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HAGLER TO BATTLE HEARNS APR. 15 AT CAESARS

The fight that boxing fans around the world have been waiting for will take place on Monday night, April 15, when Marvellous Marvin Hagler defends his undisputed world middleweight title against WBC super welterweight champion Thomas Hearns

at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas.

The bout, which will be promoted by Top Rank, Inc., in association with Caesars Palace, is scheduled for 12 rounds. Hearns' 154-pound title will not be on the line. More than 15,000 spectators are

expected to jam the outdoor stadium on the grounds at Caesars Palace for the duel of champions.

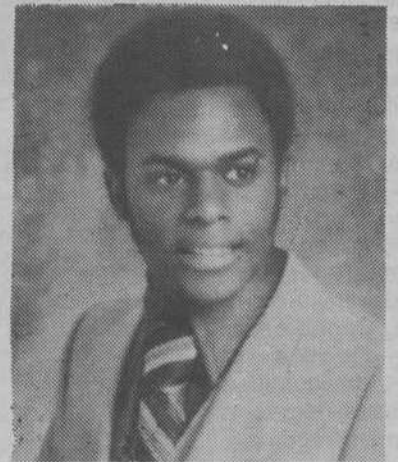
The fight will be telecast on closed circuit and selected pay-per-view outlets and is expected to be the largest grossing closed circuit telecast in history.

Each fighter has been guaranteed \$5.1 million and a percentage of the gate.

The 30-year-old Hagler is a dominant fighter in boxing today. He has compiled a 60-2-2 record with 50 knockouts will enter the fight unbeaten in nine years, covering 35 fights.

In his last title defense in October, Hagler knocked out number one-ranked Mustafa Hamsho in three rounds. It was Hagler's 10th defense of his crown and his ninth by knockout.

KEN'S COMMENTS



By Ken Wilson

Easter Run set for April 6

The second annual Las Vegas Easter Run, one of the premier events of the 50th anniversary of Hoover Dam, will be held April 6. The 10K run will benefit the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Southern Nevada.

World class runners who are committed to the race are defending champions Frank Plasso of Las Vegas and Jenne Peters of Baton Rouge, La.

The event is being sponsored by the Las Vegas SUN, the Tropicana Hotel, and KLAS-TV.

In what began as a showcase for All-American performer Georgetown's Patrick Ewing, along with a contingent that featured St. John's Chris Mullin and Memphis State's Keith Lee, ended with a true demonstration of what hard work plus desire can obtain.

For the second time in the last three years, the underdog came up with a stellar effort as, before 24,000 fans and a nationwide television audience, Rupp's Arena in Lexington, Kentucky, played host to the 1985 NCAA Championship contest. When the

hoopla died, a small school located outside Philadelphia stood alone.

The Villanova Wildcats stunned all observers by playing mistake-free hoop, to dethrone the defending national champion Hoyas by a score of 66-64, to capture its first ever title, thereby jettisoning the previously unranked squad in the country's top spot.

Not even on the board in one Las Vegas Sport's Book, the 25-10 Wildcats upset Georgetown which had hoped to become the first club since UCLA ended a seven-year reign in 1973, to repeat as titlists.

While scoring one of the most dramatic victories in college basketball history, Villanova shocked Georgetown by shooting a NCAA championship record.

From a television standpoint, the Georgetown-Villanova matchup was a huge success, as the Hoyas had become involved in a love-hate relationship with fans, pushing some of them to the side of the Wildcats.

The NCAA and CBC combined forces to present a spectacular package which is expected to net some \$29,000,000 with each Final Four team being guaranteed \$708,000.

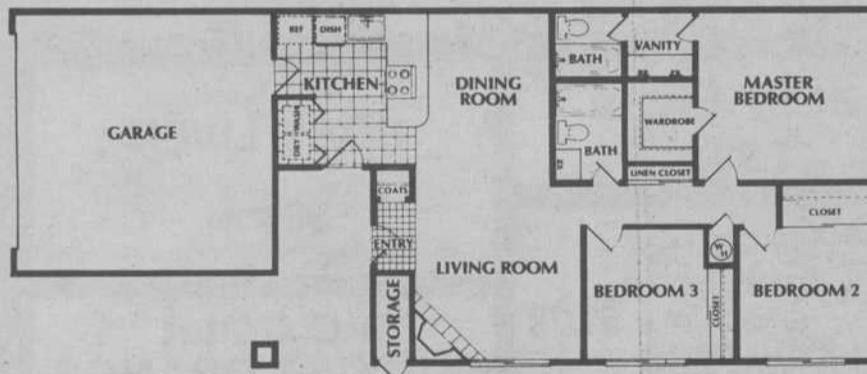
With the Wildcats pulling off the unthinkable, Villanova has sealed a space in many minds, while Georgetown must be considered for a true standout.

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