



Sports Talk

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Sports Editor

Willie "The Cannon" Shannon made short work of the much travelled Charlie Polite Thursday night at Jantzen Beach Arena, with a stunning fourth-round knockout in a scheduled ten rounder.

Shannon, who now sports a lofty 16-0 record, 14 wins by knockout, has yet to be sternly tested. "His next fight could be against a well-known opponent," chirped Mike Morton, Shannon's manager.

Shannon pretty much had things to himself against the smaller, 215 pound, Polite. But if "The Cannon" is thinking of moving up to well-known fighters, as Morton has eluded to in the past, then Shannon and Morton must develop something more than a good left jab and dancing feet. Shannon lacks any resemblance of a powerful punch.

Morton has talked of meeting Ron Lyle, Jimmy Young or Scott LeDoux.

It is this writer's opinion that it would be a serious error on Morton's part to throw the inexperienced Shannon in against any of the aforementioned trio.

"I think it'll take about six or seven more fights before he fights for the world title," said a seemingly bemused Morton.

Shannon at best is a very good journeyman and not yet world class. It would be disastrous to think otherwise.

Ken Arlt, a local paunchy overweight, has challenged Morton and

Shannon for a future bout. It would be a good test for Shannon and could prove to be a very good fight.

Arlt, a crafty boxer-puncher, who doesn't care to get his body muscles toned, and constantly displays a good deal of midriff buldge, could possibly out point the Cannon.

From time to time we hear these horror stories connected to college recruiting. And we're more often than not appalled at these stories. But the following account of what happened in Louisiana just may be the shocker of shocks: Blue-chip running back Johnny Hector decided against playing football at Louisiana State University because anonymous people threatened to revoke his brothers' parole if he didn't sign with LSU.

Hector shocked LSU officials by signing a letter of intent to go to Texas A&M shortly after announcing he would go to LSU. His 27-year-old brother, William, was convicted of negligent homicide last year and received a three-year sentence at the medium security prison at Dequincy. He was paroled last February. Now that's quite a story, and if true, it's quite a sad tale.

Former Olympic boxer Clint Jackson, who compiled a 191-15 amateur record including some 140 knockouts is turning pro. The AAU stopped Jackson with a six-month suspension, which may have prompted his decision.

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The Portland Timbers lost a heartbreaker at the hands of the Division leading Vancouver Whitecaps last Saturday night at the Stadium. While the Timbers lead the whole game they lost it about 3 minutes into the first overtime period. The last Timber home game will be Sunday, August 12th against the Los Angeles Aztecs at the Stadium. Game time 8:00 p.m. (Photo: Keith Kvernvik)

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U.S. Black's stake in Rhodesia

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become a latter-day Selma.

Second, America's reliance upon African countries for raw materials, not necessarily confined to petroleum, will inevitably mean accommodating more of their political demands.

If you ask a reasonably well informed person which country is the most populous Black nation on earth he or she will quite likely know the answer: Nigeria.

But try asking which country has the second largest Black population in the world. Not many people will know that it is the United States.

These two geopolitical forces mean one thing: Black Clout. It exists and the United States must adjust to it. However, the question remains whether Young and Nigeria chose correctly in exercising that clout over the Rhodesia issue.

The Arab states gained few admirers in the United States when they exercised the oil weapon following the October War in the Middle East in 1973. Many Senators want to show the Nigerians that they cannot push the United States around.

Some observers believe that in identifying himself with the Nigerian threat, and seeing Rhodesia through the Mississippi prism, Young may have overstated the fact to his own detriment. They point to the fact that Muzorewa's government is multi-racial and substantially different from the white minority regime of Ian Smith. In Washington, moreover, the political battle lines on the sanctions do not follow classic liberal-conservative patterns. Civil

rights veteran Bayard Rustin and liberal ex-Congressman Allard K. Lowenstein—both pointing to what they see as a more dangerous communist alternative—have given qualified support to Muzorewa's government.

On the other hand, as the Greek-Turkish confrontation over Cyprus illustrated, a domestic constituency (such as the Greek lobby) can dramatically alter the direction of foreign policy.

As Jimmy Carter's standing in the polls continues to fall, he appears less inclined to make a move that would alienate Andy Young, who is his single strongest hold on the allegiance of Black voters.

As far as Andy Young is concerned, the Rhodesia struggle is the successor to the civil rights marches in the south.

In May, Young said as much. "This isn't about foreign policy at all," the Ambassador said in reference to the role Africa played in domestic American politics. "The folks that are pushing these amendments (favoring lifting sanctions) don't give a damn about Africa. They don't know a damn thing about Africa."

"What they do know is that one way to seriously disrupt the Democratic Party is to force a split in the Democratic Party on the Africa issue. With tensions already between a balanced budget and inflation and energy policy and all of these things, the final nail in the coffin would be an Africa policy that did not respect the sensitivities of the Black voters of this nation."

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