



Sport Talk

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Sports Editor

The time of reckoning is here. On Thursday, November 10th, in a makeshift stadium at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas, Nevada, it will all end. That is the end of a dream for Roberto Duran. You see, Duran, for monetary reasons, has contracted to fight Marvelous Marvin Hagler for the middleweight championship of the world.

It doesn't matter that Duran is dreaming of becoming the first man to hold four titles in four different divisions. Because it's just that... A DREAM. Ray Arcel, Duran's long-time trainer and confidante says: "When Roberto is in shape and wants it badly enough, there's no man alive who can beat him." Arcel has obviously let his love and respect for Duran blind him to reality.

The real thing is that Marvin Hagler is too big, too fast, too tough and too good for Roberto.

"I'm in better shape for this fight than any in my life," cried Duran.

All the conditioning in the world cannot help Duran through this one. "I'm going to destroy this man," glared Hagler. "He's got this macho reputation and I'm going to take him apart." Those of you who have followed the fight game know that Duran, seemingly, has a personal vendetta to destroy his Black opponent.

First it was Portland's Ray Lampkin who fought twelve grueling rounds with the then-lightweight champion in his native Panama. It was a good fight that hot, humid day in the Canal Zone, and the fight was one that would do justice to both fighters, one that should have made them both proud. Yet when Ray lay helpless and hurt on the canvas, Roberto's only remark was, "If I get him in the ring again I'll kill him."



ROBERTO DURAN

Next it was Leonard whom he openly despised for no apparent reason. Then all the bad talk about Wilfred Benitez. Then he uttered his now infamous "No mas, no mas," rather than be further humiliated by Leonard. The point is that Roberto doesn't have the heart. He can dish it out but can't take it in return.

He quit against Sugar Ray, and was scorned in his native Panama.

No, he won't quit this time, not in the ring. But he'll be destroyed within. Marvin Hagler on November 10th will destroy the tarnished legions of Roberto Duran. You see, the thing that once made Roberto Duran, is now destroying him. And that is his intense desire to excel. Duran didn't just want to win, but to destroy. Now, it is he that is on the threshold of destruction. He

would rather quit than accept his punishment as he once dished it out. Hagler will do just that. And Duran will either quit or be annihilated. Marvin has promised as much.

Chicago Bear Coach Mike Ditra announced on Monday that Jim McMahon was his starting quarterback, and would be for the remainder of the season, barring injury. McMahon replaced veteran Vince Evans and what he did was erase the last and only starting Black quarterback in the NFL. What is this thing about QB that leads some to believe Blacks cannot function efficiently in. Black athletes have long been known for their agility, coordination, speed and strength. Aren't these the ingredients necessary to lead? Then what is it about this NFL thing that continually bars Blacks from this one position?

Intelligence? Are the NFL coaches and owners still, in 1983, trying to hide behind that old ploy? Why is it that the Canadian Football League is using Blacks at quarterback and are being so successful? Warren Moon, ex-U. of Washington great, is the no. 1 signal caller in the Canadian League. Thomas Lott, ex-Oklahoma great, is doing very well in Canada to name a few.

Sure, some will argue that the larger field in Canada is conducive to the running game. But that won't hold water. Throughout the years the few good Black quarterbacks coming out of college into the NFL were always drafted as wide-receivers or running backs. Do you think that it would help Turner Gill, Nebraska's All-American if he had 4.9 speed instead of 4.4? Perhaps our young Black quarterbacks should either refuse to be timed or not go all out. It's obvious that the NFL

only wants speed in the other positions. Haven't we all heard about the good speed of Joe Blow Live-man that makes him so good. And how the acceleration of John Receiver that puts him in a class by himself, or that quickness of Jim Runningback being so instrumental in his success. The question now is why not a quarterback?

Nebraska's Turner Gill, clearly the best in the nation, will probably not be taken until the second or third round in the upcoming draft. Don't be surprised to see Turner sign with the fledgling USFL.

While speaking of quarterbacks...

It must have been terribly frustrating to Washington State senior quarterback Ricky Turner to go through his benching. Turner is, was, and will be WSU's best quarterback this season, but was benched a few weeks ago by Jim Walden. Turner's benching was not because of his ability, which makes it even sadder, but because Coach Jim Walden succumbed to pressure put on by Spokane alums. Mark Rypien, a Spokane native, was one of the most highly recruited young prep players in the nation. The locals wanted Mark to start. Eventually Walden gave in. Turner was furious, and rightfully so. Only a broken collarbone suffered by Rypien kept WSU from having a disastrous season.

It's hard to believe that a coach would be willing to sacrifice a good season just to please some pressure group.

And can you imagine no one claiming Rod Carew in the baseball re-entry draft last Monday. Carew hit .359 this season, while Pete Rose hit .214. Rose has a higher salary than does Carew. Yet Rose can virtually pick his team. Wow!

PSU gives South Africa course

The Department of Black Studies at Portland State University is offering a course on Southern Africa. Beginning November 15th, and continuing Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:40 to 9:20 p.m., the workshop will explore the historical background of politics and current events in South Africa. The course is being coordinated by Professor Candice Goucher and Department Chair Darrell Millner.

The rise of Black power against the backdrop of legalized racial discrimination known as "apartheid" will be considered. The history of

divestment and foreign policy responses to apartheid will also be the topics covered in the four-week course. Of special interest will be the recent history of local attempts at divestiture of U.S. and, especially, Oregonian business interests and investments in South Africa. An extensive film program and series of speakers and lectures are planned as part of the workshop format. Enrollment in the course (offered for three hours of undergraduate credit) is still open. For further information, call 229-3472 (PSU Department of Black Studies).

District 18 chooses Carter

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candidate.

The count: Margaret Carter, 97 votes; Harold Williams, 76 votes; Luther Strong, 25 votes.

The District 18 Leadership Forum choose Carter. She said, "I'm very proud to be the winner of this ac-

cepted process. I will do everything in my power to represent the community in a way they feel they want to be represented."

The last question left by this process is whether the other two candidates would drop out of the race. Strong said he would. "I decided if I participated in this forum I should abide by the rules."



Jackie Williams and daughter, Margaret, 2 months, wait in expectation while votes are counted. Jackie's mother, Margaret Carter, was the favorite.

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