

Chargers Stage Benefit Grid Game For Boys Club



SPEEDY CHARGER -- The San Diego Chargers' Leslie (Speedy) Duncan cuts loose on a spectacular punt return of 100 yards against the Kansas City Chiefs for an AFL record last year. Speedy, a 5-10, 175-pound cornerback, is a former Jackson (Miss.) State College star. He ranked No. 3 in punt returns with 434 yards and was the star of the 1968 AFL All-Star Game with a record kickoff return of 90 yards and two interceptions. He works for the Chargers in public relations during the off-season.

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Rookies of the San Diego Chargers, American Football League, will tangle with rookies of the New Orleans Saints, National Football League Saturday night, July 13, at San Diego's Balboa Stadium in a Benefit pro-football game proceeds of which will be used to refurbish the William J. Oakes Boys Club of Logan Heights, a predominantly black community in San Diego.

Built in 1941, the Walter J. Oakes Boys Club, located at 2930 Marcy Ave. in San Diego, annually serves more than 1500 boys. More than 18,000 boys have been members of this club over the past 27 years.

The idea for the benefit game came from Sid Gillman, Chargers manager-head coach, who recognized and responded to a community need.

Responsible for the excellent promotional job being done on this unique sports event are Fred Hayes, Director of the Boys Club who is also sports editor and columnist for the San Diego VOICE; Lisle Shoemaker, Boys Club board member; Jerry Wynn and Walter Hoyer of the Chargers public relations staff.

Game Awards will be made to the outstanding offensive and defensive player of each team.



WALTER HOYE, former Detroit newspaperman appointed to the public relations staff of the San Diego Chargers in April of this year, was a recent visitor to Las Vegas drum beating for the July 13 Benefit pro-football game between the San Diego Chargers' and New Orleans Saints' rookies...Hoye was editor of the Michigan Chronicle in Detroit for four years and has been associated with sports and public relations for 13 years...His experience includes nine years as sports editor of the Detroit Tribune, magazine writing, radio broadcasting and television as an aide to Curt Gowdy on the Baseball Game of the Week show from Detroit.

Hoye, 37, is a member of the Football Writers Assn. of America, U.S. Basketball Writers Assn., Detroit Press Club, Detroit Sports Broadcasters, Helms Athletic Foundation, and Football Forecasters Assn. of America.

A native of Detroit, Hoye attended Wayne State University there where he studied engineering. His wife, Vi, is a former Detroit City tennis champion. They have two children, Walter II, age 11, and Jo-Ann Marie, 10.

The Sports Parade

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PITTS SIGNS

GREEN BAY, Wis. - (NPI)--Scatback Elijah Pitts, a seven-year Green Bay Packers veteran, last week signed his 1968 National Football League contract with the world champions. The signing was announced by General Manager Vince Lombardi, who did not say whether Pitts was given a boost in salary. Pitts was one of the Packers leading stars last season.

LEARNS IN VICTORY

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa - (NPI)--Welterweight champion Curtis Cokes of Dallas, Texas, learned almost as much of a lesson in defeating South Africa's Joe Ngidi last week, as his victim did in suffering the fourth-round technical knockout at the hands of the American in their nontitle bout. Cokes, a Negro, got a taste of South Africa's strict, government-sanctioned racial segregation, as his white manager, Dougie Lord, was prevented from sitting in his corner during the bout.

KING GRANTS

NEW YORK - (NPI)--The New York Yankees Foundation last week announced the establishment of an annual human relations scholarship in memory of the late civil rights leader, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The award will be made each spring to a high school senior demonstrating outstanding leadership and academic achievement.

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