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SHOWBOAT FOCUS ON 3 BIG CARDS

"BOOM BOOM" MANCINI IN LIVE TELECAST AT SHOWBOAT, SEPT. 15

Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini defends his World Boxing Association lightweight championship against unbeaten No. 1 contender Orlando Romero of Peru in a 15-round but that will be telecast live over closed circuit Thursday, Sept. 15, at the Showboat Hotel, Casino, Country Club and Bowling Center.

The exclusive closed circuit telecast of the card from Madison Square Garden in New York City begins at 6 p.m. with preliminary bouts. Doors to the Showboat Sports Pavilion open at 5:30.

All tickets are priced at \$10 and are on sale daily at the Showboat Sports Pavilion Ticket Office.

Two important preliminary bouts will be telecast prior to the Mancini-Romero 15-round title bout: undefeated welterweight sensation Nine LaRocca of Italy against Jerry Cheatham in a 10-rounder and former World Boxing Council junior lightweight champion Alfredo Escalera against Charley "White Lightning" Brown in another 10-rounder.

This will be the first title defense for Mancini since his tragic bout against Duk Koo Kim 10 months ago. Mancini, from Youngstown, Ohio, has a record of 26-1 while Romero enters with a mark of 30-0-1.

LaRocca is ranked, also, rated No. 3 by the WBC and No. 8 by the WBA.

Blake Primes For Showboat 'Boom Boom' Against Paul

Robin Blake, considered by many to be the best lightweight in the world, meets world ranked Melvin Paul in a nationally televised 10-round fight Saturday afternoon, Sept. 17, at the Showboat Hotel, Casino, Country Club and Bowling Center.

The undefeated Blake is ranked No. 2 by the World Boxing Association,

but he's certain to move up to No. 1 if he gets past Paul and if WBA lightweight champion Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini beats No. 1 contender Orlando

Romero in their bout Sept. 15 in New York City.

But besting Paul will be no easy task. The card, promoted by Bob Arum's Top Rank, Inc., in association with the Showboat,



Melvin Paul

begins at 1 p.m. in the Showboat Sports Pavilion. Doors open at 12:30.

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



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LOCAL AMATEURS VIE FOR TOP SPOT AT 'BOAT'

The finest amateur boxers from throughout Nevada will battle for the right to advance to the Regionals and then, perhaps, the Nationals Saturday night, Sept. 17, in the annual Nevada State Amateur Boxing Federation-USA Championships at the Showboat Hotel, Casino, Country Club and Bowling Center.

Winners Saturday in the 12 Olympic weight divisions advance to the Regional Finals next month in Salt Lake City. Winners there go on to the National ABF-USA Championships in November at the United States Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo.

The card begins at 7 p.m. in the Showboat

Sports Pavilion. Doors open at 6:30.

Tickets, on sale daily at the Showboat Sports Pavilion Ticket Office, are priced at \$5 for general admission and \$10 for ringside reserved.

A full card of action has been scheduled by Nevada ABF-USA President Hal Miller; in addition to the open division boxers who hope to move on and garner national glory, novice fighters will compete.

The 12 Olympic weight divisions include 106 pounds, 112, 119, 125, 132, 139, 147, 156, 165, 178, heavyweight and super heavyweight.

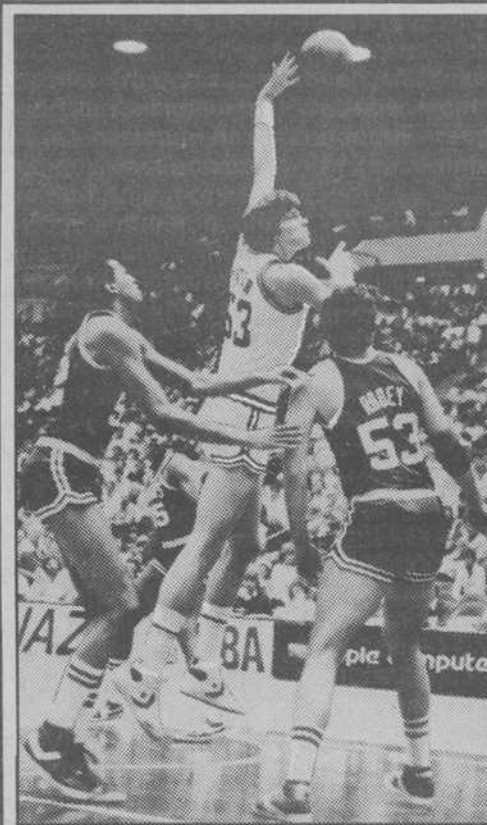
some of the top Las Vegas area boxers, under the guidance of head coach Doc Broadus,

All-Star game in Las Vegas?

Sam Battistone, owner of the Utah Jazz, said Tuesday he has applied to the NBA office to stage the 1985 All-Star game in the new Thomas and Mack Center.

The Jazz will play 11 of their 1983-84 scheduled home games in Las Vegas, and Battistone said he's also in the process of staging an old-timers game at halftime of one of those scheduled games.

The 1984 NBA All-Star game will be held in Denver. Battistone says he will also apply for the 1986 classic in the event Las Vegas is not awarded the 1985 game.



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