



# Sport Talk

by Ron Sykes  
Sports Editor

### September fight schedule

Friday at Las Vegas, Nev. — Aaron Pryor vs. Alexis Arguello, 15, WBA jr. welterweight title; Rocky Lockeridge vs. Cornelius Boza-Edwards, 10, jr. lightweight; Bobby Cyzy vs. Bert Lee, 10, middleweights.

Friday at New York — Matthew Saad-Muhammad vs. Euclides Valdez, 10, light heavyweights; Mark Medal vs. Mark Maniero, 10, jr. middleweights.

Saturday, Sept. 10 at Atlantic City, N.J. — Larry Holmes (champion) vs. Scott Frank, 12, WBC heavyweight title.

Sept. 13 at Atlantic City, N.J. — Alex Ramos vs. Murray Sutherland, 10, middleweights.

Sept. 14 at Inglewood, Ca. — Mike Weaver vs. Stan Ward, 12, heavyweights.

Sept. 15 at New York — Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini (champion) vs. Orlando Romero, 15, WBA lightweight title; Nino LaRocca vs. Jerry Cheatham, 10, welterweights; Charlie "White Lightning" Brown vs. Alfredo Escalera, 10, lightweights.

Sept. 17 at Las Vegas, Nev. — Robin Blake vs. Melvin Paul, 10, lightweights.

Sept. 17 at Atlantic City, N.J. — Dwight Braxton vs. John Davis, 10, light heavyweights; Robin Hines vs. Danny Paul, 10, welterweights.

Sept. 21 at San Jose, Ca. — Carlos DeLeone (champion) vs. Yaqui Lopez, 12, WBC cruiserweight title.

Sept. 23 at Phoenix — Moute Masters vs. Tony Fuliangi, 12, heavyweights.

Sept. 3 at Richfield, Oh. — Michael Dokes (champion) vs. Gerry Coetzer, 15, WBA heavyweight title; Tim Witherspoon vs. James Tilus, 12, NABF heavyweight title.

### Young killed in car accident

Claude "Buddy" Young, 51, died in an automobile crash last Saturday night. Young was a former all-American running back out of the University of Illinois. He later starred for the New York Yankee football team and was currently working in the NFL front office.

Young died when the rented car in which he was driving failed to negotiate a turn.

I remember hearing first about Young's gridiron efforts when I was a young kid in Illinois. Buddy Young's name was magic in those days, because he was the first Black player to star at the U of I. J.C. Caroline was to come on later, but in those days it was all Buddy Young. Buddy, at 5-5 and 165 pounds, was considered a little man but played with the speed and grace that made him a foot taller and 40 pounds heavier.

Claude "Buddy" Young was later

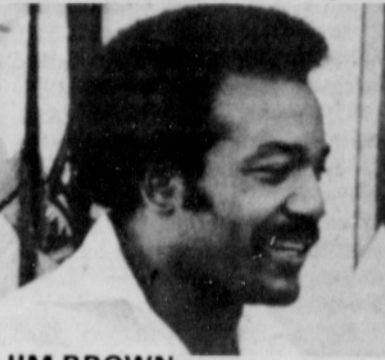
inducted into the football Hall of Fame.

### No Jim Brown/No Hall of Fame

And while we're on the subject, we received a letter from John Seawell who wants to know why we never mention the Hall of Fame in the *Observer*. Well, frankly, because it doesn't exist. Explanation: Anytime the selection committee can meet to induct the game's greatest players, and continue to ignore Jim Brown, then one would have to completely ignore the foundation.

Jim Brown is perhaps the finest running back the game has ever drawn.

Brown was the prototype of which all running backs should be made. The man stood 6-2, weighed



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235 pounds and could run like the wind, while hitting like a bull. Jim Brown was "the" running back and, for whatever reasons they choose to leave him out, I also choose to not recognize the foundation. Jim Brown played eight seasons and rushed for over 1,000 yards each of those years. And that was during the days when the schedule only consisted of 12 games. Today's players are still honored for a milestone, 1,000 yards, that stretches over 16 games.

The average running back lasts just 5 years in the NFL. Jim Brown is the only running back that never missed a game due to injuries. And that in itself is quite a record. So, until the foundation recognizes the greatest running back of all time... this writer will not recognize the foundation.

### Jeers to Oregon

Jeers are in order for the sad state of football as played at both the University of Oregon and Oregon State. The U of O was humiliated 21-15 by University of Pacific, a team that was 2-9 last year in the lowly PCAA.

Oregon State's fate was even worse as they were annihilated and embarrassed by Arizona, 50-6. OSU didn't score a touchdown until the Arizona Wildcats put their 4th team players on the field.

OSU was so disorganized that on two separate occasions they were penalized for having 14 players on defense. OSU was also caught in the wrong defensive alignment which

led to yet another Wildcat score.

These things just shouldn't happen to a major college team. It's time someone stopped to take a long look at the person responsible for all these faux pas.

Each week Coach Joe Avezzano speaks glowingly of his players. And after each loss he tells us what improvements must be made, yet week after week we're still seeing le meme chose.

After four years Avezzano is 2-30-1. With wins only against Fresno State (a miracle finish) and lowly Montana. They've lost 30 straight Pac-10 games and have made the Ducks' season by losing 4 straight to the U of O. How much longer can Dee Andros sit still.

The time is here for less talk and more action. Okay, if the OSU players are as good as Joe would have us believe... why, then, aren't they competitive?

### Motley called up

Outfielder Darryl Motley was called up from Evansville on Sept. 1, 1983 by the K.C. Royals where he had been on loan.

Motley has hit safely in his first four games, had one home run while batting a nifty .416. Darryl finished

his minor league season hitting .284 after a dismal start.

### Ron's NFL picks

Minnesota vs. San Francisco — The Viks are real strong defense and potent offense. The 49ers are struggling, but should take advantage of home field and win by two.

LA Raiders vs. Houston — With Ken Stabler sidelined by injury, young Dave Wilson took over the helm and almost caught GB. Raiders are too good. LA by 8.

Green Bay vs. Baltimore — Are these Colts for real? Green Bay is, for sure. Take GB by a field goal.

Dallas vs. St. Louis — Dallas pulled one out against the Redskins in second half. Should easily outdistance the lowly Cards. Dallas in a cakewalk.

Washington vs. Philadelphia — Redskins must regroup after letting Dallas off the hook. Philly is a good team. If Redskins aren't ready, then Philly will win. Close game. Pick 'em.

Jets vs. Seahawks — Jets could be the best team in NFL. Seahawks are improved, but not enough to challenge the likes of the Jets. Jets by 12.



## Forrest Jenkins on Newton's

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