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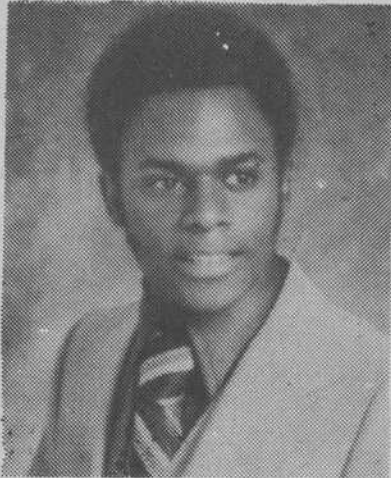
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KEN'S COMMENTS



By Ken Wilson

Much in the same fashion of world-class track and field performer Carl Lewis, Las Vegas can lay claim to a possible future star in Las Vegas High's Charles Smith.

The well known Smith, a two-sport athlete (track and field-football) for the Wildcats, recently qualified in the long jump event and will attend the United States Olympic Trial in Los Angeles next June.

Smith, a senior-to-be, was chosen by the American governing body of track and field, the Athletic Congress, when he bettered the qualifying standard by more than three inches recently in Britain, Conn., to earn the right to a chance at making the 1984 Olympic team.

Once the flamboyant Sugar Ray Leonard, the undisputed welterweight champion, hung up his gloves for good, the once flashy division was up for grabs.

After an elimination bout for the vacant title, the WBA crowned Donald Curry champ while the WBC organization's elimination bout between Milton McCrory of Detroit and Colin Jones of South Wales, failed to settle the issue last March in Reno.

Now, with the aid of promoter Don King, McCrory, 20-0-1 with 17 knockouts and Jones, 24-1-1 with 21 KO's, will meet in a rematch Saturday afternoon at the Dunes which will indeed decide the new WBC title-holder.

The first time around McCrory controlled the early portion of the fight while Jones rallied in the second half of the bout to earn a draw, thus the rematch.

McCrory is handled by Emanuel Steward and hails from the famed Kronk Boxing Gym, while Jones is the current European welterweight champion, which should set the stage for a great rematch. The card also features four 10-round bouts.

According to all reports originating from the 1984 Olympic Organizing Committee, the U.S. Olympic team will receive plenty of support from their country, as ticket orders continue to pour in for the upcoming summer games.

Thus far the hot tickets include gymnastics, track and field, boxing, and swimming.

THREE BIG BOXING DATES AT 'BOAT'

Boxing's booming again at the 'Boat with three cards—including Las Vegas' Roger Mayweather defending his World Boxing Association junior lightweight championship—in the nine days of August 17th through the 25th.

On Wednesday the 17th the undefeated

Mayweather defends against No. 4-ranked Benedicto Villablanca of Chile in a 15-round battle for the WBA 130-pound crown.

Then on Saturday the 20th it's amateur boxing with a team of Nevada all-stars taking on the best from the greater Los Angeles area in all

12 Olympic weight divisions.

And on Thursday the 25th it's the Showboat Hotel, Casino, Country Club and Bowling Center's monthly ESPN professional card, this time featuring junior lightweight Freddie Roach of Las Vegas and undefeated junior mid-

dleweight Mardo Roybal.

And for the ESPN card on the 25th it's the usual \$10 for general admission and \$15 for ringside reserved.

Tickets for all three shows are on sale daily at the Showboat Sports Pavilion Ticket Office.

Five 10-round See FIGHT, Page 8

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