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Benitez - Hamsho In 'Fist Explosion' At Dunes

Wilfred Benitez, one of only seven men to win championships in three weight divisions, and Mustafa Hamsho, the World Boxing Council's No. 1 middleweight contender, battle for the right to meet undisputed world middle weight king Marvellous Marvin Hagler in a 12-round WBC title elimination bout on Saturday, July 16, at the new Dunes Hotel and Country Club.

The winner of the Benitez-Hamsho 12-rounder at the Dunes earns the right to face Hagler in his next WBC mandatory title defense.

Also appearing on this important "Fist Explosion" will be heavyweight "Terrible" Tim Witherspoon, who lost a controversial split decision to WBC champion Larry Holmes in May at the Dunes, against Floyd "Jumbo" Cummings in a 10-rounder.

The nationally televised fight, promoted by Don King in association with the Dunes, will be held in the Dunes' outdoor stadium, the same facility that hosted "The Crown Affair" in May.

Gates to the Dunes' stadium open at 12:30 p.m. on July 16 with the first fight scheduled to start at approximately 1:30.

Tickets are priced at \$50, \$30 and \$20 and are on sale from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week on the second floor of the Dunes' north tower.

The Benitez-Hamsho 12-rounder will be televised live on ABC, but will be blacked out in the Las Vegas area.

This is a crucial fight for Benitez as he tries to make boxing history and become the first person to win championships in four weight divisions. The 24-year-old from Puerto Rico won his first fight as a middleweight on May 18 at the Dunes, decisioning Tony Cerda.

Benitez, recently

married, is a superb boxer and considered one of the finest defensive fighters of all time. These skills helped enable him to win the World Boxing Association junior welterweight championship and the WBC welterweight and super welterweight titles. He captured the 140-pound crown at the age of 17, making him the youngest person ever to

win a world championship.

Benitez, who has a record of 44-22-1 with 26 knockouts, won the junior welterweight championship in 1976 by beating Antonio Cervantes.

Hamsho has won 31 of his past 32 fights and is coming off a third-round knockout of Gil Rosario on June 3 in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Witherspoon Tackles Cummings On Dunes 'Fist Explosion', July 16

"Terrible" Tim Witherspoon, fresh off his most impressive showing, a controversial and unpopular split decision loss to World Boxing Council heavyweight champion Larry Holmes, returns to the new Dunes Hotel and Country Club for a 10-round bout against Floyd "Jumbo" Cummings on Saturday, July 16.

The Witherspoon-Cummings battle is a supporting fight on the

card which features former three-time world champion Wilfred Benitez taking on No. 1 ranked contender Mustafa Hamsho in a 12-round WBC undisputed middleweight championship elimination bout. The Benitez-Hamsho winner earns the right to face middleweight champion Marvellous Marvin Hagler in his next WBC mandatory title defense.

The card, promoted by

Don King in association with the Dunes, starts at approximately 1:30 p.m. on July 16 with gates to the Dunes' outdoor stadium opening at 12:30.

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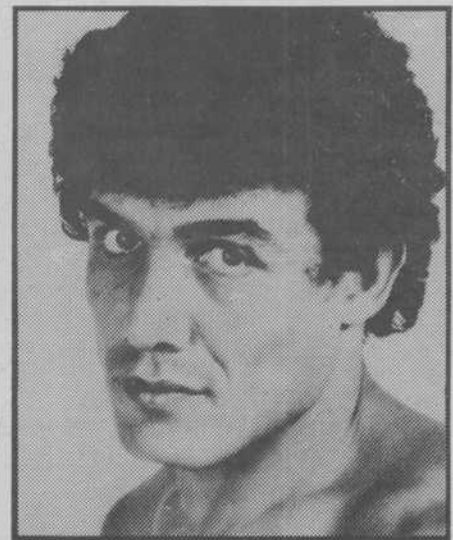
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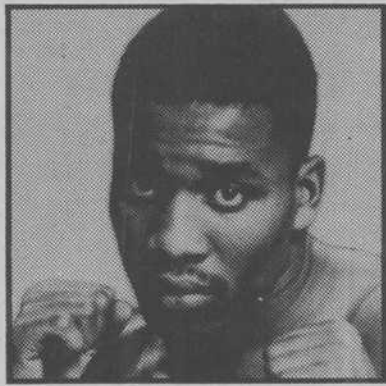
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