



Staff Sergeant Ray Russell of the United States Marines boxes for the USA Boxing Team against Kenya's champion during the 1972 Olympics at Munich, Germany.

Boxer plans for 76 games

When the next Olympic Games roll around, Marine Staff Sergeant Ray Russell will be 36 years old and doesn't expect to be in the boxing ring, trading punches with opponents from all over the world. But don't count on him not being there: Russell, an all-around athlete, is considering qualifying in the javelin throw.

"I am just hitting my stride," says the 32-year-old

black Marine. "Maybe I'll take up track. It isn't a man's chronological age, but rather the life force within him that determines his ability to achieve."

Staff Sergeant Russell was a rookie member of the team that went to Munich, but his 6 ft. 4 in., 178 pound frame had seen many bouts. His record in amateur fights over the past eleven years is 162 victories (100 knockouts)

and seven defeats.

By last year, he had almost completely given up the idea of going to the Olympics. But then he won the light-heavyweight championship in the Pan-American Games in Cali, Columbia.

"I was about to hang it up then," he says, "but people kept bugging me about the Olympics. So I went back into training. I am glad that I did."

African nations accept track invitation

All the forty-one countries in Africa to which invitations were sent have accepted to participate in the Second All-Africa Games in Lagos next January.

The Games are being held under the auspices of the Supreme Council for Sport in Africa whose regulations will also govern the games. The rules of the International Sports Federation whose sports are included on the programme of the Games will be observed.

Names of the participating countries are: - Algeria, Botswana, Burundi, Cameroon, Central Africa Republic, Dahomey, Ethiopia, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Peoples Republic of the Congo, Gambia, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, Tchad, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Egypt, Upper Volta, Zambia and Zaire.

At its special meeting held in Lagos last January, the Executive Committee of the Supreme Council for Sport in Africa decided that any twelve sports recognised by the In-

ternational Olympic Committee may be included in the programme for the All-Africa Games, provided that at least ten countries undertake to participate in the sport.

When entries closed early this month, the following twelve sports had qualified for inclusion in the programme: -

Athletics, Boxing, Football, Basketball (Men and Women), Volleyball (Men), Swimming (Men and women), Lawn Tennis, Cycling, Table Tennis, Handball and Judo.

To qualify for participation in the All Africa Games, a competitor must possess the nationality of an independent African country which he represents either by birth or legal naturalization (completed at least six months prior to the games) and also comply with the rules of "amateurism" as laid down by the International Olympics Committee and the International Federations.

Such Independent African country must be a regular member of the Supreme Council for Sport in Africa and its national Olympic committee must also be recognised by the International Olympic Committee.

Amerson leads Falcons offense

by Shannon Fears

The Oregon Episcopal Falcons are well renowned for a technically excellent style of play, making the most out of their relative lack of experience. To accomplish this excellence, Coach John Hicks has worked long and hard and has, among his better players, Greg Amerson at halfback.

Amerson, the "veteran" of the squad, is in his fourth year of varsity play. Unofficially Amerson is often called the team leader and this season he was one of the league's premiere ball handlers.

Among Amerson's eight goals this season are a pair of game-winners, proving that even though Coach Hicks moved him from center forward to halfback, he has not lost his scoring touch.

It has been a very successful four years for Amerson who graduates from OES this June. His kind of quiet but strong inspiration has prodded many of the team members to go on, even though the odds have sometimes been stacked against the Falcons.

He is one of the hardest workers on the team. The most stunning fact, however, is that Amerson feels more at home on the basketball courts, where he is one of Class A's finest players.



Greg Amerson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Amerson, has completed his last season as a football star at Oregon Episcopal School. Amerson will also play basketball for the Falcons this season.

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