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## Football this week

### Valley Southern Zone Champs

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Prep Football

The Valley Vikings dealt the Bonanza Bengals a final crushing blow last Friday and ended the Bengals' Cinderella season.

Valley beat Bonanza to capture the 1987 Southern AAA Title. Behind quarterback DJ Harris and RB-WR Mark Pak the Vikings came from behind to win 22-19.

Prior to this year, Bonanza hadn't qualified for the playoffs (Bonanza has been playing for 10 years). You may count on your hand the number of victories Bonanza has had in the past four years, four.

Junior Rick Woodford became the top rusher in Southern Nevada and eventually won Most Valuable Player for the season. Woodford led the Bengals to the best record in the league, 9-1.

After Bonanza breezed through non-conference play, people were still skeptical. Then they beat Gorman and were still undefeated. Yes the Bengals were for real!!!

The Vikings started out strong this season and then faced serious problems throughout the season. Week four of the season had Valley defeating Western, yet with 1:08 left a fight broke out and the game was brought to a halt. Four player would miss the following game against Clark due to suspension, the Vikings lost 25-13 and were now 3-2.

The Vikings and Bonanza met for the first time of the season Oct. 16. Valley was 4-2 while Bonanza was 6-0. Both teams struggled to the end—result Valley is victorious, 28-23. Valley went on to demolish Bishop Gorman' apre-season favorite' by 21 points and capture the Sunset Division.

In the Zone semis Bonanza disposed of Eldorado while Valley squeaked past Chaparral in 4 OT's.

Then tragedy struck.... Not twelve hours after the game star running back for the Vikings, Paul Wofford was critically injured in a car accident. He was on his way to Utah to see a Weber St. football game. Two of the players from Weber St. recently graduated from Valley. Paul wanted to share his excitement with them and tell them that Valley was in the Zone finals, his friends found out, but not the way they should have. Paul passed away the following Monday at University Medical Center.

Practice was rough all week for Valley, but they managed. Wofford's funeral was Thursday. The game was Friday. The Valley Vikings held their heads high and played their game in style. Bonanza should also be comended for a fine season, Head Coach Horace Smith did a tremendous job.

After the game QB DJ Harris presented Paul Wofford's mother with the Southern Zone trophy. Harris had worn paul's practice jersey under his game jersey. Valley High School retired No. 29 in memory of

### Wilma Rudolph Joins Staff As Consultant, Track Director

Three-time Olympic gold medalist Wilma Rudolph joined the DePauw faculty in January as director of the women's track and cross country program and as special consultant to the president on minority affairs.

the general public about DePauw's stepped-up minority recruitment efforts and made numerous public appearances to speak personally to black families who are bringing their children to visit DePauw.



Pictured, right, Olympian Wilma Rudolph, track director and recruitment consultant with DePauw student.

A model for both black and white DePauw students, Wilma has helped sensitize

Paul Wofford.

Well, Valley moves onto the state championship and will now meet Wooster. The Wooster Colts have a 35-game winning streak including two state championships.

Wooster captured the Northern title with a victory over Carson City 37-8 last Saturday.

It's been a long hard season and it comes down to this one final game....

Wooster v.s. Valley The AAA State Championship

### "BOXING AT THE 'BOAT'" RETURNS WITH WORLD-RANKED TILLMAN IN MAIN FRIDAY, NOV. 20

Professional boxing returns to the Showboat Hotel, Casino, Country Club and Bowling Center for the first time in three months on Friday, Nov. 20, with a card featuring 1984 Olympic gold medalist and world-ranked contender Henry Tillman in the main event.

Tillman, rated by both the World Boxing Association and the World Boxing Council, meets former world championship contender Dwain "Slick Black" Bonds in the heavyweight 10-round main.

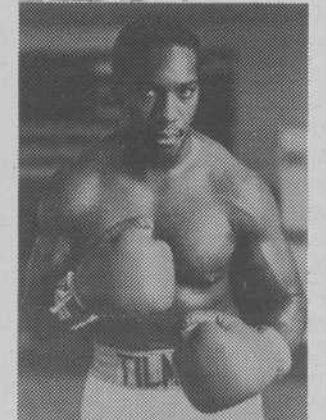
The new "Boxing At The 'Boat'" program, promoted by the Showboat and assembled by veteran Las Vegas matchmaker Mel Greb, starts at a later, more convenient time — 7:30 p.m. Doors to the Showboat Sports Pavilion open at 6:30.

Ticket prices remain the same — \$12 for general admission and \$20 for ringside reserved. They are on sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday at the Showboat Sports Pavilion Ticket Office.

Also on the card will be five Las Vegas—undefeated bantamweight Akeem Anifowoshe, unbeaten light heavyweight Tim Davis and light-

her assistant coaches organized the inaugural Wilma Rudolph grassroots track meet at Blackstock Stadium in August. That meet, which will become an annual event here, brought minority youth from around the Midwest to compete and to learn more about the university's academic programs.

weights Alan Lowry, Leonard Washington and Harpel Talhan.



Henry Tillman

Tillman, ranked No. 3 by the WBA among junior heavyweights and No. 4 by the WBC among cruiserweights, has a record of 17-2 with 12 knockouts.

The tall boxer-puncher from Los Angeles is fighting in Las Vegas for the first time in 11 months, and is coming off three impressive wins, two by knockout.

On Aug. 22 in Columbia, S.C., his most recent outing, he stopped Danny Sutton in the seventh round. On July 11 in Atlantic City he beat K.T. Porter on June 7 in Providence, R.I., he halted Henry Clark in the seventh.

Tillman, a gold medal winner for the United States at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles, has won all six of his fights in Las Vegas, knocking out Bashiru Ali and Cedric Parsons of the Marvelous Marvin Hagler stable in the first round, Oscar Holman in the sixth and Stanely Ross in the fourth and deci-

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