

Getting Athletic Scholarships Tough

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For those high school athletes who impressed a college or a major university enough so that they invested a scholarship in you, don't take the opportunity for granted.

Scholarship can save you or your parents on an average of from \$8,000 to \$10,000 per 4 years. With inflation like it is and with

the going competition, a scholarship is a golden opportunity.

For any high school athlete it is probably your first major business transaction. The school is providing an education in

return for the service rendered the school by you (your athletic ability). It is a very cut and dried agreement, with provisions set up in case you don't "cut the mustard."

First of all, in most colleges and universities you must maintain a "C" average to remain eligible for athletic participation. If you don't maintain the "C" average, in short, you have denied yourself

a golden opportunity that just doesn't happen everyday. There are student-athletes who are smart and WILL protect their interests by maintaining the requirement. (See Athletic, page 18)

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'Aladdin Fight Night' Moves Toward National Prominence

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"Marvelous" Marvin Hagler, 27, had his hands full Saturday afternoon at Caesars Palace when he faced a real tough Mexican warrior Marcos Geraldo, No. 5 middleweight contender.

While Hagler is the No. 1 contender, he looked far from being ready to take on the winner of the upcoming bout between the undisputed middleweight champ England's Alan Minter and the former middleweight champion Vito Antuofermo. Hagler won by unanimous decision.

Geraldo had too much height and arm reach to prevent any knockout possibility. Hagler, however was able to land most of the effective punches. He was able to throw the crisper, cleaner punches and was the stronger hitter.

Prior to the fight, Hagler said that he needed the 10-round fight and hoped that it would go all the way in preparation for a possible future championship bout. "I needed the work getting ready for either Minter or Antuofermo," he said. "Like I said earlier, I would like to bring a fight back here with Vito Antuofermo where we had that draw. I'm glad I won here in Vegas because I wanted to show the fans that I am a good fighter and that I did win that

fight."

"This fight was more on the mind of really trying to look good and impressing the people here in Las Vegas. You see all these stars out here; I wanted to be the star today," he continued.

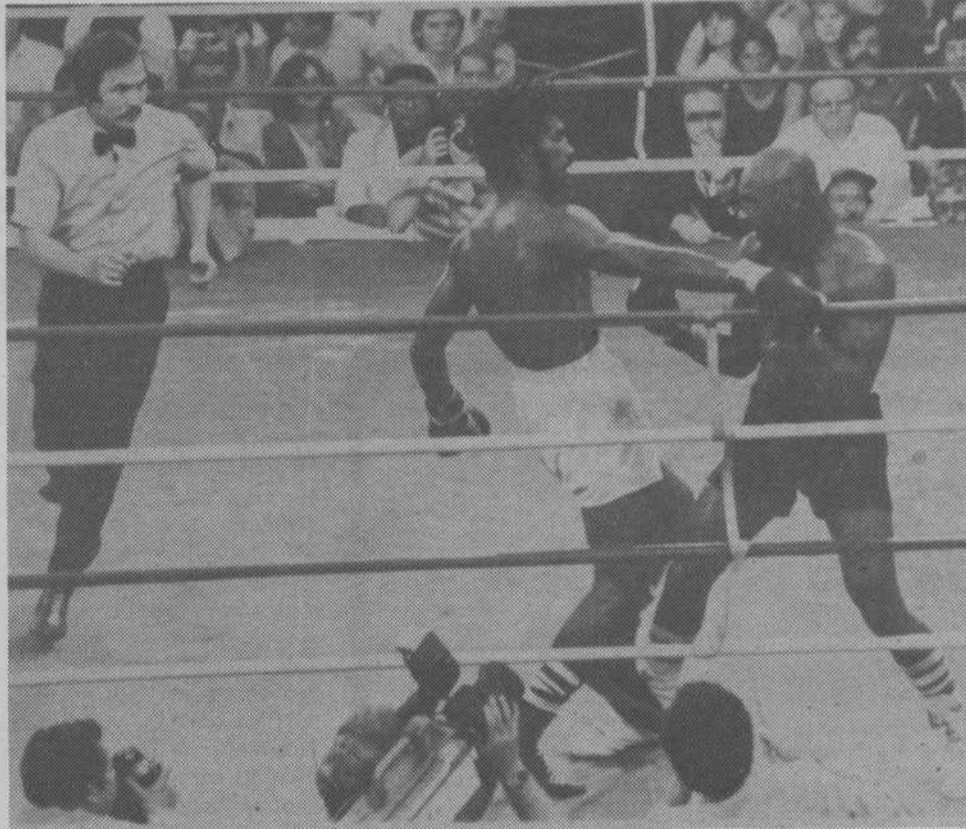
He said that Geraldo stood up under some good shots — he took some good shots.

Hagler, 49-2-2, looked very tired in the closing rounds, particularly the tenth round. Hagler recounted, "I was a little tired but I couldn't quit. I had to keep the pressure on him. That's the true test of a champion."

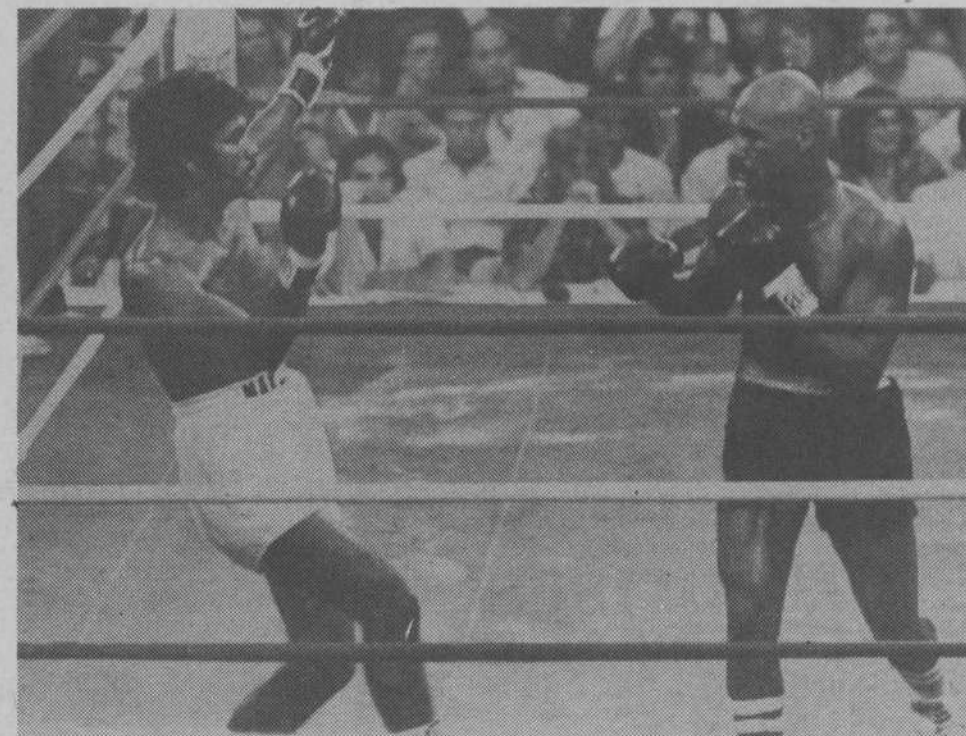
Promoter Bob Arum, head of Top Rank, Inc., said during the post-fight press conference that the winner of the Minter-Antuofermo fight would take on Hagler possibly in September. That location has not been set but it was Arum's hope that such could be arranged at Caesars Palace.

Hagler's purse was \$90,000 while Geraldo, 45-24, picked up \$25,000.

In preliminary bouts, middleweight Las Vegas Rocky Mosley, Jr. won via an easy unanimous decision over King Meadows while Las Vegas heavyweight Jesse "Big Red" Prieto won a six-round unanimous decision over Roger Braxton of Los Angeles.



GIRALDO HOLDS ONTO ROPE



COUNTERPUNCH SENDS Foe REELING

Tony Trudnich's "Aladdin Fight Night" boxing card takes a giant step toward national prominence Tuesday, June 3, when the three 12-round title and title-elimination bouts will be televised around the United States.

Telecasting the 36-round card throughout the country will be SPORTSCHANNEL of New York.

The "Aladdin Fight Night" card will be SPORTSCHANNEL's first event outside of the New York City metropolitan area. SPORTSCHANNEL currently televises New York Yankee games with veteran Mel Allen doing the play by play, the New York Mets and tennis and did the New Jersey Nets of the National Basketball Association and the New York Islanders of the National Hockey League.

"I'm delighted to be working with an energetic and growing organization like SPORTSCHANNEL," said Trudnich, "Aladdin Fight Night" promoter and president of Las Vegas Sports Promotions. "This association means bigger and even better fights for Las Vegas as well as the rest of the United States to see."

Trudnich's card on Tuesday, June 3, includes a North American Boxing Federation (NABF) title bout, a Nevada State championship fight and an NABF title-elimination battle.

The card starts at 8:30 p.m. in the Aladdin Hotel's convention area.

Both ringside reserved and general admission tickets are on sale in the Aladdin Theatre for the (See Curry, page 18)