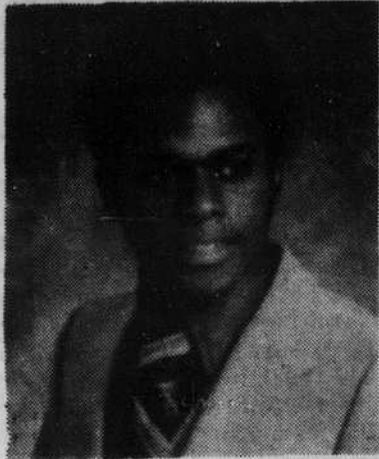


# SPORTS

## KEN'S COMMENTS



By Ken Wilson

On two separate instances in the boxing world this past week, two champions only wanted to protect what was rightfully theirs.

As a result of their desire to retain their crowns they had labored so hard to capture, the painful emotion of sadness was one of their rewards for their efforts.

Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini's defense of his World Boxing Association lightweight title ended in a tragic accident that sent Korean boxer Duk Koo Kim to the very edge of life itself with doctors offering no hope for a recovery. A day earlier, World Boxing Association junior welterweight champion Aaron Pryor defended his crown against Alexis Arguello only to be accused of using stimulants, thus tarnishing the victory.

Both title contests exhibited many of the same elements with each fight scheduled for 15 rounds, but ending early. Each fight had a champion who was willing to risk his title against a very worthy challenger. Round after round, each group of fighters went at it toe-to-toe with the advantage changing hands often until the champions finally succeeded after having tapped all of their inner resources.

In the final analysis, both fights (Mancini-Kim; Pryor-Arguello) were made up of the stuff that makes great title matchups and creates the excitement in the sport. Whether or not changes need to be made remains to be seen, but the final responsibility must remain with those involved.

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In the only real football game around town, Bishop Gorman will once again be trying to bring yet another state championship to Southern Nevada this weekend as the Gaels take on Wooster High School in the AAA title contest in Reno.

With luck on their side, the Gorman Gaels went through the regular season without a scratch, and then advanced in the playoffs before trouncing Chaparral 30-11 in the Southern AAA Zone championship game to earn the right to face the Colts at Mackey Stadium in Reno on Friday afternoon at 1:00 p.m.

Gorman's powerful offense led by senior quarterback Nick Butera has shown its talent and ability to stand up under pressure and will do so again.



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## "Macho" Camacho Meets Coverson At 'Boat Nov. 20

Next stop for Hector Camacho — that's fast, powerful and charismatic "Macho" Camacho — may be the world championship.

That is if the undefeated and world ranked native of Spanish Harlem comes through Saturday, Nov. 20, at the Showboat Hotel against another unbeaten and highly regarded junior lightweight, Greg Coverson.

The two will battle in a 12-round championship bout for Camacho's North American Boxing Federation title. But that's not the crown most important to "Macho." He's got his eyes on bigger and better things.

"I'm looking at Serrano (Sammy, the World Boxing Association junior lightweight champion)," says the 20-year-old

Camacho.

Jeff Levine, whose

says a Camacho-Serrano championship bout could

a hard individual to impress. "He showed me something, but not enough for me to say that he can beat me.

"I don't think anybody can beat me now, and that includes Serrano. Nobody can deal with my style, my quickness. My quickness, that's the key.

"Coverson's never been in with anyone like me. I'm going to crack him and make him miss. I'm going to give him lots of movement then I'll land punches in bunches. I'll sharpshoot him. He'll go in the middle rounds."

Camacho has been backing up that kind of talk since he turned pro in 1980. He is a rare and exciting talent, one that combines amazing hand speed with relentless pressure to wear down an opponent. Many veteran boxing observers swear his hands are swifter than those of Sugar Ray Leonard, a statement with which the brash Camacho doesn't disagree.

Out of the ring "Macho" is a real charmer along the lines of Leonard and Alexis Arguello. The personable Puerto Rican is as quick with a quip as he is with his fists.

The nationally televised (CBS) card starts at 12:30 p.m. Saturday. Doors to the Showboat Sports Pavilion open at noon. Tickets are priced at \$20 for ringside reserved and \$10 for general admission.

The matchmaker is Las Vegas veteran Mel Greb,



Round One Productions is promoting Saturday's fight along with the Showboat,

take place in January or February. But first Camacho must get past Coverson, no easy task. In fact, Coverson is Camacho's toughest test to date.

Camacho enters with a record of 18-0 with 10 knockouts and a world ranking of No. 3 in the World Boxing Council and No. 4 in the WBA. However, the 25-year-old Coverson, from Kalamazoo, Mich., has an even more impressive record of 30-0 with 18 knockouts. He's coming off a win on Oct. 10 in which he decisioned Davey Armstrong in the Olympian's hometown of Detroit, another difficult task.

"Coverson impressed me a little," says Camacho, a New York street kid and

The Gael defense has risen to the occasion all year when necessary with outstanding play from the defensive line, and a steady performance from the secondary without standout cornerback Greg Troutman leading the way.

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UNLV basketball coach Jerry Tarkanian showed off the 1982-1983 edition of the Runnin' Rebels in the first of two intrasquad games this Sunday and the conclusion left one with the unmistakable fact that the team will be dedicated to the running game this season.

With old faces like Sidney Green, Danny Tarkanian, and Larry Anderson back as a solid foundation, plus the addition of several fleet-footed transfers and incoming freshmen, a team has been created for a fast-paced type of offense.

New faces that will make an immediate impression include guards Jeff Collins, Eric Booker, and center Paul Brozovich (Board Specialist), while incoming freshmen Eldridge Hudson and Gary Graham will help to ignite the running attack.

Still, as always, with the unpredictability of college basketball, it remains to be seen just how well the UNLV hoopsters will do this season. Only time will tell.

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