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SPORTS ON PARADE

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Trotters to introduce new woman player

The Harlem Globetrotters will celebrate their 60th season and bring sports history to the Thomas and Mack Center on Tuesday, Jan. 28 when they introduce their first woman player.

Lynette Woodward, captain of the 1984 Gold medal-winning women's Olympic basketball team, is the newest addition to the world-famous act.

Tickets are available at the TMC and proceeds will benefit the UNLV Museum of Natural History, Fitz-Vegas House, and the Variety School for Handicapped Children.

USBA titelist to put title on line

United States Boxing Association middleweight champion John Collins will put his title on the line against challenger Robbie Sims in a 12-round bout at Caesars Palace on Mar. 9. Collins, 25, who hails from Chicago, is 34-1-1 with 29 knockouts. He won the vacant U.S.B.A title last year when he knocked out previously unbeaten Mark Holmes, brother of former world heavyweight champion Larry Holmes.

Sims, 26, from Mass. and the brother of world middleweight champion Marvelous Marvin Hagler, has a record of 23-4-1 with 16 knockouts. The matchup will be broadcast live on NBC, but will be blacked out in Las Vegas.

New tennis season kicks off Jan. 29

Tennis fans can start gearing up for the new year. The official tennis schedule has been announced. Kicking off the season are the following tournaments for adults: Jan 29-Feb 2; Desert Inn Spa Smash, Feb. 12-16 Sweetheart Mixed Doubles, Twin Lakes, Feb. 25-Mar. 2; Las Vegas Sugar Daddy, Center Court Racquet Club, Mar. 6-9; 10th Annual Pioneer, Spanish Oaks Tennis Center, Mar. 19-23; SNTPF Open & NTRP.

For more information on the tournaments call B.J. at 735-8153.

Superbowl Sunday to be greatest

Superbowl XX gets underway Jan. 26 with Chicago Bears versus New England Patriots. The NFC title was won by the Bears Sunday as they shut out the Los Angeles Rams 24-0 at Soldier Field in Chicago. Entering the Superbowl with a 17-1 record, there has been a feeling in Chicago and around the NFL, that no team can stop the Bears. The Bears combination of overpowering, turnovers producing defense and an opportunistic offense carried the Bears one step close to the National Football League title.

The New England Patriots defeated the Miami Dolphins 31-14 to advance to the Superbowl. What at one time was a nightmare to the Patriots became reality. The jinx of losing 18 to 19 attempts against the two teams was lifted.

Championship Kick Boxing Premiers At Showboat

Professional full-contact karate premiers at the Showboat Hotel, Casino, Country Club and Bowling Center on Saturday, Jan. 25, with two world championship bouts.

John Moncayo, the KICK middleweight world champion, defends his title against Las Vegas Dale "Apollo" Cook, the United States PKA welterweight champ and a boxer who has

\$40 ringside and are available from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday at the Showboat Sports Pavilion Ticket Office.

Also on the card will be Jimmy Blann defending his United States welterweight championship against David Frank.

Moncayo, a stylist who uses poise and guile, has a record of 51-15 and 30 knockouts. In contrast, Cook has exceptional power in both his hands and feet and has a record of 65-2 with 28 knockouts.

The flashy Roser has a record of 23-2 with 10 knockouts while the 25-year-old Williams has a record of 33-6 with 28 knockouts.

Cook, originally from Tulsa, Okla., is the world's No. 1 ranked welterweight contender.

Blann enters with a record of 17-2-1 with nine knockouts.

This is the first kickboxing card to be presented in the Showboat Sports Pavilion since its opening more than five years ago.

Norris Williams, the 25-year-old PKA United States and North American Champion, is a lightning fast heavy hitter with a 33-6 record and 28 knockouts, who got off to a professional career with mixed results, losing four of his first 10 bouts.

Described by Earl Gilkey, his trainer, as the closest thing to a natural athlete he has ever encountered, Williams turned pro at 17 after winning the Men's AAU

National Karate Point Total.

A change in attitude, coupled with a strong desire after his loss to Cliff Thomas, PKA World Champion, has helped Williams earn the nickname — "The Confidence Man" — by dominating all of his opponents and knocking out most since his loss to Thomas.

Williams will be a strong challenger, possibly the strongest that KICK Super

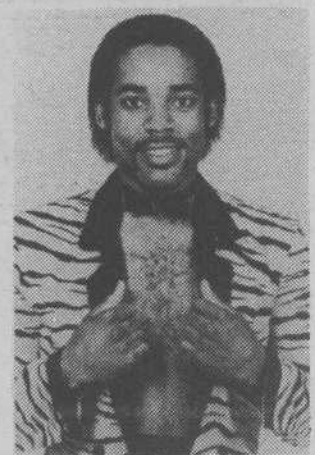


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appeared on the Showboat's ESPN cards, in one 12-round bout. Tony "The Tiger" Roser, the KICK super lightweight world champion, defends his crown against Norris "The Confidence Man" Williams, the North American and United States lightweight champ, in the other 12-round bout.

The six-bout card, promoted by Jim Smith Enterprises in association with the Showboat, begins at 2 p.m. Doors to the Showboat Sports Pavilion open at 1.

Tickets are priced at \$12.50 for general admission, \$30 for floor and



"The Tiger" Roser Lightweight World Champion Tony Roser could face, when they meet January 25 during "Super Saturday Kickout" at the Showboat Sports Arena.

Williams, after his second round knockout victory over Michel Rochet, Canadian Champion, to take the PKA North American title, has been sighting in on a world title shot, and intends to be ready. The ever-confident challenger predicts his speed and power will bring the champion down in the sixth or seventh round.

U.S.B.A Middleweight Title Bout Set at Caesars Palace

Las Vegas, Nev. -- U. S. Boxing Association middleweight champion John Collins will meet "Rockin'" Robbie Sims in a 12-round title fight at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas on Sunday, March 9.

Sims, younger brother of undisputed world middleweight champion Marvelous Marvin Hagler, will face Collins only one day before Hagler risks his three

world title against Uganda native, undefeated John "The Beast" Mugabi. Co-main event on the Hagler card is a North American Boxing Federation middleweight title bout featuring WBC super welterweight champion Thomas "Hitman" Hearns against unbeaten champion James "Black Gold" Shuler. The March 10 bouts were originally slated for

November 14 and rescheduled due to an injury Hagler suffered in training.

The March 9 fight was announced today by Top Rank Inc. and Caesars Palace.

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Mark Holmes, younger brother of former world heavyweight champion Larry Holmes.

Sims, a 26-year old native of Brockton, Massachusetts, ran his record to 23-4-1 (16 KOs) last month by stopping Mario Timeo in four rounds. He is managed and trained by Pay and Goody Petronelli — the same successful duo that has guided Hagler throughout his career.

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