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Runnin' Rebels Fall To 7th In Ratings

North Carolina held onto the No. 1 position and Georgetown retained its No. 2 spot in this week's UPI Board of Coaches college basketball ratings while DePaul and UNLV — both upset last week — lost ground.

North Carolina, which collected 40 of the 42 first-place votes cast, strengthened its grip on the top ranking with decisive victories over North Carolina State and Maryland. Georgetown held its ground with triumphs over Villanova and Providence.

DePaul, which was nipped by Dayton 72-71 last week, slipped from

No. 3 to No. 5. UNLV, clobbered by unraked Fresno State 68-43 Sunday, dropped from No. 5 to No. 7.

Houston — which received the other two first place votes — collected victories over Texas Tech and Virginia to jump from No. 4 to No. 3, and Kentucky, fueled by triumphs over Florida and Vanderbilt, jumped from No. 6 to No. 4.

Rounding out the Top 10 were: No. 6 Illinois, No. 8 Oklahoma, No. 9 Texas-El Paso and No. 10 Tulsa.

Three teams broke into the Top 20 — No. 15 Oregon State, No. 16 Syracuse and No. 19

Duke. Dropping out of the ratings were Wake Forest, which was beaten by Duke 79-77, Maryland, and Indiana, which lost to Northwest-ern.

The remainder of the second 10 were No. 11 Arkansas, No. 12 Purdue, No. 13 Memphis State, No. 14 Washington, No. 17 Temple and No. 18 Auburn and No. 20 Illinois State.

Caesars Palace Grand Prix In November Set

The Caesars Palace Grand Prix, reportedly in limbo for the past few weeks, is officially scheduled for Nov. 8-11, Grand Prix president Bruce Aguilera said Monday.

A news conference is being scheduled for early next week to announce plans for the fourth annual Grand

Prix, with Caesars Palace and Championship Auto Racing Teams (CART) taking part in the announcement. Aguilera said plans are under way for accompanying events to the Indy-type racers. He said both the Super Vee circuit and the Trans-Am teams are under consideration.

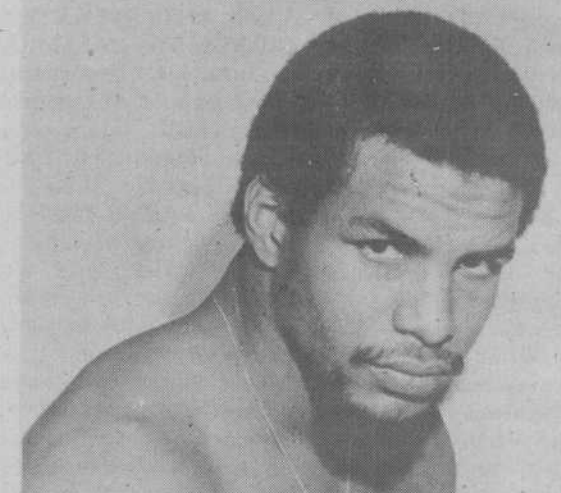
DeLEON DEFENDS WORLD CRUISERWEIGHT CROWN AGAINST NO. 2 DAVIS

Las Vegas, No. 2 in the world, on Friday evening, March 9 at the Las Vegas Convention Center.

The 12-round championship bout is a feature on the prime time show

WBC World Heavyweight Championship. The show will start at 8 p.m. (EST). The site will be announced shortly.

DeLeon, the ever-smiling 6-footer, will be making his first start



DeLeon

promoted by Don King and telecast over the Home Box Office Cable Network highlighting the battle between Greg Page and Tim Wither- spoon for the vacant

since Sept. 21 when he stopped Alvaro "Yaqui" Lopez in four rounds in his first title defense. DeLeon first won the crown in 1980, when he

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Connors Whips Noah For Congoleum Title

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. — Top-seeded Jimmy Connors struggled but regrouped in time Sunday to defeat second-seed Yannick Noah 6-2, 6-7 (7-9), 6-3 in the finals of the \$250,000 Congoleum Classic at the La Quinta Hotel tennis club.

The victory was worth \$34,000 to Connors, while Noah earned the runner-up share of \$17,000. The match,

which lasted two hours and 33 minutes, was played before a capacity crowd of 8,010.

Connors, using his strong backhand and consistent serve, had little trouble winning the first set. He held serve four times and broke Noah twice in the opening set.

The first time Connors broke Noah, the final point was a foot-fault on Noah.

DOOLITTLE OFFERS KARATE CLASS

The Department of Recreation and Leisure Activities' Doolittle Community Center will be offering a beginning Karate Class for girls and boys, ages 8 through 16. Classes will be held each Monday and Wednesday from 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

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