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UTEP MINERS CRUSH UNLV REBELS, 85-78

Shooting Average Below Par

It was not one of their better nights and the convention center was not exactly a melting pot of the usual "run and gun" antics of the UNLV Rebels... as a matter of fact they were ice-cold.

With only 47 percent shooting average -24 of 51- the UNLV Running Rebels dropped an 85-78 college basketball game to the University of Texas, El Paso Miners before a sellout crowd of 6,380.

The touch was never there and it was evident the freezeout began from the opening tipoff. This debacle found the Rebels down at halftime 39-33.

Sidney Green, Rebels All-American candidate, was ice-cold in the first half but picked up steam in the final stretches of the second half ending up tying Rebel 'Michael "Spiderman" Burns scoring with 16 points. Forward Larry Anderson followed with 15 points and forward Richard Box added 10.

Three Rebel mainstays had added problems plagued with fouls and turnovers. Gree, Burns and Anderson made their exits before the game ending buzzer. As a matter of fact, UNLV led in the turnover category. 18-14

Championship Battle

CAESARS PALACE TO HOST PINTOR-DAVILA FIGHT

LAS VEGAS — Office located in the Caesars Palace, in association with Azteca Promotions, Inc., of Los Angeles, will present the WBC World Bantamweight Championship between reigning champion Lupe Pintor of Mexico and number 1 contender Alberto Davila on Friday December 19, 1980 in the Caesars Palace Sports Pavilion. Two featured 10-round fights as well as two other matches are included in the live event.

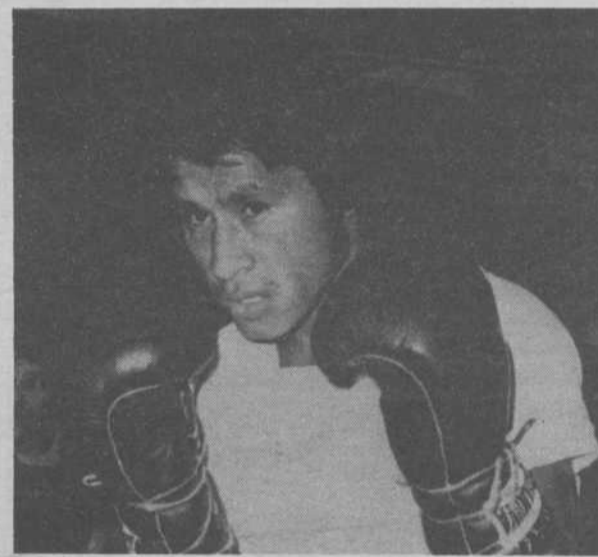
A special added attraction will be an ABC telecast of the highly controversial fight November 25 in New Orleans between former welterweight champion Roberto Duran and current champion Sugar Ray Leonard. ABC plans a live interview with both fighters originating from Los Angeles following the Pintor vs Davila match, and Caesars Palace will provide giant screen viewing of the Duran-Leonard bout as well as ABC's live community. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. with the first bout scheduled for 5:15 p.m.

Tickets will go on sale Friday, December 12 at the Caesars Palace Box

Office located in the Fantasy Tower. Prices will range from \$10 to \$50 ringside for this exciting evening of boxing. Pintor, who won his WBC title at Caesars Palace against Carlos Zarate in 1979 had suffered one of his three career losses against Davila back in 1976. Following that fight, he went on to win 22 straight bouts including 19 knockouts. His total career record now stands at 42-7 with 34 knockouts.

The popular challenger Davila, managed by Benny Georgino of Los Angeles, recently was featured at Caesars Palace on the Sanchez-Lopez card presented by Five Star Promotions on June 21st, 1980 in which he scored a second round knockout over Richie Rozelle. He has since fought two more times, extending his record to 40-6, including 20 knockouts.

Noted boxing promoter Aileen Eaton and matchmaker Don Chargin have assembled a card which will include an unusual mini-



Pintor



Davila

flyweight 10-round match between German Torres and Pedro Galaviz, and a 10-round lightweight match bet-

ween 16-1 (12 KO's) Roberto Elizondo and 16-4 Chu Chu Saucedo from Mexico, also with 12 knockouts.

Dunes Hotel Sets Backgammon Tournament

The American Backgammon Championship, Inc., will be hosting a special holiday backgammon tournament at the Dunes Hotel & Country Club, Dec. 10-14 in the hotel's Crown Jewel Room. The holiday event will feature championship, intermediate and beginner divisions in which 100 percent of all entry fees will be used in the players' pool. In addition to the entry fees, \$20,000 will be added to the total prize pool, and distributed accordingly among the three divisions.

A special drawing for a free entry to the 1981 "Plimpton Cup" scheduled for June 23-28, 1981, will be held during the tournament on Wednesday, Dec. 10, for all contestants present. A doubles tournament will also be featured, Wednesday, Dec. 10, beginning at 8 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 13, at 3 p.m. in which 80 percent of all entry fees will be used towards the total prize money. The "second chance" opportunity, characteristic of all ABC tournaments, will be offered to all players eliminated in the early rounds a chance to re-enter for an additional fee.

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