

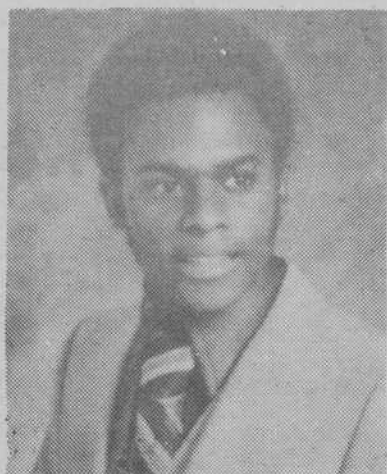
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KEN'S COMMENTS



By Ken Wilson

Recently star golfer Tom Watson successfully defended his famed British Open Championship. The prestige of the title is unquestioned, the defense of it is virtually unheard of.

This past weekend, veteran Calvin Peete defended his less-known Anheuser-Busch Golf Classic title in dramatic fashion as the Louisiana native continues to make quite a name for himself as the most productive black golfer to ever grace the tour with his presence.

Peete, who tamed the Kingsmill Golf course in Williamsburg, Va., a year ago to win the title, rallied in the final round to win by a single stroke while collecting a \$63,000 paycheck.

Better known as "Cal" these days, Peete is in the midst of his second consecutive successful season, and is already one of the top money-winners in 1983, having currently amassed some \$262,658 in earnings.

Currently in full swing at UNLV is one of the frontrunners in summer basketball tournaments, the Las Vegas Invitational, a tourney that annually attracts top high school basketball players and many college coaches.

Featuring 28 teams from around the country, the six-day tournament which began Monday with the finale Saturday night, also includes two Las Vegas entrants, the Las Vegas Stars and the Junior Rebels.

In the past, the tournament has boasted local players such as Fred Banks and Michael Lee, both headed for major college programs, while this year's crop features the likes of Ellis Blackmore of Western along with Dale Major and Eric Johnson of Las Vegas High School.

College All-Americans like Oklahoma's Wayman Tisdale have also participated in the tourney in the past, while this year's tournament features these top prospects: Steve Miller of Kentucky, Tyrone Jones of Dunbar High in Baltimore, and Robert Locke of Los Angeles.

As summer rolls on the major league baseball races continue to heat up. In both leagues each division looks to have the potential of going down to the wire to decide the eventual pennant winner.

In the National League West, Atlanta and Los Angeles are the frontrunners currently, while the eastern division race is wide open with Pittsburgh, Montreal, St. Louis, and Philadelphia all in the thick of things.

Looking at the American League, on the East coast the battle shapes up this way: Toronto, Baltimore, Detroit, New York, Boston, and Milwaukee, with this division totally up for grabs.

Out West there's a four-team race developing with Chicago, Texas, California, and Kansas City all bidding for the top spot.

FRED HUTCHINGS MEETS TOUGH DALE JACKSON AT 'BOAT' JULY 28

Fred Hutchings, current California champion in the junior middleweight, middleweight and light heavyweight divisions, an accomplishment rarely achieved in boxing, is the featured attraction Thursday, July 28, in the monthly ESPN card at the Showboat Hotel Casino, Country Club and Bowling Center.

The world-ranked Hutchings meets tough Dale Jackson in a middleweight 10-round co-main event.

The other 10-round co-main features super bantamweight slugger Lenny Valdez against rugged Pascual Arranda.

The card, promoted by

dleweight, has a record of 21-1 with 15 knockouts and is a legitimate title contender in both the 160-pound and the 154-pound junior middleweight divisions.

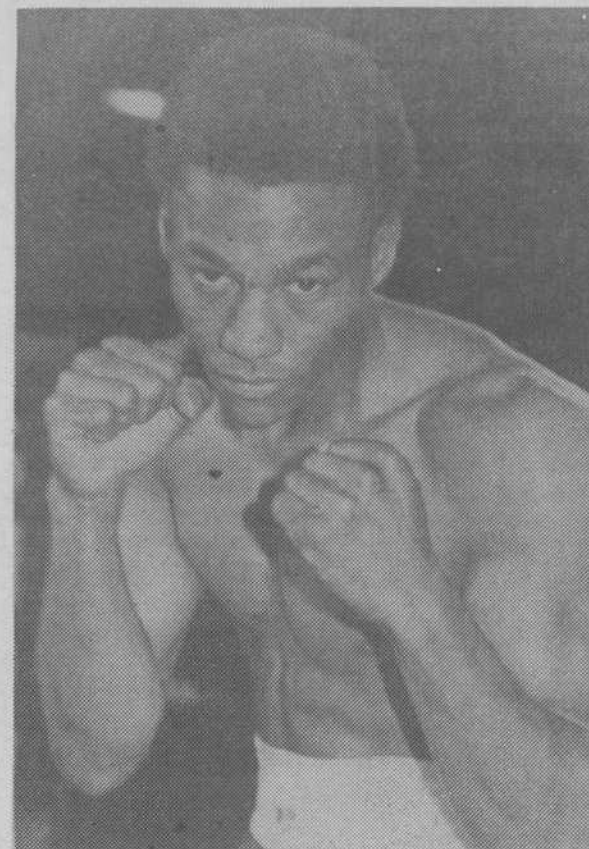
The 24-year-old boxing-puncher from Stockton, Calif. won two of his championships this year. On April 6 he stopped Henry Walker in the third round to grab the middleweight title and in his last fight on May 18 he took a 12-round decision over Marcos Geraldo for the light heavyweight crown.

Hutchings captured the junior middleweight championship on March 31, 1982, by halting Tim

stopping Tony Cisneros in the fifth. In between, on May 14 in Mexicali, he

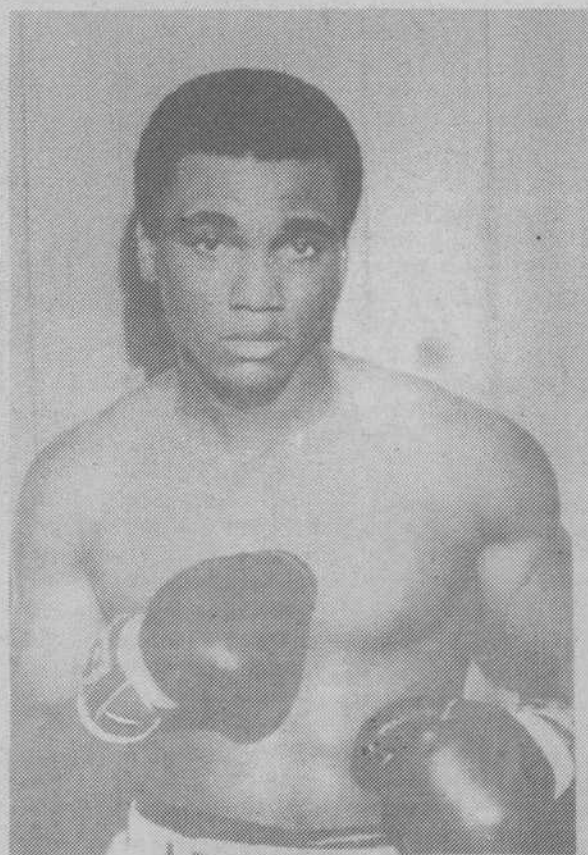
an 85-11 record as an amateur.

Both Hutchings and



Fred Hutchings

halted Hector "Young Casanova" Medina in the sixth. Valdez are on winning streaks; Hutchings has won 17 straight and turned pro in 1981, had Valdez 13 in a row.



Dale Jackson

Bob Arum's Top Rank, Inc., in association with the Showboat, begins at 6 p.m. Doors to the Showboat Sports Pavilion open at 5:30.

Tickets, priced at \$15 for ringside reserved and \$10 for general admission, are on sale daily at the Showboat Sports Pavilion Ticket Office.

Hutchings, ranked No. 7 by the World Boxing Council as a mid-

Harris in the ninth round. All three title fights were in Stockton.

Valdez, from Hawthorne, Calif., has a 19-1 record with 13 knockouts. The 21-year-old has become a favorite at the Showboat because of his relentless, brawling style.

He's won twice at the Showboat this year, decisioning slick Kenny Mitchell on Jan. 27 and in his most recent outing

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