

GOMEZ IN FIFTEENTH DEFENSE

Willfredo "Bazooka" Gomez, the colorful clouter from Puerto Rico, will make the 15th defense of his World Superbantamweight Championship (WBC) against sixth-ranked Roberto Rubaldino, of Mexico, as an added feature of the World Heavyweight Championship battle between undefeated champion Larry Holmes and unbeaten No. 1 challenger, Gerry Cooney here on June 11th.

The Gomez-Rubaldino fight joins the already announced heavyweight 10-round clash pitting No. 3 Greg Page, of Louisville, Ky., against No. 4 Trevor Berbick, the Canadian champion from Halifax, N.S. Other supporting bouts that will be fought in the specially constructed 32,000 seat Stadium at Caesars Palace will be announced shortly. The fights will be shown around the world by Don King Productions, Tiffany Promotions in association with Caesars Palace via closed circuit television, pay-per-view and other cable systems and via the satellites overseas. It is estimated that there will be a billion viewers.

The 25-year-old Gomez, one of the most spectacular punchers in boxing, has won all three of his 1982 fights by knockout. In his only title defense this year, he stopped Juan "Kid" Meza in six rounds on March 17th. He has beaten every challenger and has set a record for consecutive knockouts in title defenses. He won the crown on May 21, 1977, knocking out Yum-Dong-Kyun in 12 rounds. He has won 35 of 37 fights, all by knockout. He lost only to featherweight champion Salvador Sanchez, and drew in the first fight of his career that started in 1974.

The 26-year-old Rubaldino has done most of his fighting in Mexico but is regarded as one of the toughest in the division.

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