

# Benitez Stops Tony Chiaverini

Wilfred Benitez, former WBA welterweight champion (39-1-1) opened the two-day boxing spectacular last Friday at Caesars Palace and completely dominated Kansas' Tony Chiaverini, 155½, in a scheduled 10-round junior middleweight fight.

An NBC audience and 4,000 fans at Caesars Sports Pavilion viewed the slaughter of the "Kansas City Bomber" until manager Angelo Dundee advised referee Ferd Hernandez between

the eighth and ninth rounds to stop the fight.

Benitez, smooth as silk and a polished piece of fistic artistry in motion, roughed up, smashed "at will," and left bewildered the soft-spoken Chiaverini throughout most of the bout.

The slick, clever 154½ pound Puerto Rican, now calling New York his home, had Chiaverini bleeding across the bridge of his nose by the fourth round.

The bullying tactics of

the midwesterner constantly pushing Benitez to the corners practically back-fired each time as he usually came out a loser with Benitez' retaliatory attacks.

"He (Chiaverini)

couldn't get nothing off," said Dundee later in the press room. "I hate to see a fighter have a fight like he had tonight. He couldn't get his shots off and couldn't nail the guy a good shot."

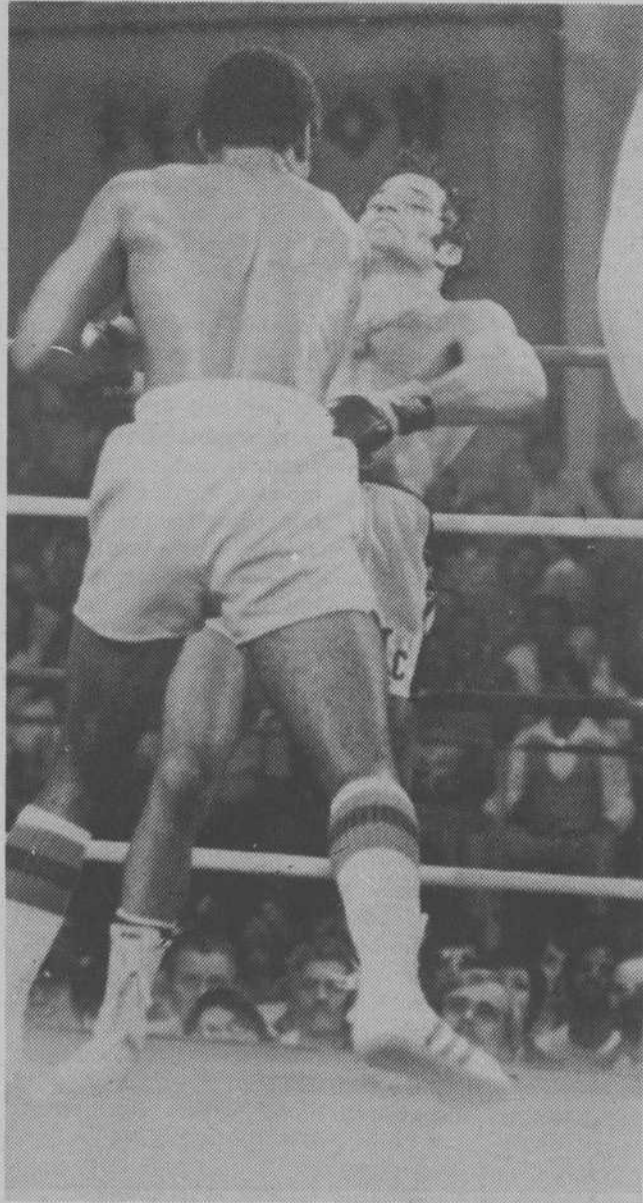


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Benitez overpowers Chiaverini

## Friday Night Fights

Caesars Palace, in association with Don King Productions, have teamed up to bring the "Battle Of The Undefeated" at the Aug. 8 Friday Night Fights.

Undefeated Curtis Parker, No. 3 WBA ranked (17-0 with 14 KO's) faces undefeated Detroit, Dwight Davison, No. 3 WBC (26-0, 20 KO's) in the main 10-round middleweightcard.

The first in this series of Friday Night Fights

which opened last week was co-promoted between Caesars Palace and Top Rank, Inc.

In the first of the undercard bouts, there will be a 10-round Jr. Middleweight clash between LeRoy Green, Kansas City (17-1/12 KO's) and James Waire, Los Angeles (12-4-1/3 KO's).

The main event will get underway at 7:00 p.m. and televised nationally by NBC with Las Vegas blacked out.

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## Holmes-Ali Fight

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live, Ali plopped down another \$60,000.

He owns about \$5 million in real estate and it takes about \$85,000 monthly to support his lifestyle.

As to what he intends to do with his Oct. 2 earnings with Holmes: "I'm not broke but I'm fighting again because I want to do something for my group called WORKD (World Organization For

Rights, Liberty and Dignity). Some people say I might get hurt if I fight again. If Joe Frazier, George Foreman, Ernie Shavers and Sonny Liston didn't hurt me, I'll be okay with these guys around today. You forget, I didn't lose or get beat in the ring, I retired."

When asked about his long-time physician, Dr. Ferdie Pacheco's recommendation that he not fight again, saying the three-time champion's body had taken too much

punishment, Ali said, "I fired him. When there's a record crowd watching me on TV Oct. 2, the biggest event ever, he won't be getting any fame. He's going to miss out."

Muhammad Ali, who retired as champion in September 1978, said pride was behind his comeback. "The main reason is pride, to be the only four-time world champion after I'm already the only three-time world champion," he added.

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