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Boza-Edwards Challenges Blaine Dickson At 'Boat'

Las Vegas' Cornelius Boza-Edwards, once the World Boxing Council junior lightweight champion now the WBC's No. 1 contender, faces former North American Boxing Federation king Blaine Dickson on Saturday, Oct. 9, at the Showboat Hotel, Casino, Country Club and Bowling Center in what should be his final fight before challenging WBC 130-pound champ Rafael "Bazooka" Limon.

The 10-round bout, promoted by the Showboat Hotel in associa-

tion with Don Chargin Productions, will be held in the Showboat Sports Pavilion. Doors open at 5 p.m. and the first fight on the card begins at 5:30.

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

Not only is this a — perhaps, the — crucial fight for Boza-Edwards in his quest to regain the WBC championship

It also promises to be a brawl. Both Boza-Edwards and Dickson have well earned reputations for making great, not merely good, fights. Both come out and bang from bell to bell, and this is one instance in which styles will make for tremendous, non-stop action.

The 26-year-old Boza-Edwards, born in Uganda and raised in London, has a 36-3 record with 28 knockouts. The 21-year-old Dickson, now living in El Monte, Calif., has a 17-4-1 record with seven

knockouts.

Boza-Edwards' manager, Mickey Duff, and Limon's manager, Ricardo Maldonado, have been negotiating for a 15-round title bout and it may happen as soon as November.

Duff is pushing for the fight to come off in November or December while Maldonado wants Limon to first defend against Bobby Chacon in November then, providing he's successful against the former WBC featherweight champion, against Boza-Edwards

In January.

Boza-Edwards holds a win over Limon. He decided "Bazooka" for the vacant WBC junior lightweight crown on March 8, 1981, in Stockton. Boza-Edwards successfully defended the title once, stopping Chacon in the 13th on May 30 of that year at the Showboat, before being upset by Rolando Navarrete on Aug. 29 in Via Regglo, Italy. Limon dethroned Navarrete earlier this year.

Since that surprising loss Boza-Edwards has

torn through all five of his opponents. He stopped Santiago Alvarez in the third in November in London, halted Art Leon in the fifth in February in London, won the European junior lightweight title by dropping Carlos Hernandez in the fourth in March in London, finished highly regarded John "The Heat" Verdosa in the third in May in Atlantic City and decided Roberto Elizondo in June at the Showboat.

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