

## LEONARD-HEARNS PROFILES

## SUGAR RAY LEONARD

## Speed Makes Him Move

When one observes WBC Welterweight Champion Sugar Ray Leonard in the ring, the first thing that becomes apparent is: the man possesses speed. It's evident in the lightening-quick feet, as well as in the swift, explosive hands which score continuously against an opponent.

It was this speed (and an endearing personality) that captured the American public during the 1976 Summer Olympic Games in Montreal as Leonard out-classed six opponents in 13 days en route to a gold medal in the junior welterweight division. And, although speed is Sugar's sweetest attribute, it was his determination and toughness which enabled him to score his most resound-

ing triumph: an avenging eight-round TKO over arch-rival Roberto Duran in New Orleans to recapture the welterweight crown.

That victory, plus Ray's recent June 25th ninth-round knockout over Ayub Kalule, gave the Palmer Park, Md. resident two championships (WBC Welterweight and WBA Junior-Middleweight).

But still he moves on, driving himself toward the three simultaneous titles. What possesses a man to set such high standards?

"It's simply," says the double champion, "I want to be the best."

For Sugar Ray Leonard, best is the only way he knows.

## THOMAS HEARNS

## Puncher On The Prowl

In winning his first 32 professional fights in an average of less than five rounds, WBA Welterweight Champion Thomas Hearns has established himself as a dominant force at the tender age of 22. As for the future, the "Motor City Cobra" himself, and the rest of the boxing world, realize that the potential of the 6'1" slugger is as optimistic as it is expansive.

When Hearns savagely beat Jose "Pipino" Cuevas for his 27th KO and captured the WBA Welterweight crown on August 2, 1980, it did more than satisfy his hunger for a championship belt.

For Hearns, the second-round annihilation in Detroit marked the first step up the ladder towards pugilistic

superiority.

Thomas Hearns not only wants recognition as "King Of The Welters," but he also wants to prove himself as the best middleweight, light heavyweight and cruiserweight. "Nobody's ever done that before," he said.

Who can find fault with Hearns' visions? Before finishing up his amateur career with a record of 155-8, the tall puncher was named Amateur Boxer for winning both the National AAU and Golden Gloves Championships.

Destiny beckons Thomas Hearns. With his speed, power and agility, there is every chance that Thomas Hearns might become the greatest boxer of all time.

## Heavyweights Featured At Hacienda

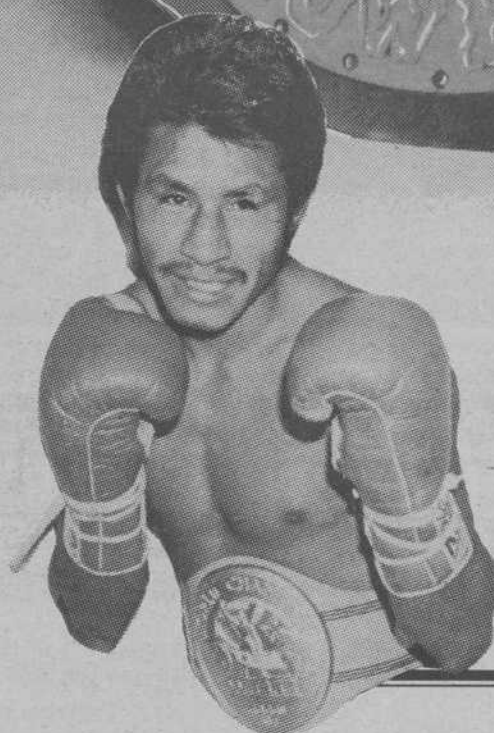
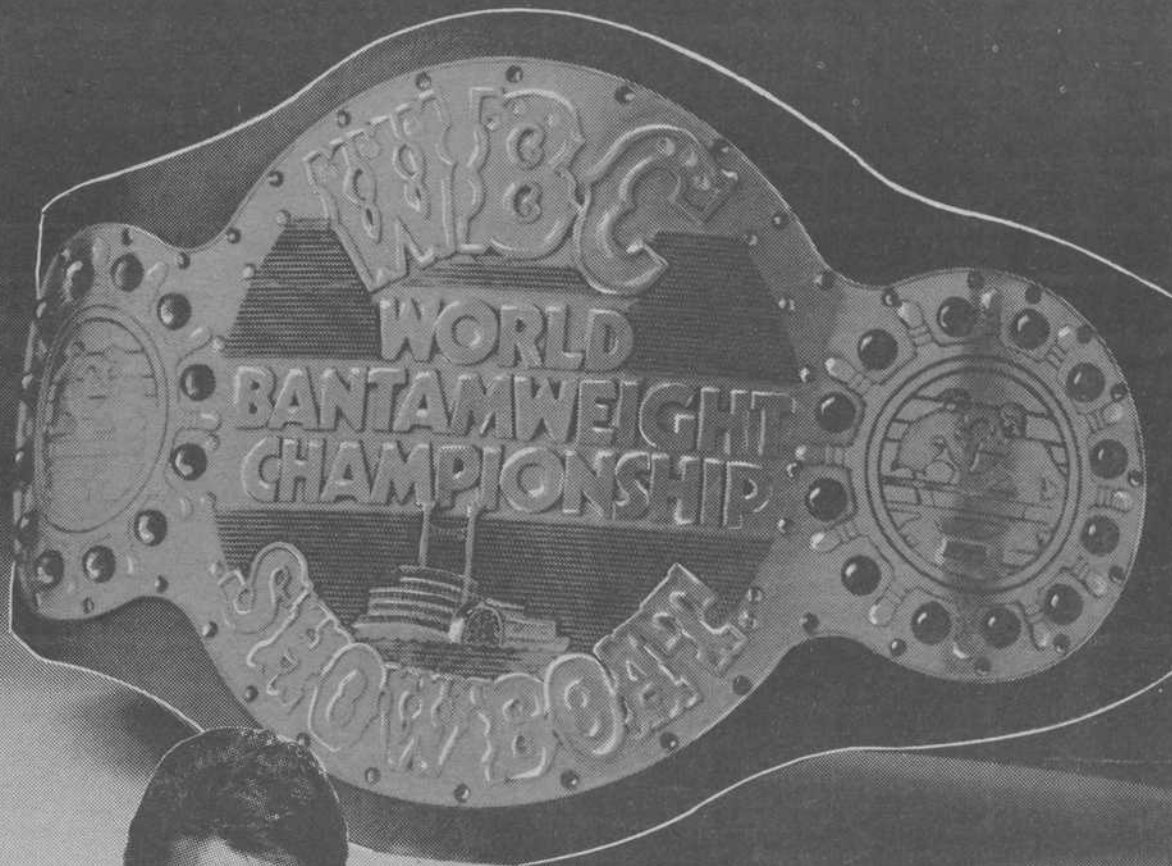
Two rapidly improving heavyweights — Leroy Caldwell and Jeff Shelberg — will meet in a head to head collision Thursday night, July 19, in the Matador Arena Fights' 10 round main event at the Hacienda Resort Hotel and Casino.

Three other action-packed 10-round bouts, plus an eight-rounder and a six-rounder complete the big six bout,

54-round card which begins at 6 p.m. Doors to the Hacienda's new Matador Sports Arena open at 5 p.m.

The card, promoted by Bob Arum's Top Rank, Inc., in association with the Hacienda, will be televised live across the United States to more than 12 million viewers over the ESPN cable network.

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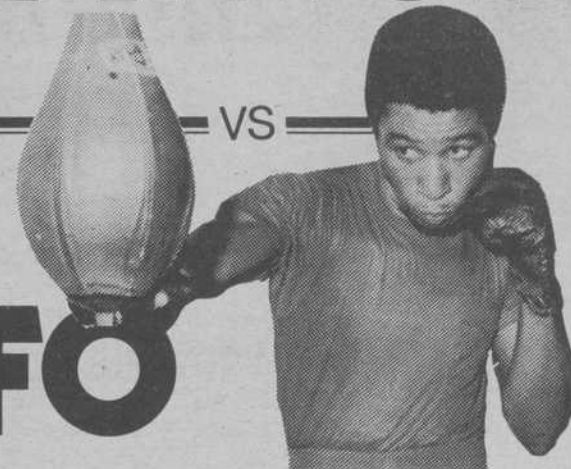


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