

**Bolden**

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fortunate that the response couldn't have been like that over six years ago when I came to the center. Many more people would have been far better off if our pleas for support hadn't gone neglected. Well, I am grateful that some signs of relief have come. I guess it's better late than never," stated a thankful Dawson.

Dawson says The Metro Police Dept. have done an exceptional job cleaning up the dope traffic at Doolittle. They

have assured him they will continue to patrol the area so that the situation doesn't re-occur.

The City Commissioners have okayed \$200,000 worth of capital improvements for the center including a new air conditioning system and a \$90,000 new gym floor to be completed sometime in November.

The City Recreation Department is open for requests and suggestions. They are taking better care of the grounds and soft ball fields.

The most

recognizable difference is the Black Community showing of concern. The people are trying to take care of the center and it's equipment. They are not littering and smoking dope on the premises. It seems that a new awareness and pride has developed concerning the Doolittle Community Center.

This will last only as long as the people care!

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**Caesars Palace — LAST HURRAH**

**ALI FACES HOLMES FOR ALL THE MARBLES**

Larry Holmes versus Muhammad Ali — the current World Heavyweight Champion against the legendary three-time ruler — the match that could never be made — will take place at Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, Nevada, tonight, October 2nd.

Don King and Don King Productions, in association with Caesars Palace, will promote this "Last Hurrah," the ultimate heavyweight battle of modern times, with all the ingredients for a fistic feast — controversy, drama, excitement, plus the magic of Muhammad and the proven skills of the confident unbeaten champion.

The fight will be shown in the United States and Canada on closed circuit television in the theatres, arenas and ballparks, and via satellite throughout the rest of the world.

In addition to the colossal battle between Holmes and Ali, another world championship match has been added by promoter King for the benefit of closed-circuit viewers. Starting time for the main event is approximately 7:30 p.m. (P.D.T.)

"Sweet" Saoul Mamby, of New York, will defend his World Super Lightweight Championship (WBC) against Maurice "Termite" Watkins, of Houston, Texas.

Leon Spinks, former World Heavyweight Champion, and Bernardo

Mercado, the No. 1 contender (WBC) — a pair of outstanding heavyweights who were born five days apart 27 years ago, will clash in a 12 round World Heavyweight Championship sanctioned elimination bout.

Holmes-Ali, the World Super Lightweight Championship battle (WBC) between Mamby and Watkins, and Spinks-Mercado, will all be shown around the world on closed circuit television "Dancing Machine" Carter, also scheduled on this card, has been put off to a later date.

Michael "Dynamite" Dokes, the undefeated young heavyweight from Akron, Ohio, will take on Tom "Roughhouse" Fisher, of Dayton, Ohio, in a special 10-rounder. Dokes, 18-0-1, with 8 knockouts, looked sensational last June in knocking out Osvaldo Ocasio in one round. Fisher, a fighter who fits his tag, is reported at 35-4, with 20 knockouts.

In a 6-rounder, Mark Holmes, younger brother of the World Champion, undefeated in three pro fights, tangles with Randy Rivers, of Las Vegas, in a middleweight contest.

"This is truly the ultimate," declared King, "and I am thrilled that it will be held in the place I consider my boxing home — Caesars Palace. If the Leonard-Duran was indeed the Classic Confrontation, this fight between Holmes and Ali is at

least as great. And it belongs at Caesars Palace, the Capital of boxing. To have been a co-promoter of the Leonard-Duran fight and now to be able to promote Holmes-Ali is the fulfillment of a dream."

The "live" fight will take place in a specially constructed facility that will accommodate more than 24,000 people. The sellout will bring in \$6,000,000, a world record.

"We are going all out," said Clifford Perlman, Chairman of the Board of Caesars World and President of Caesars Palace, "to make this one of the most memorable events in our history as well as boxing history. We are proud to be a part of sports history."

Holmes, who once toiled as a sparring partner for Ali, has won all 35 of his fights, with 26 of them ending in knockouts.

Ali's record shows 56 wins in 59 fights, with 37 knockouts, three losses, spanning a period of 20 years.

Can Ali, at 38, do the impossible? Jersey Joe Walcott won the title at age 37, the oldest ever to win it.

Can Holmes psyche himself into the type of attitude he will need against a cunning ring master?

This is the appeal of Holmes-Ali. These, and other questions, will be answered the night of October 2nd.

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