

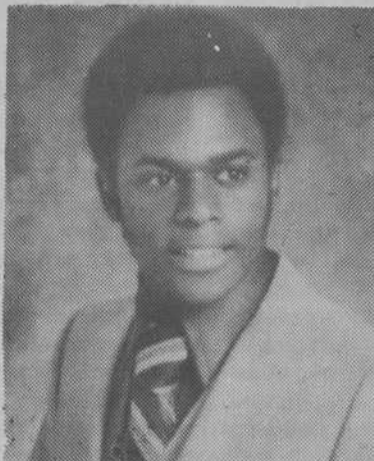
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KEN'S COMMENTS



By Ken Wilson

Once again it is time to collect all of the uniforms and recover several basketballs to be placed in storage until next October.

The process signals yet another end to a successful UNLV basketball campaign, one in which Rebel mentor Jerry Tarkanian can find both disappointment and pleasure, more of the latter statement.

Self-pride and personality make it impossible to be content, but Tarkanian can take heart that his club gave its all before being boot-ed out of the NCAA tournament, dropping a slim 64-61 decision to Kentucky in the second round of the playoffs this past weekend.

A Southeastern Conference standout for years, the Wildcats received a clutch performance from junior forward Kenny Walker, while smart delay tactics down the stretch enabled Kentucky to end UNLV's hopes of glory.

In a game that featured momentum changes — can be used as motivation with Tarkanian returning a good foundation.

Meanwhile departing

at the drop of a dime, the Rebels recovered nicely having the opportunities to advance, before "Ole Mo" played a major role with Kentucky surging ahead in the waning moments. However, UNLV's satisfaction can be found in the fact that few teams engulf their home town as UNLV has while visiting the big tourney for three straight years.

The UNLV basketball team's efforts have again made it the meal-ticket for the entire athletic department, while recording a 28-4 mark on the year.

With the season nearing its conclusion, the UNLV players and coaches can rest with the knowledge that they gained respect as a defensive unit in addition to the offensive tag, and added to a nationwide following.

NSAC to hold Bramble hearing

The Nevada Athletic Commission has ordered lightweight champion Livingstone Bramble and his manager Lou Duva to appear before a hearing as a result of Bramble's drug test.

Bramble's urine test proved positive following his Feb. 16 successful title defense against Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini in Reno.

The commission on Thursday gave Bramble and Duva at least 30 days' notice to appear at a hearing whether the commission will take any action based on the medical reports.

The WBA Executive Committee also held a hearing on the matter March 28 in Panama City. The WBA could declare the title vacant based on the use of the stimulant.

The Nevada Athletic Commission has no power to act on Bramble's WBA title, but it could revoke his license in this state, suspend him or fine him.

The hearing will take place at the next meeting of the athletic commission, which will be in at least 30 days.

Accomplishments lately — three straight PCAA regular season titles, two tournament crowns and three consecutive post-season invitations

Ueberroth lifts Mays, Mantle ban

NEW YORK — Baseball commissioner Peter Ueberroth said Monday he is drawing up new rules for baseball people on what type of business connections they can have with legal gambling.

"We are going to have new, stricter guidelines for baseball and gambling in about 30 days," said Ueberroth, who declined to discuss specifics.

The news came at a

Hagler-Hearns sold out

All 15,200 tickets for the April 15 middle-weight title bout between champion Marvin Hagler and Thomas Hearns have been sold, promoter Bob Arum said Tuesday.

Arum said the average ticket price for the fight at Caesars Palace was \$400, producing a live gate of more than \$6 million.

press conference in which he restored Hall of Famers Mickey Mantle and Willie Mays to good standing in baseball. They had been banned.

King to promote racer Ribbs

Boxing impresario Don King has a new client to promote: Willy T. Ribbs, the USA's only black major-league race car driver.

Ribbs, who plans to drive Indy cars for Lotus this season, has retained King to manage and promote his rising career. Like his new promoter, Ribbs is no stranger to controversy.

"I think I'm the only person who's been able to lay Don King's hair down. I call it the Einstein cut," said Ribbs.

Said King: "We're both pioneers, and we are going to ride our wagon trains together."

Bruce Curry considered sane

A three-psychiatrist insanity commission has found that former super lightweight boxing champion Bruce Wayne Curry is no longer mentally ill, clearing the way for his release from the state's mental institution in Sparks, his attorney Joe Houston said Tuesday in District Court.

Judge Stephen Huffaker could have ordered Curry, 27, released from Lake's Crossing Tuesday, but the district attorney's office invoked its right to a hearing on the release.

Judge Huffaker ordered Curry committed to the institution last Sept. 13.

Curry shot at Reid on Feb. 2, 1984, after the two had a fistfight about the WBC super lightweight championship Curry had lost the previous Sunday to Billy Costello in Beaumont, Texas.

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