 13 knockouts, takes on Ir-

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