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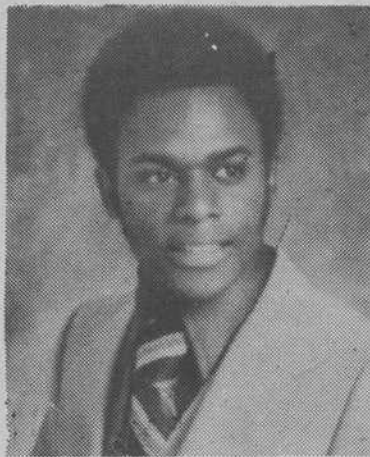
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## KEN'S COMMENTS



By Ken Wilson

The signs are remarkably clear. National Football League teams are opening training camps marking the end of yet another summer in the good ole' U.S.A.

With the true professional football league's preseason just around the corner, several observers are miffed about several subjects that may be an interruption to a predicted spectacular campaign ahead.

Of course, the initial issue discussions are usually centered around money as the NFL and 1985 college draftees are currently involved in a brand new negotiations game with regards to incoming player salaries.

The bottom-line is that the fresh talent believes they are entitled to at least equal wages that last year's crop was able to obtain however, league officials have taken another stance.

Owners drew the battle lines when they pulled a league wide roll back of sorts for 1985 rookies. Agents have stated that teams are only offering figures that were the standard in 1982 when the United States Football League made its first appearance.

Now that the USFL is on the shelf, the NFL has no real threat and owners are trying to save money however, officials will only find holdouts from training camps and possibly the regular season until they up the money pot.

From the fan's point of view, there was one area in particular where there was a let down as the NFL crackdown on taunting or if you will, celebrating in the end zone after a score.

The gripe Rule 12, Article 14C in the NFL rules book, prevents any prolonged, excessive or premeditated celebrations by individual players or groups, which have upset players, coaches and especially the fans who have to pay much money to attend the game.

Several of the better known end zone entertainers include: Jets' defensive end Mark Gastineau's famed Sack Dance, the California

## Six Big Bouts Highlight Wrestling at Showboat

Six exciting bouts, including a rematch of a marathon 47-minute battle between American International Champion Chief Jay Strongbow, Jr. and "Wildman" Jack Armstrong, are on tap on the pro wrestling card Thursday, Aug. 1, at the Showboat Hotel, Casino, Country Club and Bowling Center.

The main event pits Strongbow and Armstrong in a best two-out-of-three falls, one-hour time limit match.

The semi main event is another best two-out-of-three falls, one-hour time limit rematch, this one between Debi "Killer Tomato" Pelletier and Charlie "The Golden Cat" Haynes. Their first meeting lasted 31 minutes.

Also featured a third best

Quake performed by Denver Bronco wide receiver Butch Johnson, the Washington Redskins' Fun Bunch and Atlanta star Billy "White Shoes" Johnson Funky Chicken.

Officials believe that the new rule which draws a five-yard penalty for its violation could prevent a serious fight someday, however, it also has taken some of the fun and intensity away from the game.

two-out-of-three falls, one-hour time limit match, a light heavyweight title elimination bout between the "Golden Star" and "The Frier."

Popular Ric "The Hulk" Drasin faces 280-pound "Apache Pistol Pete" in one of three single fall, 30 minute time limit matches. The other one fall, 30 minute limit matches pair Jay "The Alaskan" York against Billy "Bad Attitude" Anderson and Rocky "The Black Connection" Lee against Alex Knight.

The action starts at 7:30 p.m. in the Showboat Sports Pavilion. Doors open at 6.

Tickets are available Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Ticket prices are \$12 for reserved, \$9 for general admission and \$6 for general admission child — 14 and under.

## BOXING

### Fight schedule

(c—denotes defending champion)

Aug. 10 at Las Vegas, Nev. — c-Jose Luis Ramirez vs. Hector Camacho, 12, WBC lightweight title; c-Trevor Berbick vs. Mitchell Green, 12, USA heavyweight title.  
 Aug. 21 at New York — c-Billy Costello vs. Lonnie Smith, 12, WBC super lightweight title; Wilfred Benitez vs. Kevin Moley, 10, junior middleweights; Vito Antuofermo vs. Francisco de Jesus, 10, middleweights.  
 Aug. 31 at Atlantic City, N.Y. — Carl "The Truth" Williams vs. Jeff Sims, 10, heavyweights.  
 Sept. 21 at Las Vegas, Nev. — c-Larry Holmes vs. Michael Spinks, 15, IBF heavyweight title.  
 Nov. 14 at Las Vegas, Nev. — c-Marvin Hagler vs. John Mugabi, 12, world middleweight title; c-James Shuler vs. Thomas Hearns, 12, WABF middleweight title.

## Football Fun at the 'Boat Renewed with Big Prizes

The Showboat Race and Sports Book has announced the renewal of its very popular Pro/College Football Handicapping Contest with a first prize of \$20,000 and weekly award of \$3,500.

Unlike most other football competitions, Showboat players select four college games, four pro games and then pick six other games from either pro and/or college.

Sports Book Director Charlotte Riek says "the aspect of the players developing their own card really makes it fun for them. They can select their

favorite teams and are not limited to betting just the weekly pro games."

Entry fee is \$50 for the entire season and those persons entering prior to August 25 will be eligible for a Showboat Hawaii vacation for two persons which will be determined by a drawing on September 9. All entrants will be eligible for a free RCA V.C.R. — the winner also to be determined by a drawing.

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