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## Amateur Boxers To Clash At 'Boat

Teams from four western states, including Nevada, will go at it in the first Southern Nevada Summer Invitational amateur boxing tournament Saturday, Aug. 18, at the Showboat Hotel, Casino, Country Club and Bowling Center.

Joining Nevada in this important amateur clash will be teams from California, Arizona and Utah. California's squad will come from the Fresno-Tulare area, Arizona from the Phoenix-Scottsdale area and Utah from Ogden.

The Nevada team will be comprised of young boxers from Las Vegas and Reno.

The card starts at 1 p.m. in the Showboat Sports Pavilion and will include, says tournament director Hal Miller, 15 to 20 bouts in both the open and Junior Olympic divisions.

Tickets, priced at \$5 for general admission and \$10 for ringside

reserved, are on sale at the Showboat Sports Pavilion Ticket Office.

Las Vegas on the Nevada team include, in the open division, Saul Avelar at 112 pounds; Ron Boone, Tony Davi and Mike Gonzales at 139 pounds; Mike Clarkson at 147 pounds; Carlos Azverate and Ron Hashbrook at 156 pounds; Vinnie Falzone and John Turnstead at 165 pounds; and Dave Beasley at 178 pounds.

Las Vegas competing in the Junior Olympic division include Fernando Sanchez at 65 pounds, Lee Osborne and Mark Torres at 90 pounds, Luis Quintana at 95 pounds, Lakeem Anifowosee at 106 pounds, Frankie Avelar at 112 pounds and Juan Sanchez at 147 pounds.

Reno fighters include open division fighters Richard King at 119 and Bobby Adamson at 139 and Junior Olympic fighter Roger Crans at 100 pounds.

## Heavyweight Champ Elimination Card Set For Vegas

NEW YORK — Fight promoter Don King said Tuesday that an Aug. 31 fight card in Las Vegas will be the start of an elimination series which will eventually crown an undisputed heavyweight boxing champion.

"This is going to set the tone," King said during a news conference to promote a night of heavyweight fights scheduled against third-ranked challenger Pinklon Thomas. The WBC title was vacated when Larry Holmes resigned rather than face a mandatory title defense against Greg Page.

"I think we're going to end up with a creme de la creme champion, because all these guys are going to be fighting each other for the crown," King said.

Another bout on King's Las Vegas card sends Page, the No. 1 WBC challenger, against David Bey for the U.S. Boxing Association title.

Also scheduled to fight against opponents to be named later are No. 2 contender Michael Dokes and unranked Mitchell Green.

## CHAMPION JACKSON CHALLENGES SUPER WELTER KING HEARNS, NO. 1 McCALLUM

Watch out Mike McCallum, and you too Thomas Hearns—Julian Jackson is coming after you.

The undefeated Jackson currently is ranked No. 4 by the World Boxing Association and No. 5 by the World Boxing Council among 154-pounders, but that's not enough for the hard-hitting 23-year-old. He wants more. He wants it all.

"I'll fight anybody, anytime," says Jackson. "Get me McCallum, and I'll show you who should be the No. 1 contender. Get me Hearns, and we'll have a new champion real quick.

"I'll fight them right away. I'm ready and I want them. But I don't see them offering me a shot. Somebody might even think they're scared to fight me."

If Jackson sounds impatient that's only because he has a record

that bears world championship consideration. The St. Thomas, V.I., native has a mark of 19-0 with 17 knockouts. And he's stopped his last 12 opponents, dating back more than two years to March, 1982.

Already this year Jackson's halted Carlton Brown in the first in New York on Jan. 20, former world junior middleweight champion Eddie Gazo in the second in San Juan on Mar. 17, J.J. Cottrell in the fifth in Las Vegas on May 16 and Ron Warrior in the third in San Juan on June 20. The bout against Warrior was for the vacant Continental Americas super welterweight crown. The Continental Americas championship, recognized by the WBC, encompasses North America, Central America and South America, making it, in effect, a hemispheric title.

## Host of fights Set for Nevada

The Nevada State Athletic Commission last week approved the dates of October 19 and 26 for promoter Don King, who is making arrangements to bring the Larry Holmes-Gerrie Coetzee heavyweight championship fight to Las Vegas.

The fight was originally scheduled to be held at Caesars Palace on June 15 but was postponed when promoters failed to produce enough money.

Only a few minor details need to be worked out before the Holmes-Coetzee fight is announced. It was scheduled to be announced last week in New York but was postponed.

The Commission also approved the following dates:

Sept. 20 and 27, Oct. 11, Nov. 29 and Dec. 20 for ESPN boxing at the Showboat Hotel.

Aug. 25, Sept. 28, Oct. 17, Nov. 17 and Dec. 12 for wrestling at the Showboat.

Aug. 15, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21 and Dec. 19 for monthly Don King boxing.

Jan. 16, 1985, Feb. 20, Mar. 20, April 17, May 15 and June 19 for monthly Don King boxing.

Aug. 31 for the World Boxing Council heavyweight championship bout between Tim Witherspoon and Pinklon Thomas. The commission also approved a 12-round United States Boxing Association heavyweight title fight between champ Greg Page and David Bey.

Sept. 7 for world light heavyweight title fight between Michael Spinks and Dwight Braxton at the Lawlor Events Center in Reno.

Oct. 24 for amateur boxing at Reno's MGM Hotel.

Aug. 3 for boxing at Reno's MGM.

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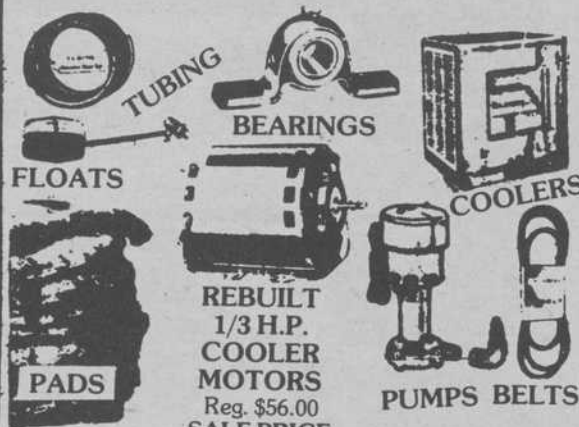
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## LIVE HARNESS RACING COMES TO CAESARS

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Caesars Palace, the home of Nevada's most sophisticated race and sports book now has live simulcast harness racing from New York.

Each night during the month of August and six days a week through September, the Caesars Palace race and sports book will feature live simulcasts of harness racing from the Roosevelt Raceway in New York.

The Post Time Deli, also located in the Olympic Casino, will celebrate the beginning of live harness racing simulcasts