

McCRORY, JONES TO BATTLE FOR SUGAR RAY'S WBC WELTERWEIGHT CROWN

The top welterweights in the world -- No. 1-ranked Milton McCrory of Detroit and No. 2-ranked Colin Jones of Wales--battle for Sugar Ray Leonard's vacant World Boxing Council 147-pound crown in a 12-round championship fight Saturday, Aug. 13, at the new Dunes Hotel and Country Club.

The fight, promoted by Don King in association with the new Dunes, is a rematch of their 12-round brawl on March 19 in Reno which ended in a draw.

It's also a classic confrontation, matching the tall, quick boxer, McCrory, against the hard-hitting, relentless slugger, Jones.

Both have had more than a little success with those styles. The 21-year-old McCrory is undefeated with a 21-0-1 record and 19 knockouts while the 24-year-old Jones has a record of 24-1-1 with 21 knockouts.

The title fight will be

held in the Dunes' outdoor stadium with the first bout on the big card beginning at 1 p.m. Gates open at noon.

Tickets, priced at \$50, \$30 and \$20, will be on sale from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week at the McCrory-Jones ticket booth located on the second floor of the north tower.

The 12-round championship bout will be nationally televised live by ABC but will be blacked out in Las Vegas.

This will be the second time the two have fought for the WBC welterweight title held by Leonard until he retired last year. In their March meeting, McCrory took an early lead but Jones, showing amazing stamina, courage and aggressiveness, came back in the later rounds to force the draw.

Neither has fought since then. Prior to their initial bout McCrory had

knocked out both world-ranked Roger Stafford and veteran Victor Abraham. Jones fared well in his two previous outings, too. In September he retained his Commonwealth welterweight championship by stopping Sakrai Ve in the second round and in November he won the European welterweight title by halting Henrik Palm in the second.

Jones had won the Commonwealth crown in 1981 by knocking out Mark Harris in the third. In 1980 he won the first of this three championships. the British welterweight title, by stopping Kirkland Laing in the ninth round. Jones turned pro in 1977.

McCrory, who turned pro in 1980 after a tremendous amateur career in which he compiled a record of 105-5, has both a height and reach advantage on Jones. At 6-foot-1-inch, McCrory is five inches taller than Jones. His reach edge is only 1 3/4 inches, 70 1/2 to 68 3/4.

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Beginning September 12, and extending through the conclusion of the tournament on September 18, it will be the driving range and practice facility for the pros playing in the \$1,052,000 tournament.

According to tournament officials, it might be the most valuable driving range ever built.

Recently, members of the press, tournament officials, civic leaders and several showgirls from Strip hotels got an advance look at the range as they participated in a driving contest.

The Summa property is being leased to the tournament under a unique agreement.

"Normally, we don't do this sort of thing as a matter of practice," explained Summa Vice President and spokesman, Fred Lewis. "But in this instance, we made an exception because the tournament is an activity that will benefit the entire community."

Chuck Ruthe, General Chairman of the tournament, noted that the range was necessary because of the limited practice facilities at tournament courses. "We have 208 pros and 832 amateurs playing in the tournament," stated Ruthe. "It would not be possible to have room for both the pros and amateurs to practice simultaneously, so we decided to build a pros-

only range. During the tournament, we will put up bleachers, so anybody passing by on the Strip will be welcome to watch."

Tournament officials also announced that a Junior Golf Clinic will be conducted by members of the PGA on Tuesday, September 13. On that date, Tour stars will work with and give lessons to area youngsters who are members of the Southern Nevada Junior Golf Association.

The range's large teeing area was sodded with 30,000 square feet of the hybrid bermuda turf. The irrigation system was supplied by Toro Irrigation and Colbert-Fogler Enterprises, operators of the Las Vegas Golf Club.

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