

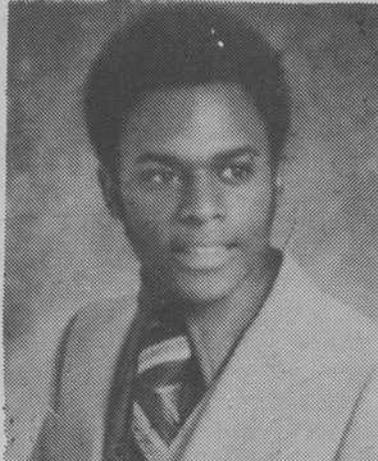
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KEN'S COMMENTS



By Ken Wilson

As the United States prepares to celebrate yet another birthday, America's favorite recreational pastime appears to be in a fair amount of trouble unless the current dispute is resolved.

For the ordinary stiff who is chained to a 40-hour work week, it is hard to imagine why major league baseball players are gearing up for a strike that both sides say "they won't give up."

Ranked the second highest paid athletes in the world behind professional hoopsters, in a sport where the average salary is near \$250,000, it's hard to picture a logic for a strike, even though officials representing the players have termed it financial.

In the midst of a season that is off to a great start on the field plus at the gate, the issue of a strike came about when negotiations between the Major League Players Association and the owners broke down when the sides failed to decide on a new basic agreement to replace the old one that expired Dec. 31.

Although no strike date has been set according to Don Fehr, Player's Association Acting Executive Director, the Union's Executive Board has discussed a possible boycott of the July 17 All-Star Game in Minneapolis. Meanwhile, another possible deadline most frequently mentioned is Aug. 15, should negotiations continue to make no

progress.

Of course with any major controversy there are always two sides in addition to many opinions regarding who's right or wrong, however, the big man at the top has refused to take sides. Commissioner Peter Ueberroth recently took the position that he couldn't intervene, but ordered both sides to keep talking.

Already baseball players have shown what type of leadership they have by striking for 50 days during the 1981 season, and are united including the superstars of the sport.

With the battlelines having been drawn by the players, owners have stated that they are tired of being pushed around by some ego-tripping athletes, and are determined to fight this one to the bitter end, said to be looking to break the union for good.

Owners now favor the hard-line approach to the problem stating that they will either bring up minor leaguers to play out the schedule or if a strike occurs after a certain date they'll just close up shop for the winter.

Should a baseball strike occur the American public will have to take some sort of a stand, or be held hostage.

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Chavez-Mayweather Battle for WBC Super Featherweight Title Sunday, July 7

Undefeated World Boxing Council super featherweight champion Julio Cesar Chavez of Mexico defends his title against former World Boxing Association 130-pound champ Roger Mayweather of Las Vegas, Nev., on Sunday, July 7, at the Riviera Hotel and Casino.

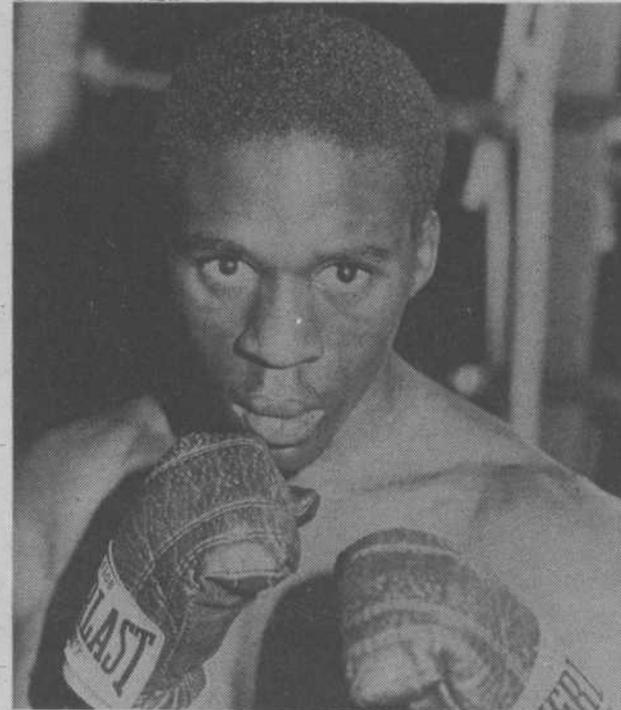
The 12-round championship bout matches the two men who are generally acknowledged as being the best 130-pounders in the world today.

The title fight also offers a classic confrontation of styles.

Chavez is a devastating puncher with a record of 44-0 and 40 knockouts while Mayweather, now ranked No. 1 by the WBC, is a tremendous boxer with a record of 21-2 and 14 knockouts.

The championship card, promoted by the Dunes Hotel in association with Don King Productions in cooperation with the Riviera Hotel and Casino, starts at 1 p.m. in the Riviera SuperStar Center. Doors to the Riviera SuperStar Center open at noon. The main event begins at approximately 2 p.m.

Tickets, priced at \$20 for general admission, \$50 for preferred and \$100 for live by CBS but will be blacked out in the Las Vegas area.



Roger Mayweather

ringside, are on sale weekdays at the Riviera Ticket Booth and 24 hours a day, seven days a week, at the Dunes casino gate.

The Chavez-Mayweather championship main event will be nationally televised

Holmes to fight Spinks in Atlantic City

NEW YORK -- Larry Holmes will defend the International Boxing Federation heavyweight title against Michael Spinks, the undisputed light heavyweight champion, in a battle of unbeaten fighters Friday, Sept. 20 at Harrah's Trump Plaza in Atlantic City, N.J., co-promoter Butch Lewis announced Tuesday.

Lewis and Don King had announced the scheduled 15-round match June 15. It will be televised live by HBO.

BOXING

Boxing schedule

Major Fight Schedule
(c-donates defending champion)

- July 4 at Atlantic City, N.J. — James Shuler vs. Gerry Holly, 10, middleweights.
- July 5 at Washington, D.C. — Darryl Tyson vs. Melvin Paul, 12, lightweights.
- July 7 at Las Vegas, Nev. — c-Julio Cesar Chavez vs. Roger Mayweather, 12, who super featherweight title.
- July 11 at Atlantic City, N.J. — Mike Tenley vs. Ray Ray Gray, 10, middleweights.
- July 13 at Atlantic City, N.J. — Tyrrell Biggs vs. Eddie Richardson, 6, heavyweights; Virgil Hill vs. Dawud Shaw, 6, light heavyweights.
- July 14 at Monte Carlo — c-Milton McCrory vs. Carlos Trujillo, 12, WBC welterweight title.
- July 17 at Atlantic City, N.J. — John Meekins vs. Greg Haugen, 6, junior welterweights.
- July 20 at Norfolk, Va. — Mark Breland vs. Don Shiver, 8, welterweights; Pernell Whitaker vs. John Sinegal, 8, lightweights; Evander Holyfield vs. Tyrone Boozie, 8, light heavyweights; Meldrick Taylor vs. Roberto Medina, 5, lightweights.
- July 21 at St. Vincent, Italy — c-Gene Hatcher vs. Ubaldo Sacco, 15, WBA junior welterweight title.
- July 23 at Atlantic City, N.J. — Robert Folley vs. Lionel Byarm, 10, light heavyweights.
- August 10 at Las Vegas, Nev. — c-Jose Luis Ramirez vs. Hector Camacho, 12, WBC lightweight title.

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