

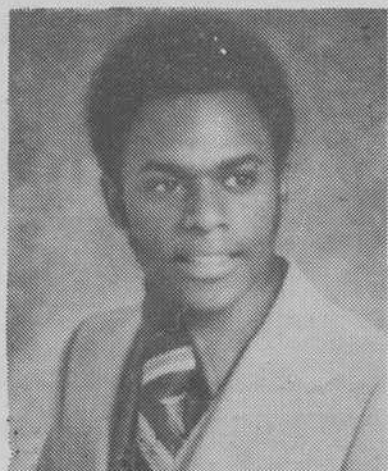
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KEN'S COMMENTS



By Ken Wilson

As the memoirs of the 1984 NCAA basketball tournament in the form of a march to a national championship continue to be compiled, several things have priority entrance status.

Among the accomplishments being recorded, uppermost in the minds of many will be Indiana and Bobby Knight's remarkable 72-68 upset victory over No. 1 ranked North Carolina in the East Regional.

Knight's stunner proved that he has earned the right to coach this year's Olympic basketball squad by pulling off the season's biggest upset as the Hoosiers used three freshmen, a junior, and a sophomore to upend the Tar Heels title drive.

Registered accomplishments include:

—The year after "Ralph," the Virginians rolled into the Final Four using teamwork instead of the tall heartless performances of Sampson.

—Dayton's Cinderella story in the West Regional with the leadership of the unheralded Roosevelt Chapman.

—Though the "Dream" didn't come true, DePaul's Ray Meyer, in his final year as a head coach guided the Blue Demons to the Midwest Regional semifinals.

—In what was termed as a rebuilding year for the University of Nevada, Las Vegas at the season's outset, the public say Jerry Tarkanian's squad fashion a 29-6 record while reaching the "Sweet Sixteen" phase of the NCAA tourney, thus becoming one of the better chapters in the Rebel scrapbook.

Despite dropping a season ending decision to Georgetown in a semifinal rematch clash last Friday night, the Rebels left a sparkling impression, serving notice that UNLV's future in college basketball will be a bright one.

Using a rich history that now includes names such as Sidney Green, Larry Anderson, Danny Tarkanian, Eric Booker, Reggie Theus, and others as a solid foundation, the years to come will be faced in an optimistic way for UNLV's hoop program.

A steady returning cast (Adams, Catchings, Banks, James, Flowers), in addition to a very talented group of Redshirts, should allow Tarkanian to sleep nights while anticipating returning to action in the Thomas and Mack Center.

The "Big Mack," in its debut season, not only became a very dangerous place for opponents with the Rebels falling on just one occasion, but also doubled as a rallying point for the entire community.

As the Kingdome staff in Seattle (Mar. 31-Apr. 2) make final arrangements for the Final Four and the lineup complete — Georgetown, Kentucky, Houston, and Virginia — it would appear that the eventual 1984 national championship will be the team with the best 7-footer in the middle.

Ironically, Virginia is the only entrant without a dominating big-man. Houston has "Skeem the Dream" Olajuwon; Georgetown features "The Force," Patrick Ewing; while Kentucky has the "Twin Towers" in Sam Bowie and Mel Turpin.

FIGHT NOTES

Undisputed middleweight champion Marvin Hagler should have no problem with challenger Juan Domingo Roldan on Friday night at the Riviera.

In what shapes up to be nothing than a tuneup bout, the 29-year-old Hagler, who owns a 58-22 record is just looking for bigger paydays down the road.

The status of heavyweight Larry Holmes violates World Boxing Association rules, and the scheduled June 8 fight between heavyweight champions Holmes and Gerrie Coetzee should be cancelled, the WBA's Elias Cordova said Tuesday. Cordova is president of the WBA's world championship committee. After giving up his World Boxing Council title last year, Holmes became the heavyweight champion of the new International Boxing Federation, but neither his crown nor the federation is recognized by the WBA. Mike Cohen, a spokesman for JPD Sport, one of the promoters for the fight, said the bout will go on. "There's no way the WBA can cancel the fight," Cohen said. "Only the promoters can do so, and the promoters feel this is truly a glamour matchup. Sanction or no sanction, we are calling this a world heavyweight championship bout."

Thomas Hearns will defend his World Boxing Council super welterweight title against Roberto Duran in a new 17,000-seat facility in the Bahamas June 15, it was announced Tuesday.

Promoters said Nassau had been selected over Los Angeles, Detroit, Miami, Fla., and Las Vegas and Reno.

Duran, who holds the World Boxing Association's 154-pound title, has been ordered to give up the title should he face Hearns for the WBC championship. The WBA has ordered Duran to make a mandatory defense against No. 1 ranked Mike McCallum, but he decided to face Hearns instead.

Duran, who was in Panama and did not attend the press conference, said Tuesday he will not give up his WBA junior middleweight crown and announced he has asked the association for permission to fight WBC champ Tommy Hearns to merge the title.

"We expect the WBA Executive Committee to reach a decision in its meeting in Las Vegas this weekend," said Luis Spada, Duran's manager.

Spada rejected earlier reports that Duran would give up his title to fight Hearns.



Pictured above are members of the Boulder City High School basketball team for the 1983-84 season. They emerged as State AA Champions with a season record of 20 wins, 5 losses. Shown, l-r, seated, Rob Woodbury, Will Ferrence, Darin Imlay, Scott Majewski and Jimmy Ferrence; standing, l-r, Mitch Simmons, Mike Sullivan, Ken Stroker, Brian Miller, Bobby Barnes and John Balistere. Not shown is Alex Pendleton. Photos by Geo. M. Zehovetz



Bobby "Junior" Barnes
Boulder City High School

One of the stellar players for the Boulder City High School basketball team during the 1983-84 season

was Bobby "Junior" Barnes. He gained the reputation of being a strong forward. Barnes, during the past season made the First Team, Division III and was on the First Team, "AA" State. His overall performance was impressive leading the team in scoring averaging 11.4 per game; had a 56% record on his field goal tries; gained 62% at the free-throw line; 95 rebounds and a season scoring record of 286 points. An iron-man, he played in 25 games.

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