

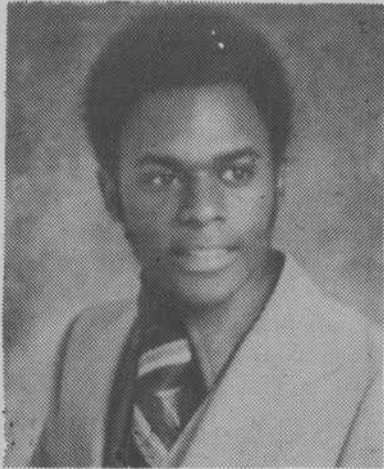
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KEN'S COMMENTS



By Ken Wilson

A victory this past weekend in the French Open Tennis Tournament, meant a storybook conclusion for rising tennis star Yannich Noah.

The fairy tale script began years ago when tennis legend Arthur Ashe discovered the young Frenchman during a tour in Camroon West African and ended with a display of power in a 6-2, 7-5, 7-6 thrashing of defending champion Mats Wilander of Sweden.

Before some 16,500 countryman and fans at Roland Garros Stadium in Paris France, the 23-year old Noah not only became the first frenchmen in 37 yrs to win the clay court toumey, but also marked the true arrival of a legitmate black tennis star as the sixth ranked player also picked up some \$90,000 in prize money.

Once again this past weekend the Red Rock Optimists Club presented their traditional sports weekend.

A tribute to outstanding local senior athletes, several all-star games produced pleasing results for fans, athletes, prospective college coaches, and parents in attendance at each event.

Friday night at UNLV's Roger Barson field, the heroics of former Chaparral high school standout Greg Mannion enabled the Sunset stars to slip by the Sunrise division club 7-6 in the annual Optimists All-star high school baseball game.

The following evening at Western high school, local hoop performers had a chance to display their talents as the men and women were featured in the own separate allstar contest.

In a prelim to their counterparts, the Sunset All-Stars captured a 53-45 victory over the Sunrise Stars in the Third Annual Red Rock Girls All-Star Basketball game. Former Bonanza High School star Peggy Holmes captured game-high honors with 18 points.

In the evenings' finale, an upset was produced as the Sunset squad edged the Sunrise stars, 104-100, in the 12th Annual Red Rock Optimist basketball game.

Yannick Noah Gives France Open Crown

PARIS - In victory, Yannick Noah was his bouyant, irrepressible self. First he fell to his knees with his head thrown back and his teeth bared in glee. Then he sprang to his feet and

Mats Wilander, the defending champion, by the score of 6-2, 7-5, 7-6, and had become the first Frenchman to win the French Open title since 1946. It was the biggest day of Noah's life and



Yannick Noah...defeats Mats Wilander for title

jumped into his father's outstretched arms. Finally, he ran through a group of ballboys and onto the awards platform with none of the shy decorum that usually accompanies such moments.

Noah had just beaten

there was no point in pretending otherwise.

"I worked hard," Noah said of his physical routine leading up to the French Open, "but I did that before. This time, though, I practiced to win. I thought about winning."

The Sunrise stars powered by former Sundevil star Tracy Holman, who scored a gamehigh 21 points, the Sunrise squad overcame a Sunset talent and height advantage to score the upset.

Former Western teammates Gordon Lewis, Mike Sprague, and Dean Jahn, were alos in double figures for the winners. UNLV bound Fred Banks had 19 points for the Sunset effort while Scott Scarborough added 17 points.

With the National Basketball Association playoff just concluded, pro baseball and the United States Football league will battle it out for those all important attendance numbers for the remainder of the summer.

With more sure action per minute as a firm foundation, spring football with the first year league appearing to have a firm hand on understanding the sports fan, it might have a chance of dethroning or getting in on some of the action, thus giving an American past-time a run for its money.

- Joe Bugner !

Marvis Frazier Beats Dad's Opponent

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. - Marvis Frazier beat Joe Bugner Saturday, just like his father, former heavy weight champion Joe Frazier, did 10 years ago and talk began immediately about young Frazier challenging heavyweight champion Larry Holmes.

Promoter Bob Arum said a match between Holmes, the 33-year-old World Boxing Council champion with a 43-0 record, and the 22-year-old Frazier, who now is 10-0, was more than just talk.

"Holmes told me in my office he wants to fight," said Arum. "All the financing is in place, but nothing has been signed."

Hagler gets LV winner

NEW YORK — Middle weight champion Marvin Hagler will be awaiting the winner of a 12-round World Boxing Council elimination bout between Wilfred Benitez and Mustafa Hamsho July 16 in Las Vegas, promoter Don King announced Friday.

The winner of the Benitez-Hamsho fight will earn the next WBC mandatory defense by Hagler.

Benitez, 24, has previously held the junior welterweight, welterweight and super welterweight crowns and is seeking an unprecedented fourth title.

Arum said a tentative date for the fight was September 23 in Atlantic City.

Asked about fighting Holmes, Frazier said, "You have to ask Pop."

The 33-year-old Bugner was doubtful that Frazier is ready for the big time yet.

"Marvis, with a lot more coaching and experience, could be a very good cruiserweight (195-pound limit). The heavyweight division might be too much for him. My opinion is he has to do something to avoid those right hands and the jabs. I think Larry Holmes, who has one of the best left jabs in the business would cut him up."

Youth food program sponsors sought

Sponsors are needed for the summer food service program, according to the Nevada Department of Education which administers the program and provides funding and technical assistance. Last year, more than 750 children were served daily.

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