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SPORTS ON PARADE

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UNLV Hyde Takes New Preparation Approach

Coach Harvey Hyde of the UNLV Rebels football team cares for his players' well-being. The demands required in football and class work may be asking too much. Hyde last week cut back on practice, weightlifting, and study hall. Maybe it was his team's three losses that prompted the change. Well, the game with Utah State Saturday at the Silver Bowl before a dismal crowd of 13,982 came up roses for the Rebels. The Rebels escaped with a 14-7 victory. Our offensive output was rather unimpressive. Utah State outgained the Rebels, 258 yards to 288, out first-downed them, 18 to 11, and led in time of possession 32:53 to 27:07. It was the effort of the special team that kept the Aggies in check.

The game was considered an "ugly win," but Hyde, whose Rebels increased to 2-3 overall and 1-2 in the PCAA, will take it. The game was marred by six turnovers, 33 penalties for 221 yards, 18 punts, including one that was muffed, two blown field goals, 33 possession changes, two career-ending injuries and a fist fight. Well the Rebels cut back on training and conditioning which may have caused their poor performances but for Coach Hyde we have to look at our offense this week. We have a lot of work to do. Our role is to play one game at a time and play for the record. The game was the worst played football game in Rebel history. But we won and that's what counts. A win is a win.

Holmes Wants Spinks

As I predicted, Larry Holmes wants a rematch with Michael Spinks. Spinks upset Holmes last month and kept him from matching Rocky Marciano's 49-0 record. Being the best in any sport has its advantages and disadvantages when you suffer that first loss. With Holmes, like many, it's a matter of pride. "It would be to prove that I ain't shot. My pride is involved," said Holmes. He turns 36 on Nov. 3. His pride can keep him fighting, concern for his well-being could keep him in retirement — he announced after the loss. Holmes has been bothered the last couple of years with chipped bones in a knuckle on the right hand and a pinched nerve in his neck. If boxing promoters agree with the match and Holmes is 100 percent sure of his well-being, Spinks could possibly go for his first defense of the International Boxing Federation title.

Now Cooney Wants Spinks

When you're number one everyone is out to get you. There is talk about heavyweight Gerry Cooney returning to the ring to fight Michael Spinks, the International Boxing Federation Champion. The promoters are meeting this week. If agreed on and Cooney is successful in the fight, he would give Larry Holmes the opportunity he never got — a rematch. Cooney would love to face Holmes one more time.

Ticket Sales Strong For Hagler-Mugabi Hearn-Shuler Doubleheader at Caesars Palace

Ticket sales are strong for the Nov. 14 boxing doubleheader at Caesars Palace when Marvellous Marvin Hagler risks his world middleweight title in the ring with knockout expert John "The Beast" Mugabi and WBC super welterweight champion Thomas "Hitman" Hearn meets number one world middleweight contender James Shuler for the NABF middleweight title.

Of the more than 15,000 seats in the Caesars Palace outdoor stadium only 5,000

remain, with the greatest number available in the \$100 and \$200 categories.

The four fighters are preparing for a 14-city media tour, September 4 through 12, and will begin training shortly thereafter. The quartet will be training in Las Vegas by early November.

Tickets are on sale now at the Caesars Palace Special Events Ticket Office. Phone 702/731-7865 or 800/634-6698 (outside Nevada, within the U.S.) Major credit cards accepted.

Eddie Robinson passes Bear Bryant

At 22, Eddie Robinson undertook his life's work with the night watchman as a part-time assistant and no bleachers for the few fans at Louisiana Negro Normal and Industrial Institute.

At 66, Robinson overtook the late Paul "Bear" Bryant.

Net Championships Underway in High Schools

The battle for the tennis school championship comes to a head this week when Gorman high school meets Valley High School. Several of our top black players will be competing. Mary Jacocks from Valley will be defending her crown as State champ. Jule Stevenson will also represent Valley. Gorman Boy's team is the team to beat. Another player representing Gorman is Renee Brown. Brown will compete in the girls' division.

Lynette Woodard join Globetrotters

After 59 years and 16,000 games, the Harlem Globetrotters will put a woman in uniform.

Lynette Woodard, a 5-11 All-America guard at Kansas and captain of the USA's 1984 gold medal Olympic team, was chosen Monday from 10 finalists.

Saturday's 27-7 Grambling win over Prairie View lifted Robinson to the head of the class. He has the most coaching victories in collegiate history, 324.

More than the school's name has changed through the year. Robinson has a few more assistants, and there's a new stadium for fans. Robinson has pointed more than 200 players to the pros and turned down a few offers himself. But Grambling remains a Division 1-AA school, a full notch or two from the spotlight of I-A. And Robinson's record is made of I-AA wins.

Where they are now

Sidney Green: Basketball player for the Chicago Bulls.

Bobby Florence: Dealer at the Desert Inn in Las Vegas.

Ricky Sobers: Basketball player for the Seattle Supersonics.

Boyd Batts: Resides in Chicago. (Occupation unknown).

Low Brown: Lives in Los Angeles. Works for a gym.

Glen Gondrezick: Lives in Boulder, Colo. May play basketball in Spain.

Larry Moffett: Lives in Chicago. May play in Europe.

Lonnie Wright: Dealer at the Golden Nugget in Las Vegas. President of the UNLV Basketball Alumni Association. Also teaching at UNLV.

Eddie Owens: Dealer at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas. May teach and coach in Clark County.

Robert Smith: Playing basketball in France.

Sam Smith: Playing basketball in Switzerland.

Earl Evans: Lives in Port Arthur, Texas. (Occupation unknown).

Jackie Robinson: Helps run RKM Financial Network in Las Vegas.

Tony Smith: Works in the time office at the Frontier in Las Vegas. May go into gaming there.

Michael Loyd: Works for RKM Financial Network in Las Vegas.

Reggie Theus: Basketball player for the Sacramento Kings.

Eddie McLeod: Lives in Los Angeles (Occupation unknown).

Flintie Ray Williams: Floor man at the Golden Nugget in Las Vegas. Vice-President of UNLV Basketball Alumni Association.

Michael Burns: Lives in Las Vegas. May play basketball in Argentina.

Eric Booker: Works for RKM Financial Network in Las Vegas.

Jeff Collins: Basketball player in the Philippines.

Danny Tarkanian: In law school at University of San Diego.

Paul Brozovich: Playing basketball in Canada.

Spoon James: Lives in Las Vegas. Will be a graduate assistant with the UNLV basketball team this season.

Ed Catchings: Living in Los Angeles. Trying out for the Dallas Mavericks.

Richie Adams: Living in New York City. May play basketball in Israel.

Richard Box: Works for the District Attorney's office in Las Vegas.

Tom Roberts: Lives in Salt Lake City.

Curtis Watkins: Runs a State Farm Insurance office in Las Vegas.

Cliff Findley: General Manager at Findlay auto dealers in Las Vegas.

Robert Riley: Dealer at the Las Vegas Hilton.

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