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'HANDS OF STONE' TESTS 'SWEETEST SUGAR' NOV. 25

*Michael Johnson
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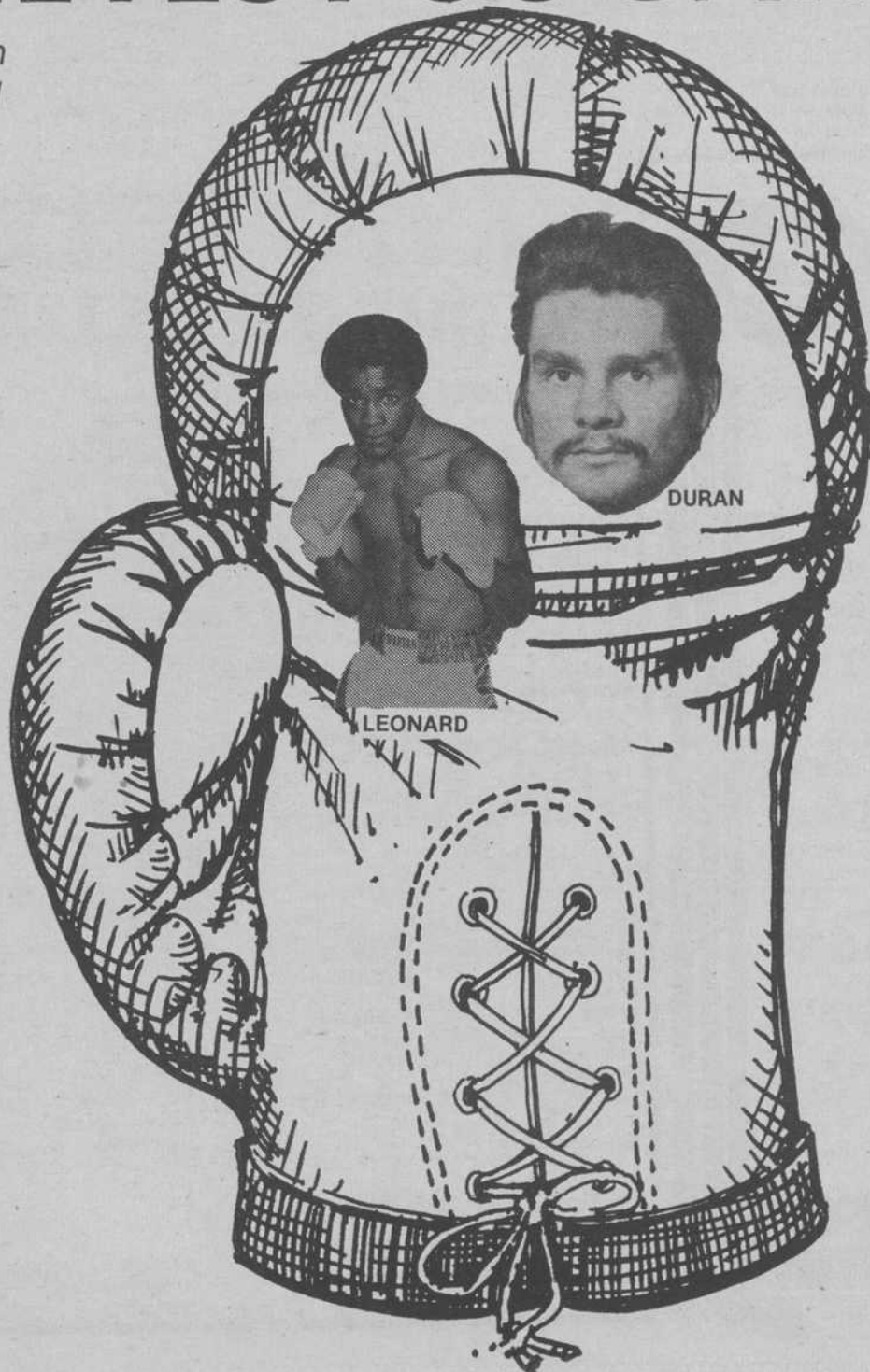
Up until the recent workouts, there loomed a big "question mark" as to whether Michael Johnson, the massive 6-8, 243-pounder from Los Angeles, would be considered a starter on the UNLV Rebel basketball squad.

Coach Jerry Tarkanian appeared extra pleased of Johnson's performance and told the Western Athletic Conference coaches and media that "Big Mike really played but had us concerned. He showed us something today."

Tarkanian said that Johnson hadn't rounded into shape in pre-season drills and that he wasn't sure what Johnson's role on this year's Rebel team would be.

Tuesday night Johnson put on a real show in a Rebel Red-White intra-squad scrimmage at the campus gym, scoring 38 points, pulling down 14 rebounds and blocking five shots. He hit 13 of 25 shots from the field and 12 of 16 at the line.

The scrimmage, which consisted of four 12-minute quarters was considered by Tarkanian as a "good workout and said he was pleased with the Rebels conditioning.



*Championship Bout
Ready At Superdome*

Roberto Duran, of Panama, Welterweight Champion of the World (WBC) and Ray Leonard, the former champion from Palmer Park, Md. — the Hands of Stone against Sweetest Sugar — Thunder versus Lightning — will refight their most controversial first Classic Encounter over 15 rounds, or less, in the Louisiana Superdome of New Orleans, on Tuesday evening, November 25.

This inevitable Super-

Two other championship fights will be part of the closed-circuit telecast. Marvin Camel, the lanky Indian from Missoula, Montana, will defend his World Boxing Council Cruiserweight Championship against Carlos "Sugar" De Leon, of Puerto Rico; and Maurice Hope, of Hackney, England, risks his World Junior Middleweight crown (WBC) against Carlos Herrera, of Argentina. Both title defenses are mandatory

SENTINEL will be sending one of its staff reporters and photographer to the Duran-Leonard fight at the Superdome in New Orleans. Read the inside report of the fight next week and a full page photo report on the fight scene the following week in the SENTINEL.

fight will be promoted by Don King Productions and Facility Enterprises, Inc., and will be shown via closed circuit television on special giant screens at Caesars Palace, the exclusive broadcast location in Las Vegas. There will be no live network television or radio broadcast location in Las Vegas. There will be no live network television or radio broadcast in the United States. Starting time for the closed circuit telecast is 5:50 P.M. with the main event scheduled for 7:00 P.M.

with De Leon and Herrera being the Number 1 contenders.

The 29 year old Duran, already considered the greatest lightweight of our time and perhaps of all time, as well as the best fighter in the world "pound for pound," is seeking to establish the same kind of supremacy among welterweights that he enjoyed with the lightweights. "Cholo," as he's fondly called by his friends, learned his fighting in the streets and alleys of Panama.

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