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SPORTS ON PARADE

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SPORTS BRIEFS TENNIS

The Center Court Indoor Tennis Championships came to a close with two exciting matches. Ex-Running Rebel Eric Booker came out a winner as he defeated his opponent in the Men's 5.0 singles. Tennis is a great form of relaxation and a one-on-one competitive sport. Booker, upset the No. 1 seed Ron Quensler enroute to the finals. During the final play, Booker and Jeff Samuels rallied for two hours with 150 MPH serves and fancy footwork from both players. Booker defeated Samuels 6-3, 7-5. In the Men's Open singles Teaching professional Michael James had little trouble defeating his opponent Craig Witcher

6-0, 6-2. What appeared to be a strong final, James quickness overpowered the UNLV coach Withcer.

Second Annual Las Vegas Baseball Academy takes place Dec. 26-29 at Sunset Park. Join former Jerry DeSimone, Larry Brown and Mike Martin with special guest star John Kruk, 1985 Pacific Coast League Batting Champion: \$90 includes 4 days of instruction, T-Shirt, handbook, and autographed picture with staff. Call 367-3018 for more information.... Auburn University star Bo Jackson won the 1985 Heisman Trophy.... Donald Curry captured the welterweight championship

of the world title by downing Milton McCrory at the Las Vegas Hilton in the second round.... Beginner's tennis lesson is being offered at Center Court Recquet Club for all ages. The lessons will be held indoors. Call 735-8153. Ask for BJ Richard for details.

Rebels Edge Maryland in OT, 64-63

One of the most exciting games during the Rebels basketball season turned out a winner against Maryland. In overtime, UNLV's Anthony Jones was the star as he hit a 20-foot jumper with three seconds left in regulation to tie the game at 60-60. UNLV's Armon Gilliam scored four of his 17 points in overtime and Maryland's Keith Gatlin dying attempt at half court with one second, the shot bounced off the rim at the buzzer giving the Rebels a 64-63 victory.

National Rodeo Finals set here

National Finals Rodeo opened its 9-day ride last Saturday at the Thomas and Mack Center. The Center seats 16,500 for rodeo. The total purse for the event is \$1.7 million. Professionals from all around the country is on hand to represent their divisions. The events includes calf roping, saddle bronc riding, steer wrestling, bareback, bull riding, and barrel racing. Tickets are on sale at the Thomas and Mack Center. Events run until Dec. 15. The final round takes place at 12 noon.

Sugar Ray Leonard robbed of \$33,000 in cash and jewelry

Former welterweight boxing champion Sugar Ray Leonard was robbed of \$33,000 in jewelry and cash early last Friday morning, apparently by a woman he and his business associate met earlier at a local nightclub, according to a Metropolitan Police report.

Leonard, who won his boxing crown in 1979, apparently was the victim of a woman he met at Botany's, 1700 E. Flamingo Road, and later escorted back to his two-story suite at the Alexis Park Resort Hotel, 375 E.

Coors Tennis Classic A Real Big Success

Over 200 players turned out for the Coors Tennis Classic \$5,000 Pro-Invitational NTRP Doubles and Pro-Am. The event held at Spanish Trails Tennis & Swim Club was the club's first pro event. The event attracted some of the countries finest nationally ranked 35 and over players, ranked USPTA professionals, and top regional professionals.

Sugar Ray Boxing Return Still On Hold

Sugar Ray Leonard is not coming out of retirement, says Mike Trainer, the attorney who managed Leonard's boxing career. The possibility of a comeback by the former undisputed welterweight champion was raised Tuesday by the manager-trainer Emanuel Steward of Milton McCrory, the World Boxing Council welterweight champion.

Harmon Ave., the report states.

The fighter claims the woman had a few drinks with them, then left and the men went to sleep.

Later in the morning, he claims, she returned with a room key which she may have stolen and went to the upstairs of the suite and took \$33,000 in jewelry which Leonard has hidden plus \$1,000 in cash.

associate, who was not identified by police, had to go to a morning meeting and did not return to their hotel suite until after lunch.

Leonard and his associate are in Las Vegas in conjunction with the welterweight championship match between Milton McCrory and Donald Curry at the Las Vegas Hilton.

After Leonard returned to his hotel suite, he apparently



Sugar Ray

The suspect was described by police as a 5-foot-5-inch white woman in her mid-30s with black hair, wearing a black tank top, green Levi jeans, black jacket and blue shoes.

When asked whether the woman was a known prostitute, Sgt. Steve Gammell said, "We definitely do not know whether she is a known prostitute. We have no physical details which would link her to any of the woman we know in the area."

The robbery apparently was not reported until midday Friday, because Leonard and his business

noticed his property was missing and called police. The report was filed about 2 p.m.

Gammell said the matter, which Leonard had requested be "kept as quiet as possible," is being handled as a grand larceny since there was no indication from the victim that prostitution was involved.

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