

★ ★ ★ SPORTS BRIEFS ★ ★ ★

College Basketball:

- Top 7
 1. UNLV (16-0)
 2. Arkansas (20-1)
 3. Ohio State (17-0)
 4. Indiana (18-2)
 5. St. Johns (15-2)
 6. Arizona (16-3)
 7. Syracuse (19-3)

Notes: No. 1 UNLV was not the unanimous choice this week as they gathered 62 of the 64 votes. The other two votes went to undefeated Ohio State. Kentucky dropped out of the Top 7 after being upset by Alabama. Syracuse returned to the Top 7 after beating Providence and #23 Connecticut.

Women's Top 5

1. Virginia (18-1)
 2. Penn State (15-1)
 3. Georgia (16-2)
 4. Purdue (17-1)
 5. Tennessee (17-3)

Notes: Virginia received 27 of the 28 first place votes. Tennessee dropped to No. 5 after they were beat by Georgia 81-74. The UNLV Lady Rebels (15-3) dropped to No. 14 after losing to U.C. Santa Barbara in O.T. 85-82.

Football:

The New York Giants became the Super Bowl champs after beating the Buffalo Bills 20-19. It was a well planned



O. J. ANDERSON

game for the Giants as they held on to the ball for 40:25 of the 60 minute game. 34-year-old O.J. Anderson was named MVP, and became the first running back to do so since Marcus Allen did it in 1984.

The Giants, a team who is not supposed to be able to come from behind, trailed 12-10 at halftime, but proved history could repeat itself. Trailing 10-9 at halftime of Super Bowl XXI, the Giants rallied to beat Denver 39-20 at the Rose Bowl in 1987. The only Super Bowl that was closer was when Baltimore beat Dallas 16-3 in 1971.

Baseball:

UNLV's baseball team will play Cal-State Northridge February 1, 2, and 3 at home. Game times are 3 p.m. on Friday and 1 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Laughlin has a new hero, and a new kid on the block. He's Earl "Sweetness" Butler, a light-heavyweight boxer formerly from Phoenix. And the excitement Earl's generated from his new found fans in Laughlin assures that he'll be here to stay, and those who follow Earl couldn't be happier.

Earl was born in St. Martinville, Louisiana. He comes from a family of twelve. The twenty three year old boxer has been training out of Phoenix... that is, until he adopted Laughlin. "I love Laughlin," says Butler. "Everyone's treated me really nice. They cheer me on! I decided to move my base here and represent Laughlin to the best of my ability."

Earl has two goals, being world champion and fighting for the title in Laughlin. And according to Earl's manager, Willie Borchert of Phoenix, both goals are within Earl's grasp. "I've never seen Earl fight so well. The Laughlin crowd really pumps him up." And Willie should know! He already trains two world champions, Louie Espinoza and Johnny "The Torch" Vasquez. In Earl "Sweetness" Butler, Borchert potentially has his third world

champion. "I like the Laughlin Connection," says Willie, "We'll springboard Earl from there."

Earl fought his pro debut in Laughlin last November, a split decision win. His latest Laughlin fight was January 7th, 1991. It was the latter fight in which Earl won his fan's hearts. Earl was pitted against Johnny Moore, a tough guy from Colorado who'd never been knocked down. The result, a first round TKO by But-

ler one minute into the round. Sweet? You bet! "I knew I'd win, but I never thought it would be so easy," Butler claimed.

It's this confidence and ability that's carving trails for Earl "Sweetness" Butler. On February 7th, 1991, fans will be able to see their home-town hero fight again in Don's Celebrity Theatre at Don Laughlin's Riverside Resort Hotel and Casino. He'll share the card with Johnny "The

Torch" Vasquez, who'll be defending his world championship belt against an opponent to be named.

Whether your a boxing fan or not, don't miss another display of jab, jab-fall, coming February 7th, to the Riverside, and check out Laughlin's new hero, Earl "Sweetness" Butler.

For further information and tickets, contact the Riverside Entertainment Office.

CAESARS PALACE CALENDAR OF SPORTS EVENTS

IBF LIGHT FLYWEIGHT CHAMPION MICHAEL CARBAJAL DEFENDS TITLE

International Boxing Federation light flyweight champion Michael Carbajal (18-0, 12 KOs) of Phoenix, Ariz., will defend his title against Macario Santos (24-1-1, 12 KOs) of Acapulco, Mexico, in a scheduled 12-round championship main event. The event promoted by Top Rank, Inc., in association with Caesars Palace. Location: Caesars Palace indoor Sports Pavilion; Time: Doors open at 5 p.m.; first bell at 6 p.m.

WHITAKER VS SPANN/ CAMACHO VS HAUGEN IN CO-MAIN EVENT

Undisputed lightweight champion Pernell "Sweetpea"

Whitaker (25-1, 13 KOs) of Norfolk, VA, will defend his title against Tracy Spann (26-0, 20 KOs) of Plainfield, NJ, in a co-main event that will also feature WBO junior welterweight champion Hector "Macho" Camacho (39-0, 17 KOs) of Osage Reservation, FL, against Greg Haugen

(27-3-1, 13 KOs) of Henderson, NV, in scheduled 12-round championship events. The event promoted by Main Events/Monitor Productions, in association with Caesars Palace. Location: Caesars Palace indoor Sports Pavilion; Time: Doors open at 4 p.m.; first bell at 5 p.m.

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