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## SPORTS ON PARADE

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NEW YORK — March 10 reportedly is the target date for the postponed world middleweight title fight between champion Marvelous Marvin Hagler and John "The Beast" Mugabi.

However, promoter Bob Arum would only say Friday from Reno, Nev., that talks were being held concerning a date, but "until Caesars Palace announces a date, there is no firm date for Hagler-Mugabi."

The Hagler-Mugabi fight was scheduled for Nov. 14 at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, but was postponed when Hagler suffered a broken nose while sparring.

### UNLV soccer jumps to No. 2 slot

Las Vegas' soccer fans have lots to be proud of. The UNLV soccer team jumped to the No. 2 spot in the country in Soccer America's national poll released this week. The team remains seventh in the Intercollegiate Soccer Association of America rating, following a 3-0 week. The Rebels are one of only four unbeaten major college teams. The Rebels completed its regular scheduled season this past weekend in Texas. Results will be mentioned in next week's column.

### Soccer players, teams invited to participate

Soccer players and teams that wish to play in the Flame Soccer Club's Indoor League this winter may sign up at the U.S. Soccer Academy, Saturday, Nov. 23 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Players may also sign up by securing a form at one of the local libraries or some merchants. Forms should be mailed in prior to November 30th.

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### Ali says white champs needed to help boxing

Muhammad Ali says white champions could improve the status of professional boxing.

The 43-year-old former world heavyweight titlist said the sport "needs a couple of white champions, maybe a heavyweight and a middleweight."

"White and good, because people who follow boxing identify with a champion," Ali said in an interview Wednesday with The Oregonian.

"When Max Schmeling was fighting, all the Germans were excited because they associated with Schmeling," he said. "And with (Rocky) Marciano, the Italians would cheer and wave their arms."

"Same with Jack Johnson and Jack Dempsey and Joe Louis," Ali said. "People are excited to see their own champion. But right now all the champions are black. All contenders are black."

"I've always spoken the truth about my religion and my racial feelings," said Ali, a black Muslim. "Boxing needs some good white champions. It would bring the whole thing alive."

"The white people are the wealthiest, and they will fill the arena. But they have no champion. It would be the same thing if there was a 7-foot heavyweight from China. All the Chinese would want him to be champion."

Asked who was the best heavyweight of all time, Ali smiled and said, "I said 'me' when I was boxing, but that was just to sell tickets. Now I'm telling you it was Jack Johnson. All around, he was the best."

secured by calling 878-6269.

### NEWS BRIEFS

Tickets are on sale for the Donald Curry-Milton McCrory world welterweight unification fight scheduled for the Las Vegas Hilton Dec. 6. Curry, the World Boxing Association champion, sports a 23-0 record, while McCrory, World Boxing Council titleholder, has a ring mark of 27-0-1. For more information, call 732-5320.

Former boxer Hurricane Carter freed after 19 years in jail . . . City of Parks and Recreation presents the Stewart/Mojave High School wrestling Classic Nov. 16. For more information, call 386-6563. Larry Holmes wants back in ring . . .

### Tennis tip for the weekend player

Players at all levels occasionally have trouble with their service tosses. It is easy to let such factors as the wind, sun and playing left-handers knock the toss off course. Straighten out your toss by lining up your tossing arm with a backstop fence pole. As you toss, lift your arm along that line, your tosses should become more consistent and so will your serve.

### UNLV Rebels Cage Schedule Set

Basketball season is right around the corner. Twenty-six of thirty Rebel basketball games are scheduled for TV. The season kicks off Nov. 29 when the Rebels meet Villanova. Other scheduled games are:

- Dec. 7 UNLV at Maryland
- Dec. 14 UNLV at Nevada-Reno
- Dec. 20 UNLV vs. San Diego (Lite-Rebel Round-Up)
- Dec. 21 Consolation round of Lite-Rebel Roundup
- Dec. 24 UNLV vs. Stanford
- Dec. 25 UNLV vs. North Carolina
- Dec. 27 UNLV/Bud Light Holiday Classic
- Jan. 2 Utah State at UNLV
- Jan. 4 San Jose St. at UNLV
- Jan. 9 UNLV at Pacific
- Jan. 12 UNLV at UC San-Jan. 12 UNLV at Fresno St.
- Jan. 16 UNLV at UC Santa Barbara
- Jan. 18 UNLV at Cal State Fullerton

- Jan. 23 UNLV at New Mexico State
- Jan. 25 Cal State Long Beach at UNLV
- Jan. 30 UNLV at San Jose State
- Feb. 1 UNLV at Utah St.
- Feb. 8 Memphis State at UNLV
- Feb. 10 UC Santa Barbara at UNLV
- Feb. 17 Cal State Fullerton at UNLV
- Feb. 15 UC Irvine at UNLV
- Feb. 22 Fresno St. at UNLV
- Feb. 27 UNLV at UC Irvine
- Mar. 1 UNLV at Cal State Long Beach

### Hi School Wrestling Classic Scheduled

The City of Las Vegas Parks, Recreation and Senior Citizen Activities is pleased to present the Stewart/Mojave High School Wrestling Classic. The Tournament will be held at the Stewart/Mojave High Sports Center on Saturday, Nov. 16. Divisions include junior varsity and varsity with weight classes of 105, 114, 126, 136, 149, 163, 181 and heavyweight. The cost is \$6 per wrestler with medals awarded to the first three places.

Registration is currently being taken at the center with the entry deadlines set for Nov. 15. For more information, call 386-6563.

### "Circus of the Stars" airs from Caesars Palace

The "Tenth Annual Circus of the Stars," taped this year at Caesars Palace, will air on Sunday, Dec. 8, from 9 to 11 p.m. (PST) on KLAS-TV 8.

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