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## MARK HOLMES IN FIRST TELEVISED MAIN EVENT

Mark Holmes, the undefeated younger brother of World Heavyweight Champion Larry Holmes, takes on his toughest foe in his first televised main event against the hard-hitting Mike Baker, former United States Junior Middleweight Champion, at Caesars Palace here on Sunday, May 23rd.

Embellishing the fight card promoted by Don King Productions

and Tiffany Promotions, in association with Caesars Palace, will be exhibitions by both Larry Holmes and Gerry Cooney, the protagonists in the World Heavyweight Championship bout to be held here on June 11th. Holmes is already on the scene to complete his training for the title battle. Cooney, conditioning in Palm Springs, California, arrives on May 21st. The main event will be

shown nationally on ABC's Wide World of Sports.

Mark Holmes of Easton, Pa., only 21 years of age, 5 feet 10½ inches tall, has won all 19 of his professional bouts, nine of them by knockout. He fought his first main event in Cleveland on April 9th and scored a virtual shutout over rugged Steve Williams. Mark has displayed a whip-lash left jab and hook,

and with growing confidence, has shown he can punch with either hand. He is an outstanding boxer who has impressed the experts enough to be ranked No. 8 in the world by the WBC.

Baker, a native of Spartanburg, S.C., fighting out of Fairfax, Virginia, is considered one of the roughest club-fighters in the middleweight division. The

30-year-old Christmas baby, also 5 feet, 11 inches in height, was good enough to fight for the World Junior Middleweight Championship and gave a good account of himself until stopped by cuts in the seventh round against Maurice Hope. His career, in the early stages, was hampered by personal problems but the battling Irishman seems to have found himself. He has

won six of his last eight fights, the last two by knockout. His record shows 41 wins in 57 fights, with 15 losses, 1 draw, and 26 knockouts.

Further details on the exhibitions by Holmes and Cooney as well as the rest of the supporting card, will be announced shortly.

Tickets for the event are priced at \$50, \$30 and \$15. For ticket information call (702) 731-7865 or 800-634-6698.

In Holmes Corner June 11

## EDDIE FUTCH AND RAY ARCELL — ALMOST 150 YEARS OF RING WISDOM

Behind every great fighter, there's usually a great corner man. Joe Louis had men like Jack Blackburn. Rocky Marciano boasted little Charley Goldman. Muhammad Ali always had Angelo Dundee.

Larry Holmes is lucky. For his pending fight with Gerry Cooney, on June 11, at Caesars Pal-

ace, the World Champion will have as part of his corner Eddie Futch and Ray Arcel, a pair of the wisest men ever to climb the steps into a ring. Between them — Futch, 67, and Arcel, 82 — they represent almost 150 years of ring action and a parade of champions with whom they have toiled that is



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like a Who's Who in boxing.

Arcel, the Elder Statesman, started with little Abe Attel Goldstein, world bantamweight champion, and followed with a string of 18 more champions and countless contenders. He's still at it.

Brought up in Harlem, he decided that fighting

in the small clubs for little pay was better than battling in the streets for nothing. That was his apprenticeship. He learned the business fighting and working corners of friends in four-round fights.

"We didn't know what we were doing," he said, "But we got the hang of it after a while. I found

that I was better at working the corners than fighting."

In the years that followed, Arcel worked with Charley Phil Rosenberg, the bantamweight king. Ray became a trainer with the reputation for demanding superb physical condition from his charges.

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