

# SPORTS BOARD

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April 15, 1982



## ALAN KING-CAESARS PALACE TENNIS SNARES CELEBRITY LINEUP

Bjorn Borg, Jimmy Connors and Vitas Gerulaitis head a field of 32 professionals in the \$370,000 11th annual Alan King-Caesars Palace Tennis Classic to be played April 19-25 on the courts of the Las Vegas hotel-casino. The weekend pro-celebrity event, Saturday and Sunday, April 24-25, boasts a stellar lineup of stars vying for a trophy and bragging rights.

Among those at courtside and alongside

designated professionals in the doubles matches will be Walter Cronkite, Nell Simon, Rod Steiger, Chevy Chase, Diana Ross, Linda Lavin, Lynn Redgrave, Sonny Bono, Jack Warden, Joan Rivers, Irwin Winkler, Lesley Ann Warren, Lynn Swann, Dick Van Patten, Donna Mills, Donna Dixon, Marjoe Gortner, Franco Harris, Gary Collins, Mary Ann Mobley, Sherry Lansing,

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## ROACH, TWO-GUN ON APR. 17 CARD

Featherweight Freddie Roach, world-ranked and signed for a title bout until a hand injury sidelined him, hits the comeback trail Saturday, Apr. 17, when he takes on veteran Renan Marota in the ESPN 10-round main event at the Showboat Hotel, Casino, Country Club and Bowling Center.

The blonde boxer from Las Vegas shares the spotlight with two other 10-rounders on the big six-bout, 50-round card promoted by the Showboat Hotel in as-

sociation with Bob Arum's Top Rank, Inc.: undefeated Las Vegas junior lightweight Carlton "Two-Gun" Sparrow against Leon Smith and slugging junior middleweight Ricky Weigel against Pedro Guerrero.

The card starts at 6 p.m. and doors to the Showboat Sports Pavilion open at 5:00.

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

The undercard includes undefeated heavyweight Stan Butler, who's handled by former world light heavyweight champion Bob Foster, against Dave McCann of Reno in a six-rounder; bantamweight Pepper Roach, Freddie's brother, against a yet-to-be-determined opponent in another six-rounder; and undefeated junior middleweight Lupe Aquino

against another to-be-selected foe in an eight-rounder.

The 22-year-old



Freddie Roach

Roach has a 25-1 record with nine knockouts and was rated No. 8 among junior featherweights by the World Boxing Association before injuring the middle knuckle on

his right hand for the first time last May in a win over Mario Chavez.

Not only did the torn ligaments and tendon force him to lay off until December, it cost him a title shot against WBA junior featherweight champion Sergio Palma of Argentina.

Sparrow enters with a perfect 14-0 record with 11 knockouts. The slick boxer-puncher fought in Las Vegas eight times last year and once in 1982. In February, on the undercard of the Sugar Ray Leonard-Bruce Finch welterweight championship bout, he decisioned Tony Villa, and in March at the Showboat he halted Geraldo Venzor in the fifth.

Not only is "Two-Gun" legitimately an exciting fighter, he's one of the two or three most highly regarded young prospects in Las Vegas.

Smith, Sparrow's opponent, is from Pasadena, Calif.

Wednesday  
April 21, 1982

## BOXING

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