

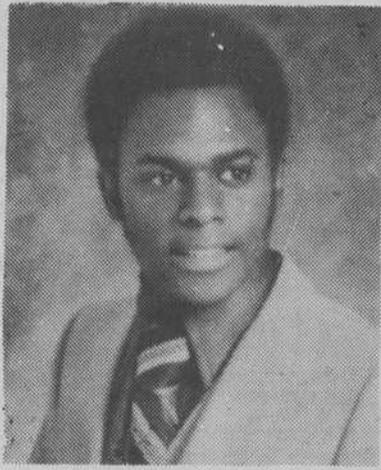
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KEN'S COMMENTS



By Ken Wilson

Now that the United States Football League has had some fun interrupting the regular cycle that involves crowning the annual pigskin champ, it's time to get down to the business of hard hitting, bone crushing blows that characterized play in the National Football League.

After grueling training-camp sessions and the exhibition season, the big boys that make up the 28 National Football League teams open the regular season this weekend, much to the delight of the serious football fan.

Over the past several years, the quality of play in the National Football League has shown marked improvement, and as the 1984-85 season gets underway the trend will continue with all teams giving their uppermost constantly.

As of late, National Football League teams have increasingly utilized the passing game while adopting a one-back formation to loosen up the defenses, while flashy fleet running backs will remain the bread-and-butter of offenses around the leagues.

Possibly, defending the league's crown is the hardest task to date, and

as the 1983 Super Bowl Champions, the Los Angeles Raiders will discover, the road ahead won't be easy while another top team, the Washington Redskins, will be trying to return to the title game for the third consecutive year.

A careful examination of both the National Football Conference and the American Football conference seem to indicate that several divisions have some clear-cut favorites, while others remain a total toss-up.

As the schedule shapes up, the NFC could have several dog fights throughout the divisions with the East

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BOXING

Fight schedule

- (c-denotes defending champion)
- Aug. 30 at Atlantic City, N.J. — Marvin Johnson vs. John Davis, 10, light heavyweights; Calvin Grove vs. Margarito Marquez, 10, featherweights.
- Aug. 31 at Las Vegas, Nev. — c-Tim Witherspoon vs. Pinklon Thomas, 12, WBC heavyweight title; Greg Page vs. David Bey, 12, heavyweights; Michael Dokes vs. Mike Jameson, 10, heavyweights; Mitchell Green vs. Sammy Scaff, 10, heavyweights.
- Sept. 1 at Youngstown, Ohio — c-Harry Arroyo vs. Charlie "White Lightning" Brown, 15, IBF lightweight title.
- Sept. 7 at Reno, Nev. — c-Michael Spinks vs. Dwight Muhammad Qawi, 15, world light heavyweight title; c-Carlos deLeon vs. Alonzo Ratliff, 12, WBC cruiserweight title; James Shuler vs. Tony Cerda, 10, middleweights.
- Sept. 8 at New Orleans — Ray Mancini vs. Kenny Bogner, 10, lightweights.
- Sept. 11 at Atlantic City, N.J. — Bernard Benton vs. Rickey Parkey, 12, USBA cruiserweight title.
- Sept. 18 at San Juan, Puerto Rico — c-Wilfredo Gomez vs. Azumah Nelson, 12, WBC featherweight title.
- Sept. 20 at Las Vegas, Nev. — Dana Roston vs. Adrian Arreola, 10, featherweights.
- Sept. 22 at Cincinnati — Tommy Ayers vs. Roger Stafford, 10, welterweights.
- Sept. 27 at Las Vegas, Nev. — Darcy Richie vs. Luis Santana, 10, welterweights; Tommy Cordova vs. Rocky Garcia, 10, junior lightweights.

HBO TO BLACK OUT FOR LAS VEGAS HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE CARD

In a unique move, boxing promoter Don King and Home Box Office have reached an agreement to black out the HBO telecast of the "Blockbuster" world heavyweight championship card on Friday, Aug. 31, at the Riviera Hotel and Casino.

The all-heavyweight card, promoted by Don King Productions in association with the Riviera, features Tim Witherspoon defending his World Boxing Council heavyweight title against undefeated Pinklon Thomas in the 12-round main event.

The card will be televised live throughout the United States over HBO. Telecast, that is, everywhere except the Southern Nevada area.

"This is another first in the contemporary boxing world," says King. "This is the first time that HBO has agreed to blackout an area in which the fight is happening."

"HBO and I conducted difficult but most rewarding negotiations," continued King, "and for that you have to give credit to Michael Fuchs, president of HBO, and Seth Abraham, executive vice president of programming for HBO."

"Blockbuster"—which will be held in the Riviera's Superstar Center—also features Greg Page, the WBC's No. 1 contender, defending his United States Boxing Association championship against David Bey

against Sammy Scaff. Witherspoon, 26, from Philadelphia, is making his first defense of the WBC heavyweight championship he won in March in Las Vegas. His record is 18-1 with 12 knockouts.

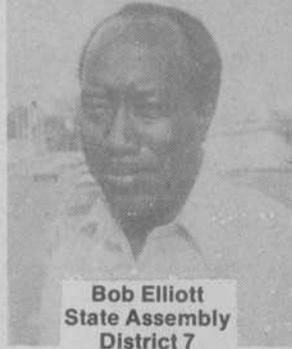
Thomas, also 26, from Wyncote, Pa., is ranked No. 3 by the WBC and has a record of 24-0-1 with 20 knockouts.

Tickets, priced at \$50, \$100 and \$200, are on sale 24 hours a day at the Riviera casino cage.

DON KING PRODUCTIONS - RIVIERA HOTEL PRESENT
WHAT'S IN A NAME...
BLOCKBUSTER
WBC WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP
Champion "TERRIBLE" TIM VS Undefeated #3 Contender PINKLON "PINKY"
WITHERSPOON THOMAS
USBA HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP
GREG VS DAVID
PAGE BEY
USBA Champion Undefeated #6 World Contender
Also Featuring
MICHAEL "DYNAMITE" DOKES - Former WBA World Heavyweight Champion VS MIKE JAMESON - Rugged Californian
FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, 1984
IN THE RIVIERA'S SUPERSTAR CENTER
Prices: \$200 • \$100 • \$50 - Doors Open 4:00 P.M.
Tickets on Sale at Casino Cage
One Free Drink To All Fight Ticket Buyers In The Casino After The Fight
FOR INFORMATION OR TO ORDER TICKETS CALL 734-5110
SEE THE JACKSONS LIVE!
Registration and Special Drawing will be held at the Riviera Hotel on August 31 for 10 lucky couples to fly round trip from Las Vegas to Los Angeles to attend the JACKSONS VICTORY CONCERT in September. Winner must be present.
RIVIERA
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State Assembly, District 7



Bob Elliott
State Assembly
District 7

Dear Fellow Citizens,

My name is Bob Elliott, and once again the time has come for all of us who are concerned enough, to exercise our constitutional right to VOTE.

VOTE YOUR CONSCIENCE, BUT VOTE! It is particularly important to us locally, because not many positive changes have taken place in our area for the past few years. When this happens in a community, it becomes stagnant to the point it will negatively effect our economic, educational, social and moral standards. TO COMBAT THIS, we need strong, moral and effective leadership that is uniquely prepared to DEAL WITH THE POWERS IN CARSON CITY.

I feel I am uniquely prepared and qualified to meet that CHALLENGE and I guarantee that all of my energies will be devoted to giving you THE REPRESENTATION YOU DESERVE.

MAY I HAVE YOUR VOTE FOR ASSEMBLYMAN DISTRICT SEVEN.