

MANN'S Bits and Pieces

by DAVE MANN

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With the curtain down on the 1981-82 Professional football season, the playoff teams are rejoicing and the losers are looking for new lead coaches -- Kansas City Chiefs after a dismal 3-6 record and no playoff berth cut loose its coach Marv Levy - The Seahawks are negotiating with a host of former professional coaches as well as untried college coaches to replace interim coach Mike McCormack - The number one candidate seems to be Arizona State's Coach Daryl Rogers - The Seahawks announced Late Monday evening during a press conference that McCormack had been elevated to Chief Executive of the Seahawks. He is now president and General Manager...

When you can't be number one, I guess number seven isn't all that bad - Huskies rooters are wondering why they finished below Arizona State and U.C.L.A. in the standings, when they flat out beat both teams during the regular season....

The Sonics are hurting - The Sonics are surely a team in transition. Whenever the starters on the team stall at the gate, the bench out-side of Fred Brown can't respond to the challenge. Big James Donaldson played perhaps his best game of the season last week-end in the humiliating loss to Los Angeles. The Lakers could have beaten the Sonics by 40 points if they were not in a merciful mood. The Phoenix Sun ran up an insurmountable 20 point lead in the first half against the Sonics before turning the game over to their subs and eventually winning by 17 points - Until Seattle bench begin to come to play every night and play as if they want to keep their jobs, then the Sonics fortunes on the court will diminish abruptly. Players like Phil Smith output in a reserve role is hardly noticeable - Greg Kelsor, Mark Radford and Danny Vranes are perhaps the worse foul shooters in basketball - Whatever chemistry the Sonics had during the first month of the season is gone, and until the bench becomes more productive, the Sonics Fortunes will be on a downhill coaster.

BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

by Barry Cooper



Q. Can you tell me if there have been any cases of homosexuals playing professional sports? Name withheld by request, New York City.

A. Yes, there have. I am not going to mention any names, because some of the players have gone straight, now. But a former member of the Los Angeles Dodgers came out to publicly say that he was gay during his playing days, and a member of the New York Giants even wrote a book on the subject. Those were the only two cases I can remember of pro athletes actually admitting that they were gay. Of course, there may have been many other players who were homosexuals and hit it from there teammates.

Q. I am thinking of launching a career in boxing. I would like to know how much money I will make from my first few fights? --Name withheld by request, Miami, Fla.

A. Not much. You didn't say if you had any amateur experience. If you haven't, it'll be difficult to break into the fight game. However, if you're persistent, hang around gyms and impress as manager, you may eventually get a start. Look to make about \$25 to \$100 a night fighting in four-round preliminary bouts at first. You must keep winning, however, or the purses will dwindle down to nothing. As you climb your way up, the purses will increase, too. A good journeyman fighter, like young Joe Louis, might get \$1,000 per bout plus an occasional shot at top-ranked fighter.

Q. Are UFLS teams still taking players?--Mike Henderson, Atlanta.

A. Yes, they are, and probably will continue to sign players until training camp opens in March.

Q. What's the minimum starting salary in the NBA?

A. \$30,000 a year, but most players, even first-year players, get much more than that. (Got a sports question? Just write "Ask Barry", P.O. Box 486, Tallahassee, Fla. 32302. Questions will be answered in this space).

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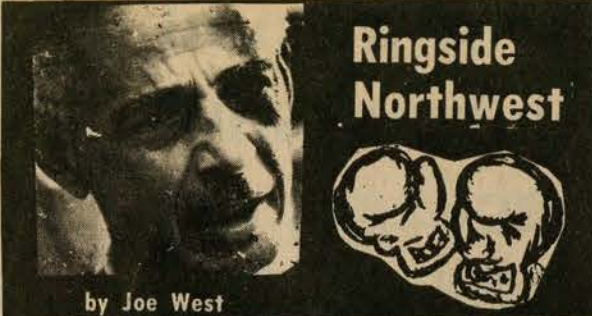
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Hi Boxing Fans -- Coming up next week is the first boxing show here in over a year. This is a funny thing to me as I think that Seattle is one of the best boxing towns on the coast. We have talent here and gobs of promoters or those who think they are promoters and yet we get one show a year. Sometimes not even that. There has to be someone here that will put on a show and come back with more every month. Maybe this group will do that.

One thing that I do know is that on paper, this show next week shapes up to be a good one. I hope that you fans come out and support Thad Spencer and Partners so they will come back. One other thing I know about this card is that you will see two very good lightweights in action. If Randy McNurlin and Greg Haugen the two young boxers I want you to see show good, then I'm almost sure we will see more fights here in the near future.

Don't forget, the Paramount Theatre, January 13th. Live boxing is back in Seattle.

The next good boxing you can see after the Paramount Theatre show will be the Seattle Golden Gloves. The date for this one is Feb. 19th at the Seattle Civic Arena. I do not have to tell you about these bouts as you know there is nothing but action from bell to bell. When the Golden Gloves boxers are in front of the crowd, this year there will be a little different style show. The boxers can let it all hang out as the Nationals were last month. This means the boxers that thought they should have gone to the Nationals will once again have a shot at the ones that did go. This year we did not do so good at the Nationals, and the young men that the officials passed over will want to show them that they are the ones that should have been sent. That my friends will make for good fights.

Don't forget the dates for both shows - January 13th for the professional show and February 19th for the Golden Gloves. I hope to see you at both of them. -- CIBON

Anti-Klan Network Announces National Campaign To End Racist Violence

Citing the list of nearly a thousand violent racist and anti-semitic acts--including death threats, destruction of property, assaults, shootings, whippings, bombings, and even murder, the National Anti-Klan Network has announced a major, national campaign to press for swift federal prosecution of Klansmen, Nazis and others committing such acts.

"We want to make 1983 a year known as the 'Beginning of the End to Racist Violence in America,'" said Rev. C.T. Vivian, chair of the Network. Today marks one hundred and twenty years since the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation and it seems that regard for black life in America still stands no higher than that of chattel."

The Network, now three years old, has launched the 1983 campaign in order to create public pressure on federal authorities to crack down on racially-motivated and anti-semitic violence. "Those who murdered the five in Greensboro, who shot John McCollum in Alabama, who shot the five in Chattanooga, who tried to assassinate Ms. Evelyn Lowery, those who poured gasoline on the interracial couple in St. Louis -- all these Klansmen, Nazis and other criminals are still out walking the streets," said Vivian who was a top aide to the late Dr. Martin Luther King.

Highly critical of the tiny number (less than 20) prosecutions taken by the U.S. Justice Department in contrast to the nearly 500 documented incidents of Klan violence and nearly 500 more of what they term "random racist violence", the Network hopes that its campaign will make stopping such violence a "to priority on the Nation's agenda."

The rationale for such a low prosecution rate by Justice Department officials, says the Network, is that they only claim jurisdiction in cases if the victim is actually engaged in what the Feds call a "specifically protected activity"--meaning voting, using a public facility, etc.

Klan opponents as well as noted Constitutional law experts contend that all racially-motivated and anti-semitic violence is aimed at depriving blacks, Jews and others -- as a whole -- of their Constitutional Rights. The NAKN complains that these highest law enforcement officials are themselves guilty of breaking the civil rights statutes.

"The Attorney General claims to have very limited jurisdiction in these cases of racist terror," said Vivian. "But we know the laws are on the books and if black people do not have a 'federally protected right to life' then every other civil right stands in grave jeopardy. The posture of the Federal government is tantamount to condoning Klan violence."

Husky News....

Husky Swimmers Air For 29th Consecutive Win Thursday Against Arizona

The University of Washington men's swim team faces its toughest test of the season Thursday (Jan. 6), as they put their 28-dual meet win streak on the line against the University of Arizona in Husky pool at 4:00 p.m.

Arizona was the last team to defeat the Huskies, beating them 59-44 in 1979 in Seattle. Arizona finished 19th at the NCAA Championships last year, and Husky coach Earl Ellis expects another strong battle from the Wildcats.

National Amateur Boxing Champs--



The Budweiser-sponsored USA-Amateur Boxing Federation national championship tournament held recently in Indianapolis, Ind., produced some new faces to the national amateur boxing title scene, and, of course, some old ones. The new champions with weight class listed in parenthesis are from left kneeling: Bryan Jones (106), Philadelphia, Pa.; Todd Hickman (112), Akron, Ohio; Melrick Taylor (119), Philadelphia, Pa.; Bernard Gray (125), Boynton Beach, Fla.; Clifford Gray (132), Boynton Beach, Fla.; and Henry Hughes (139), Cleveland, Ohio. From left

in top row are Ronnie Essett (147), Indianapolis, Ind.; Dennis Milton (156), Bronx, N.Y.; Michael Grogan (165), Atlanta, GA.; Sherman Griffin (178), Minneapolis, Minn.; Ricky Womack (Heavyweight), Detroit, Mich.; and Warren Thompson (Super Heavyweight), Baltimore, Md. Through its network of independent beer distributors, Budweiser is the sponsor of local, regional and national amateur boxing championships which will lead to the United States Olympic Boxing team to compete in the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles.



Leaping on the "bad guy" is a common feat for Don Holyfield, a material control expeditor at the Huntington Beach, Calif., office of Aminoil USA, Inc. That's because Holyfield's favorite hobby is staging the antics of a five-member professional stuntman team created by Robert Humphrey (standing), Holyfield's brother-in-law. Mixing martial arts and comedy in their performances, the Southern California stuntmen perform during their spare time in parades and stage shows. Aminoil is the nation's second largest independent petroleum exploration and production company, and is the energy subsidiary of R.J. Reynolds Industries, Inc.

"They are every bit as strong," Ellis said. "The rankings are not out yet, but with their personnel, I'm sure they are in the top 15 at least. They have outstanding people in every single event; they just don't have any weaknesses."

One interesting matchup will be in the 500-yard freestyle event, pitting Wildcat sophomore All-American George DiCarlo against Husky senior Sandy Blyth. DiCarlo earned All-American honors for his sixth-place finish in the 500-yard freestyle at last year's NCAA Championships, while Blyth took 13th place in the same event.

Blyth, the most valuable varsity swimmer the past two seasons, is currently listed among the world's top 25 at 400-meters following summer stints at the U.S. Sports Festival, the U.S. Senior Nationals and the World Games Trials.

"We had a lot of close races the last time we faced Arizona," Ellis said. "Our big goal is for our good people to stay with them from the block and race them head-to-head as best they can. We need to race with that kind of intensity, and not give up before we get into the water. We can't afford to be psyched out."

The Husky men and women were scheduled to compete in the Northwest Open in Tacoma Saturday and Sunday, but have dropped out of that meet. The first coed dual meet for the Huskies will be Jan. 14th against Oregon in Husky pool.

Huskies Host Montana State Thursday, Montana Saturday

Washington's women's basketball team entertains Montana State Thursday (Jan. 6) and Montana Saturday (Jan. 8) with hopes of evening its 3-5 win-loss record. Saturday's game will be played in Hec Edmundson Pavilion, while Thursday's game is scheduled for the women's regular home court, Hec Edmundson Pavilion Addition. Both games start at 7:30 p.m.

Husky head coach Sue Kruszewski expects Washington's second opponent, Montana, to be the strongest team of the two. "Montana is a very good team, a very efficient team with a lot of size. They run a very good motion offense, are well disciplined, strong and a physical team. Of the two teams, the tougher team is going to be Montana."

Montana is 8-2 on the season and Montana State is 4-4. MSU meets western Washington before its tilt with the Huskies and Montana plays two games when it hosts the annual Lady Griz Classic.

Language School to Offer New Classes

In response to the ever-growing demand for foreign language instruction in the Seattle area, THE LANGUAGE School of the American Cultural Exchange will be offering classes at a new location starting January. The newest site, the East Madison YMCA, will feature two unique offerings, Tagalog and Farsi, as well as French, Spanish, Russian, and Japanese.

This new location will not only offer appeal to those living in the immediate Capital Hill/Madison Park vicinity, but will have the added advantage of free parking located behind the building on 24th Avenue.

Classes are small, thus assuring individual attention and practice, and take place at various times of the day to suit all scheduling needs. Conversational skills are emphasized in a friendly, low-pressure atmosphere.

Classes will be held as usual at the Downtown YMCA beginning January 17 while classes at the East Madison YMCA and in Bellevue will begin on January 10. Registration for all three locations starts on December 13; early registration is advised to ensure a place in class.

For further information, contact THE LANGUAGE SCHOOL at 682-6985.

Winter Quarter Classes AT Lifetime Learning Center!

Lifetime Learning Center invites all adults over 50 to register for Winter Quarter classes the week of Jan. 11th, 202 John Street, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Over 30 classes are offered--languages, aerobics, American Politics, calligraphy, oilpainting, philosophy, etc.

Tuition is \$15 plus \$2.50 for each course taken. Classes meet Tues. through Thurs. A low-cost lunch and free lecture series are available Wednesdays from 12 to 2:00.

Call 283-5523 for information.

Celebrity Daredevils



You just have to see it to believe it when LeVar Burton does his thing on "Celebrity Daredevils." Burton, shown here with co-host Bert Convy, goes aloft hanging on a rope ladder underneath an airplane as he catapults into a burning wall of flame just several feet above the ground. One wrong move and bye, bye Burton. "Celebrity Daredevils" presents over 30 stars performing very dangerous, yet fascinating, acts of daring in a two-hour special that may be seen on Sunday, January 16, from 9-11 p.m. (ET) on the ABC-TV network.

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Latchkey is an exciting youth program, full of activities. In each one month session, the group leader is expected to plan activities in crafts, nature awareness, cookouts, dramas, story times, discussions for personal sharing or value clarification, games, activities, the kids choose, community service, music and dance, and field trips. Through all this it is hoped that two special things happen: that the children truly enjoy themselves; and that these experiences give kids valid reasons to feel good about themselves.

The staff are people who have their career around child development or are work study students at Seattle University. They are chosen for the job because they exemplify a sense of loving, wholesome maturity. Training for the staff includes clarification of the program's goals, the rules the staff has to live by, first aid, and leadership skills to deal with group dynamics.

Patricia Schwartz, Program Director, and her staff stress as their goal a desire to help the children learn to gain control over their own lives, to be responsive to the world around them, and to aid in the clarification of personal values. Patricia thinks that all the aspects of the program are important, but very high on her list is community service where the children learn to give of themselves. One outstanding example of this was that the children formed a caroling group to perform for their parents and for a senior center in the area. The senior citizens definitely got a charge from the kid's special rendition of Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer, whose shiny nose glowed like a light bulb and "who went down in history with Columbus, Washington, and The East Madison Latchkey Kids."

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