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SPORTS ON PARADE

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American Sports fans should not aim their hopes too high for the 1988 Summer Olympics Games, Edwin Moses said. "I don't think there'll ever be an Olympics like the one we had here." The United States won 174 medals, including 83 gold in the 1984 Los Angeles Games. West Germany was second in medals with 59, Romania second in golds with 20. Robert Helmick, president of the United States Olympics Committee, said he had recently returned from the committee meeting in Switzerland, "and everyone is talking positively about 1988, like everyone's going to be there."

"It's easy to put last year in a sort of time capsule," Moses said of the domination

of the U.S. team at Los Angeles. "I think because we won a lot of gold medals in 1984, a lot of people expect us to do the same in 1988. But they have to realize that a large block of athletes weren't there. If they'd been there, the results could have gone either way. We'll never know, of course. If everyone competes in 1988, it's going to be a big battle. No one know what's going to happen."

Moses won the gold in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles in 1984, as he had in the 1976 Summer Games. Mery Lou Retton won the women's all-around gymnastics gold and helped the U.S. win the team silver. Greg Louganis won golds in both platform and

springboard diving, and Carl Lewis won golds in the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes, the 400-meter relay and the long jump. Also inducted into the Hall of Fame were Wyomia Tyus, the gold medalist in the 1964 and 1968 women's 100 meters; Sugar Ray Leonard, the light welterweight boxing champion; Pat McCormick, winner of the women's platform and springboard diving events in 1952 and 1956; Ralph Boston, won the 1960 gold, 1964 silver and 1968 bronze in the long jump; Dan Gable, the 1972 lightweight freestyle wrestling champion, and the late Alvin Kraenzlein, a quadruple-gold medalist in the 1900 Games when he won the 60 meters, 100-meters and 200-meter hurdles and long jump.

One of just four black cowboys competing fulltime in the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association and one of just two entered in the 1985 National Finals Rodeo—the 28 year old Charles Sampson. Sampson known for his 1982 win over Bobby Del Vecchio by nearly \$14,000, captured the world title. Sampson, bull rider, suffered many obstacles along the way. In 1983 he came face to face with a bull during a Presidential Command Performance in Maryland. The result was one of the worst injuries anyone can remember in bull riding. Sampson broke every bone in his face but his nose and teeth. He



GRAMBLING, MORRIS BROWN WIN IN ATLANTA FOOTBALL CLASSIC — The Grambling State University Tigers and coach Eddie Robinson (third from left), the nation's winningest football coach, defeated Alabama State University 28-0 in the first-ever Atlanta Football Classic doubleheader November 9 at Atlanta Fulton County Stadium. A fund-raiser for the African Relief Fund, the Classic was sponsored by Coca-Cola USA and Ford Motor Company in cooperation with the National Baptist Convention of America, Inc. and the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc. Ray Thomas, vice president, Coca-Cola USA, (third from right) presented the game trophy to coach Robinson and his players. In the other contest, Morris Brown College upset Albany State College, 28-14. Marching bands from each of the four schools also entertained fans.

Caesars Palace to host Tennis Tournament

Table Tennis, the newest Olympic sport, will be coming to Caesars Palace after an absence of several years. The 1985 United States Table Tennis Association National Championships and Team Trials will be held in Caesars Palace Sports Pavilion on

Dec. 18-22.

The event brings together over 350 players from all over the United States vying for national titles in 34 events. In addition, the members of the 1986 U.S. team will be decided at this tournament. This is the team that will represent the U.S. in world competition.

Play starts Wednesday at 9 a.m. with team trial competition. Singles and doubles action runs through Sunday, beginning at 9 a.m. each day and running through till 8 p.m. The men's and women's singles finals will be held Sunday afternoon.


Admission on Wednesday is free. Admission on all other days is by ticket only. Prices are as follows: Thursday, \$3; Friday, \$4; Saturday, \$4; and Sunday \$5.

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subsequently underwent three operations which totaled 12 hours, but doctors told him he was lucky to be alive. This did not stop the competitor as he continued his quest for another title during the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas. Sampson's performances during the event received good reaction from the crowd. "That hasn't always been true," said Sampson. When he first set foot out on the tour after a couple of



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OPENING CEREMONY

The Opening Ceremony for the U.S. National Table Tennis Championships will be held on Friday, Dec. 20 at 5 p.m. in the Caesars Palace Sports Complex. Each of the men and women finalists will be introduced. Immediately following the ceremony, play will begin in the quarter final round robin of the men's and women's singles competition.