Sugar Ray Leonard awaits toughest foe

Sugar Ray faces test

The carefully planned program of Sugar Ray Leonard reaches another milestone tonight (Friday) in Hartford, Conn.

For that is when and where the Palmer Park, Md., youngster may find answers to the questions how far and how soon his opponent, Vinnie De Barros, is recognized as the toughest of his professional foes to date.

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DeBarros, holder of the New England middleweight title, is rated a world class boxer and far superior to Leonard's first two professional rivals — Luis Vega and Willie Rodriguez — both of whom Sugar Ray defeated in Baltimore.

The 21 - year - old Waterbury, Conn., native never fought as an amateur and turned pro at 17. He has an 18-4 record and won the New England title by avenging an earlier defeat over titleholder Luis Davila of Hartford.

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Frank says black coalition on Tribe out to destroy him

CLEVELAND — Rico Carty, the designated hitter who last month criticized Cleveland Indians' manager Frank Robinson at a fan club luncheon, at which Carty was honored as last season's man of the year, has been fined and ordered back to Cleveland for publicly second - guessing Robinson.

The team tried to suspend Carty for three days Tuesday, but was unable to because he already was on the 15-day disabled list with a pulled hamstring muscle. He was with the team on its West Coast road trip to receive daily treatments from trainer Jim Warfield.

Robinson sent him home only minutes after the Tribe beat the Oakland A's 3-1 the previous night, a game in which he said Carty "was sitting there telling me how to manage by criticizing my moves."

"There was laughing, giggling, and kidding among Rico and other black ballplayers huddled at the end of the bench," said Robinson, major league baseball's first black manager whose job has been reported in jeopardy this year.

"It's becoming a black white thing. This has been going on for some time and I've tried to ignore it. But it is creating a bad attitude," the manager told newsmen.

Robinson did not amplify what he meant when he referred to "A black-white thing," but apparently he was alluding to the way Carty and some of the other black players with the Indians were polarizing on one side and the white players on another, thereby causing disunity.

"There is only one manager on this ball team, and I am the man. I won't let any player get away with something like that."

Before the game, he said, Carty had ignored him when he asked about his condition, and after the game, he refused to come into Robinson's office when told to, which triggered their explosion.

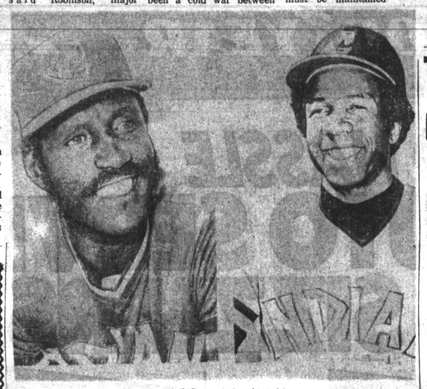
"At best this season it's been a cold war between us," Robinson reflected. "I have done the best that I can to get along with him short of kissing his rear. What he did on the bench, criticizing me in front of all the other players, that was it. I can't take that from anyone."

Shortly after the season began Carty attended a Wahoo Club fan luncheon to receive his "Man of the Year" award at which Robinson and the team's other brass were present.

In his thank-you speech, he criticized Robinson for a lack of leadership during a stretch in which the team was playing poorly and said he could not hit from the bench. He was hitting about .300 then and not playing regularly.

General manager Phil Seghi, who did not want to rehire Robinson at the end of last season and did so under the urging of president Alva "Ted" Bonda, indicated he would support Robinson in the matter.

"He will be fined", he said of Carty, "Discipline must be maintained."



Rico Carty (left) and Frank Robinson fined player accused of inspiring polarization

AW GEE, MISTER UMP! — That probably isn't an exact quote of Oriole outfielder Ken Singleton's reaction after the Bird star was called out on a play at home by umpire Lou DiMuro. That it may have been more severe is reflected in DiMuro's attitude of "Now, now, Kenny; down boy"

Charles Town begins trackside breakfast

"Breakfast At Trackside," which will be a weekly Saturday morning attraction at The Charles Town Races during the summer months, will begin tomorrow morning at 8.

The guest for the first week's program will be Jenny Lynn Hykes, the leading female rider in the country last year with 148 winners. Coffee and pastry will be furnished those in attendance and horses will be working out over the race track.

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THE COMBINED CHOIRS of Southern Baptist Church, a total of some 500 members, dressed in white and gold for the appearance at three services during the Mortgage Burning ceremonial day. The gigantic choir loft stretches the full width of the new $750,000 church and is the largest in Baltimore, known as the city of churches. Choir directors total five with four pianists and organists and some 20 soloists. Left on the platform with distinguished guests is the pastor, Dr. Nathaniel Higgs, who has headed the 1700 member congregation 10 years and led the group to full payment of the $750,000 mortgage in five years.

Over 5000 at mortgage burning rites for Southern Baptist $750,000 church

This historic event of the burning of the $750,000 mortgage in five years for the most imposing church in East Baltimore, Southern Baptist church at Chester and Lanvale Streets, extended through three services from 7:45 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The 12-hour rites were witnessed by a total of over 5,000 persons from all walks of life and included the 500-voice combined Southern Baptist choirs; some 1,200 seated at each service in the main auditorium, 350 in the lower rooms and over 250 in extra chairs both up and down stairs, and some 200 in the chapel.

The unprecedented occasion also saw the presence of Mayor William Donald Schaefer, over 100 ministers from other churches, elected officials and guests from surrounding states.

The pastor, Dr. Nathaniel Higgs, age 46, the youngest in the city, led the congregation to the conclusion of paying for the new church "from the ground up", in five years. Added to payment for the building also is payment for furnishings which brings the total to nearly $1 million.

Founded in 1931, Southern Baptist began building the new church in 1970, completed it in 1972 and finished full payment by 1977, 13 years ahead of schedule.

Along with many successful fund-raisings, some 900 of the 1700 members contributed each month to take care of mortgage payments and expenses.

To join praises of citizens taking part in the program, Mayor Schaefer termed the occasion "a great fete which takes three ceremonies to celebrate."

Beginning at 7:45 a.m., members, guests and friends flowed into the church from all sections of the city. With Mesdames Iolas J. Drake, Carrie Johnson and Betty Durham heading the program committee, the various services were so designed that music, prayers and sermons all gave thanks to God.

The Mortgage Burning Committee was headed by Trustee John Baxter, Deacon Lee Cheese, Mrs. Betty Craddock and Mesdames Mozella Smith and Vickie Williams.

Culminating the month-long celebrations is the Thursday, June 30, 7:30 p.m. banquet set for the downtown Hilton Hotel.

With Mrs. Elnora V White, chairman and the Rev. Dr. Higgs presiding, the dinner expects 2,000 seated guests.

Details of all services and the banquet program are in the 78-page souvenir program. Mrs. Elaine Green is chairman of the journalist committee.

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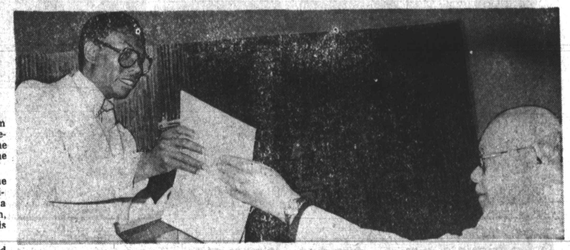

MORTGAGE-BURNING RITES held at Southern Baptist Church Sunday witnessed (Left) Dr. Nathaniel Higgs, pastor, handing the document to Trustee Cecil Hicks, treasurer, who officiated at the ceremonies.

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