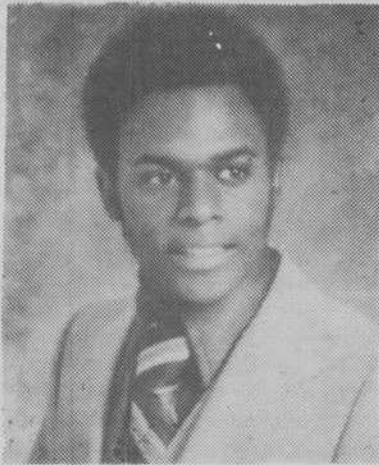


KEN'S COMMENTS



By Ken Wilson

All sports enthusiasts and other support groups in attendance during the initial six days of competition of the 1984 Los Angeles Summer Olympic Games, saw the American flag raised and the National Anthem played quite often.

The opening week of

the Olympics saw the U.S. teams putting out extraordinary efforts that were fueled by tremendous home-crowd support while success, thus far, has been enjoyed in almost every event.

Highlighting the excellent performances by the American team, the U.S.

swimming squads totally dominated the field. History has been written by the U.S.A.'s gymnastics team. The boxing, basketball, and the track and field teams have begun a quest for medals.

American athletes have shown their pride in American by garnering, through Tuesday, 46 gold, 39 silver, and 16 bronze medals.

United States' athletes featured in swimming events captured 21 gold medals in the Olympic competition while also collecting nine silver medals.

In bettering the previous American effort in which U.S. athletes turned in excellent performances during the 1968 Summer Games, the red, white, and blue clad athletes set many new world and Olympic records while out-classing their opponents before sellout crowds at the swim stadium on the

campus of the University of Southern California.

The American efforts in both the men's and women's gymnastic events proved that the U.S. will be a force to be reckoned with in the years to come.

Stars like Mary Lou Retton, Julianne McNamara, Peter Vidmar, Jim Hartung, and Tim Daggett, and others not only collected several medals, but also put together the best American performances since 1932.

Carl Lewis began his quest to equal Jesse Owens' feat of four gold medals by winning the 100-meter event on Saturday, the long jump on Monday and the 200-meter run on Wednesday. His final effort for the fourth medal is forthcoming in the 400-meter relay.

Another American sprinter, Evelyn Ashford recorded an Olympic record of 10.97 in capturing a gold medal also in the women's 100 meter event.

Edwin Moses recorded his 105th consecutive win in the 400 meter hurdles while matching his gold medal of 1976. He also declared that "he's not finished yet."

In a history making performance in the first ever women's marathon, Joan Benoit, of Freeport, Maine, captured the gold medal in the event with a time of 2 hours, 24 minutes, and 52 seconds.

JACKSONS INVADE RIVIERA CARD ON AUG. 15

Julian Jackson, a former marathon runner turned world-ranked fighter, defends his Continental Americas super welterweight championship against upset-minded Curtis (The Razor) Ramsey in the 12-round main event Wednesday, Aug. 15, at the Riviera Hotel and Casino.

Joining the undefeated Julian on the card promoted by Don King Productions in association with the Riviera is another Jackson, Freddie, the No. 1-ranked bantamweight in the world. He'll be in a 10-round semi-main event against tough Mauro Diaz.

The third 10-rounder features Las Vegas super lightweight Tyrone Moore against highly regarded Kronk stable prospect Tyrone Trice.

The card begins at 6 p.m. in the Riviera Superstar Center; doors open at 5:30.

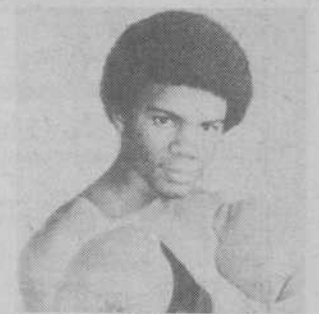
Tickets are priced at just \$10 for general admission and \$20 for ring-side.

The card will be televised live nationally over the expanding Don King Sports and Entertainment Network, but will be blacked out in the Las Vegas area.

At least four other bouts will be on the card assembled by Don King Productions match-

maker Bobby Goodman.

Julian Jackson will be defending his Continental Americas champion-



Julian Jackson

ship for the first time since winning it in his last outing on June 20 in Sar-



Curtis Ramsey

Juan, P.R., when he stopped Ron Warrior in the third round.

5 youths to Hershey meet

Five Las Vegas youths have been selected to represent the State of Nevada in the Hershey National Track & Field Program.

Anthony Lewis, age 13, will compete in the Softball Throw event in Hershey, PA on Aug. 18. Roy Cole, T.J. Poole, Frank Glover and Mac McCalister will participate in the 11-12 yr. old 4x100 meter relay race.

This is the 7th annual running of this program sponsored nationally by the National Recreation & Park Association, the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports and the Hershey Foods Corporation. Local sponsors are the City of Las Vegas Department of Parks, Recreation & Senior Citizens Activities and the Nevada Recreation & Park Society.

There are eight regions throughout the United States. Nevada, Utah, Arizona, California and Hawaii make up region two. Sixty persons from each region or 480 total athletes will be flown to Hershey, PA for the National Finals on Aug. 18.

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