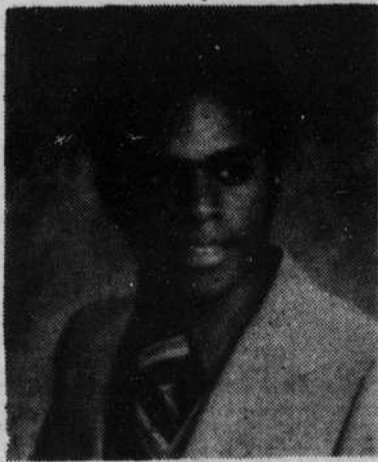


SPORTS

KEN'S COMMENTS



By Ken Wilson

Congratulations are in order to J.R. Richards of the Houston Astros who was called back up to the major leagues after fighting his way through the minor leagues. Richards suffered a near life-ending stroke some time ago.

Here we go again. Last year it was the baseball players who went out on strike for higher wages. This year it's the football players who are threatening a strike. Suppose the fans who never miss a home game of their favorite team would strike for lower-priced admission tickets. What would happen then, or, rather still, what would happen if the players played a football game and nobody came?

Harvey Hyde, the brand new head coach of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Rebels, foresees a hard football season ahead. He and the players seem to be working hard to form the kind of team that Las Vegas can be proud of.

High school football races this season should be rather tight. Two brothers, Dave (Valley High) and Chuck Gerbar (Gorman) will square off as head coaches of two of the most powerful high school football teams in the state.

Watch out for Rancho and Western. And don't forget Bonanza, El Dorado, and Chaparral teams. Any of these may cause our hair to stand on end as the race for the state championship begins.

Who will play in the World Series this year? At this point, it's anybody's guess. Milwaukee and Kansas City are presently on top in the American League, while St. Louis and Atlanta are up front in the National League.

It would not be wise to place a bet on any one team at this point.

Watch this column for a summary of the UNLV Rebels and Brigham Young University Cougars game played after this issue of the VOICE was completed. This game should be a doozy.

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Tropicana Offers Public Chance To Drive Race Cars

Las Vegas, Nev. — The Tropicana Hotel and Country Club will be offering in conjunction with the Malibu Grand Prix Association, the opportunity for race fans and Las Vegas residents to experience for themselves the thrills and challenges of driving a real (7/10ths scale) formula race car in saluting the Caesars Palace International Formula One race.

The Malibu Grand

Prix Association has 33 various locations, 32 of which are located in the U.S. and one in Australia (with others being built in Canada and Mexico).

Malibu Grand Prix racing offers all the hot-blooded excitement of motorsports competition without the danger, bringing 'the fantasy' within reach of tens of thousands of fans who would otherwise never get closer to a racing

OAKLAND RAIDERS MOVE TO LOS ANGELES

By Ken Wilson

The legal red tape has finally been overcome, and the Oakland Raiders have completed their move to Los Angeles.

The Raiders had to overcome resistance from the city fathers of Oakland, the Oakland fans, and from the Oakland press in addition to a legal battle to prevent the team from moving from its

long-time home.

The Raiders, now at home in Los Angeles, seem to be in very high spirits, and ready for the new football season.

The Los Angeles sports community, now with two football teams to its credit, seemed to have received the team with open arms.

The move, according to the owner of the Los An-

geles Raiders, was a result of a lack of sensitivity to the needs of the team by those in position to help the team, namely, the Oakland City Commission.

The owner expressed the opinion that there was no remorse toward the efforts of the Oakland fans, city fathers, etc., to keep the team in Oakland, but that he felt that the team

had a better chance in Los Angeles.

It may take some time for the former Oakland Raiders to gain the respect and rapport with the fans, and a following in a new setting. However, given time, the Raiders have always held their own.

Watch the Raiders for a good playing team and for a possible championship berth.

THE RUSSIANS ARE COMING, THE RUSSIANS ARE COMING — SO PLAY THE RED! INTELLIGENCE LEAKS SAY MOSCOW PLANS "SECRET" INVASION FOR CAESARS PALACE GRAND PRIX ON SEPTEMBER 25 IN LAS VEGAS

Moscow has their KGB, but Caesars Palace also has a highly efficient information network of its own. The famed Las Vegas hotel's intelligence system did its job well when it was learned a Moscow contingent would be in their city for a week beginning Sept. 20 to view the hotel-casino and the adjacent 2.2 mile racetrack which Caesars built for the second annual Caesars Palace Grand Prix (Formula One) Sept. 25.

It did not take a James Bond or a James the Greek to surmise that the

on-the-road Russkys would be eyeballing the big race with an eye toward staging one themselves in the foreseeable future.

As is the case with most superpowers, technology impresses the Russians. They are said to be most interested in the fact that the Caesars Palace track, a winding 14-turn, 2.2 miler, unlike any Grand Prix staged anywhere else in the world, affords a view of the entire race to its more than 40,000 spectators. There is nothing like it, but that is hardly enough to discourage the Russians. They may have

to build a hotel-casino to totally emulate the event, but who knows, Siberia may be just the place. Nobody has ever been turned down there in the pursuit of a casino license, so anything is possible.

As for the secrecy of the Russians' upcoming visit, Caesars Palace is understandably surprised. Harry Wald, President of Caesars Palace, says he and his staff would be delighted to show them around and let them in on any information they might require for a Grand Prix of their own.

Well, spies will be spies, if this is the case,

and it ceases to be any fun if you can ask a question and get an answer.

Actually, the Soviet Union is no stranger to Caesars Palace. The first time the U.S.S.R. Olympic boxing team ever set foot in the United States was for a series of exhibitions against their American counterparts held for three consecutive years in the early seventies, all staged at Caesars Palace. The event were noteworthy enough for all three to be televised by ABC on their award-winning "Wide World of Sports" network series.

DATSUN JOINS FRONTIER 500 FAMILY

Datsun has become a co-sponsor of the inaugural Frontier 500 off-road race from Las Vegas to Reno Oct. 13-18 and has also been named the official vehicle of the 500 and for

the remainder of the 1982 Coors Off-Road Series.

In addition to making a significant contribution to the drivers points fund for the Coors Series and be-

coming involved in several promotional projects for the exciting 500-mile race, including the giveaway of a new Datsun 4x4 King Cab pickup truck, Datsun has provided the racing organization with four specially-prepared Datsun trucks as well as a station wagon and a Datsun 280ZX sports car.

"The Frontier 500, sanctioned by the High Desert Racing Association, promises to be one of the toughest and most prestigious off-road events in the world," said Robert B. Kent, vice president/marketing services of Nissan U.S.A., distributor of Nissan and Datsun cars and trucks. "We feel our Datsun trucks

share these qualities, making our association a logical one."

Datsun joins the Frontier Hotel in Las Vegas, the Peppermill Inn and Casino in Reno and the Adolph Coors Company of Golden, Colo., as major sponsors of the Frontier 500 which will take off-road race drivers in a variety of single and two-seat buggies, sedans, two-wheel and four-wheel drive trucks, motorcycles and three-wheel all-terrain vehicles over a 530 mile desert route through Nevada.

"Datsun's involvement is bound to significantly improve the stature of the High Desert Racing Association," said HDRA President Walt Lott, the creator

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