

"Las Vegas' Finest" To Battle "Two-Gun" at Boat July 29

"Las Vegas' Finest" — the Showboat — is crucial for both fighters since the winner moves a step closer toward his very reachable goal, a shot at either the World Boxing Association or World Boxing Council junior lightweight championship.

The title fight — the main event on the huge 7-bout, 58-round card at

talent in Las Vegas, they also offer an interesting contrast in styles. Mayweather, 21, is tall and packs plenty of power while Sparrow, 20, is stocky and a very slick boxer.

Up for grabs is the

ESPN television network's Nevada junior lightweight championship, a title that has been sanctioned by the Nevada State Athletic Commission.

The card, promoted by Top Rank, Inc., in asso-

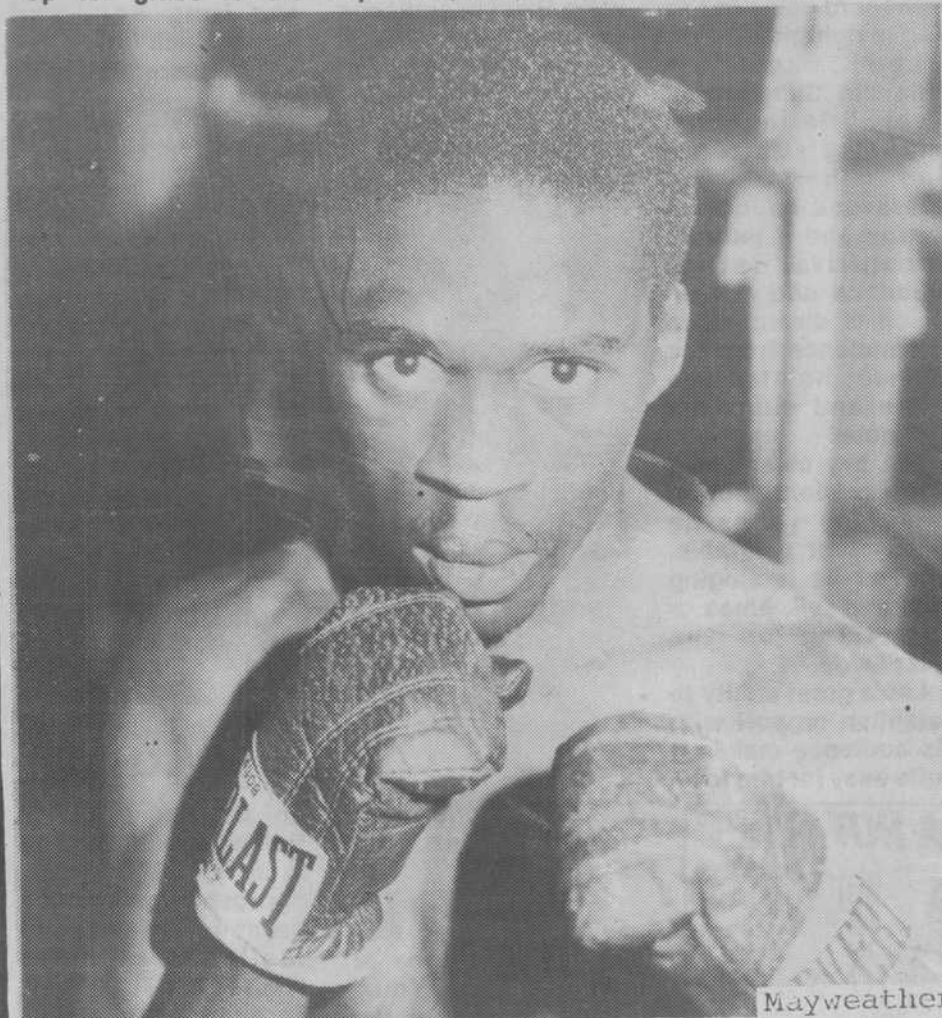
Tough middleweight Tony Cerda takes on Marvin Sanders in one 10-rounder while undefeated bantamweight Danny Zaragosa meets a yet-to-be-determined opponent in the other 10-round clash.

The heavyweights are Las Vegas Jeff Podgurski and undefeated Stan Butler. Podgurski, who has an 11-3-1 record with nine knockouts, faces veteran Yaqui Menesis in an eight-rounder while Butler, who has a 5-0 mark, takes on another yet-to-be-determined foe.

The other two fights are six-round junior middleweight battles. Rigoberto Lopez meets Joe Serna in one and undefeated Luis Santana faces a yet-to-be-selected opponent in the other.

Both Mayweather, who's originally from Grand Rapids, Mich., and Sparrow, who's originally from Port Arthur, Texas, are tremendous young prospects who rapidly are gaining national reputations. The winner should make his name known in international circles, too.

Mayweather, who turned pro last year, recorded his fifth knockout in January by stopping Roberto Garcia in the third in a bout at the Showboat. He then moved up to tough competition, and on April 3 he took a 10-round decision over Jimmy Blevins.

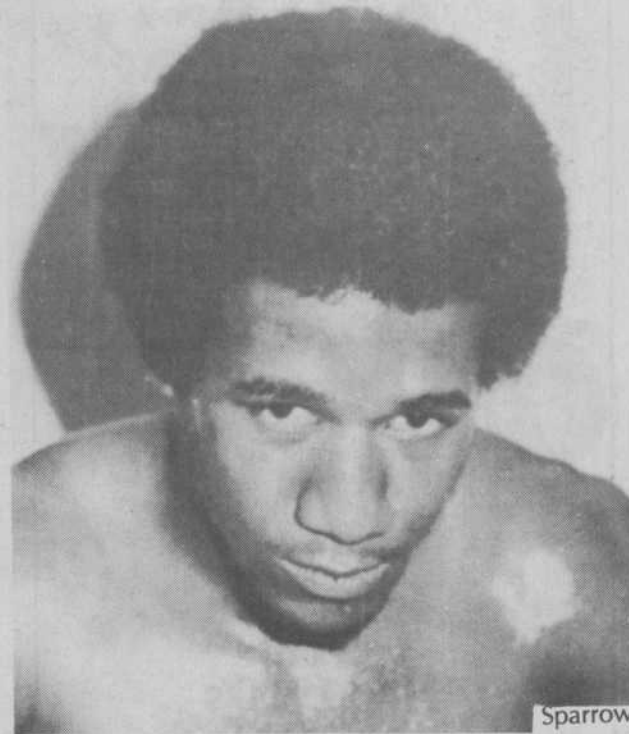


Mayweather

ciation with the Showboat, starts at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 29, with doors to the Showboat Sports Pavilion opening at 5:30 p.m. The Mayweather-Sparrow 12-round main event will not start prior to 7 p.m.

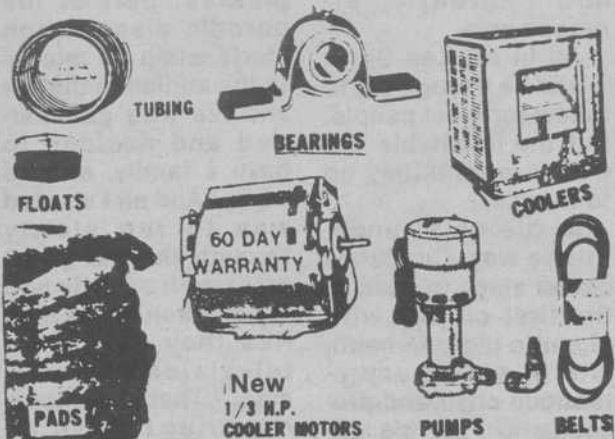
Ticket prices for this big championship card remain the same — \$15 for ringside reserved and \$10 for general admission. Tickets are on sale now from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily at the Showboat Sports Pavilion Ticket Office.

Also on the seven-bout card will be a pair of 10-rounders plus two fights featuring outstanding heavyweight prospects.



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