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## Haley Out To Avenge Title Loss By Decision

Leroy Haley will meet Bruce Curry, also of Las Vegas, in a scheduled 12-round bout for the WBC 140-pound title at the Showboat Hotel Sports Pavilion on Wednesday in New York.

The 27-year-old Curry captured a unanimous

12-round decision over Haley on May 18 at the outdoor arena at the Dunes Hotel to take the WBC super lightweight crown.

Curry will be making the second defense of the title. He stopped Hidekazu Akai in Japan

his first defense.

Haley has been idle since losing his crown and has a record of 48-3-2 with 15 knockouts. Haley is managed by Carl King, the son of the promoter.

Predictably, Haley was unhappy about the

decision in the loss to Curry.

Bruce Curry is managed by Las Vegas' Billy Baxter.

Haley, who turned pro in 1973, gained the WBC super lightweight title with an upset 15-round decision over Saoul Mamby.

## WILLY RIBBS SCORED VICTORY AT CAESARS

Perhaps it was fitting that Willy T. Ribbs and David Hobbs should walk off with the top honors on the last SCCA Budweiser Trans-Am Championship series race of the season.

Both men had won four previous races for their DeAtley racing team this season. Hobbs had been the series points leader since the second race of the season. Ribbs was a strong third after 11 races.

So, before a boisterous, sun-baked crowd along a five-turn, 1.125-mile track in the Caesars Palace parking lot, Las Vegas, Ribbs and Hobbs, in fashion typical of the entire Trans-Am season,

became the biggest stars of the day as Ribbs won the Nissan Trans-Am race and Hobbs, with a fourth place finish, captured the SCCA Trans-Am seasonal points championship.

## Willie Mays Foundation Closes California Branch

After only one year of existence, the Willie Mays "Say Hey" Foundation to help underprivileged youngsters has closed its California branch because of fundraising problems.

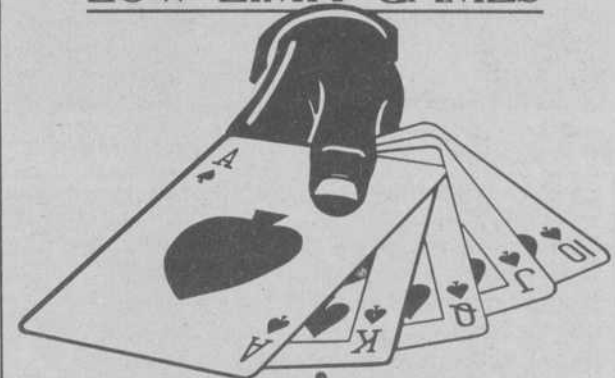
Organizers said "Willie Mays Day" at

Candlestick Park Aug. 20, at which the baseball Hall of Fame member's number 24 was retired by the San Francisco Giants, brought in about \$50,000 for the charity. But they said foundation expenses amounted to some \$73,000.

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