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WEAVER vs COBB FIGHT LANDS AT CAESARS PALACE

Las Vegas--The much-talked about fight between World Boxing Association heavyweight champion Mike Weaver and colorful Randy "Tex" Cobb on Sunday, July 25th on CBS-TV will be held in the Sports Pavilion of Caesars Palace. Recently, the companion title in the sport of boxing was held at Caesars Palace when Larry Holmes successfully defended his

World Boxing Council heavyweight crown against Gerry Cooney. Sanctions, television dates, and location contracts have kept the fight "up in the air" for several weeks. With today's announcement all details have been finalized for this championship event. The Sports Pavilion at Caesars Palace was the site of Randy Cobb's exciting 10 round decision loss to Michael

"Dynamite" Dokes on the undercard of the Salvador Sanchez/Roberto Castanon WBC Featherweight Championship on March 22, 1981. Although Mike Weaver has been to Caesars Palace many times on a social basis, this will be his professional debut at the "Home of Champions."

Caesars Palace, in a rare invitation to boxing

fans nationwide, is offering a special "Roman Holiday" package to the fight. Two nights stay at the hotel, tickets to the Wayne Newton show, cocktails and other amenities are packaged for the fans for \$135.95 per person, plus the cost of their flight ticket ranging from \$20 to \$100 for ringside. For this offer fans may call toll-free (800) 634-6661. For tickets only, call (800) 634-6698.

CHONG-PAL PARK TO MEET UNDEFEATED BOBBY CZYZ AT CAESARS PALACE ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

LAS VEGAS, Nevada — Caesars Palace, site of the recent Holmes vs Cooney boxing spectacular viewed by nearly 1 billion people worldwide, will again turn to the manly art for excitement when Korean superstar Chong-Pal Park, with 24 knockouts in 25 wins and a 25-2-1 record overall, takes on undefeated American fighter Bobby Czyn with a record of 20-0 in-

cluding 15 knockouts. The action will take place in the famed Caesars Palace Sports Pavilion on Sunday, Aug. 15 and will be broadcast on NBC Sports television. The mid-day event will also include a heavyweight feature bout between Pinklon Thomas (19-0) against Jeff Shelburg (22-5). Both of these fighters have been seen at Caesars Palace

before. The bouts are being presented by Main Event Productions. Main Event, under the direction of Dan and Kathy Duva, was last in residence at Caesars Palace for the Leonard vs Hearn championship bout Sept. 18, 1981 and the firm has promoted numerous fights on the East Coast, in addition to handling the Leonard-Finch fight in

Reno this past winter. Noted boxing manager Lou Duva, father of Dan, is handling Czyn. Tickets to this outstanding boxing match will be available at Caesars Palace boxing ticket office from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day until the bout. The scale will be \$10 to \$50. For information, call 702/731-7865 or use the special toll-free ticket line: 800/643-6698.

LAS VEGAS BOXING SCENE

Ring Record Book lists Las Vegas Leroy Haley pro fight record as 45-2-2, but Haley claims four wins got lost somewhere along the way. "I had 48 wins going into the World Boxing Council lightweight championship fight on June 26 in Ohio," he said. Haley won the WBC version of the crown with a 15 round split decision over Saul Hamby in Highland Heights, Ohio, a Cleveland suburb.

Haley, 29 and a Ranch High School graduate, is managed by Gene Wilcox, a wholesale car dealer and admits a tie-in with promoter Don King and his son, Carl King.

As to Haley's next match, Bob Goodman, the director of boxing and matchmaker for Don King Productions, Inc. said, "We're looking at something in September for Leroy."

Nevada State welterweight champion Kevin Morgan will defend his United States Boxing

Association title against undefeated Marlon Starling in a 12-round bout Saturday July 16 in New York's Felt Forum.

The 28-year-old Morgan, who prefers to be known as "the surgeon", who lives in Los Angeles, is 23-8 with 15 knockouts while Starling, 23-year-old from Hartford, Conn., is 23-0, also with 15 knockouts.

Subject to approval by the Nevada State Athletic commission at its meeting Tuesday, July 19 at the Las Vegas City Commission chambers, Caesars Palace will be the site of the World Boxing Association heavyweight title bout between champion Mike Weaver and Tex Cobb.

The fight will be held July 25 in the Sports Pavilion and although the exact time has yet to be announced, it will be held in the early afternoon and televised nationally by CBS.

Robert Duran, inactive since January, has been offered "a guaranteed half-million dollars" to fight junior middleweight contender Thomas Hearn in September at "either Las Vegas, Phoenix or Detroit," according to a local promoter in Phoenix.

Steve Elsner said he offered undefeated 19-year-old junior middleweight Tony Ayala \$1 million to fight Hearn but "Ayala turned it down, probably because he knows Hearn would kill him."

Negotiations are still continuing and Hearn's trainer-manager Emanuel Steward said the Benitez bout may be pushed back until November or December — allowing for a Hearn-Duran fight "sometime in September."

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