

# Cowboys nip Wildcats, advance to playoffs

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Chaparral quarterback Tyson Dobbs conducted a 72-yard fourth-quarter scoring drive, plunging in on a 8-yard quarterback draw with 39 seconds to give the Cowboys a 23-20 comeback victory over Las Vegas on a cold, wind-filled Friday night.

The victory clinched a homefield playoff game for the Cowboys, who finished the season 5-4 overall, 5-2 in the Sunrise.

With the loss, the Wildcats (5-4, 4-3) were eliminated from the playoffs for the first time since 1994.

Early on Dobbs, who had a hand in all three of the Cowboy's touchdowns, let the cold weather affect him. But with Chaparral down 20-16, he ignored the chilly conditions and led him to paydirt, and victory.

"The cold weather was hard on me in the first half," Dobbs said, "but during that last drive, I couldn't think about anything but winning."

He completed 4-of-6 passing for 59 yards on the game-winning drive. He was 10-of-16 for 106 yards and a 16-yard touchdown to Mario Hagan in the second quarter.

The key play on the final drive was a pass

interference call against the Las Vegas defense on third and 27 with 1:53 to go. That gave Chaparral a first down and the momentum they needed to score the final touchdown.

Chaparral's drive wiped out what would have been a Wildcat victory. Jermaine Lewis, who already had 1- and 10-yard touchdown runs, broke several arm tackles with 3:25 to play, scoring on a 28-yard sideline run down the left side of the field. The cheers from Las Vegas fans after the touchdown were quited by Dobbs' heroics minutes later.

Cowboys coach Jordan Phee thinks his team has a good chance in the postseason.

"I think we're looking good for the playoffs," he said. "Our offense is ready. We really came through when it counted tonight."

Valley won the Sunrise Division for the second consecutive year with a 47-21 victory over Green Valley. Cimarron-Memorial won its first ever Sunset Division title and clinched homefield advantage by defeating Hug in Reno 12-10.

The Conference Quarterfinals begin next Thursday with four games. The Vikings will host Western, the Spartans will host Eldorado, Green Valley will travel to Cheyenne and the Cowboys will host Durango.

# Muhammad Ali, Jackie Joyner-Kersey and Bob Kersee to be honored by National Urban League

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NEW YORK — The incomparable Muhammad Ali, Jackie Joyner-Kersey and Bob Kersee will be honored at the National Urban League's annual Equal Opportunity Day Awards Dinner, Tuesday, Nov. 11, 1997, 7:00 p.m. The event will take place at the Grand Hyatt, New York and will be hosted by The Today Show's Al Roker.

Tom Brokaw, anchor and managing editor, NBC News, will present the League's Humanitarian Award to Ali, who is being recognized for his tireless work on behalf of those in need, particularly for his charitable and educational services to young people.

Ali, Olympic gold medalist and three-time heavyweight boxing champion, is one of the world's most beloved and celebrated men. Considered by many to be the greatest fighter in the history of boxing. "Floats like a butterfly, stings like a bee" will be forever associated with his combination of grace and power in the ring.

His grace and power has also been evident in the work he has done to improve the lives of urban youth. Ali's youth camp at Deer Lake, PA has provided a place where these young people can learn the skills and strategies necessary to succeed in life.

Track and field's royal couple, Jackie Joyner-Kersey and Bob Kersee, will be honored with the League's Civic Award. Even as she has reached the pinnacle of success in athletic competition, including six Olympic medals —

three of them gold — and world and Olympic records in the heptathlon, Joyner-Kersey has used her achievements to give back to the community.

Her JJK Community Foundation has supported the development of leadership programs in urban areas across the country. Now known as the JJK Youth Center Foundation, Jackie is leading the organization's effort to build a community center in her hometown, East St. Louis, Illinois.

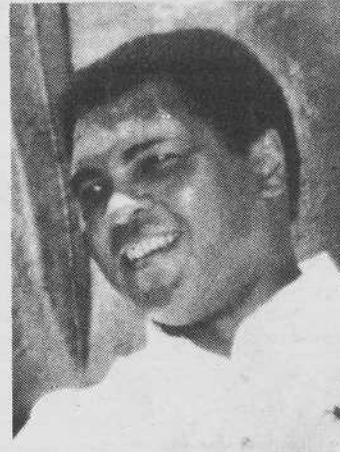
"When I leave this earth, I want to know I've created something that will continue to help others," says Jackie.

Bob Kersee, one of the world's premier sprint, hurdle and multi-event coaches, has coached athletes to an unprecedented 23 Olympic medals. His ability to establish

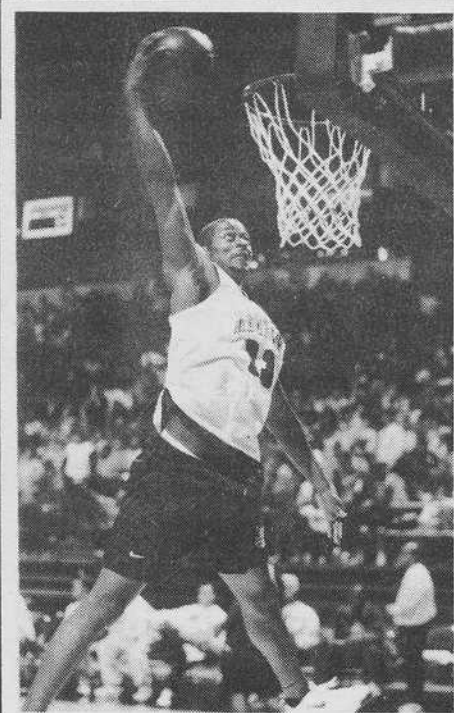
a strong sense of trust and respect with his athletes enables him to bring out the best in them. In his 32-year coaching career, Kersee has greatly influenced the lives of young people on and off the field. His goal always is to lead his athletes to the top in track and field — and in the business field.

The League will honor Reginald K. Brack, former chairman of both Time, Inc., and the National Urban League, with its Corporate Award.

Board member Alma Brown, widow of the late Ron Brown, will present the League's Special Recognition Award to Barbara Brack in honor of her philanthropic contributions to society.



MUHAMMAD ALI



TYRONE NESBY

Tyrone Nesby and Keon Clark do rim-rattling dunks last Sunday at the Thomas & Mack Center. Titled, "Fan Jam," the event featured a three-point contest, a slam-dunk showcase and a scrimmage.

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## Jam Session



KEON CLARK

## Republican

(Continued from Page 3) entails selecting the best candidate for a job. For them, long gone are the days when the Democrats had a monopoly on the black vote. (The late President Franklin Roosevelt signed the New Deal which accessed government and industrial mobility for blacks. As a result, many blacks aligned themselves with the Democratic party).

But, the Taylors and others say, Democrats have given in to selfishness, encourage big government and engage in excessive spending and can not

be counted on to champion the causes of the black community. Thus, the Republican Party is the best choice for them.

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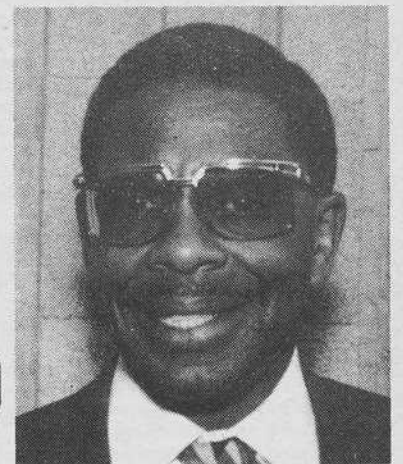
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