

Dio Colome, upset by Eric (Prince) Martin in a controversial split decision, tries again to capture the ESPN welterweight championship when the two battle in a 12-round rematch Thursday, Aug. 9, at the Showboat Hotel, Casino, Country Club and Bowling Center.

Colome, one of the most highly regarded welterweight prospects in the world, was the aggressor in the June 12 title bout at the Showboat, but Martin was slick and tricky in the ring and became the new champion.

This will be the first defense of the 147pound crown for Martin; it's also Colome's first fight since that shocking loss.

The card, promoted by Bob Arum's Top Rank, Inc., in association with the Showboat, features Las Vegas junior lightweight Freddie Roach against slugger Joe Ruelaz in the 10-round vised live nationally, but

semi-main.

The card starts at 6 p.m. in the Showboat Sports Pavilion. Doors open at 5:00.

Tickets, still priced at only \$10 for general admission and \$15 for ringside reserved, are on sale daily at the Showboat **Sports Pavilion Ticket** 

will be blacked out in the Las Vegas area as are all ESPN telecasts from the Showboat.

Colome, originally from the Dominican Republic but now fighting out of Hawthorne, Calif., hadn't lost in more than a year and had won 13 straight prior to being

upended by the lessheralded Martin. The teenage Colome's record is now 14-2 with 10 knockouts.

Roach, a worldranked super bantamweight before moving up in weight, lost a heartbreaking split decision to Tommy Cordova for the ESPN junior lightweight championship on that same June 12 card at the Showboat. Before that, the Dedham, Mass., native had won both his fights this year, over Delio Palacios in Pasadena, Texas, in March and Efrin Rivas in Portland, Ore., in April.

The 24-year-old Roach has a record of 34-6 with 11 knockouts.

Ruelaz, from Orange, Calif., is a hard-puncher with a record of 13-1 with 12 knockouts. He's halted four of his last five foes, the most recent victim being Rocky Alonso.



Roach

Office. At least four other bouts will be on the card assembled by matchmaker Mel Greb. The card will be tele-

