

NOEL PUTS WBA TITLE ON LINE WITH FRIAS

A pair of slick boxers — champion Claude Noel and challenger Arturo Frias — clash for the World Boxing Association lightweight title in a nationally televised 15-round bout Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Showboat Hotel, Casino and Bowling Center.

This will be Noel's first defense since winning the vacant crown by decisioning Rodolfo "Gato" Gonzalez on Sept. 12 at Atlantic City. It is Frias' first attempt at a world championship.

The card, promoted by Top Rank, Inc., Bob Arum, Chairman of the Board, in association with the Showboat Hotel, Joseph H. Kelley, President and Chairman of the Board, Frank

Modica, Vice President and General Manager, begins at 12:30 p.m. Saturday in the Showboat Sports Pavilion. Doors to the Sports Pavilion open at noon.

The championship main event, which will be televised live by CBS but blacked out in southern Nevada, starts at approximately 1:40.

Tickets — priced at only \$20 for ringside reserved, \$15 for preferred and \$10 for general admission — are on sale daily at the Showboat Sports Pavilion Ticket Office or they can be purchased at the door Saturday.

The 33-year-old Noel, a resident of Trinidad, enters with a 25-3 record with 16 knockouts. He

has been a ranked contender for years and first earned a shot at the WBA lightweight crown on June 16, 1979. He was stopped in the 13th by former champion Ernesto Espana but was impressive in his next outings, running up a 5-0 mark, and got a shot at the vacant WBA lightweight title. Noel and Gonzalez fought for the crown after the WBA stripped Sean O'Grady of the title.

Noel's only other bout this year was on March 24 in Montreal when he halted veteran Gaetan Hart in the third round.

Frias, 25, is ranked 'No. 7 by the WBA and has a 22-1 record with eight knockouts. The rugged little boxer fights out of Los Angeles.

Frias' lone loss was to Espana this August in Venezuela, a most controversial 10-round split decision defeat.

Following that heart-breaking verdict Frias won twice in Los Angeles: a 10-round decision over Rosendo Ramirez in September and a fifth-round technical knockout over Juan Graziano on Oct. 29.

Noel originally was scheduled to fight Gonzalo Monellano on Nov. 14, but the bout was postponed when the challenger injured his lower back. Montellano eventually was forced to pull out when the pain persisted.

The Noel-Frias undercard, which will include at least two 10-

rounders, will be announced this week.

Boxing is taking on a solid trust at the Showboat. Right now they are seeking the Nevada Athletic Commission's approval for dates in 1982 to include:

Jan. 26 and 28, Feb. 9 and 25, March 9 and 25, April 6 and 22, May 27 and June 24. These dates are among those sought by Top Rank, Inc. and Azteca Pro motions. Other dates will be presented at a later time.

1981 NFL Schedule

THURSDAY, DEC. 3 Cleveland at Houston..... 6:00	MONDAY, DEC. 14 Atlanta at Los Angeles..... 6:00
SUNDAY, DEC. 6 Philadelphia at Washington..... 10:00 San Francisco at Cincinnati..... 10:00 Minnesota at Chicago..... 10:00 New England at Miami..... 10:00 New Orleans at St. Louis..... 10:00 Los Angeles at N.Y. Giants..... 10:00 Detroit at Green Bay..... 10:00 Dallas at Baltimore..... 11:00 Atlanta at Tampa Bay..... 1:00 Buffalo at San Diego..... 1:00 Kansas City at Denver..... 1:00 N.Y. Jets at Seattle..... 1:00	SATURDAY, DEC. 19 Dallas at N.Y. Giants..... 9:30 Buffalo at Miami..... 1:00
MONDAY, DEC. 7 Pittsburgh at Oakland..... 6:00	SUNDAY, DEC. 20 Cincinnati at Atlanta..... 10:00 Denver at Chicago..... 10:00 Green Bay at N.Y. Jets..... 10:00 Kansas City at Minnesota..... 10:00 St. Louis at Philadelphia..... 10:00 Tampa Bay at Detroit..... 10:00 San Francisco at N. Orleans..... 11:00 New England at Baltimore..... 11:00 Washington at Los Angeles..... 1:00 Pittsburgh at Houston..... 1:00 Cleveland at Seattle..... 1:00
SATURDAY, DEC. 12 N.Y. Jets at Cleveland..... 9:30 Minnesota at Detroit..... 1:00	MONDAY, DEC. 21 Oakland at San Diego..... 6:00
SUNDAY, DEC. 13 San Diego at Tampa Bay..... 10:00 N.Y. Giants at St. Louis..... 10:00 Green Bay at New Orleans..... 10:00 Cincinnati at Pittsburgh..... 10:00 Baltimore at Washington..... 10:00 Buffalo at New England..... 10:00 Miami at Kansas City..... 11:00 Philadelphia at Dallas..... 1:00 Houston at San Francisco..... 1:00 Chicago at Oakland..... 1:00 Seattle at Denver..... 1:00	SUNDAY, DEC. 27 AFC Wild Card Game NFC Wild Card Game
	SATURDAY, JAN. 2 Divisional Playoffs
	SUNDAY, JAN. 3 Divisional Playoffs
	SUNDAY, JAN. 10 AFC Championship Game NFC Championship Game
	SUNDAY, JAN. 24 Super Bowl XVI
	SUNDAY, JAN. 31 Pro Bowl

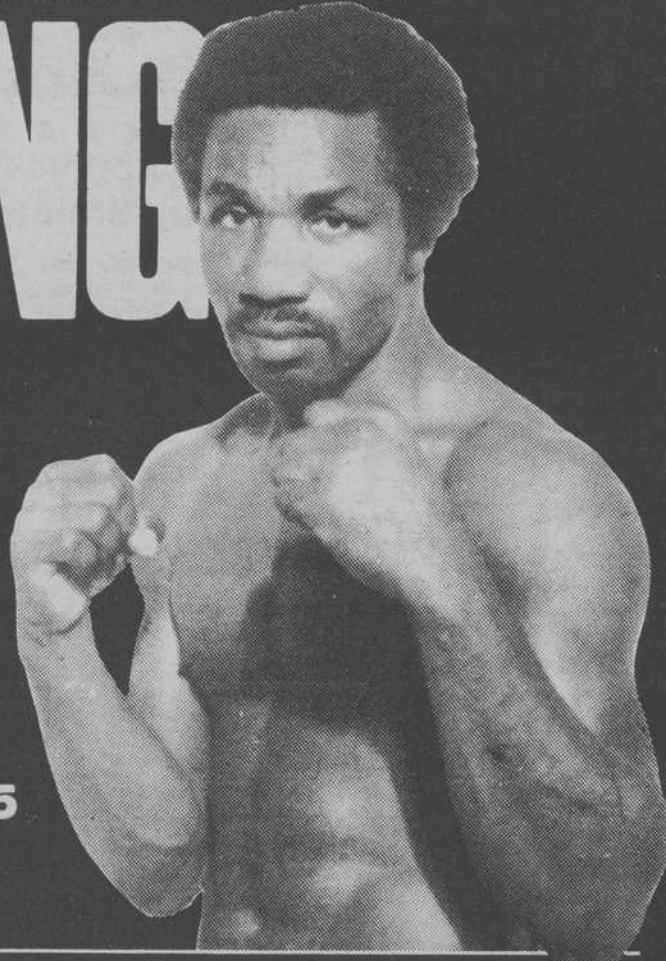
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