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## FRIAS MAKES TITLE DEFENSE AGAINST 'BOOM BOOM' SATURDAY

Arturo Frias makes the second defense of his World Boxing Association lightweight championship Saturday, May 8, when he takes on highly regarded Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini in a 15-round bout at the Aladdin Hotel.

Frias and Mancini are among the most aggressive and relentless fighters in the sport today, and this could be one of the best fights to be held in Las Vegas in years.

This is also the first world championship fight to be held at the Aladdin since the hotel, under the promotional guidance of vice presi-

dent Ash Resnick, became reinvolved in boxing.

The card, a co-promotion with Bob Arum, begins at noon in the Aladdin Theatre for the Performing Arts. Doors to the Aladdin Theatre open at 11:30 a.m.

Tickets for this world championship card are on sale 24 hours a day at the Aladdin casino cage priced at \$100 for ring-side, \$50, \$30 and just \$15 for general admission.

The Frias-Mancini title bout will be nationally televised live by CBS, but will be blacked out in the Las Vegas area.

The 25-year-old Frias, from Montebello, Calif.,

enters with a 24-1 record with seven knockouts. Mancini, from Youngstown, Ohio, has an even more impressive record of 22-1 with 17 knockouts. The 21-year-old slugger is ranked No. 5 by the World Boxing Council and No. 10 by the WBA.

Frias won the 135-pound crown on Dec. 5, 1981, when, despite taking the fight on just 10 days notice and suffering from torn nose cartilage, he knocked out champion Claude Noel in the eighth round in Las Vegas.

His only defense came on January 30 of

this year when he took a technical win in the ninth round over former WBA lightweight King Ernesto Espana in Los Angeles.

Since then Mancini, who constantly pressures his opponents, has stopped Manuel Abedoy in the second and, most recently on January 23, Julio Valdez in the 10th.

Mancini turned pro in 1979 and also won his first 20 fights before suffering his lone setback.

The winner of the Frias-Mancini fight at the Aladdin is scheduled, according to the WBA, to meet Espana within 60 days.

## TICKET OUTLETS FOR NFL GAME ANNOUNCED

LAS VEGAS, NV — Nine ticket outlets have been announced for the May 10 and 11 NFL BATTLE OF CHAMPIONS, the benefit basketball tournament which will be held in the 6,380-seat Las Vegas Convention Center. The announcement was made by the University Rebels Club, UNLV's booster support group, which is sponsoring this benefit tournament.

Participating in the tournament will be members of four NFL Super Bowl teams — the Denver Broncos, Oakland Raiders, San Francisco 49ers and the Dallas Cowboys.

Tickets for the tournament are priced at \$10 and \$7 for each night and all seats are reserved in the Conven-

tion Center for this event. The first night pairings will see the Oakland Raiders play The Denver Broncos at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Dallas Cowboys against the San Francisco 49ers, champions of the most recent Super Bowl XVI.

Also receiving proceeds from the first NFL BATTLE OF CHAMPIONS basketball tournament will be the United States Olympic Committee.

The ticket outlets for the NFL BATTLE OF CHAMPIONS are: The Valley Hallmark Card Stores in the Boulevard, Meadows and Fashion Show Malls; the Charleston Heights Bowl, Davy's Locker and the UNLV Athletic Ticket Office in Las Vegas.

### Saturday May 8, 1982



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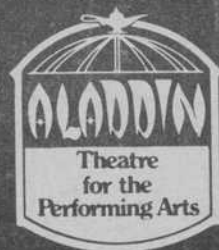
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