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"THE CROWN AFFAIR" HISTORY

The Dunes Hotel and Country Club earns a place in boxing history on Friday, May 20, when "The Crown Affair" heavyweight championship doubleheader takes place.

At stake is Larry Holmes' World Boxing Council heavyweight title and Michael "Dynamite" Dokes' World Boxing Association heavyweight championship. Holmes faces the WBC's No. 3 contender "Terrible" Tim Witherpoon in a 12-rounder while Dokes meets former WBA heavyweight champ Mike "Hercules" Weaver in a 15-rounder.

This is the first time that two heavyweight title fights have been held on the same night from the same location.

The show, promoted by Don King Productions, will be held in a specially constructed 20,000-seat open-air stadium in the Dunes' northwest parking area.

Construction is underway on the stadium and progressing ahead of schedule.

Fighters already have arrived at the Dunes. Holmes is working out in the Crown Jewel Room daily at 3 p.m. The public is welcome to attend with no admission charge.

The show at the Dunes is unique, too, in that it's actually two separate and distinct cards: a WBC half and a WBA half, the two divided by a time interval.

Also appearing on the WBC portion will be United States Boxing Association heavyweight champion Greg Page against Renaldo "Mr." Snipes. This is not only a 12-round USBA championship fight but a title-elimination bout as well with the winner to meet the Holmes-Witherspoon victor. Page is rated No. 1 by the WBC and Snipes No. 2.

On the WBA half will be another 15-round title fight featuring WBA

junior heavyweight champion Ossie "Jaws" Ocasio against No. 1 contender Randy Stephens.

This is the first time since 1979 that the Dunes has hosted a major boxing promotion. In that year both Sugar Ray Leonard, the former undisputed welterweight champion plus the WBA junior middle weight king, and Thomas Hearns, the former WBA welterweight champ and current WBA junior middleweight title holder, fought at the Dunes.

Doors to the May 20 show open at approximately 4 p.m. with the WBA half beginning first, at approximately 4:45.

Tickets are available in all five sections: Crown Circle (\$500), Golden Circle (\$300), Silver Circle (\$200), Preferred Loge (\$100) and Upper Loge (\$50). They can be reserved by calling the Dunes "Crown Affair" Ticket Office (737-4297) from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week. Tickets also can be purchased at the Dunes "Crown Affair" Ticket Booth beginning May 10.

Holmes, 33, Easton, Pa., is making his 15th title defense since winning the crown nearly five years ago. His record is 42-0 with 30 knockouts. Witherpoon, 25, Philadelphia, has a 15-0 mark with 11 knockouts. Dokes, 24, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., is making his first title defense. His record is 26-0-1 with 15 knockouts. Weaver, 30, Diamond Bar, Calif., held the title for almost three years. His mark is 24/0 with 16 knockouts.

Ocasio, 27, Puerto Rico, has a record of 18-3-1 with 10 knockouts. Stephens, 30, Dallas, has a record of 23-7 with 16 knockouts. Page, 24, Louisville, has a record of 21-1 with 17 knockouts. Snipes, 26, Yonkers, N.Y., has a mark of 23-2-1 with 11 knockouts.

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