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TUES. & WED. NIGHT AT THE FIGHTS

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On the Vegas boxing scene this past Tuesday night, Greg Stevens took a narrow decision over Pepe Dominguez to retain his North American Boxing Federation welterweight title.

And in the Strip Fight of the Week in the main event, Earl Tripp tripped up Leroy Caldwell to take a majority decision Wednesday evening at the Silver Slipper.

Stevens, who won the NABF title with a knock out of Bruce Curry last month, beat Dominguez with a split decision Tuesday evening at the Aladdin Hotel. Though the challenger, Dominguez repeatably peppered Stevens with jabs to the body and appeared to have controlled the entire bout.

But in the end, two judges gave the decision to Greg Stevens, while only judge Art Lurie, had Dominguez winning 115-114. In the close bout, judge Harold Buck had the winning margin 117-111 in favor of Stevens. And judge Bob Martin gave the knod to Stevens 116-113.

Both fighters showed evidence of the battle. Dominguez substained a bruised eye early in the second round and during the seventh round the eye began to bleed, but Stevens also suffered a deep cut above the right eye.

On the Aladdin undercard, Steve Hunting of Utah, recorded his tenth win against no loses with a unanimous decision over Ron Draper. And Jorge "Kid Dynamite" Morales,

28-6-2, scored a knock out over Jerry Venzor at the 2:59 mark of the third round.

At the Wednesday weekly big event at the Silver Slipper, heavyweight Earl Tripp (192) pounded out a majority decision over Leroy Caldwell (196) before a packed house.

Throughout the 10-round bout, Tripp was the aggressor, continually landing stiff jabs, that kept Caldwell from effectively using his inside power.

Tripp controlled the flow of the bout, only allowing Caldwell to land an occasional combination, but not often enough to pull out a victory.

But after dominating the first four rounds, Tripp costed thus letting Caldwell come alive in the fifth, popping Tripp with hard rights. After regaining his steam and his original fight plan, Tripp finished the last rounds strong.

Tripp, 16-4, was ahead on judge Lou Tabot's card 97-93 and judge Hal Miller had Tripp winning 97-94, while Dalby Shirley scored the bout even 95-95.

On the Slipper undercard, lightweight Vito Romero knocked out Mauro Fuentes at the 1:04 mark of the fourth-round; lightweight George Crawford scored a unanimous decision over Antonio Gareia; and middleweight Rich Riley scored a 2:56 first-round knock out over Floyd Senegal.

CLINIC SET FOR PRE-SEASON FOOTBALL

A Pre-Season Youth Football Clinic sponsored by the Department of Physical Education at UNLV for boys 7-14 years, will be held from July 28 - August 8, 1980. Sessions will be held in mornings or afternoon sections. Section I and Section II will meet from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Several Clinic Counselors including Dennis Finfrock, assistant director of athletics at UNLV, and several former UNLV players and local coaches will assist the youngsters in the development of fundamental and strategies of organized football.

Ball handling, kicking, stances and blocking fundamentals, and weight conditioning will be taught.

Included also will be game rules and instruction in individual positions.

Finfrock states that each boy should wear shorts, all-purpose spikes of tennis shoes, and a T-shirt with his name and age on the back.

Further information details can be obtained by contacting UNLV's Division of Continuing Education at 739-3394.

RETURN OF NBC'S HISTORIC FRIDAY NIGHT FIGHTS

One of boxing's great traditions, the NBC Friday Night Fights, will once again bring the thrills and excitement of the sport into living rooms across the nation when the National Broadcasting Company goes on; the air August 1, from the Sports Pavilion at Caesars Palace.

Tickets go on sale July 24, and are priced from \$10 to \$100. Ticket information can be obtained by calling 731-7890.

NBC, through its outlet WNBT, broadcast the first fight under television contract on September 29, 1944, between Willie Pep and Chalky Wright for the world featherweight championship. It was the beginning of two decades of television boxing and the Friday Night Fights, which were to become a ritual to boxing fans across the nation. NBC participated in these telecasts for 16 years, until the program was shifted to another network late in 1960.

As with the Friday Night Fights of the past, NBC will again present quality boxing talent to the country. On August 1, that successful policy will not be changed.

The highlight of the evening will be a welterweight clash between Former champion Wilfredo Benitez and Tony Chiaverini of Kansas City. Benitez will be making his first appearance at Caesars Palace since losing the welterweight crown to Sugar Ray Leonard in November. For Benitez, that titanic struggle with Leonard proved to be the only blemish on a ring record which boasts 38 victories and one draw.

His opponent, Chiaverini, will also enter the Caesars Palace ring with an impressive record. He has compiled a career mark of 36-3-2, and has not suffered a defeat since May of 1978.

In a middleweight bout on this date, Clinton Jackson of Nashville, Tennessee, will put his undefeated record on the line against New York's veteran Raymond Hammond. Jackson, the captain of the U.S. Olympic Boxing Team in 1976, has a pro ledger of 7-0. Hammond has a record of 17-5-1.

Also on the card will be Las Vegas veteran middleweight Roxell Mosely, who will take on Ted Sanders of Los Angeles.

George Gervin And Lou Brock



George Gervin, left the "Ice Man" of the San Antonio Spurs of the National Basketball Association pours an ice cold one for ex-baseball superstar Lou Brock during a training session at the Anheuser-Busch "beer

school" in St. Louis, Thursday, June 26. Gervin, it was announced then, has joined commentator for the company, went through the same training session with Gervin.