



Black-On SPORTS

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Sports Editor

Well, after last Monday night's Pro Bowl game in Seattle the football season is finally over until August. But football is definitely not out of the news until then. Few people may realize it but what is about to happen in football unless an agreement of some type is reached may overshadow both the NBA-ABA merger and baseball's free agent chase. I'm talking about the proposed college draft. As of today no agreement between the owners and the players association had been reached that would permit a distribution of the college senior talent. The draft was recently outlawed and without it every college senior who has pro-football aspirations is a free agent. What will happen remains to be seen.

On the physical side of football the first freedom classic was played January 8 in Los Angeles California with the west taking a 12-9 victory. Despite low attendance and a lack of publicity the game was a success in that it gave black college football a chance to show off its best.

The best of the best in this writer's opinion turned out to be Jackson State quarterback Jeremiah Tillman, and Alcorn defensive tackle Larry Warren. Tillman definitely has the arm to be an NFL quarterback and he has excellent maneuverability. Warren, who was named the games outstanding defensive player was awesome. He was all over the field when he wasn't all over the opposing quarterback. He is

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In the meantime, dream about the possibility of going after the cold-water crappie. Crappie is one species whose activity is not affected too much by cold weather. They can be taken on your favorite lures, minnows, and cut bait. They are also the best pan fish available in our area. It is hard to tell whether crappies are nutty or have a never-ending appetite. Once located, they will take almost any type of bait. Even a white piece of paper or a cigarette filter.

Crappie will move from one brush pile or trashy bottom to another. If they stop taking your bait at a particular spot you will have to pick up their trail and follow. Move in the direction that you may feel

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they are traveling. After casting every ten feet for a distance of 75 or 100 feet along the chosen direction, reverse your direction if you fail to get a strike.

If this is your year to buy a boat, decide now whether it will be used for fishing or riding up and down the lake. There is hardly a half-way point between fishing and boating. Really, it should be one or the other. For fishing, one needs a highly maneuverable craft, one that can be placed where you want it with a dip of the oar or paddle.

A boat built for other water sports, pulling skiers and racing, are not adaptable for easing in and out of weed beds in fresh waters. Better shop around and get plenty of information before buying any type of craft. If you do not shop wisely you may find yourself buying boats year after year before you find one to suit your needs. If you consider yourself an ardent fisherman buy a fishing boat to begin with or you will miss out on some good fishing. Here is hoping 1977 season will be your best.

Dr. King's Birthday Should Be National Holiday

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for the march in support of the full employment bill."

Edward Morrison said, "I played an album I have that has some of Dr. King's

speeches on it then I turned on the T.V. to see if there might be a special program on about him. Its really ashame that no rallies or church services were

held here in his honor. I guess it just goes to show how quickly people forget."

Clara Monroe answered, "I went to church as I do every Saturday. I think thats what Dr. King would have wanted me to do. I only wish there had been more recognition of the day. It should be a holiday."

Benjamin Lewis replied, "I let my mind reflect back on all the great things he did in his lifetime. I also made a commitment to continue the struggle for equal rights. Next year I hope blacks here will do something to commemorate the day by holding a rally, a march or something. We need to stop asking whitey to declare the day a holiday and make it a holiday ourselves by observing it as such. No blacks should work on Dr. King's birthday. We could do that much in his memory.

Every person interviewed felt that Dr. King's birthday should be a national holiday and many were disappointed that more wasn't done to recognize the day.

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