

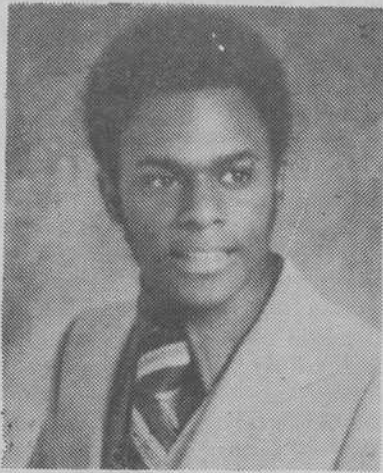
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KEN'S COMMENTS



By Ken Wilson

Live by the dunk, die by the dunk. Surprise! "The team of destiny," North Carolina State will retain the rights to the last laugh as they adopted some of Houston's antics to capture the 1983 national championship in basketball.

The final results stunned the then ranked No. 1 Cougars along with the many on hand, as the Wolfpack from North Carolina State edged Houston on the final play of the game.

A picture that will remain suspended in the minds of many observers, the final waning moments went like this: After a missed free-throw, North Carolina State held the ball for a last shot. As fate would have it, Wolfpack member Dereck Wittenburg put up a desperation bomb that was short. However, unsung frontline performer Lorenzo Charles was there for the miss and jammed it home for the final 54-52 margin of victory.

Wolfpack coach Jim Valvano and crew earned the right to wear this year's crown while playing the role of the giant killer and never giving up when down. Strategy was a major part of the victory as Valvano coached a magnificent game from beginning to end.

After watching the Houston Cougars demolish the Louisville Cardinals in a semifinal matchup, it would seem safe to assume that a win in the final game was inevitable. Several things, however, prevented the Cougars from achieving a much desired championship for 27-year veteran coach Guy Lewis. Houston's downfall arose from its inability to can the free throws down the stretch. Secondly, by inserting the slow-down game with under 7 minutes, Houston took away its own momentum and North Carolina State took advantage.

The game itself was a perfect climax to an exciting college basketball season and the final moments of the contest proved to be the best yet.

The University of Nevada, Las Vegas women's track team, after a week off for training and rest, will return to action on April 16 when the squad returns to Tempe, Arizona, for dual meet competition. In single dual meets, the Lady Rebels will clash with Arizona State, University of Arizona, and Northern Arizona.

All of the individual dual meets will take place on the Arizona State University track with the events scheduled to begin Saturday afternoon at 4:30 p.m.

Lisa Thompson, running 100 meters outdoors for the first time this season, placed first and qualified for the NCAA championships this past weekend at the Sun Angel Classic. A senior, Thompson clocked 11.64 to earn a place in the NCAA's in late May. Inger Peterson, Michelle

FIELD OF 32 IN 12TH ANNUAL \$400,000 ALAN KING-CAESARS PALACE TENNIS CLASSIC

A field of 32 professionals will compete in the richest Alan King/Caesars Palace Tennis Classic in history Apr. 18-24 at the Las Vegas resort with defending champion Jimmy Connors heading the list of designated players.

The singles winner will receive \$50,000, with \$15,000 each to the doubles winners from the \$400,000 purse, one of the biggest on the ATP Grand Prix tour and the richest ever offered for the King/Caesars Classic. The 32-man field will be comprised of 25 of the top 50 ranked ATP players, 4 qualifiers and 3 wild card entrants.

In addition to Connors, ranked number two by ATP, other players should include Gene Mayer, Vitas

Gerulaitis, Eliot Teltscher, Steve Denton, Brian Gottfried, Johann Kriek, Andrew Gomez, Sandy Meyer, Mark Edmondson, Brian



Jimmy Connors

Teacher, John Alexander, Hank Pfister, Raul Ramirez, Chip Hooper, Vincent Van Patten and Bill Scanlon.

John Newcombe won the inaugural Classic in 1972. Brian Gottfried followed in

1973 with Rod Laver winning the top prize in 1974. Roscoe Tanner won in 1975 with Jimmy Connors taking consecutive crowns in 1976-77. Harold Solomon was the 1978 champion with Bjorn Borg joining Connors as the tournament's only double-winner by sweeping through the 1979-80 Classics. Ivan

Lendl won in 1981 with Jimmy Connors capturing the title last year. Connors' 1982 championship made him a three-time winner of the Alan King/Caesars Palace Tennis Classic.

Tickets are available at Caesars Palace Olympic Casino Ticket Office - 731-7865. Prices are \$7-\$20 for single day tickets, \$55 for the Friday through Sunday series and \$95 for the 7-day series.

CART-INDY CARS COMING IN OCTOBER TO THE THIRD ANNUAL CAESARS PALACE GRAND PRIX

Las Vegas, NV — There will be a new look to the Caesars Palace Grand Prix this October when the Championship Auto Racing Teams (CART) PPG Indy Car World Series comes to Las Vegas, it was announced today by Caesars Palace President and Chief Operating Officer Harry Wald.

It was also announced that Bruce Aguilera has been named President of the Caesars Palace Grand Prix. Aguilera will continue to serve in his capacity

as the Vice President-Law & Administration for Caesars Palace.

"We are very pleased to welcome CART to the Caesars Palace Grand Prix," stated Wald of the race scheduled for the weekend of Oct. 6-9. "The Indy car series has become an American tradition, and its drivers are among the most popular and recognized athletes in the country."

Ticket information for the Third Annual Caesars Palace Grand Prix can be obtained by writing to: Caesars Pal-

ace Olympic Box Office, Caesars Palace Grand Prix, 3570 Las Vegas Blvd. So., Las Vegas, Nevada 89109.

Bowlers Roll Into Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA - April 1, 1983, - Seventy-three thousand bowlers will look to strike it rich in Las Vegas beginning this month, as the Women's International Bowling Congress (WIBC) rolls into town. The group will have their 64th annual convention April 25-27, but will participate in bowling competition for the next several months, April 7-July 1. The total economic impact of the 83 day WIBC tournament convention will be approximately 60 million dollars.

WIBC is but one of 44 conclaves to be held in Las Vegas during April. The National Association of Broadcasters (NAB), April 10-13, with 19,000 delegates is the second largest convention for the month, followed by Defense '83 with 10,000 delegates, April 28-May 1.

The Nab conclave will be housed at the Las Vegas Hilton and the Las Vegas Convention Center, while Defense '83 conferees will meet at the Convention Center and various hotels.

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Stewart, Vernicia Smith, along with Thompson, combined for a school record and a NCAA berth with a time of 45.28 in the 4-by-100 relay event. A time of 3:39.01 in the mile relay also qualified the Lady Rebels for the NCAA championships. Sonja Wortham finished fourth in the long jump at 19-10 1/2, while Sonya Briscoe placed fourth with a new school record time of 1:01.19 in the 400 meter hurdles. Myrna Nearing also finished in the fourth position in the 1500 meter run.