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Round 1 of the Exciting "Heavyweight World Series" to Kick off March 22, 1986

WBC Champ Pinklon Thomas VS. Trevor Berbick at the Riviera

It's finally happening! The Dynamic Duo -- Don King, Chairman of the Board and Butch Lewis, President, have begun the unification of the heavyweight division that will lead to a One World Heavyweight Boxing Champion in a 7-match series to take place

internationally!

The first bout begins March 22, 1986 at the fabulous Riviera Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada, and will headline WBC Heavyweight Champion Pinklon Thomas battling Trevor Berbick, the "Fighting Preacher" in a 12-

round brawl.

Pinklon Thomas, known for his devastating punching ability with 21 of his opponents as "sleeping proof" of his power, gained his heavyweight title on August 31, 1984 against "Terrible Tim" Witherspoon in a titanic struggle. He

successfully defended his crown on June 15, 1985 when he KO'd former champion Mike Weaver.

Trevor Berbick, the ex-marine, consistently tough, gets his second opportunity for the world heavyweight title. Berbick, one of the few to go the distance with former champion Larry Holmes in a title loss, won the USBA title last June when he stopped David Bey in the 11th round for his 30th win.

Home Box Office (HBO), which paid about \$20 million for the exciting "Heavyweight World Series" of boxing will televise the 7-match series. Seth Abraham, Senior VP of

Program Operations and Sports for the pay-cable network, joined with King and Lewis earlier this year to detail the package that will travel as far as Perth, Australia, and conclude around the summer of 1987 with one boxer completing the "Journey to the Top."

The unification of the heavyweight boxing title -- One World Heavyweight Champion -- will create history. The last time one heavyweight champion of the world ruled alone was with Muhammed Ali in 1978.

Round 1 of the "Heavyweight World Series," Pinklon Thomas vs. Trevor Berbick, will be held on March 22, 1986 at the

Fights Rescheduled at Showboat Hotel

The Cornelius Boza-Edwards-Terrance All lightweight fight, originally scheduled for March 3 at the Sahara, has been rescheduled for Sunday, March 30 at the Showboat Hotel's Sports Pavilion.

The fight was postponed when Boza-Edwards injured a shoulder and his neck during training for that March 3 bout.

Boza-Edwards, from Las Vegas, is 44-5 with 34 knockouts. He formerly held the World Boxing Council junior lightweight title.

Riviera Hotel & Casino. Tickets are on sale at the Riviera Ticket Booth, or they can be ordered by calling (702) 734-5300, or toll-free 1-800-634-3420. Tickets are priced at \$50, \$100, \$150 and \$200.

WIN A TICKET TO THE PINKLON THOMAS-TREVOR BERBICK WBC HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP FIGHT AT THE RIVIERA HOTEL ON SATURDAY MARCH 22, 1986



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12 Rounds

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VS

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Former WBC Cruiserweight Champion

12 Rounds

RIVIERA Las Vegas

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