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Boza-Edwards Tangles With Elizondo At The Showboat

Cornelius Boza-Edwards, the once and, perhaps, future king of the World Boxing Council junior lightweight division, takes what should be his final step toward another title bout when he meets slugger Roberto Elizondo in a nationally televised 10-round bout Saturday, June 26, at the Showboat Hotel, Casino, Country Club and Bowling Center.

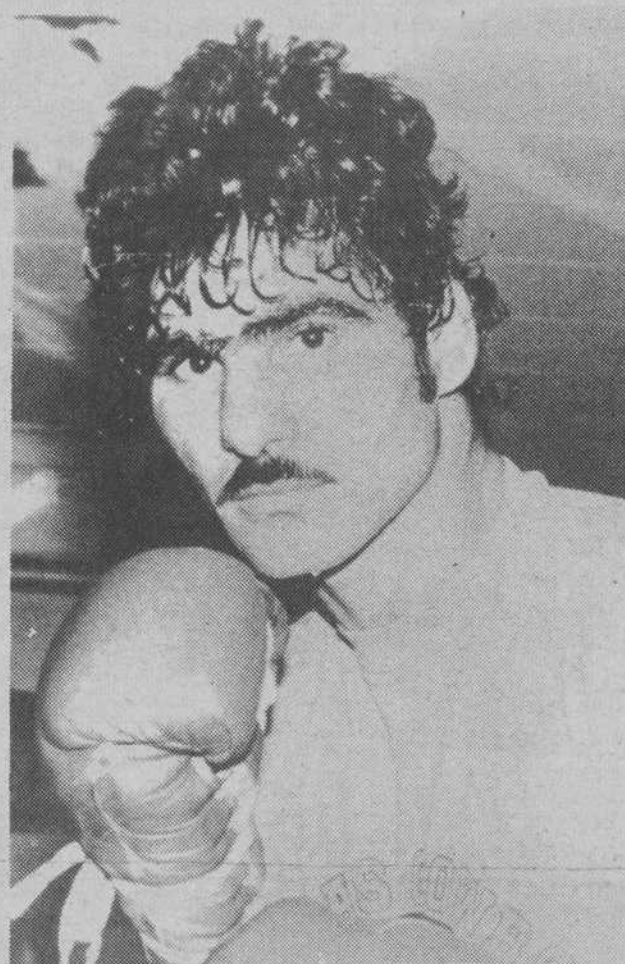
That is, there's a championship fight in the wings if the current No. 1 contender from Las Vegas gets past Elizondo, no easy task.

This important bout, promoted by Don Charlin Productions in association with the Showboat Hotel, will be held in the Showboat Sports Pavilion, doors to which open at 11:30 a.m. The first bout on the card starts at noon.

There have been no increase in ticket prices:



Boza-Edwards



Elizondo

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

The 26-year-old Boza-Edwards, originally from Uganda but now living here after a stop in London, held the WBC 130-pound crown for more than five months in 1981. He won it on March 8 when he dethroned Rafael "Bazooka" Limon, the current WBC king, and lost it, stopped in the fifth, to Rolando Navarrete on Aug. 29. Limon just dethroned Navarrete. Boza-Edwards defended successfully once, halting former WBC featherweight champion Bobby Chacon in the 13th on May 30 at the Showboat.

The soft-spoken Boza-Edwards is the most complete fighter in the world at 130 pounds. He has a 35-3 record with 28 knockouts and has stopped all four of his opponents since his upset loss, including highly touted John "The Heat" Verderosa in his last outing on May 24.

Elizondo, also 26, is ranked No. 5 by the WBC among lightweights and has a 22-2 record with 18 knockouts.

The native of Corpus Christi, Texas, who now lives in Anaheim, Calif., last fought on Nov. 21, 1981, at the Showboat when he was halted in the seventh in a title bout against WBC lightweight champion Alexis Arguello.

That's no disgrace. Boza-Edwards also has fallen to Arguello, losing in the eighth in August, 1980.

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