

# Wright silences naysayers with victory

Ringside witnesses to Ronald "Winky" Wright's thorough domination of Felix "Tito" Trinidad last weekend at the Las Vegas MGM Grand Arena are still wondering whether the two judges who gave a round to the loser should have an eye examination.

Judges Jerry Roth and Dave Moretti, who gave Tito, the second and fifth rounds respectively, were probably the only persons among the 14,176 spectators, press and administrators, plus the millions watching on television that refused to list the bout as a complete shut out, 12-0.

The other judge, Duane Ford, had Wright winning 120-107, with Trinidad having a point deducted by referee Jay Lady for a low blow in the ninth round.

From the opening bell, Wright, a southpaw, peppered Trinidad with his right hand jab, and continued to torment his opponent in every round with its accuracy. Sometimes, he even double jabbed, bad, bad.

Coming in straight forward with hardly any bobbing and weaving, the once-defeated Puerto Rican idol not only couldn't avoid Wright's jab, but was also vulnerable to the left handed hooks that occasionally followed.

Wright, according to the Compubox final punch statistics, threw 588 jabs and landed 185. It looked like more connections than were counted. Trinidad, a so-called deadly puncher, threw 327 jabs and hit Wright with only 15 (5 percent).

Overall, Wright threw 756 punches and connected on 262. His power punches thrown totaled 168 and connections were 77.

Trinidad threw 557 punches and landed 58, with 230 power punches thrown and 43 landing on his opponent's gloves (less than 10 percent).

With only 58 punches landing in 12 rounds, less than a five-punch average in the entire bout, according to the punch stat, Trinidad landed single digits in every round; therefore, with Wright steady on the offense, each round should have been awarded to the St. Petersburg, Fla., lefthander.

"I have to give Tito credit," Wright said at the post-fight press conference. "He was game because he could have decided in any of the late rounds to sit down



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and say that's enough. But he kept coming back each round and giving his best effort."

Trinidad admitted that his inability to get away from Wright's jab during the bout was the reason for the final outcome, and said, "I just couldn't seem to avoid it."

Ironically, during the pre-fight press conferences, Trinidad had given Wright a catcher's mitt and said he would need it because he would be on the end of Trinidad's barrage of punches.

In actuality, Trinidad was doing the catching, and "Winky" Wright was doing the throwing of punches.

When questioned about Roth and Moretti fight scores of 119-108, Nevada Athletic Commission Marc Ratner just smiled. A shut out is a shut out, and Wright deserved the shut out on each of the judges cards.

### Track team's loyalty everlasting

Faced with competing in the Mountain West Conference Championship Track Meet in Fort Collins, Colo., last weekend or marching with the rest of the school's graduating class, 11 University of Nevada Las Vegas female track athletes placed their teammates and coaches as their top priority and ran to a place in the school's historic annals forever.

"You are UNLV's 2005 track team that will always be remembered for what you did," said Barbara Ferrell Edmondson, "Coach E," the acting Mistress of Ceremonies at the team's second annual banquet Sunday at the Thomas Mack Redd Room. Edmondson, a former Olympic sprinter, is in her third

year as the Lady Rebels coach, having come from the University of Southern California.

The weeks before the meet were agonizing for the African-American seniors who came from families with very few, if any, college graduates. Coach E and her staff, which included Garfield Ellenwood, Pablo Sanchez, and former Olympian Martha Watson, left the final decision up to each of the young female student-athletes.

"I felt I owed it to my teammates to run," said Halima DeCree, who repeated as the MWC 100 meters winner at Fort Collins.

DeCree, a Bakersfield, California native, had been recruited out of Foothill High School by Coach Edmondson before both came to Nevada. She red shirted at UNLV and represented the school at the NCAA meets and other meets last year with outstanding success.

"I was having a rough time with my life, but Coach E and David Jackson (the

academic advisor) helped so that I could graduate in my field," said DeCree, who delivered the invocation for the meal at the banquet. She is a sociology major.

DeCree, now a 22-year-old graduate, said she would have been the fourth in her family to finish college and was thinking about coming back in December and marching with those graduates. The graduation march is a once in a lifetime event.

Others seniors who competed were Christine Spence, a sprinter and hurdler; Miesha McClendon, hurdles and sprints; Michele Suszek,

middle distance; Teri Trautwein, field events; Sarah Loughlin, distance; Gaven Jones, sprints; Lacey Bridges, field; Kiyota Reed, hurdles; and Leta Rose, distance; and Michel Hunt, sprints.

Hunt is a family member of the late Florence Griffith Joyner, and attended Long Beach Poly, the school voted the number one high school in America for athletics in the latest survey of American high school sports.

"Spence was always where we needed her," said Coach E. Spence took third (See Sports Pace, Page 16)

#### BIDS WANTED FOR HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

CONTRACT NO. 3276

Sealed proposals will be received by the Director of the Nevada Department of Transportation at the District I Headquarters, 123 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101, until and opened at 1:30 p.m., local time, on May 26, 2005 for Contract No. 3276, Project Nos. SPSR-0593(011), SPSR-0593(012), SPI-015-1(048), SPI-015-1(046), SP-FR-CL40(001) and STP-0170(084), construction of a portion of the Interstate Highway System on SR 593, Tropicana Avenue from Industrial Road to Maryland Parkway, on SR 593, Tropicana Avenue at Mountain Vista Street and at Nellis Boulevard, on I-15 at the South Las Vegas UPRR Structure (G-805N/S), on I-15 at 0.16 miles north of Tropicana Avenue, on FR CL40, D Street, from Wilson Avenue to Washington Avenue and at Various Locations in Clark County, Las Vegas, Henderson and North Las Vegas, a length of 3.48 miles.D.B.E. information shall be submitted no later than the time of opening of proposals as specified above.

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Plans and specifications may be examined and purchased at the office of the undersigned. Non-bidding documents may also be examined or purchased at the Department of Transportation District Offices in Sparks and Las Vegas, Nevada. Plans, form of proposal, contract and specifications may be secured by prequalified bidders through the office of the undersigned. A fee of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) is required for the purchase of each copy of the plans with proposal form. Plans, proposal form and specifications obtained on this basis are non-returnable and no refund will be made. Contractors wishing to bid on NDOT projects as Prime prequalified contractor must purchase the bidding documents from the Administrative Services Office, 1263 South Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada 89712. Only these bidding documents will be accepted at the time of bid. Those receiving documents from other sources for bid submittal will not be accepted. Bids must be on the proposal form of the Department of Transportation and must be accompanied by a bid bond, a certified check, a cashier's check, or cash in the amount of five percent (5%) of bid.

Right is reserved to reject any or all bids, or to accept the bid deemed best for the interest of the State of Nevada.

Contractors desiring to bid on this work, if not already qualified under the State Law, shall file with the Department of Transportation at Carson City, Nevada, not later than five (5) days prior to the date for opening of bids, a complete application for qualification on form furnished by the Department.

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The attention of bidders is directed to the State Contractor's License Law requirement (NRS 624 as amended to date), that a contractor hold a valid license of a class corresponding to the work to be done. Requests for license may be directed to the Secretary of the State Contractor's Board, 2310 Corporate Circle #200, Henderson, Nevada 89074.

On Federal-aid projects Contractors, prequalified by the Nevada Department of Transportation, and subcontractors are not required to be licensed in advance of submitting a bid or having such bid considered. Both Contractors and subcontractors shall obtain a valid contractor's license, in accordance with the provisions of NRS Chapter 624, within 20 days after the contract has been awarded. Execution of the contract by the Contractor shall be deemed a certification that the licensing requirements have been met. Contractors and subcontractors are encouraged to submit applications for licensure to the Nevada State Contractor's Board in advance of contract advertisement.

The State of Nevada Department of Transportation will on its own initiative, take affirmative action, including the imposition of contract sanctions and the initiation of appropriate legal proceedings under any applicable State or Federal law to achieve equal employment opportunity on Federal-aid Highway Projects and will actively cooperate with the Federal Highway Administration in all investigations and enforcement actions undertaken by the Federal Highway Administration. In conjunction with the above statement, the Department of Transportation will not issue plans to an irresponsible bidder. Subsection (B) of the section 112 of Title 23 United States Code has been amended by adding at the end thereof, the following: "Contracts for the construction of each project shall be awarded only on the basis of the lowest responsive bid submitted by a bidder meeting established criteria of responsibility".

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