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FULLMER WILL OUTLAST LAST OF THE GREAT BOXERS

Were Saturday night's title defense between Gene Fullmer and Sugar Ray Robinson held several years ago local ring fans would have seen a truly great master of the art. Sugar wasn't much "younger" than he is today but you've got to admit he looked every bit the colorful fighter in the first Fullmer fight.

On the day of the fight you'll probably hear that Robinson will once again wear the crown of middleweight champ. Loyal Sugar Ray fans are everywhere and right now they are strictly wishful thinking when they boast that Sugar will come up with a solid punch early and put Gene away. Fullmer proved repeatedly that he has the jaw and body to withstand the once powerful blows of the aging Robinson.

What is more prone in happening Saturday night is that the younger Fullmer will put a combination of rights, lefts, and head butts together about mid-way in the fight and the ref will probably stop the bout. In the event the mid-west battler and mauler doesn't corner Sugar in this fashion he'll, nevertheless outlast the last of the great, great boxers.

No Great Draw

We now have championship pro baseball and darn good football in Southern California, along with top rate basketball but why is it that top flight boxing matches are not made here? We are getting to see Sugar Ray late, very late in his career. The same goes for others that the local promoters get to match here. Most of the truly spectacular boxers are over the proverbial hill before they appear in Los Angeles. Stop a moment and reflect—except for fly and featherweights local boxing shows are minus a Floyd Patterson or Archie Moore. The latter a must since the also "aging" ole Arch comes from down San Diego way. Promoters from all parts of the country should realize that the Southern California populace would pay good dough to get a look at a top rated fighter in his prime.

What the Olympic Auditorium matchmakers are giving us Saturday in the way of a fight is no great reason for most of us to leave our living room TV or Saturday night dance session for. I doubt seriously that they'll have a packed house. Three years ago they would have held the match at the Coliseum where over 50,000 would have attended. Oh well, pretty soon maybe!

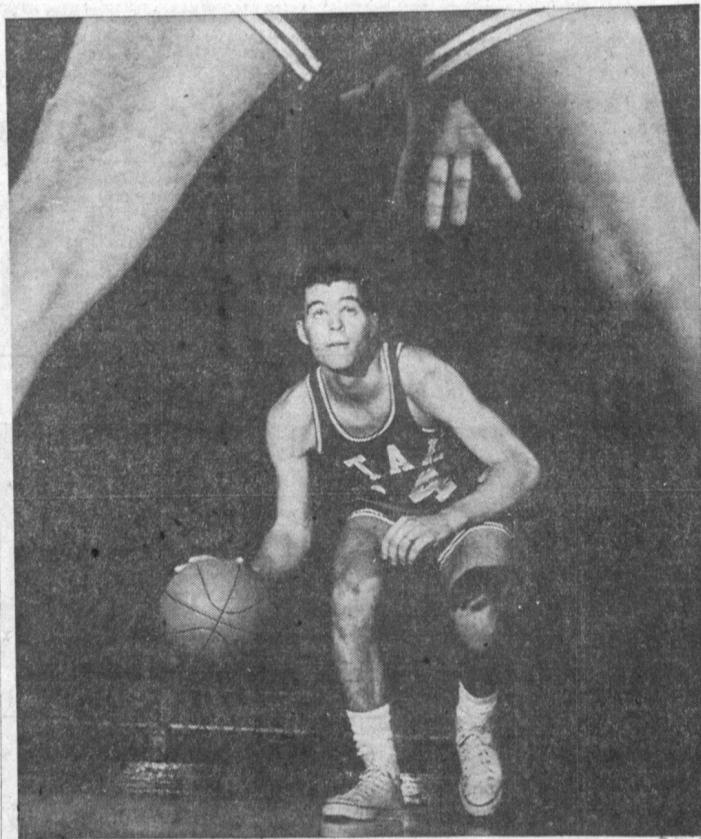
RAMS OVER FORTY-NINERS

Although the Forty-Niners upset the highly vaunted eleven from Baltimore last week, your reporter looks for the Rams to do the same to San Francisco at the Coliseum Sunday afternoon.

Watching Red Hickey's lads in action on television last week we took in, with interest, the "almost single wing" shift the 49'ers sprung on the stunned Colts. I'm sure members of the Rams and coaching staff were watching also and that practice sessions held by the Rams this week were mostly of a defensive nature to stop Hickey's "new" formation. The shift was something refreshing to watch and I'd imagine difficult to defend against, although the Colts did a pretty good job in getting to Brodie whenever the formation was used. It's greatest asset is its occasional use.

Wade and Ryan are in high gear and if the 49'er's stum the Rams with this offense I'm sure that the Rams will score more points.

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BACK IN TOWN—Rich Ruffel, first string forward on the University of Utah basketball team and 1957 graduate of Torrance High School will arrive back in this area today for the current Loyola-Utah hoop series in the

Sports Arena. Ruffel and his teammates will romp through the second session of tonight's double header. First session will feature the court talents of Pepperdine and the Seattle Chieftans.

Torrance Hoopster, Now With Utes, Returns for Loyola-Utah U. Tilt

Back in town this Thursday for the fifth renewal of the Utah-Loyola basketball series will be hometown Rich Ruffel, a first team forward for the Utes.

Ruffel, who graduated from Torrance High in 1958, will covet along with the rest of Utah's Rocky Mountain Conference champs, this Thursday in the second half of Sports Arena double bill.

Local Pepperdine College will take on the always-tough Chieftans of Seattle University in the preliminary tilt.

Ruffel played on the Torrance High squad which went to the SIF playoffs in 1958. He was the high scorer for that year in the Bay League, racking up a 19 point plus average per game, which earned the flossy forward berths on both the All-Bay

League first team and the All-CIF first team.

Playing on the Redskin starting five last year, Ruffel netted 273 points in 29 games for a 9.4 per game average, fourth highest on Utah's 26-3 record squad. Against Loyola's Lions a year ago, he sunk 16 points in sparking Utah's 88-81 triumph over the local squad.

Utah's squad also boasts such other standouts as tall (6-9) Billy "The Hill" McGill, former LA City Player of the Year, third team All-American; Jim Rhead, a 6-4 forward who is one of the outstanding board men in the Rocky Mountain Conference.

The Utah five should have its hands full with Loyola in spite of McGill, Ruffel, and Rhead. The Lions, co-champs of the West Coast Athletic Conference in '59, have all five starters back from last year's 19-8 record squad, including '59 WCAC Player of the Year, sharp shooting Jerry Grote.

SCHOOL INJURY

Al Buda, 15, student at South High School, suffered a fractured leg Monday while participating in a wrestling class in the school gym. He was taken to Riviera Hospital for treatment.

NO CEREMONY

General Zachary Taylor, the 12th President of the United States, was buried in the family vault near Louisville, Ky., without any funeral ceremony of any sort.

All-Star Pro Bowl Contenders Led By LoVetere

John LoVetere, massive tackle of the Los Angeles Rams, has boomed his way into contention for a position on the Western Conference's defensive platoon for the Eleventh Annual All-Star Pro Bowl game Jan. 15 at the Los Angeles Coliseum.

This is the annual charity classic that pits the greatest players of the NFL's Western Conference against the picked stars of the Eastern Conference, and has grown into one of America's premiere midwinter sports attractions. The West holds a 6-4 edge in the 10 games played.

The 280 pound LoVetere, whose speed and agility in smashing through to block punts belies his size, was nominated for the game for the second straight time following last Sunday's Ram 33-31 thriller over Green Bay. Several more standouts in Ram defensive play have been mentioned during the season as Pro Bowl candidates in unofficial balloting conducted weekly by the NFL office.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

"Keep Christmas in Your Driving" is the slogan for every driver as holiday season approaches, stated the National Safety Council.

Motorists that think of others and also themselves when behind the wheel will employ the Christmas spirit by giving the gift of life.

Giant Amalfitano Will Guest at Padre Club Meet

San Pedro's own national leaguer, Joe Amalfitano of the San Francisco Giants, will headline the Padre Club meeting set for this evening at 7:30 p.m. in the main study hall at Fermin Lasuen High School.

According to John Perini, program chairman, Amalfitano will talk baseball in general; give the highlights of his recent tour of Japan with the Giants; and illustrate his remarks with film clips of the great American sport as played in the Orient. Amalfitano, who has a fine record at third base, was a bonus player graduated from St. Anthony's High School.

In the short but important business session president Paul Sturdivant will outline plans for the annual Padre Club Christmas tree sale which is slated for December 10 to 24 on the Lasuen campus. John Maloney has been named chairman with Robert McCarthy and Nick Randazzo assisting. Sturdivant notes that trees in the widest variety of heights, types, colors and finishes have been ordered to insure a complete selection for home or institutional use. Advance orders may be placed with the committee or Padre Club members and personal selections made between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. at 2100 South Western beginning December 10.

Social hour chairman Henry Di Harce reminds members that guests will be welcomed at the December meeting.

LET'S GO

BOWLING

With Darlene Cope

The advanced Juniors have a rip roaring league every Saturday morning at 9:30. Danny Burnham, 16, who resides at 1749 1/2 Border in Torrance, has a 200 average for 24 games. Danny's high series is 930 and high game is 247. This is a handicap league, but since Danny's average is so high — he has no handicap.



Danny is a sophomore at Torrance High School. His main hobby is hunting rabbits and small game. As to future vocation, Danny hasn't decided yet, but with his high bowling average, someone should talk him into becoming a professional as one day he might become another Tim Albin. More on bowling abilities, Danny belongs to the Junior all Star Traveling League which bowls Thursday afternoons at 6 o'clock. He says his average is only 180 in this league, but who's complaining? This week, Gable's team, consisting of Danny, Barry Kaslick 181 average and Glen Sells 178, will challenge Tropicana Lanes at the Windsor Bowl. Let's get out and cheer on this fighting team.

Bowlers have only until the first of January to qualify in the Bowl-A-Round. Next time you bowlers visit Gable House, notice the T.V. set and Hi-Fi console on display. These are just two of the many prizes offered including the first prize of a 1961 compact car. Rules of the Bowl-A-Round are posted in the main lobby. The cost for this contest is \$2.75 which includes bowling. The total score will be based on 2/3 of 200 handicap, so everyone has an equal chance. Harold Duprie holds the lead thus far with 718. In order to qualify, bowlers will have to beat 631 which is presently held by Lawrence Sommers. So come over and test you luck and skill. Who knows you might be a lucky winner.

Only a few high scores noted this past week. George Handy of the Sunday morning Eye Openers League rolled 235-203-201-172 for an 811 scrch series. Ken Thomas of the Newberry League rolled a high game of 247.

Two special events will take place this week-end. One, Gable's new liquor store will have its grand opening Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m.-2 a.m. One has to see this beautifully decorated and stocked store to appreciate it. Mr. Belt said that he may have a little treat for the ladies. Second, the 50 year and over club will bowl in the Moonlight Bowl this Saturday at midnight. Don't miss these pleasant events.

Greetings to Gable's night desk girl Jan Painschab. She is the one with the pleasant voice which comes over the intercom whenever she can get Don Gurnick off.

Water Polo Team From El Camino Tons UCLA 6-4

Water polo men of El Segundo College ended their 1960 splash season Saturday with a stunning 6-3 victory over the Bruins at UCLA after finishing second in the Metropolitan Conference and fourth in Southern California.

In the last practice game and the finale for Coach Rudy Kroon's forces, El Camino easily defeated UCLA in a game played more for defensive factors rather than for offensive scoring.

Last week Kroon took his squad through three rounds of the Southern California finals. El Camino got the 22-6 nod over Pasadena in the first fray played at El Camino.

Third round competition pitted El Camino against Orange Coast College in the second meet the schools have staged this season. Orange Coast retaliated for an earlier pre-season loss by knocking El Camino out of a stout bid for second or third place with a crushing 20-10 upset.

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