

Hearns To Defend WBC Middleweight Championship Against Barkley Monday, June 6

Thomas "Hit Man" Hearns, the only man to win world championships in four weight divisions, defends his World Boxing Council middleweight title against hard-hitting Iran "The Blade" Barkley Monday, June 6, at the Las Vegas Hilton.

The title bout will be the 17th world championship fight hosted by the Las Vegas Hilton since December, 1985, more than at any site in the world during this 30-month period.

The championship card, promoted by the Las Vegas Hilton in association with Bob Arum's Top Rank Inc., will be held inside the 9,400-seat Hilton Center.

This 12-round championship main event matches Hearns, one of the three most dynamic and important fighters in the world today, against Barkley, who moved to the forefront among middleweight contenders by stopping Michael Olajide in the fifth round earlier this month.

"We're delighted to have Thomas Hearns back at the Las Vegas Hilton, site of his history-making triumph last year," says John T. Fitzgerald, president of the Las Vegas Hilton.

"The resurgence of Iran Barkley adds emphasis to the fact that the middleweight division is, probably, the most exciting and competitive class in the sport today.

"The winner of this bout can expect only top-notch challengers, for the middleweight division is loaded with a combination of rapidly improving youngsters and talented veterans not found in any other class."

Hearns became a major force in the middleweight division when he halted Juan Domingo Roldan in the fourth round last October at the Las Vegas Hilton. The win gave Hearns his record fourth world championship, the WBC middleweight title, to go with his World Boxing Association welterweight, WBC and WBA

Mike Morrill Announced As New Risk Manager At The Imperial Palace

Imperial Palace Hotel & Casino General Manager E. Edward Crispell is pleased to announce the appointment of Mike Morrill to the position of Risk Manager at the resort hotel.

In joining the Imperial Palace, Morrill, 37, brings with him an extensive background in insurance. Previous to the Imperial Palace, Morrill worked as an independent insurance adjuster for the past 10 years. He was most recently with Consolated Insurance Adjusters of Las Vegas.

"Mike has a lot of expertise in the field and he is an added arm to our management team," Crispell said. "Since the Imperial Palace is a growing hotel, we are greatly concerned with our customer relations regarding insurance. Mike provides us with the experience we need."

Morrill is originally from Sac City, Iowa and graduated from Iowa State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Administration.

Morrill is married and has one child. In his spare time, he enjoys boating on Lake Mead.

Classy Prestidigitator Featured In 'Hot Lips' At The Paddlewheel Hotel & Casino



Valentino, who is featured along with his incredible magic in Norbert Aleman's "Hot Lips" in the Delta Queen Showroom of the Paddlewheel Hotel & Casino, is one of the classiest prestidigitators to come along in the last five years. Any show in which Valentino is appearing is worth the price of the ticket just to see this suave young man cast his magical spell over the audience. His performance is sophisticated, elegant and every move is perfectly enhanced by music, giving the show a flow that is perfectly timed and tuned.

The magic of Valentino includes many standard feats of magic, however, his presentation is so superb that each trick takes on the quality of being seen for the very first time.

Valentino can be seen in "Hot Lips" nightly except Wednesdays at 9 p.m. & 11 p.m. No reservations are necessary and tickets can be purchased at the Casino Cashier's Cage.

Also performing in the Delta Queen Showroom is "The Heat is On" starring "The Male Express" at 7:30 each evening except Wednesday.

154-pound and WBC light heavyweight crowns.

Hearns, from Detroit, has a record of 45-2 with 38 knockouts and is making his first defense of the WBC middleweight championship.

Hearns won the WBC light heavyweight title March 7, 1987, his only other outing last year, by stopping Dennis Andries in the 10th round.

Hearns won the WBC super welterweight crown Dec. 3, 1982, with a decision over three-time world champion Wilfred Benitez. Hearns added the WBA junior middleweight title June 15, 1984, when he halted another three-time world champion, Roberto Duran, in the second round. In all he defended successfully his 154-pound crown three times.

Hearns won the WBA welterweight championship Aug. 2, 1980, by stopping Jose Pipino Cuevas in the second round and defended successfully three times.

Barkley, from New York, has a record of 23-4 with 15 knockouts and was ranked No. 78 by both the WBA and WBC prior to his devastating win over Olajide March 6 in New York.

This will be Barkley's second attempt at a middleweight world championship. On Oct. 23, 1987, he lost a 15-round decision to current WBA middleweight champion Sumbu Kalambay.

The championship card will be televised live on closed-circuit and pay-per-view.

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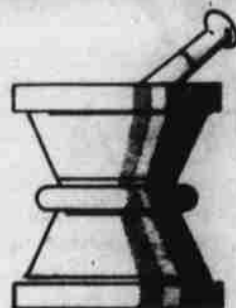
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