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## SNIPES VS WITHERSPOON HEAVYWEIGHT ATTRACTION AT CAESARS SATURDAY

Renaldo "Mister" Snipes, of Yonkers, N.Y., the Yonkers heavyweight who is one of the few ever to drop champion Larry Holmes, and "Terrible" Jim Witherspoon, the undefeated puncher from Philadelphia, will tangle in the 10-round main event at Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, on Saturday, June 5th.

The battle between 7th-ranked Snipes, seeking to stay in the title picture, and 9th-ranked Witherspoon, looking to crash the charmed circle of title contenders, will be televised nationally by ABC's Wide World of Sports and will be promoted here by Don King Productions.

This marks a stellar

week of heavyweight promotion, highlighting a Championship classic between undefeated champion Larry Holmes against undefeated Gerry Cooney, the No. 1 contender, in the specially constructed 32,000 seat outdoor arena at Caesars Palace; and a supporting special 10-rounder pitting No. 3 ranked Greg

Page against No. 4, Trevor Berbick, the Canadian Champion who went the distance with Holmes and defeated and retired Muhammad Ali.

On June 5th the 25-year-old Snipes, an unorthodox boxer-puncher with a devastating right hand, will be fully recovered from a cut arm that hampered

him in his last fight — a draw with Scott Frank in Atlantic City on Mar. 21. The transplanted Texan — he was born in Houston — has beaten "Jumbo" Cummings, Mustafa Muhammad, and Gerrie Coetzee, and succumbed to Holmes for the title after 11 grueling rounds. He has won 22 of 24 fights, with 1 loss, 1 draw, and has

knocked out 11 rivals.

Witherspoon, only 24, has stopped 11 of his 24 opponents on an unmarred slate. The muscled Philadelphian has been brought along steadily but slowly and has displayed both power and aggressive boxing skills. His most outstanding victory was a 10-round decision over rugged Marvin Stinson,

### CAESARS PALACE RE-OPENS SPORTS BOOK: RECORD BETTING EXPECTED ON FIGHT

Caesars Palace resort-casino in Las Vegas has officially reopened its seasonal Sports

Book effective today to accommodate boxing fans interested in placing bets on the WBC

World Heavyweight Championship bout between Larry Holmes and Gerry Cooney.

The Sports Book will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., with extended hours on June 9

and June 10 when bets will be accepted until 12-midnight. Fight wagers will be accepted

right up to fight time and winning bets will be paid out two hours following the conclusion.

### SINATRA UNLV BENEFIT SET FOR THURSDAY

Two of the youngest and talented stars in the entertainment world have been added to the roster for Thursday's annual Frank Sinatra benefit concert for the UNLV athletic program. The concert will start at 9 p.m. and be held in the 7,500-seat Aladdin Theatre for the Performing Arts.

The most recent additions to the "official" lineup of stars for the memorable evening are surprising magician David Copperfield and exciting singer Marlene Ricci.

All seats are reserved for this concert and

tickets are available at various Las Vegas outlets and information can be obtained by calling the UNLV Athletic Ticket Office at 739-FANS.

Tickets are priced at \$100, \$30, and \$20 for this event, which will be held in the Aladdin Theatre for the sixth straight year. It is the eighth consecutive year that Dr. Sinatra, who received an honorary doctorate from UNLV in 1976, has hosted, directed, produced and starred in the fundraising concert for the 15-sport athletic program at UNLV.

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