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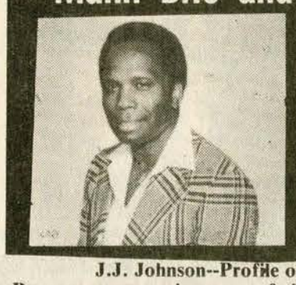


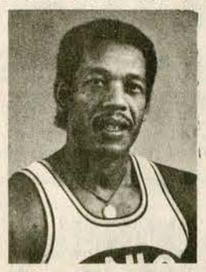
by Dave Mann

Sports Editor

J.J. Johnson--Profile of a Winner

By now everyone is aware of the Sonics progress in the 1982 playoff. How they got where the are today is a whole different story of Gus William's fast break or Downtown Freddie Brown's jumper, or for that matter, Jack Sikma's performance against Moses Malone in the Mini-Series, where he outplayed the soon to be most highly paid human being in the world. Offensively, Jack outscored MALONE 30-24 and held a 17-13 advantage in rebouding.

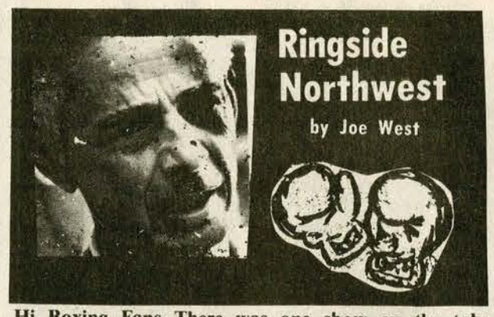
As far as I am concerned the Sonics continuation in the play-off are centered around one man, that being the once released, craggy veteran John Johnson. For 22 minutes in the first play-off game against Houston in the Colliseum the genius of coach Lenny Wilken was unveiled when he inserted rarily used J.J into the game in the second quarter. To appreciate J.J.'s contribution to a basketball game, don't look for the obvious things like a twenty-foot jumper or a slam dunk or for that matter, a rejection of an opponents shot. Rather, be aware of and look for the things that make the obvious possible. When watching J.J. play, think of the exploits of an offensive lineman in football. If all your attention is focused on the quarterback and the running back then you will miss the all important reason why the pass was so on target or why the running back broke thru the line of scrimmage and entered the secondary untouched. If Wilken hadn't inserted J.J.in the game when he did, in the very first game of the Mini-Series, then the Sonics wouldn't be here today getting ready for the second game against San Antonio. Basketball on a whole is a game of adjustments. And J.J. came into that game and changed the complete flow of tide for the Sonics. His overall generalship of the floor and ball handling enabled Fred Brown and Gus Williams to roam the court and cut behind picks where J.J. time and time again hit the open man for easy jumpers or lay-ins. His ability to play defense has always been his strong point, and to see him going against 6'10"Elvin Hayes down low and holding his own was a happening. J.J.'s input to his team-mates has always been positive. During the outrageous spectacle in Houston, in game two J.J. was overheard on National T.V. during a time out in the huddle, to say to his team-mates,"Come on you guys, we can win this thing, we're only 8 down." The never give up attitude has been a trade mark of J.J.'s during his 13 year N.B.A. career.



It is believed in this corner that if the Sonics continue to advance, the man who says that "Don't worry J.J. will always comeback" will indeed play more major roles in the Sonics quest for the 1981-82 Championship, as he did with the 1978-79 Championship team.

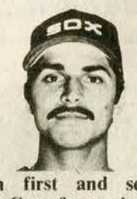
Ringside Northwest

by Joe West



Hi Boxing Fans--There was one show on the tube this week and it was a good one, the only thing wrong with it was that it showed how some of these young fighters are built up by T.V., but really are not ready for the fighter that they are put in with, that was the case last Saturday. Cornelius Boza-Edwards stopped unbeaten Johnny Verderosa in the third round, as I watched the fight I was wondering what fight the announcers were watching, my opinion of the fight was that Verderosa was never in it, if you could see how Boza was blocking the punches and at the same time beginning to measure his man for a counter punch then you could see who was going to win the fight. It was just a matter of time that Boza was going to do what he did, and that was to knock out Verderosa. The thing here was the fact that Verderosa was built up with stiffs and maybe a few wins over some old fighter that was past his prime, but the fighter that Verderosa proved to be was not enough to bother Boza, the thing that people should complain about was the announcer, he really tried to make you think Verderosa was actually winning the fight and that is where everything is wrong. If you noticed Gil Clancy after the first round could see what was going on, did not have much to say as the fight was in progress, that is the way it should be when you have a color man that can see it is going to be a mismatch has enough sense to keep his mouth shut.--Don't forget that Hagler and Hearns comes up in the next few weeks, it seems that Hagler really wants to be marvelous as he had his name changed from Marvin Nathaniel Hagler to Marvelous Marvin Hagler, this was done legally in the Plymouth, Mass. Probate Court, let me be the first to say hello to Mr. Marvelous Hagler.--That's about it for this week. Maybe a little more next time.--CI BON.

Mariners



1. A few weeks ago the Mariners were playing the California Angels in Anaheim and newly acquired shortstop Todd Cruz was scheduled to bat in the late innings with runners on first and second Manager Rene Lachmann pulled Cruz for a pinch-hitter. After the game the feisty shortstop held a closed door meeting with the M's manager, and pleaded not to be pulled in the future for a pinch-hitter. He swore to Lachmann that he was a hitter and could do as well as any man on his bench. Well, to this day the 6'0"--185 pounder has stuck to his bats. Todd Cruz just last week, won two ball games for the M's with late inning home runs and made a complete believer of manager Lachmann. The fourth place Mariners are on the road again this week, and Todd Cruz will be trying to improve on his 323 batting average and 6 R.B.I.'s.

SEAHAWKS

N.F.L. 1982 draft Selections

1. New England Patriots--Ken Sims, Defensive Lineman, Uni. of Texas.
2. Baltimore Colts--Johnny Cooks-L.B.--3. Cleveland Browns--Chip Banks, L.B., U.S.C.--4. Los Angeles Rams to Baltimore Colts--Art Schlichter, O.B. Ohio State--5. Chicago Bears--Jim McMann. 6. Seattle Seahawks-- Jeff Bryant, D.E. Clemson. 7. Minnesota Vikings--Darrin Nelson, R.B. Stanford. 8. Houston--Mike Munchak, Guard Penn State. 9. Atlanta Falcons-Gerald Riggs, R.B. Arizona State. 10. Oakland Raiders --Marcus Allen R.B., U.S.C. Heisman Trophy Award Winner.

C.A.Y.A.--A.A.U. Jr. Olympic Basketball

Teams Enter Greater Seattle Invitational Basketball Tourney!

C.A.Y.A.'s Jr. Olympic A.A.U. Basaketball Teams (5) will be participating in the tournament May 4, 5,,7,11,12, and 14 being held at the new Highpoint Community Center in West Seattle. C.A.Y.A.'s entries are two (2) teams in the 13 and under division, two teams in the 14 and 15 year old division, and one (1) team in the 18 and under division. Teams from Magnolia, Highpoint, Lourelhurst, marysville, Ballard, and Garfield are expected to put teams in one or more divisions. The following is a few of the players that will be representing C.A.Y.A.'s A.A.U. honefuls:

1. Kelly Jefferson
2. Michael Benning
3. Jason Jones
4. Jackie Willaims
5. Ron Angove
6. Garry Dorris
7. Chris Fogerson
8. Ron Myers
9. Greg Gill
10. Doug Legters
11. Craig Murray
12. Rasheed Brown
13. William Seay
14. Chris McGilmer
15. Tyler Petit
16. John Gary
17. Matthew Buckley
18. Craig Jordon
19. David Toll
20. Lester Henley

14 and 15 yr. olds

1. Shawn Glover
2. Len Fellez
3. Ron Uffens
4. Michael Rhem
5. Jeff Woods
6. Cedric Fields
Emmanuel Buckley
8. Phel Benton
9. Tony Harris
10. Vance Perkins
11. Fred Bousley
12. Eddie Yates
13. Jim Erbes
14. Steve Moore
15. Anthony Katsoras
16. William Short
17. Derrick Williams
18. steve Jones
19. Roger Brunswick
20. Michael Bailey
21. Gary Midleton
22. J.D. Taylor
23. Brian Bischoff
24. Van Beard

18 and Under

1. Craig Jackson
2. Ben Brooks
3. Dimetrius Carter
4. Nate Lewis
5. Ted Redwine
6. Henry Monroe
7. Kevin Bazemore
8. P.J. Daniels
9. Darnell Smith
10. Gary Gardner (maybe)

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C.A.Y.A. News

C.A.Y.A./Y.M.C.A. Co-Sponsor Swim Lessons

The Central Area Youth Association will begin a lifesaving course for fifteen year olds and older, May 3, at the East Madison YMCA from 7-10pm. You must be a good swimmer and may sign up at the East Madison YMCA or CAYA.

The course should prepare you for the City of Seattle lifeguard training course at Medgar Evers swim pool on May 23. There you can learn about opportunities for lifeguard summer jobs.

The course will be MWF, 1-10 p.m. for a total of 24 hours. A lifesaving certificate will be awarded upon completion. You may make your inquiries at the East Madison YMCA, 322-6969 or CAYA, 322-6640. The cost of the training is $25 and the instructor is Mark Jones.

Connie Mack and Colt Players Be Aware!

C.A.Y.A.'s Colt and Connie Mack teams are beginning to fill up their rosters with some of the areas best baseball talent. This years Colt program will feature two teams from C.A.Y.A. One team will be at Garfield, the other will be at Jefferson Park on Beacon Hill. Players that do not want to let that third strike catch them with their bat on their shoulder should call the C.A.Y.A. office at 322-6640, between 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.. Ask for Randy or just drop by after school and sign up. This years Connie Mack team promises to be one of the best ever, just like the pro's night games, the best available tournaments, and dynamite coaching staff.

NOTE: Confucious says: Players that did not turn their uniforms in last season will miss the fun this season, for that reason. So check out your closet and return your uniform and enjoy the summer of 1982 with the slugging crew.

Do You Like To Run?

C.A.Y.A.'S TRACK TREAM FORMING

Rocky Adams, Dennis Cook, Larry Moore, and Tony Tillis, C.A.Y.A.'s track coaches are accepting participantsfor the 1982 track season. There are plans for severalCompetitivemeets that are on the schedule this season. If you enjoy running and good coaches, then put this paper down and contact the C.A.Y.A. office immediately at: 322-6640. Besides being a top notch track club, our fees are the lowest. Run on by and check us out at 115 23rd Ave.

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C.A.Y.A.'S Baseball and Basketball

Teams Selling Almond Roca Candy

This release is to inform the community and public that C.A.Y.A.'s baseball and basketball teams will be knocking on your door or stopping you on the corner to ask for your help in supporting our growing programs. Your purchases will enable the C.A.Y.A take part in national tournaments, buy new uniforms and equipment, etc. In case you miss one of the participants, candy can be bought at the office. Please do not be confused by other agencies selling candy. We offer only Almond Roca, a bar is $1.00, package of three(3) pieces $1.00 and our cans are $3.00 each. Your support will be highly appreciated by the Youths and the Agency.

Greater Seattle Invitational Basketball Tourney Being Sponsored by High Point Community Center AND C.A.Y.A.!

The first annual Greater Seattle Invitational Basketball tournament will be May 4,5,7,11,12, and 14 at Highpoint's new facility located at 6920 S.W. Willow. This tournament is being given to help introduce the public and the West Seattle Community to this lovely new building. Teams and persons interested in joining in and showing off their stuff can contact Robert Williams at Highpoint (935-7130 between 2-7 pm) or Randy Redwine at C.A.Y.A.'s office (322-6640 between 11:00am - 6:00 p.m.). There will be a coaches meeting Friday, April 30, 1982 at 6:30 p.m. at Highpoint to cover rules that will be applied during the tournament. There will only be a limited number of teams allowed in the tourney, so hurry and make contact with one of the above persons and plan on attending the meeting this Friday.

SEATTLE SUPERSONICS

The end up their two game play-off series tonight (Wed.) with the San Antonio Spurs, before heading to Texas to resume the war for the next three games with the Spurs. In the Mini-series Gus Williams had a play-off career-high of 12 assists along with 20 points--Wally Walter in the same mini-series had a career play-off high of 14 points.

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Duplicate Bridge At The Y.M.C.A....

The Le Etta King Duplicate Bridge Club is a part of the AmericaN Bridge Association, Northwest Section and plays bridge every Thursday at the East Madison "Y" at 7:30 p.m. Last Thursday, a six table Howell was played; the winners were as follows: (Herb Jackson--Director)

1st Toddy Price--2. Thomas Wood--3. Bill Lee--
4. Jim Motin
--Johnny Walker
--Irene Wood
--Chuck Jones
--Dixie Brown

Saturday April 24th, THE EASTSID BRIDGE CLUB conducted a "C" Regional under direction of Jim Motin, at the Senior Citizens with 25½ tables in play. Results:

Afternoon Session--
Championship: 1st Orville Johnson-Leonard Evans
2nd Calvin Wallace-Lucy Haynes
3rd Bill Wade-Betty Hyde
4th Bobby Rose-Carver Smith
5th Juanita Johnson-Preston Duncan--New Players: 1st Irene Thomas-Wood 2nd Eunice Tillis-Karen Tillis
3rd Muriel Russell-Jean Farris.
Evening Session--Championship: 1st Herb Jackson-Connie Cooper 2nd Carver Smith-Bobbi Rose
3rd Betty Hyde-Bill Wade 4th Ted Bryant-Willie Simmons 5th Ed West-Blanche Whitney--New Players--
1st Leona Kidd-Myrtis Thompson 2nd Charles Smith-Rivian Smith 3rd June Motin-Muriel Russel

Every Club in the section is required to hold a sanctioned event each year and the Club Finesse of Seattle will hold its' event at the same location under direction of Jim Motin; ALL players are invited and welcome! Regular play will resume Thursday, April 29th, so, come out for a fine game among cordial bridge players. See you there!

Herb Jackson--Reporter.

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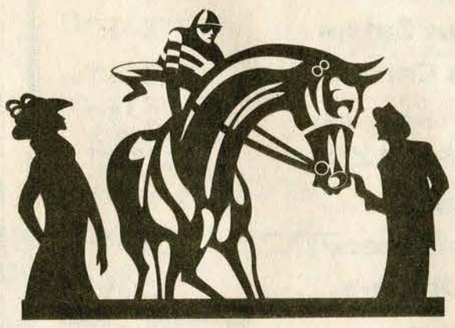

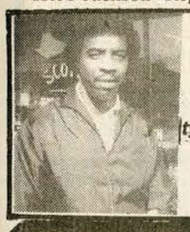

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