

Boxer Bruce Curry Found Innocent By Reason of Insanity

In a 10-minute non-jury trial, former super lightweight boxing champion Bruce Wayne Curry was found innocent last Thursday by reason of insanity of the attempted murder of his trainer, Jesse Reid.

District Judge Stephen Huffaker, who rendered the verdict, ordered the 28-year-old Curry to the custody of state mental health officials for psychiatric treatment.

He will be confined at Lake's Crossing, a state mental hospital at Sparks. Curry will remain at the facility until psychiatrists determine he is not a threat to society.

The outcome of the trial had been worked out a few minutes earlier in the judge's chambers between Curry's attorney, Joe Houston, and Deputy District Attorney Karen Van De Pol, who argued that Curry was insane at the time of the offense.

Houston said the institution can keep Curry only six months, but if officials believe he needs additional care, they can petition the court for an extension of confinement.

Curry of Fort Worth, Texas, was charged with attempted murder with

use of a deadly weapon and illegal discharge of a firearm stemming from the Feb. 2 shooting at the Golden Gloves Gym, 1602 Gragson Drive.

He was accused of firing a .357-caliber Magnum at Jesse Reid, his trainer at the time,



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through a hole in the gym door. Reid was behind a post in the gym, and the bullet missed him by a few feet, according to police reports.

The shooting erupted after Curry blamed Reid for his title loss the previous weekend, court documents stated. Billy Costello captured the crown from Curry in a nationally televised bout in Beaumont, Texas.

Curry, whose brother Donald is a current welterweight champion.

Cordova Challenges World Ranked Garcia At 'Boat Sept. 27

Tommy Cordova—ESPN telecasts from the Showboat.

The 22-year-old Cordova, from Albuquerque, N.M., has a 13-1 record with six knockouts while the 26-year-old Garcia, from Los Angeles, has a 26-4 record with 13 knockouts.

Cordova's relentless pressure tactics are working well; he's coming off four most impressive wins. On April 12 in Las Vegas he beat Jimmy Jackson and on June 12 at the Showboat he edged Freddie Roach in a 12-rounder for the ESPN championship in what is considered one of the most exciting fights held in Las Vegas in several years.

Cordova's most recent fights were in Albuquerque on July 14 where he bested Jose Resendez and in Phoenix on Aug. 20 where he topped Ron Gary.

"I know Garcia is tough," says Cordova. "He has to be to have gone all the way with Sanchez for the title. But it's my turn now. I want to fight for the title and to do that I've got to keep winning and get ranked. I'm not going to let Garcia stop me now."

Garcia will be fighting for the first time in 13 months. He's been healthy in that time but, according to manager Jackie McCoy, several fights have just fallen through.

A second 10-rounder on the card promoted by Bob Arum's Top Rank, Inc., in association with the Showboat features welterweights Luis Santana and Dennis Horne.

At least four other bouts will be on the card assembled by matchmaker Mel Greb. The card starts at 6 p.m. in the Showboat Sports Pavilion with doors opening at 5. Tickets, priced at \$10 for general admission and \$15 for ringside reserved, are on sale daily at the Showboat Sports Pavilion Ticket Office.

The card will be televised live nationally by ESPN but will be blacked out in the Las Vegas area as are all

Harold Petty, Dana Roston Head Showboat Boxing Card

North American Boxing Federation bantamweight champion Harold Petty and Las Vegas featherweight Dana Roston headline a championship boxing card Thursday at the Showboat Hotel.

Petty defends his NABF title against Greg Richardson in the 12-

round main event while Roston faces Adrian Arreola in the 10-round semi-main.

The card begins at 6 p.m. with doors to the Showboat Sports Pavilion opening at 5.

Tickets are priced at \$10 for general admission and \$15 for ringside reserved.

Ali hospitalized, said to be Parkinson's disease

Former heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali was admitted to the Neurological Institute at



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Columbia Presbyterian Hospital Tuesday night for tests and evaluation, a hospital spokesman said. Gerald Dahill, an

assistant unit manager of the hospital, said Ali checked in for the second time this month at 9:20 p.m. EDT for an undetermined length. He was discharged from the institute Sept. 11 after five days of testing.

The readmission of the 42-year-old Ali comes amid reports from Europe that the former boxer is suffering from Parkinson's disease, a chronic and progressive disorder of the nervous system. The disease is marked by a tremor and a weakness of the muscles.



Although Pinklon Thomas left the Riviera and Las Vegas with the World Boxing Council Heavyweight Title Belt around his waist this photo would suggest he won more than the belt while in Vegas for the Aug. 31 Blockbuster fight at the Riviera. Thomas defeated Tim Witherspoon for the WBC crown, while David Bey dethroned Greg Page and went home with the USBA championship. In other bouts Mike Weaver beat Billy Thomas, Michael "Dynamite" Dokes defeated Mike Jameson and Mitch "Blood" Green was victorious over "Slammin'" Sammy Scaff. Seen in the photo with Thomas is Bill Prezant, who trained Thomas along with Angelo Dundee, and the Riviera's Poker Room Manager Mike Lowman. Lowman is currently busy putting together a "Draw for the Gold" Poker tournament to be held at the Riviera Nov. 23-27. He would not say whether the new WBC champion had sent in an entry as of yet.

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