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**Sports Talk**

By Ron Sykes  
Sports Editor

**WHY SUGAR RAY LEONARD WILL BEAT TOMMY "HITMAN" HEARNS**

With James Allen, Portland dock worker, Sam Moore, local bartender, Dr. Harold Adams, a group of us took in a replay of the Leonard-Ayube Kalule fight. Leonard added the WBA Junior Middleweight crown to the WBC Welterweight title he already owns.

On the same night, Tommy Hearns scored a third round knockout of Pablo Baez, a native of the Dominican Republic, who fights out of Los Angeles and is the California "state" champ.

Hearns scored an unimpressive knockout over a man whose record now stands at 14-10, hardly impressive, while Leonard took on a champion in a higher division whose record stood at 36-0. Hearns fought a nobody. Leonard downed a true, tough champion. Kalule, the Ugandan now living in Denmark, was a strong fighter who could give anyone a tough fight.

Brad Pye, Jr., my counterpart who writes for the L.A. Sentinel says "Sugar Ray Leonard might as well mail in his retirement papers before he climbs into the ring on September 16th against Tommy Hearns at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas." Now, I've long respected this gentleman from LA for his knowledge and expertise in and about the sporting world. And I've tried somewhat to pattern my style from his, but here we part company. Tommy Hearns will not defeat Sugar Ray. Hearns is a great fighter, that's for sure, but the very things that make him outstanding among welterweights will be negated by Leonard. Hearns at 6ft. 1 inch, usually enjoys a tremendous advantage over your normal welterweight who usually stands between 5ft. 6 inches to 5ft 8 inches. Sugar Ray is also big for a welter at 5ft 10 inches. Hearns will have a height advantage on Leonard, but where it is usually 6 or 7 inches, against

Sugar Ray it will be only three. Comparing the opponents of each fighter, we see the advantage in Leonard's favor. Leonard has the experience of going the 15 round distance and believe you me that means something. Sugar Ray has also been in with the master boxers in a la Wilfred Benitez and Roberto Duran. Hearns hasn't fought anyone who even comes close to the aforementioned fighters. "The Hitman" was just devastating said Pye. Sure but inferior opposition will always make a superior fighter devastating. Leonard is super quick and will not be suckered by the Hearns left hook. And that too, will be an advantage for Leonard.

Hearns has a tendency to carry his left hand low. Sugar will exploit this weakness immediately. The so called "hit man" will be hit so many times by Leonard that he will be totally frustrated by the tenth round. I see Sugar Ray tantalizing Tommy in the same manner in which he disposed of Duran.

It will end sometime after the eleventh round with Leonard the winner. Hearns was my choice 8 months ago, but since then, Leonard's career has skyrocketed and that's because his people chose the tougher opponents, while Hearns people chose the lesser. Therefore, I will not seem to know for whom the bell tolls, I know it will toll for Tommy Hearns somewhere after round eleven.

Muhammad Ali was recently hospitalized in Chicago, but he held a press conference last Monday to announce he's still planning another comeback. Comeback to your wife and children Ali, but please not the ring.

And the first of the college preview mags are on the stands. The eastern writers still believe that the only people playing football in the PAC-10 sit under the palm trees and ride to work on crowded freeways. Oregon was picked to finish fourth in the PAC-10 by one magazine and fifth by another. UCLA, USC, and

Stanford were picked ahead of the Ducks. Well, seeing is believing and coach Rich Brooks will just have to make believers of the non-believers. A more realistic pick should have Oregon finishing either first or second in the PAC-10.

**SLAM DUNK CONTEST**  
Portland Observer Sports Editor, Ron Sykes will be sponsoring his first annual Slam Dunk Festival Wednesday, August 5, at Irving Park beginning at 7 p.m. The contest will be for boys 15-18. Prizes will be awarded to the winners. Sign up by calling the Observer's office at 283-2486.

**Eliot/Masons plan events**

The Eliot Neighborhood Development Association is sponsoring a Pot-luck luncheon on July 14th at the Masonic Temple (P.H.) 116 N.E. Russell Street. Thomas Vickers, Program Chairman states that all Senior Citizens who wish to

bring a dish are welcome to participate. The Senior Citizens of the Eliot Neighborhood who are unable to bring food are also welcome.

Mr. Vickers said that Commissioner Charles Jordan and other City and County officials, along with the Urban League; Masonic; O.E.S. officials will also be invited to participate with the luncheon beginning at 12 noon.

**Bring students**

(Continued from Page 1 Col 6) program should be immediately reversed, since that very involvement has led to low enrollment in Northeast high schools and given credence to the imputus for closure. It is like luring a person off his front porch with a friendly smile and, then, confiscating his property before he can return to the premises. If Black parents see the double standard and the careless attitude toward integration that has been shown by this "new board" as I think they do, there will begin now the process of reversing dramatically participation in the transfer program.

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