

## TWIN MAIN EVENTS SET FOR 'BOAT BOXING CARD

Las Vegas junior light-weight hopeful Jimmy Jackson and one of the finest 130-pound prospects in the Midwest, Frank Newton of Oklahoma City, meet in a 10-round co-main event on the monthly ESPN professional boxing card tonight (Dec. 22) at the Showboat Hotel, Casino, Country Club and Bowling Center.

The other 10-round co-main event features junior middleweight Curtis Ramsey of Portland, Ore., one of only two men to beat Colin Jones, the World Boxing Council's No. 1 ranked welterweight contender against Humberto De Los Rios of Pomona, Calif., a slugger with a 10-fight win streak.

The giant seven-bout, 52-round card, pro-



Ramsey

moted by Bob Arum's Top Rank, Inc., in association with the Showboat Hotel, begins at 6 p.m. in the Showboat Sports Pavilion. Doors to the Sports Pavilion open at 5:30 p.m.

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

The Jackson-Newton bout is crucial since both youngsters are fighting to crack the Top 10 rankings.

The 20-year-old Jackson, originally from Cleveland, has a record of 12-1-1 with nine knockouts. After seven straight wins, Jackson was upset his last time out, on Oct. 25 at the Showboat, dropping a decision to veteran Adrian Arriola.

Newton had even tougher luck his last time out. After 17 straight wins, he took on Charlie "White Lightning" Brown on the undercard

of the Marvelous Marvin Hagler-Roberto Duran show on Nov. 10. While most everyone who saw the fight either in person or on the screen agree that Newton won, and won handily, the three judges thought otherwise and handed Newton his lone loss.

Jackson's wins this year, all at the Showboat, include a fifth-round knockout of Tony Tejera on April 21, a first-round knockout of Diego Galaz on May 26, a 10-round decision over previously undefeated Delio Palacios on June 30 and a seventh-round knockout of Sylvester Kennon on Sept. 29.

Newton, who has a record of 24-1-1 with 17 knockouts, decided James Martinez on June 18 and stopped Raschad Ozzid in the third on Sept. 6. Both bouts were in Oklahoma City.

Ramsey has met — and beaten — the best in the world. In September, 1981, he halted Jones in the third round. It was Jones' only defeat until this summer when he dropped a close decision to Milton McCrory for the WBC welterweight championship.

Other world-ranked fighters Ramsey has faced include World Boxing Association welterweight champ Donald Curry, junior middleweights Tony Ayala and John "The Beast" Mugabi and middleweight Fred Hutchings.

De Los Rios has a record of 16-2 with 12 knockouts. He's stopped six of his last seven opponents. Wins this year include Rafael Capatillo by ninth-round knockout on Feb. 9, Agapito Ramirez by 10-round decision on March 9, Pedro Guerrero by fifth-round knockout on June 19 and Marvin Sanders by fourth-round knockout on Sept. 16. De Los Rios is managed by veteran Jackie McCoy, who has handled numerous world champions.

The undercard includes one eight-round bout and four six-rounders. Junior middleweights Diomides Calame and Jesse Ruiz go in the eight. Featured fighters in the six-rounders include undefeated Las Vegas featherweight Jeff Franklin.

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