

Eleven inducted into Sports Hall

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Winston-Salem Journal sportswriter.

Also inducted in 1983 were official Wilburn Clary, administrator Claude "Pop" Joyner and former athletes Graham, Michael Cowan, Carl Eller, Hildred "Spunky" Hill, Harold "Happy" Hairston and Drew Buie.

WXII-TV Sports Director Cameron Kent served as Daniel Bowen, Harrison Davis, Kenny Duckett, Conrad master of ceremonies for the event.

Another Big One

Boxing's legendary trainer Eddie Futch, right, with current IBF heavyweight champion Larry Holmes. Futch predicts a Holmes victory over South Africa's Gerri Coetzee June 8 at Caesar's Palace.

PEPSI PREP ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



THE Pepsi Cola Bottling Company of Winston-Salem salutes Hamp Kenan of Reynolds Senior High School: He's The Pepsi Prep Athlete of the Week. Kenan cracked a home run that gave the Demons a 6-5 victory over North Forsyth this week...and put the Reynolds baseball team in first place in the Central Piedmont Conference.

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An unassuming legend quietly plies his trade

By LYNNE E. FARRELL Special To The Chronicle

As the Larry Holmes- popular. Gerrie Coetzee press conference in Los Angeles wound down, an elderly gentleman clad neatly in a three-piece suit, white flecks in his charcoal hair. stood off to the side.

said. The gentleman just Athletic Association. smiled.

Eddie Futch is legendary. Holman Williams. I had His collaborations with fighters Don Jordan, Joe Frazier, Ken Norton -- and now Larry Holmes-- have yielded champion after champion, success after success.

revered trainers in the fight remembers. "But I knew

demeanor also keep him life."

well-loved men in the pro- took a non-paying coaching fession," says former position in 1939. Making Muhammad Ali trainer his way through the Angelo Dundee.

good fighters there," Futch aided 13 champions. In the world of boxing, recalled. "Joe Louis, always been on the top of my sport, basketball, but here I was low man on the totem pole, so I trained religiously."

Futch sparred with Louis frequently. "Joe liked to Futch is one of the most use me for speed." Futch

of perception and low-key managed to escape with my fighters I work with," inspiration. He talks con-

After winning several "He is one of the most local amateur titles, Futch amateur ranks as a coach Born in Mississippi, ly turned his sights to the Spotting him, a youth ex- Futch grew up in Detroit pro ranks. In 1958, he saw tended his hand. "It's nice and began his amateur box- Eddie Jordan -- one of his to meet a living legend," he ing career at the Detroit fighters -- win the world game is not for them." welterweight title. Since then, Futch's good judg-"There were a lot of ment and experience have

> Besides Holmes and Frazier, Futch has worked with Harold Johnson, know. Michael Spinks, Marvin Camel, Hedgemon Lewis, and Alexis Arguello.

Futch said, adding that he is fidence." just as proud of two amateurs he trained who did not become professional fighters. One is a dentist, the other a surgeon.

"I feel it's a trainer's job and trainer, Futch eventual- to encourage," Futch said. "But, sometimes, it's his job to discourage. I've told many amateurs that the pro

> "He's one of the greatest trainers of all time," says International Boxing Federation heavyweight champion Larry Holmes.

> And Holmes should

For the past three years, Antonio Gomez, Bobby Futch, 72, has been in-Chacon, Mando Ramos strumental in Holmes' continued success in the ring.

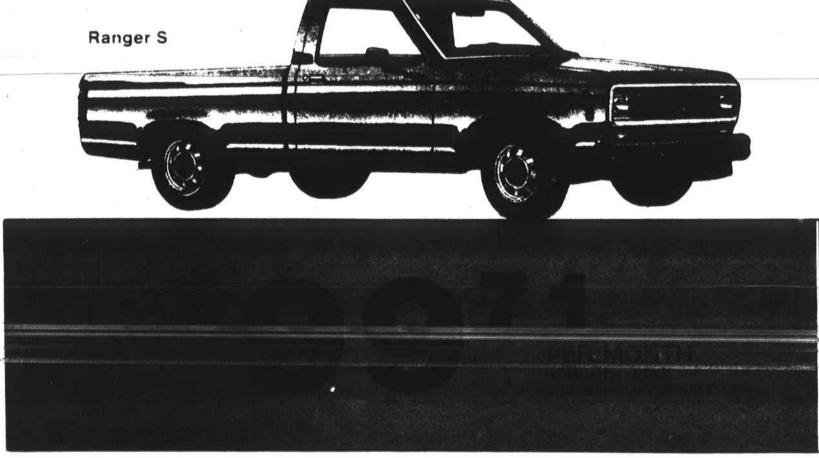
"He's added a lot to my "I usually become emo- corner since Day One," game today. A keen sense his moves. That's how I tionally involved with the Holmes says. "He instills

But mostly, Futch stays to himself. While always cooperative with reporters, he never seeks attention. Yet, he remains patient and enthusiastic in all he does.

When found on the outskirts of the Holmes-Coetzee press conference, Futch said he and Coetzee trainer Jackie McCoy go back a long way and have

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