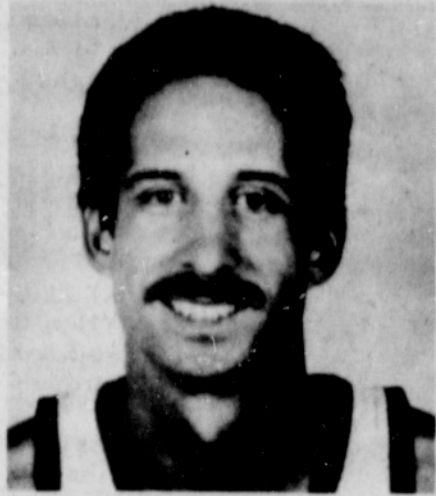
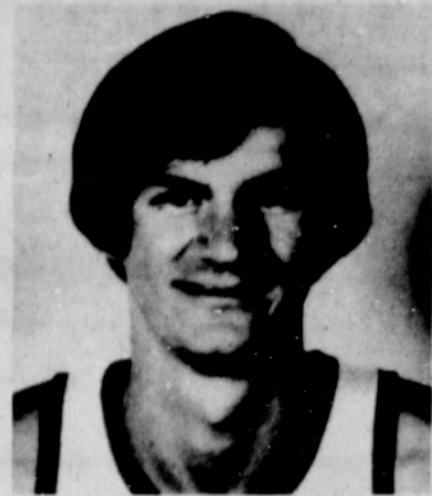


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Cuba, U.S. field joint boxing team

by Ron Sykes

It's been some 23 years, dating back to the dictatorial Juan Batista regime, since the United States and Cuba had any joint sports teams. But now, if you can believe it, it's about to happen again.

Six Cuban and six Americans won gold medals at the World Cup elimination round held in Shreveport, La., clinching their participation in the big event as members of the North and Central American zone's team. The World Cup tourney will be held in Montreal, Canada.

The roster for the World cup reads as follows: Europe, two teams; Asia, two teams; Africa, two teams; and South America, Oceania, North and Central America and Canada one team each.

Since Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic drew a blank in Shreveport the North and Central America Team will be comprised solely from the U.S. and Cuba. This

team should be very strong since both countries are super-strong in International boxing.

The elimination round was a rough test, simply because of the U.S. strength in the lower weight classes. Cuba was expected to dominate and experts picked the Castroites to win 8 of the 12 gold medals offered.

The U.S. will be represented by: Richard Savage (106 lbs.), James Mitchel (112 lbs.), Louis Howard (125 lbs.) Johnny Williams (135 lbs.), Carl Williams (Hvywt.) and Johnny Keys (Superheavy).

The Cubans will send their usual group of seasoned veterans: Hipolito Ramos (Flyweight), Olympic runner-up; Omar Santiesteban (112 lbs.); Adolfo Horta (Lightweight), Olympic runner-up and World champion in the 125 lb. class; Angel Herrera (Welterweight), two-time Olympic champion; and Jose Gomez (Middleweight), Olympic gold medal winner.

With all these ex-champions on the Cuban squad the U.S. boxers were superior to the Cubans. The U.S. continues to build a young team while the Cubans are content to rely on their older fighters. Word has it that Teofilio Stephenson, Cuba's three-time Olympic champ, is ready to defend his title in Los Angeles. When will Teofilio stop beating up on the youngsters of the world?

Hipolito Ramos (Cuba)	48 kg
Omar Santiesteban (Cuba)	51 kg
Richard Savage (U.S.)	54 kg
Adolfo Horta (Cuba)	57 kg
Agel Herrera (Cuba)	60 kg
James Mitchel (U.S.)	63 kg
Louis Howard (U.S.)	67 kg
Armando Martinez (Cuba)	71 kg
Jose Gomez (Cuba)	75 kg
Johnny Williams (U.S.)	81 kg
Carl Williams (U.S.)	91 kg
Johnny Keys (U.S.)	Over 91 kg
Alcides Sagarra (Cuba)	Main Trainer

Grambling senior joins team

by Gus Howard

Grambling State University 6-3 235 lb. senior middlelinebacker Andre Robinson, a native of Birmingham, Alabama, was recently named to the Kodak All-American NCAA 1-AA first team.

Robinson, who was earlier named as the SWAC Defensive-Player-of-the-Year, was the only SWAC player so honored on the prestigious Kodak All-American team. Also, he was one of 6 selected from a predominantly Black institution. The others are Anthony Reed and DeWayne Jackson of South Carolina State, Mike Jones and Malcolm Taylor of Tennessee State and Mike West of North Carolina A&T.

Robinson, a graduate of Parker High, was really elated about making the All-American team: "It's really a thrill. I really wasn't expecting to make it. It means that I'm the best linebacker in Division 1-AA. To think about it just makes me feel great."

Robinson also wasn't expecting to be named as the SWAC Defensive-

Player-of-the-Year: "To be named as the best in the SWAC is a great feeling. When you're voted as the best in the SWAC that means that you can compete with anybody anywhere. Some great defensive players have graduated from the SWAC, and I'm glad to be among that number."

Robinson credits the play of the 'Trees of Terror' for his success, the GSU front four: "Our defense was designed for me, or the middlelinebacker, to make most of the tackles. I was just fortunate to do my job." He has 128 total tackles in eight and one-half games before an ankle injury kept him out of the Tiger last two games, causing them to lose both and not make the playoffs.

Andre, the son of Mrs. Evelyn Bezille, is hoping that the recognition that comes with being an All-American helps him land a post-season berth in a play-off game and to also get drafted: "I'm hoping to get a chance to play in some post-season senior All Star game to upgrade my credentials among the pro scouts. All I need is a chance."

Head coach Eddie Robinson states this about Robinson: "I expected him to make the team. He's a good athlete and is very deserving of the award. I hope he gets a chance to play in some bowl game. He deserves it."

Canada first!

A Black quarterback has never started in the Super Bowl, but two Black quarterbacks were the heroes in Canada's Super Bowl—the Grey Cup classic.

Former University of Washington great Warren Moon led the Edmonton Eskimos to their fourth straight Grey Cup title by edging the Ottawa Roughriders, 26-23. Ottawa's quarterback was J.C. Watts of Oklahoma fame.


Moon was named MVP in the 1980 classic, but this time the honor went to Watts.

Davis honored


Grambling's president, Dr. Joseph B. Johnson, presented Grambling's Man of the Year award to Willie Davis, the former Tiger All-American, Green Bay Packers all-pro and recent NFL Hall of Fame inductee, in half-time ceremonies at the Bayou classic.

Remember Walt Hazzard, ex-UCLA and L.A. Laker great? Walt, who later changed his name to Abdul-Rahman, is now coaching at Compton College.






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