

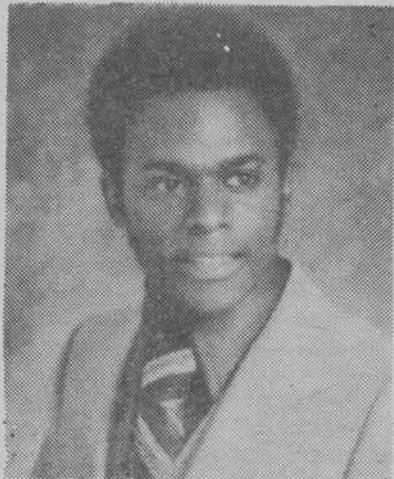
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## KEN'S COMMENTS



By Ken Wilson

In the wake of huge contracts being awarded daily, NBA players man-for-man are the highest paid professional athletes in the world today.

Moses gets \$2 million per year. Magic collects one too, and recently Ralph (former Virginia star center and No. 1 draft pick of the Houston Rockets), became the highest paid rookie in NBA history. Now Jabbar wants more while even the Bird is asking to enter the elite society of hoopsters.

--The Bottom Line: Sooner or later the fan will feel the crunch as ticket prices begin to increase during the forthcoming season in the same fashion as the player's salaries.

As summer ends so begins the 1983-84 college football season and here in Las Vegas the community prepares for the new campaign with anticipation that the UNLV football team can improve on last year's 3-8 showing.

Second-year coach Harvey Hyde will display his troops as the Rebels open the season by renewing a long-time rivalry with the Wolfpack of UNR at the Silver Bowl Saturday (Sept. 3) night at 7:30 p.m.

With a tougher than average schedule on the horizon, the Rebels are faced with building both the offensive and defensive units around key players, namely junior quarterback Randall Cunningham and senior free safety Al Ligon.

UNLV, picked to finish fifth in the PCAA in a recent preseason poll, will, however, have to overcome stiff competition such as Washington State, San Jose State and Oregon State within its first five contests.

Las Vegas will play host to the world's top golfers, including standout Calvin Peete, when the city presents the Las Vegas Pro Celebrity Classic to be held Sept. 12-18.

Slated to take place at four local courses (Las Vegas, Showboat, Desert Inn, and the Dunes Country Clubs, the event is expected to draw the PGA's top money winners while the tournament's top prizes are the richest around, and features a Rolls-Royce in the winner's purse.

## PROFILE:

# AARON PRYOR WBA WORLD CHAMPION

Aaron Pryor is rated the most exciting boxer in the world today. His incessant punching, perpetual motion and awesome power have enabled him to knock out 31 of his 33 victims without a defeat.

His 93.9% knockout percentage is the highest in boxing history. He has knocked out his last 25 opponents.

He is one of only three undefeated champions in the world today. The others are Larry Holmes and Michael Spinks.

Aaron was named the Fighter of the Year for 1982 after his devastating 14th-round knockout of former three-time champion Alexis Arguello in Miami. Pryor proved himself to be a consummate boxer and crunching power puncher as he outlasted Arguello in a classic slugfest that was acclaimed as the Fight of the Year.

His convincing defeat of the highly regarded Arguello was a major step in carving Pryor's name in the archives of fistic greatness. He is widely recognized as the best pound-for-pound boxer in the world today.

Pryor amasses an amazing amateur record of 234 and 16 with 189 knockouts. He knocked Thomas Hearns down enroute to a handy decision just before both fighters turned professional. He fought and defeated former light-weight champion Hilmer Kenty nine times. Once he defeated Hearns and Kenty in back-to-back fights.

Aaron is the only American boxer ever to win three fights in Russia against Russians. He carried the red, white

and blue to Poland, Yugoslavia, East Germany and South America never tasting defeat in international competition.

He lost to Howard Davis, Jr. in the 1976 Olympic trials. Because of his deep and abiding pride; his confidence and determination, Pryor rose from that bit-

ter defeat to become a World Champion.

He learned early in life that you have to fight to win. He learned that through the trials and tribulations of his own life and adapted the thought as a theme that motivates and inspires him.

Pryor turned professional minus the glare

and the glory of an Olympic Gold Medal. He labored long and hard in the anonymous trenches of infamy before bursting forth like the Phoenix from the ashes to become a great champion.

Nothing has come easy for Aaron Pryor. Now that he has achieved fame and fortune See PRYOR, Page 14

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