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TOUGH BATTLES TO BE WAGED SEPT. 29 ON 'BOAT ESPN CARD

A rematch of one of the toughest battles waged in Las Vegas in years will be the main event Thursday, Sept. 29, on the ESPN fight card at the Showboat Hotel, Casino, Country Club and Bowling Center.

Sluggo Lenny Valdez tries to avenge an upset loss at the hands of brawling Pasqual Aranda in Thursday's 10-round featherweight main.

Also featured on the card is undefeated Las Vegas junior lightweight Jimmy Jackson against streaking Sylvester Kenon in a 10-round co-main event.

And matchmaker Mel Greb has two Las Vegas prospects on the giant seven-bout card in the Showboat Sports Pavilion.

The card starts at 6 p.m. with doors to the Showboat Pavilion opening at 5:30.

Tickets are priced at only \$10 for general admission and \$15 for ring-side reserved and are on sale daily at the Showboat Sports Pavilion Ticket Office.

Valdez, from Hawthorne, Calif., had his plans for cracking the world rankings sidetracked on July 28 when he dropped a 10-round split decision to Aranda, from Houston. The 21-year-old Valdez led through most of the fight, but Aranda's punishing attack finally took its toll and the final two rounds determined the winner.

Valdez, who had a record of 19-1 with 13 knockouts before that surprise loss at the Showboat, his most recent outing, needs a victory Thursday if he expects to make the Top

10 in the near future.

Valdez had won all three of his fights prior to the first Aranda bout. On Jan. 27 at the Showboat he decisioned slick easterner Kenny Mitchell; on May 14 in Mexico he stopped Hector Medina in the sixth round, and on May 26 at the Showboat he halted

Tony Cisneros in the fifth.

Aranda is on a hot streak of his own right now; the 19-year-old lists a record of 14-2 with 10 knockouts and 13 straight wins.

Jackson's been on a roll since he turned pro 23 months ago. The 20-year-old slick boxer-

puncher has a record of 11-0-1 with eight knockouts and is coming off a win on June 30 at the Showboat over Dello Palacios.

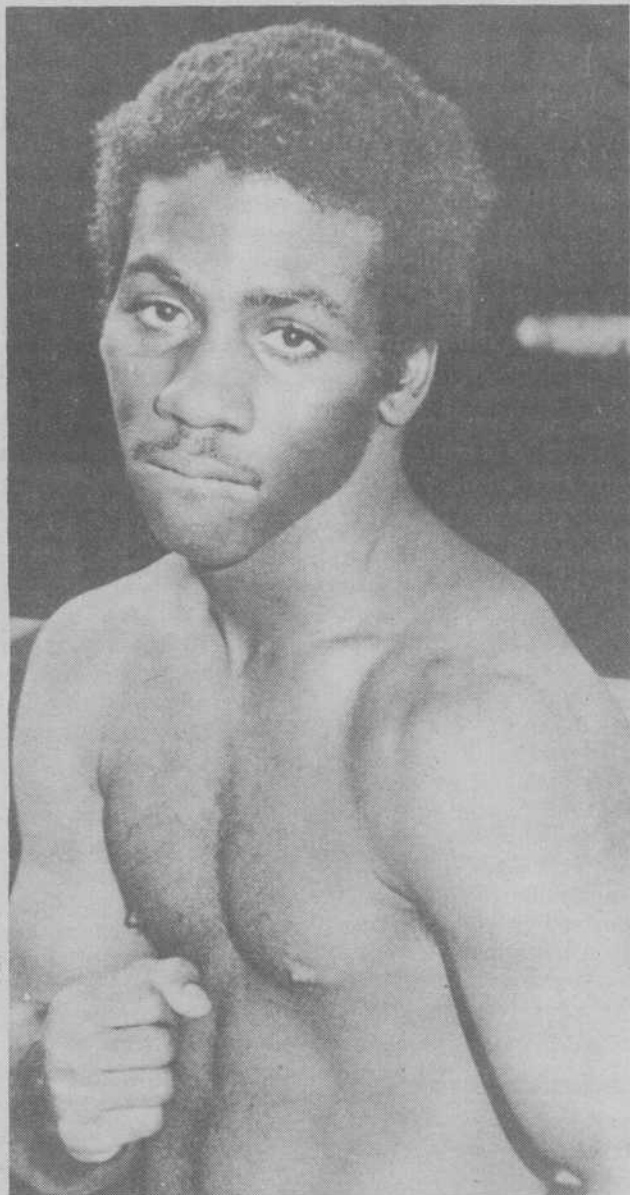
Jackson's past four wins have been at the Showboat. On May 26

he stopped Diego Galaz in the first round; on April 21 he halted Tony Tejera in the fifth, and on Nov. 20 he decisioned Jose Resendez.

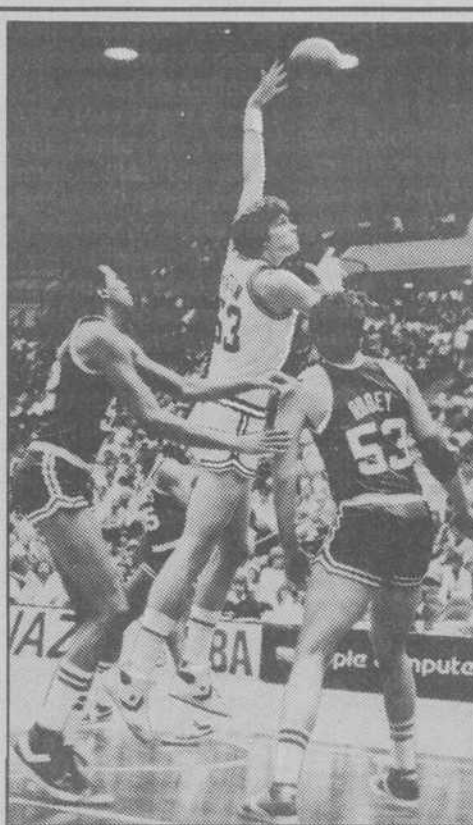
Kenon, from St. Louis, has a record of 14-4 with nine knock-

outs and nine consecutive victories. The 21-year-old had an amateur record of 85-11.

Other Las Vegas in action Thursday include middleweight Larry Davis and lightweight Aurelio Martinez.



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