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## SPORTS ON PARADE

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### Top seeds advanced in LV Jr. Championships

The Las Vegas Junior Community Championships came to a close with many top seeds advancing to the finals of their respective division. The highlight of the tournament was the boy's 16

singles. Fourth-seed Jon Peper upset No. 2 seed Matt Riviera in semi-final action 6-4, 6-1. Peper, known as "hot peper," played superb tennis throughout the tournament. The finals were even more impressive. No. 1 seed Mervin Bradley came from behind to capture the title 7-5, 7-6. The players had the

crowd on ends as they battled for the championship. Peper, at age 12 and only three years of competition, is "awesome." The 76-pound player attacked every shot with many breezing by Bradley for winners. Bradley, a lefty kept the pressure on with his strong serve and volley game. Viewing the match, the outcome could have gone either way. Peper said, "I'm not upset about the loss to Kervin. Kervin is a good player but I missed some key points which cost me the set. I gave 100 percent and I am happy with the way I played."

In one hour Peper was back on the court to defend the Boy's 14 singles crown. His loss in the boy's 16 singles which didn't dampen his determination to win as he breezed by No. 2 seed

### McCrorry Top Showboat Card Dec. 3

The long-awaited battle between featherweight brawlers Tommy Cordova and Steve Cruz plus the Las Vegas debut of 1984 Los Angeles Olympic gold medalist Steve McCrorry headline the monthly ESPN professional boxing card Tuesday, Dec. 3, at the Showboat Hotel, Casino, Country Club and Bowling Center.

The monthly card, the final show of 1985 at the Showboat, not only will be held on Tuesday but will start at 6:30 p.m., one half-hour later than usual. Doors to the Showboat Sports Pavilion open at 5:30.

Four other bouts are on the card.

### Curry, McCrorry to Unify Welterweight Title Dec. 6 at Las Vegas Hilton

The most anticipated welterweight fight since Sugar Ray Leonard and Thomas Hearns squared off more than four years ago will be reality on Friday, December 6, when WBA IBF champion Donald "Cobra" Curry meets WBC titleholder Milton "Iceman" McCrorry for the undisputed 147-pound crown at the Hilton Center of the Las Vegas Hilton.

Top Rank, Inc., is promoting the title unification, which features a battle of unbeaten. Curry, 24, from Fort Worth, Tex., sports a perfect 23-0 (18 KOs) ring record, while McCrorry, the 23-year-old Detroit, Mich. native, has a career mark of 27-0-1, with

22 knockouts. Home Box Office will televise the confrontation beginning at 10 p.m. EST.

For both fighters, the unification bout marks the end of a collision course they've been on towards each other since Leonard vacated the title in November, 1982. Curry and McCrorry have each felt that he, alone, has been the premier 147-pound fighter in the world and this contest will settle the issue once and for all.

Curry will be defending his portion of the welterweight championship for the sixth time when he steps into the Hilton Center ring.

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