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Champions Chavez, Ratliff In WBC Title Bouts On Holmes-Spinks Card

Undefeated World Boxing Council super featherweight champion Julio Cesar Chavez of Mexico and hard hitting WBC cruiserweight champ Alfonso Ratliff of Chicago defend their crowns in 12-round title bouts on the undercard of the Larry Holmes-Michael Spinks world heavyweight championship show Saturday, Sept. 21, at the Riviera Hotel and Casino.

Chavez, one of the finest fighters pound-for-pound in the sport today, meets North American Boxing Federation champion Dwight Prachett of Gary, Ind., while Ratliff, tall and powerful, faces former United States Boxing Association champ Bernard Benton of Toledo, Ohio.

These title bouts means the Riviera now has promot-

ed 14 world championship fights in the past 18 months, more than any hotel/casino in the world.

The triple championship card, entitled "History — A September To Remember," will be held in a specially constructed, 11,192-seat, outdoor arena in the southeast parking area of the Riviera.

The multi-million dollar card is promoted by Dynamic Duo, Inc., Don King chairman of the board, Butch Lewis, president, in association with the Riviera.

Tickets, priced at \$50, \$100, \$200, \$300 and \$500, are on sale from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. seven days a week at the Riviera Ticket Booth. Tickets also can be ordered by calling (702) 734-5300 or 1-800-634-3420.

Coors Sponsors Tom Flores Golf Tournament

The Adolph Coors Company recently sponsored the Annual Tom Flores Golf Tournament at The Riviera Country Club to benefit the Los Angeles Area Boy Scouts of America. The event marked its third anniversary with the most successful attendance and greatest funds raised in its history.

Over 160 players participated in the charitable tournament with a Los Angeles Raider in each foursome. In attendance were golf enthusiasts John Madden, O.J. Simpson, Marcus Allen, Buddy Hackett, Henry Lawrence, Jim Plunkett, KCBS sportscaster Jim Hill, veteran golfer Dinah Shore and Al Locasale, executive assistant to Raiders' owner, Al Davis. Coach Tom Flores presided over the star-studded event and the Raiderettes were on hand with cheers as more than \$130,000 was raised to aid the Los Angeles Area Boy Scouts.

Funds from the event will benefit local Boy Scouts of America located in low income and minority communities. Coors hopes to

encourage Black and Hispanic youths to participate in the goals and ideals reflected in the Boy Scouts and to offer them an alternative to the street gang comradery so often found in disadvantaged neighborhoods.

T-Birds Try For President's Cup In Roller Derby at Showboat Saturday, Sept. 7

The Los Angeles T-Birds try for their second straight President's Cup championship in Roller Derby action Saturday, Sept. 7 at the Showboat Hotel, Casino, Country Club and Bowling Center.

The popular T-Birds will be meeting the Northern Devils and the Hollywood Hawks in the three-team, round-robin final.

The action starts at 7 p.m. with doors to the Showboat Sports Pavilion opening at 6.

Tickets are priced at \$12 for courtside, \$9 for general admission adult and \$6 for general admission for children 13 years of age and younger. Tickets are on sale from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday at the Showboat Sports Pavilion

The 23-year-old Chavez has a perfect record of 45-0 with 41 knockouts. He captured the WBC 130-pound crown on Sept. 13, 1984, in Los Angeles, stopping Mario Martinez in the eighth round. He's successfully defended twice, halting Ruben Castillo in the sixth on April 19 of this year in Inglewood, Calif.

Ticket Office.

This is the fourth and final month of competition in the annual President's Cup championship tournament. The T-Birds earned a berth in the finals by winning two matches in July and August on the last jam of the contest after losing in their initial match in June.

This exciting contest will be nationally televised by ESPN.

Hagler-Mugabi-Hearns-Schuler Ticket Sales Strong For Doubleheader at Caesars Palace

Ticket sales are strong for the Nov. 14 boxing doubleheader at Caesars Palace when Marvelous Marvin Hagler risks his world middleweight title in the ring with knockout expert John "The Beast" Mugabi and WBC super welterweight champion Thomas "Hitman" Hearns meets number 1 world middleweight contender James Shuler for the NABF middleweight title.

Of the more than 15,000 seats in the Caesars Palace outdoor stadium only 5,000 remain, with the greatest number available in the \$100 and \$200 categories.

Tickets are on sale now at the Caesars Palace Special Events Ticket Office. Phone 702/731-7865 or 800/634-6698 (outside Nevada, within the U.S.). Major credit cards accepted.

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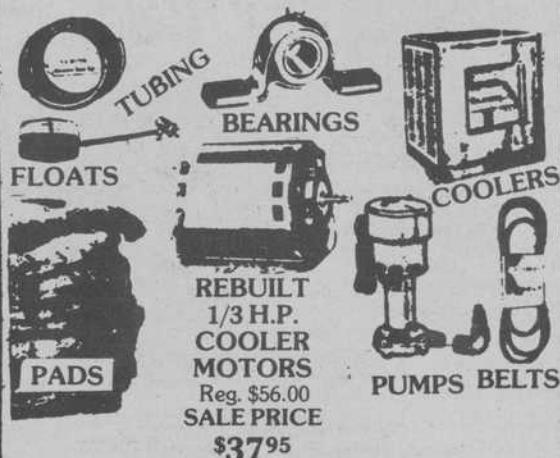
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