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Sports Profile

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★★★ REBEL SPOTLITE ★★★ H WALDMAN IS UNLV'S PLAYER OF THE FUTURE

by Bob Rodgers,
sportswriter

UNLV freshman H Waldman comes to the Rebels from Las Vegas' Clark High School, where he averaged 17.4 points and 8.3 assists per game, while leading the Chargers to a runner-up finish in the Nevada Class AAA Tournament.

Waldman was named all-conference, all-state, and Nevada Player of the Year as a senior.

H, with no period, got his name from both his father and

grandfather whose names were Herb.



H WALDMAN

As a point guard, Waldman has the ability to see every position on the court, and is an outstanding passer, as well as scorer.

In due time, H Waldman could be the man for the Runnin' Rebels.

★★★★★ UNLV'S THERESA JACKSON BRINGS GOOD SKILLS TO TEAM

UNLV sophomore Theresa Jackson, who comes from a small school, has made it through the transition and adjustments, and has developed into a major Division 1 player.

As a freshman, she played in all 31 of the Lady Rebels' games,

and averaged 5.3 points and 3 rebounds per game.

Thus far, Theresa is performing very well for UNLV this season. In high school in Monroe City, Missouri, Theresa, the Lady

basketball player of the year averaged 32 points and 15 rebounds per game. She was also named an all-conference and all-district player 3 times, as well as all-state while leading her

team to runner-up in the state. Theresa was also an outstanding student, and maintained a 3.87 GPA and was a member of the National Honor Society.

TYSON MAKES AN APPEARANCE ON BEHALF OF THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS

Former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson will make an informal public appearance on behalf of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Las Vegas — on Saturday, Feb. 2, from 1 to 2 p.m. at Saturn of West Sahara (5325 W. Sahara).

Tyson, who grew up in the

Clubs, says he wants to give something back to the organization by meeting with kids from the four local clubs. The public is invited to attend.

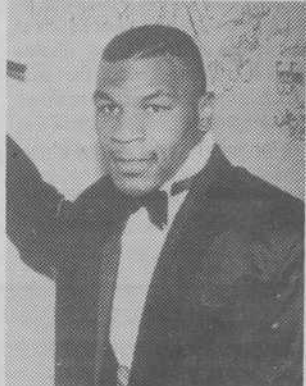
Saturn, in conjunction with Cliff Findlay Oldsmobile, will

make a donation to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Las Vegas for every car sold over the next 90 days.

For more information call the Boys & Girls Clubs of Las Vegas at (702) 367-2582.



THERESA JACKSON



MIKE TYSON



NFL Goes Out of Bounds

National Football League Commissioner Paul Tagliabue showed unbelievably poor judgment recently when he involved the NFL in Arizona state politics. In trying to score some points for the NFL, Tagliabue went out of bounds.

Days before Arizonans were to vote on creating a state holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Tagliabue announced he would recommend the 1993 Super Bowl not be played in Phoenix unless the holiday was approved. Hosting a Super Bowl is a big honor and a big money-maker. Suddenly, it looked as though the NFL was trying to force the hand of the state's voters. It seemed the league was challenging Arizonans not to vote for the holiday.

It was the wrong call. Arizonans responded by showing that they would not be pushed into a vote and defeated the holiday proposal. I truly believe that in making the announcement just prior to the election, the NFL caused a backlash that hurt the chances of passing the King holiday.

Threatening Arizona's voters was one of the very few things Tagliabue hasn't done right since replacing Pete Rozelle as commissioner. I think he's doing a great job, especially in trying to get more minority involvement in management. But the NFL should have waited until after the election to make any such announcement. After all, the league was not setting a bold precedent. That was done last year when the National Basketball Association pulled its All-Star game out of Phoenix because of the lack of a King holiday. In the present situation, both the NFL and Arizona ended up looking bad.

There were other repercussions. Several colleges under consideration for spots in the Fiesta Bowl, held in Tempe, Ariz., announced that they would not come if invited. I understand their decisions. But I also understand the decision of the University of Louisville. It has decided to play in the Fiesta — its first bowl game in years — with team members wearing patches on their jerseys commemorating Dr. King. The bowl appearance will really help improve Louisville's program in the years to come.

The whole thing is such a shame because Arizona is getting a reputation as a "racist" state, which it is not. I know — I personally own a successful business in Phoenix. It would not be a success if the cards were stacked against minorities.

Arizona will look bad, I think, until it gets in step with the 47 other states that already honor Dr. King with a holiday. I hope it happens soon. That issue, however, remains up to Arizonans and not the NFL.

Gale Sayers is considered one of the greatest running backs of all time. The former Chicago Bear is a member of the National Football League's Hall of Fame.

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