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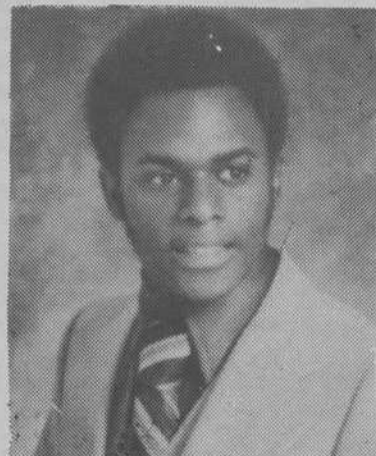
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KEN'S COMMENTS



By Ken Wilson

Most notably the big question mark that surrounds the forthcoming 1985-86 National Football League season is, "can the San Francisco 49ers defend their Super Bowl XIX Championship?"

So difficult is the task that only the Pittsburgh Steelers have accomplished the feat in the last decade or so, and the mission now appears more impossible with the apparent emergence of a league-wide parity of sorts.

However, the Niners are blessed with the type of talent it takes to defend a crown, and if the bay area squad can avoid over-confidence plus injuries, San Francisco could even improve on last season's achievements.

Having thrashed the Miami Dolphins in a 38-16 blowout finale, the 49ers additionally won a league-record 15 regular season contests against just one setback, and with a defense directed by George Seifert, Bill Walsh's coaching, and quarterback Joe Montana's leadership, San Francisco must be considered a true favorite.

High hopes seem to be the key theme to the new campaign as fans, owners, coaches, and players alike all anticipate a spectacular year, with competition expected to be very very intense throughout the entire stretch.

With the NFL preseason getting into full swing both contenders from a year ago,

and up and coming other squads are searching for the right combinations for success.

Also excitement will be generated in the fact that several teams such as the Oilers, Packers, Giants, and Broncos were on a roll during the late stages of the season and will use the surge as motivation, while other teams have completed the rebuilding process to surface in the upper levels. Meanwhile rising young stars are making things interesting while many divisional races will go down to the wire.

Other factors that may improve on the game include: the NFL's pre-season experiment with instant replay to change wrong calls. Also officials will try to speed up the game by dishing out more delayed-

Championship bout, Roach fight highlight ESPN boxing Thursday

Undefeated and highly regarded Roman George of Lafayette, La., faces slugger Darnell Knox of Detroit in the 12-round main event for the ESPN junior middleweight championship Thursday, Aug. 22, at the Showboats Hotel, Casino, Country Club and Bowling Center.

Two important bouts highlight the undercard: Las Vegas lightweight Freddie Roach against unbeaten Greg Haugen of Auburn, Wash., in a 10-rounder and Willie Pep of Vancouver, B.C., against Darrell Savoy of Lafayette, La., in an ESPN Western Regional junior lightweight fight. Both Pep and Savoy also are undefeated.

of-fame penalties.

Regardless of the outcome, the 1985 NFL football season should register excellent results with the quality of play possibly reaching an all-time high, while the established league hopes to prove it's so much better than the USFL, that the new organization may be finished for good.

Editor's Note: This will be the last article submitted by the Las Vegas Sentinel-Voice Sports Reporter Ken Wilson. He has left Las Vegas for greener pastures. Wilson will enter Florida A & M University to pursue more work on his journalistic pursuits and will be employed in the area. We join his family, friends and well-wishers in wishing for him the best — we will miss him.

These six fighters have a combined record of 108-9-2

The card, promoted by Bob Arum's Top Rank Inc., in association with the Showboat, begins at 6 p.m. in the Showboat Sports Pavilion. Doors open at 5.

Tickets, priced at \$10 general admission and \$15 for ringside reserved, are on sale from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday at the Showboat Sports Pavilion Ticket Office.

Three preliminary bouts, one including unbeaten former amateur standout Joey Belinc of Marysville, Wash., and another featuring Las Vegas "Lightning" Bob Smith, are on the card assembled by veteran matchmaker Mel Greb.

The card will be shown live nationally by ESPN but will be blacked out throughout Southern Nevada.

The 25-year-old, 6-foot,

1/1-inch George has a record of 16-0-1 with nine knockouts and is coming off a pair of impressive wins at the Showboat. On April 25 he won an easy eight-round decision over Kenny Releford in a Western Regional 154-pound semifinal and on June 27 he stopped Zack Hewitt in the ninth round of the Western Regional finals.

George excelled as an amateur, managing a 208-37 record.

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