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Undefeated Comacho To Face Coverson Nov. 20 At 'Boat

Hector "Macho" Camacho, undefeated, world ranked and, perhaps, the most exciting fighter in boxing today, faces the toughest fight of his career Saturday, Nov. 20, when he faces unbeaten Greg Coverson in a nationally televised 12-round championship bout at the Showboat Hotel, Casino, Country Club and Bowling Center.

At stake are Camacho's North American Boxing Federation junior lightweight title and — at least for the charismatic "Macho" — a shot at World Boxing Association 130-pound champion Sammy Serrano.

Camacho's Las Vegas debut, promoted by Jeff Levine's Round

One Productions in association with the Showboat Hotel, starts with a preliminary bout at 12:30 p.m. Doors to the Showboat Sports Pavilion open at noon.

Tickets, priced at \$20 for ringside reserved and \$10 for general admission, are on sale daily at the Showboat Sports Pavilion Ticket Office.

The Camacho-Coverson 12-round championship "Collision of the Unbeaten" will be nationally televised by CBS but blacked out in Las Vegas area.

The 20-year-old Camacho, from Spanish Harlem in New York,



Camacho

Mich., has a 30-0 record with 18 knockouts. Coverson, who turned pro at age 19 in 1976, had six of his first nine fights at the Silver Slipper. He has not fought in Las Vegas since December of that year.

Camacho, who turned pro in 1980, is a special blend of speed, power and charisma. His hand speed is unsurpassed and his punching good from both sides. Add to this the fact he likes to constantly pressure his opponents and that he has tremendous stamina and it's easy to see why he's the most highly regarded non-champion in the sport.

Outside the ring the Puerto Rican sensation is glib and emotes a charm equalled only by the great Alexis Arguello and the now-retired Sugar Ray Leonard.

has a record of 18-0 with 10 knockouts and is ranked No. 3 by the World Boxing Council and No. 4 by the WBA, ahead of notables such as former WBC junior lightweight champion Rolando Navarrete and former WBC featherweight king Bobby Chacon.

The 25-year-old Coverson, from Kalamazoo,

A win Saturday at the Showboat and, according to Levine, Camacho is next in line to fight Serrano, that bout coming in January or February.

Camacho's most recent victory was on

Oct. 30 when he decided previously undefeated Melvin Paul in Atlantic City. It was Camacho's sixth win this year. Before that he stopped Johnny Sato in the fourth on Aug. 27 in Atlantic City, halted Louis Loy in the seventh on July 11 in New York, dropped Refugio Rojas in the first on May 21 in New York, dumped Rafael Lopez in the third on March 31 in New York and decided Jorge Nina on Feb. 15 in New York.

Camacho won the NABF championship last Dec. 11 by taking an easy 12-round verdict over Las Vegas Blaine Dickson in New York.

Coverson, who has stopped eight of his past 12 foes, has won four times this year. On Oct. 10 he decided Davey Armstrong in the Olympian's hometown of Detroit. On Sept. 28 he stopped Mike Soldier in the first. On May 26 he decided Todd Longmuir and on Feb. 12 he did the same to Robert Moody.

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