

# BOXING TEAM TO BE ANNOUNCED AT CAESARS

At Caesars Palace on July 6 and 7 young American boxers dreaming of an Olympic medal will make their final stand for securing a position on the US Olympic Team.

The 24 boxers traveling to Caesars Palace for the US Olympic Box-Offs will have already conquered many tough opponents to reach the final leg of selection for the 1984 Olympic Team.

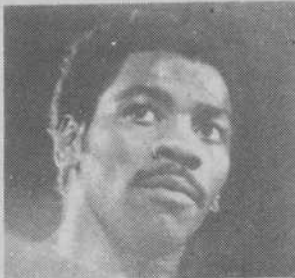
In fact, Jim Fox, Executive Director of the USA Amateur Boxing

Federation says some of the athletes will have already met and defeated their strongest competitors when they get to the Box-Offs.

"In many weight classes, many athletes have traveled the hardest mile on the road to the Olympics," Fox said. "For a lot of these boxers, the toughest competition they will meet are their own countrymen."

Following the trials in Ft. Worth, the winner in each weight category

will defend his top spot against his "most worthy opponent." That oppon-



Mark Breland

ent will be selected by a special committee of seven boxing experts.

Loring Baker of Atlanta, the President of the USA/ABF will chair the selection committee. Other members of the committee include representatives from the military, the USA/ABF international committee, the Olympic coaching squad, Golden Gloves and former Olympic champions.

The United States now boasts several world champions, who have led the sport in their weight divisions.

Among the world champion Americans is Floyd Favors in the 119 lb. weight class who holds three world championship titles — 1982, 1983 and 1984. He is from Capitol Heights, Maryland and captured the third place award in the 1983 Pan Am Games, having won the Pan Am trials that same year.

Competing in the 147 pound category, Mark Breland is a three-time world champion, having won the title in 1982, '83 and '84. A talented athlete from Brooklyn, N.Y., Breland is the 1983 US Champion and was selected Boxer of the Year in 1982 and 1983. Only 21 years old, he also starred in a motion picture called "The Lords of Discipline," appearing as the first black student to be admitted to a military academy.

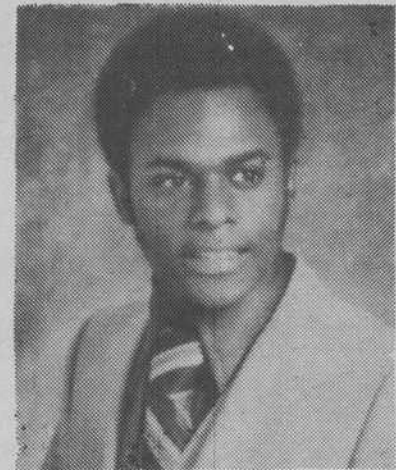
Also included on the World Champion roster are Frank Tate, a 156 pound champion from Detroit, 178-pound Ricky Womack and 201-pound champ Tyrell Biggs.

## Fight schedule

Major Fight Schedule (c-denotes defending champion)

- June 6 at Atlantic City, N.J. — Robin Blake vs. Thomas Baker, 10, lightweights; Harold Petty vs. Osvaldo Acevedo, 10, bantamweights.
- June 10 at Chicago — John Collins vs. Alex Ramos, 10, middleweights.
- June 12 at Showboat — Freddie Roach vs. Tommy Cordova, 10, junior lightweights; Dio Colome vs. Eric Martin, 10, welterweights.
- June 12 at Anchorage, Alaska — c-Rocky Lockridge vs. Taejin Moon, 15, WBA junior lightweight title; Kamel Bou Ali vs. Angel Madiola, 10, junior lightweights.
- June 14 at Atlantic City, N.J. — Marvin Johnson vs. Jerome Clouden, 10, light heavyweights; Anthony Fletcher vs. Frank Newton, 10, lightweights.
- June 15 at Caesars Palace — c-Thomas Hearns vs. Roberto Duran, 12, WBC super welterweight title.
- June 15 at New York — c-Marlon Starling vs. Pedro Vilella, 12, NABF welterweight title.
- June 17 at Tampa, Fla. — Cornelius Boza-Edwards vs. Guy Villegas, 10, lightweights.
- June 20 at San Juan, Puerto Rico — Julian Jackson vs. Ron Warrior, 12, junior middleweights; Pinkton Thomas vs. Bruce Grandham, 10, heavyweights; Alberto Mercado vs. Hector Sanchez, 10, super bantamweights.
- June 22 at Toronto — c-Aaron Pryor vs. Nicky Furlano, 15, IBF junior welterweight title; Vito Antuoferno vs. Denis Siquion, 10, junior middleweights.
- June 22 at Caracas, Venezuela — Betulio Gonzalez vs. Alberto Soto, 10, flyweights.
- July 22 at Las Cruces, N.M. — Hector Camacho vs. Louie Burke, 12, WBC junior lightweight title.
- June 23 at San Juan, Puerto Rico — c-Edwin Rosario vs. Howard Davis, 12, WBC lightweight title.
- July 1 at Antibes, France — Davey Moore vs. Louis Arries, 12, junior middleweights.

# KEN'S COMMENTS



By Ken Wilson

As the National Basketball Association championship series begins to heat up, the Los Angeles Lakers' superior speed appears to be the dominant factor thus far.

After a split in Boston by way of an overtime 124-121 loss in which many observers conclude that Laker miscues gave the game away, Los Angeles responded by blasting the Celtics 137-104 Sunday in the Forum to gain a 2-1 edge in the best-of-seven series.

An aggressive defense that triggered an awesome fastbreak enabled LA to take the early advantage, basically winning the game in the opening half.

However, the telling blow came in a playoff record-setting third quarter in which the Lakers tallied 47 points to settle the issue, while Los Angeles reserves

mopped up in the final period of play.

A valiant 30-point effort by Larry Bird went for naught as Laker mainstay Magic Johnson stole the show by dishing out a playoff record of 21 assists while also collecting 14 points and 11 rebounds.

Johnson got plenty of help from the likes of Jabbar, Rambis, Cooper, McAdoo, Worthy, and all of the others who came off the bench to get into the act while being supported by a thunderous home crowd.

If the Celtics are to have any chance, the team must get back on defense and try to avoid Los Angeles fast starts or, with game four also at the Forum, the Lakers realistically could go back to Boston looking to close out the series.

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