

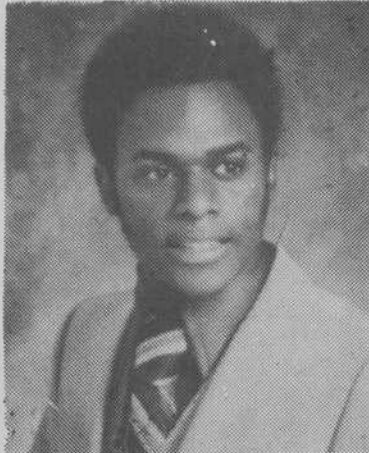
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KEN'S COMMENTS



By Ken Wilson

In the early going of the 1985 Major League Baseball campaign, there are no big surprises as both contenders and pretenders have surfaced.

Ballparks around the organization in both the American and National Leagues have produced excellent play as well as potential for outstanding finishes.

Thus far only Doug Rader of the Texas Rangers and

New York's Yogi Berra have been given their walking papers, an action that prompted the return of Billy Martin to the helm of the Yankees.

Another newsmaker was the recent announcement by Lee MacPhail, president of the Owners' Player Relations Committee, that major league baseball's 26 teams lost an estimated \$36 million during the 1984 season.

However, professional

sports teams usually lose money, especially now with the high player salaries, plus the huge problem that now continues to plague baseball is that of drug abuse.

Obsessed with the image of the sport, Commissioner Peter Ueberroth recently inserted a mandatory drug testing plan for everyone in baseball (owners, trainers, etc) except major league players, who are covered by a joint program.

Ueberroth has urged everyone to actively get involved, and also has met with the players union, which opposes the move as have others.

The mandatory testing will be rejected by many more before the program is adopted fully.

So outraged by baseball's latest drug abuse incident that involved the relapse of San Diego Padres' second baseman Alan Wiggins, whose chemical dependency to cocaine sent so many shockwaves to the Commissioner's office, that Ueberroth was determined to take some type of action.

Generally speaking, this controversy is one so deep and far reaching that it has become a moral issue that each individual player must examine his own inner self.

Yet, right now Major League baseball and Ueberroth with this new move has neared a fine line, and no doubt that the action maybe boarding on a violation of players constitutional rights.

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Gregg beats Cobb; Frazier stomps Tillis

Holmes nips "The Truth" for 48th Win

RENO, Nev. — International Boxing Federation heavyweight champion Larry Holmes won a unanimous 15-round decision Monday night against Carl "The Truth" Williams.

The nationally televised fight was the 19th title defense for Holmes.

Judge Paul Gibbs scored the fight 146-139; Jerry Roth had it 143-142; and Al Rothenberg scored it 146-139. All three had Holmes winning the last four rounds.

Holmes (48-0) opened small cuts next to Williams' left eye in the third round and landed strong body blows in the ninth.

He hurt Williams with a right to the head late in the 14th round. But he never was fully able to solve Williams' strong left jab. Williams had a 4-inch reach advantage, and the evidence was Holmes' swollen left eye.

Williams (6-1) fought gamely off the ropes and stopped Holmes at times, but never could land a solid right.

"This guy right here had a hard left jab and was really game. The young man is strong," said Holmes of the 25-year-old challenger.

Williams said he thought Holmes had won. "It was one helluva a fight," he said.

This title defense was the third in six months for Holmes. He weighed in at 222 1/4 pounds, three-fourths of a pound less than when he knocked out David Bey in the 10th round March 15 in Las Vegas. That was to have been his final bout.

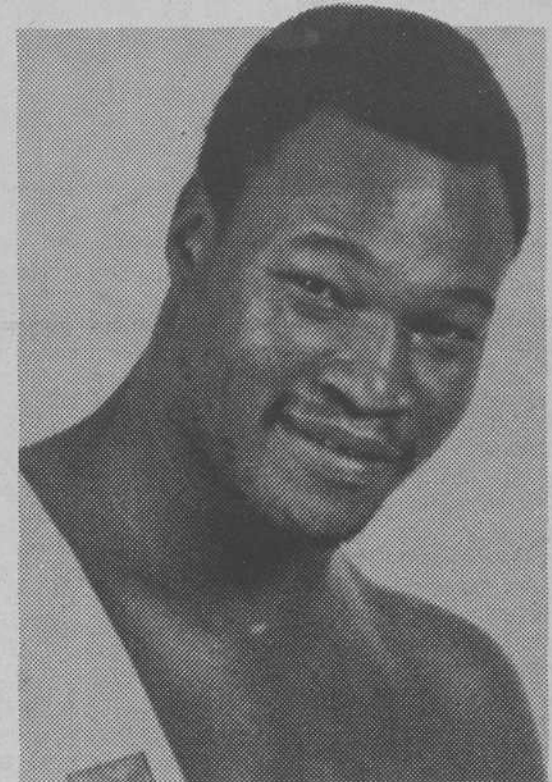
Holmes won the heavyweight title June 9, 1978, defeating Ken Norton in a 15-round decision in Las Vegas. His goal is to surpass Rocky Marciano's 49-0 record before he turns 36 Nov. 3.

"We'll try to break it (the record) the last week of October.

punishment in the 10th round, but managed to hang on until the bell.

Gregg, at 216 pounds, is 22-1-1, Cobb, at 230, fell to 29-6.

In another 10-round heavyweight bout, Marvis Frazier, the son of former heavyweight champ Joe



Holmes —

Randall "Tex" Cobb suffered the first knockdown of his career Monday night and lost a unanimous 10-round decision to Eddie Gregg of New York in a heavyweight bout.

The fight was part of the undercard on the Larry Holmes-Carl Williams IBF heavyweight title fight.

Cobb took a beating from the third round on as Gregg pounded him relentlessly with lefts and hard rights.

Midway through the ninth round, Gregg spun Cobb on the ropes and landed a crushing overhand right flush on Cobb's chin. The one-time heavyweight contender dropped to the seat of his trunks and stumbled to his feet at the count of six.

He took even more

Frazier, overcame a second-round beating in which he was nearly knocked out and scored a unanimous decision against lackluster James Tillis.

Frazier was nearly out on his feet near the end of the second round as Tillis pounded away with lefts and rights. Referee Joey Curtis stepped in and gave Frazier a standing eight-count. But Tillis, at 218 pounds, could do no more damage, and Frazier, at 208, dominated the rest of the fight, easily winning the final eight rounds.

Frazier is 14-1; Tillis fell to 31-6.

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