

Date Set For Holmes-Ali Bout



HOLMES

The much-heralded heavyweight confrontation between World Boxing Council champion Larry Holmes and former world champion Muhammad Ali is now set for Caesars Palace on Oct. 2.

Promoter Don King, who announced the new date and site, accepted a \$1 million check from Clifford Perlman, chairman of the board for Caesars Palace, as down payment.

The fight, which King claims can gross more

than \$30 million, will be shown on closed circuit television and will not be available on home television.

Ali will get \$6 million while Holmes is said to have agreed to \$4 million plus additional interests which could bring him up to \$6 million.

This action will now block earlier attempts to set up the bout in either Taiwan, Brazil or Egypt.

"Larry Holmes is a great champion," said

Ali. "He knocked out Earnie Shavers and I couldn't. That was one of my toughest fights and it made me jealous. I had three tough, close fights with Ken Norton and Holmes beat him. He's a great champion and so when I beat him, I will truly be king of kings, the greatest of all time.

Holmes, 31, is unbeaten in 35 fights and has knocked out 26 opponents. He won the WBC title on June 9, 1978 with a

split decision over Ken Norton and has defended it successfully seven times, stopping Evangelista, Ozzie Ocasio, current WBA champion Mike Weaver, Lorenzo Zanon, Earnie Shavers, Leroy Jones and Scott Ledoux.

Ali is 56-3 with 37 knockouts. His three losses were to Joe Frazier, Ken Norton and Leon Spinks and he came back and defeated all three.



ALI

Local Sports Roundup

Members of the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority last week said UNLV could pay the same rental rates in 1980 as in 1979 for use of authority facilities during football and basketball season. UNLV rents the Silver Bowl for \$2,500 per game, and authority staff estimates total expense for staffing these eight games at \$2,285.20 per game. The rental for the rotunda is \$1,000 per game for UNLV, with estimated LVCVA cost at \$705 per game. The committee also recommended approval of a request to seek bids for expansion of the Silver Bowl parking lot and to connect the fire loop to it. The cost is estimated at \$220,000.

Wilfredo "Bazooka" Gomez, the 3 year old WBC super bantamweight champion, will make the 14th defense of his crown, Aug. 22, at Caesars Palace in a 15 round bout with Derrick Holmes.

Promoted by Don King, the bout is scheduled for 10 p.m. EDT, and will be televised "live" nationally by the NBC Television Network.

Each fighter is unbeaten, with only a draw to mar a perfect record.

A Midnight Special off-road racing event will take place July 26 near Jean with nearly 30 of southern Nevada's top desert racers entered and up to 50 more expected.

Sponsored by the Southern Nevada Off Road Enthusiasts (SNORE), the race is billed as the only major off-road racing event in southern Nevada that is

conducted at night.

Drivers will have to contend with not only the rugged desert terrain but also with sight-impairing dust. Officials said that no problems are expected for the 10th annual event of its kind held in southern Nevada.

SNORE sponsors three major off-road races each year: the Bottom Dollar held last month; the Midnight Special and the SNORE 250 scheduled for late August.

A local motorcycle dealer, Chuck Trickle, will be in the number one spot in the class I division.

There's no looking back now for the top teams vying for Doolittle Basketball League honors. The top four teams have a shot at the playoffs commencing July 28.

Starting Monday, July 28, the playoffs will begin with the top four teams. The team with the best season record will play the 4th place team in a best 2 wins out of three-game series and the second best team to play

the third place quintet in a best out of 3 series. Finals will start immediately after the playoffs in a best out of seven series.

Boys ages 7-14 can get a head start on the upcoming football season at the UNLV Pre-Season Youth Football Clinic.

The 10 session clinic, presented by the division of continuing education and by the department of physical education, will meet Monday through Friday, July 28-Aug. 8 in morning or evening sections. Section I will meet 8-9:30

a.m. and Section II will meet 6:30-8 p.m.

Dennis Finrock, assistant director of athletics, and several clinic counselors, including local coaches and former UNLV football players, will supervise the youngster's instruction in the fundamentals and strategies of organized football.

Participants will be taught ball handling, kicking, stances and blocking fundamentals.

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Guinness Record Attempts

(Las Vegas — The Desert Inn and Country Club will be the home base Monday, July 28th for the International Guinness Book of World Records that will be filmed on location in India, France and Japan, as well as the famed "Strip" resort.

Television star Mike Connors will host the special and will be assisted by Meredith MacRae. The program will be aired at a later date, in

the prime time, on the ABC television network.

Making the announcement were Desert Inn president Burton M. Cohen and Marvin Minoff, president of David Paradine Television, Inc. and the show's executive producer.

Some of the events, to be held around the spacious Desert Inn resort include: Jan Todd, the world's strongest woman; Steve Peak with the highest trapeze act ever performed, and the

world's fastest rope jumper.

The show itself is worldwide, featuring unique and exotic events from all over the globe.

The director of the show will be Tim Kiley, who goes on from the Guinness taping direct to the Miss America pageant. Kiley is a veteran director with a long series of successful programs.

The early morning tapings on July 28th at the Desert Inn are free to the public.

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