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Pendleton Returns to Sahara Following Mayweather Upset

Freddie Pendleton shocked everyone when he stopped former world champion Roger Mayweather in six rounds last month in the Sahara's last ESPN/Top Rank boxing event. Pendleton will face Shelton "Too Sweet" LeBlanc in the main event on Friday, April 11 headlining a card which promises boxing fans an exciting evening.

Pendleton, having a reputation for staying on his feet throughout, and LeBlanc will go 10 rounds in the lightweight contest.



Pendleton

Also on the card is heavyweight Avery Rawls taking on Mike Hunter in an 8-round bout. Lightweight bouts featuring Felix Gonzales vs. Vernon "Yogi" Buchanan and Zack Padilla vs. Dwayne Prim will be eight round events with two other 6-rounders filling out the 6-event card.

The card starts at 6:00 p.m. with the doors opening at 5:00 p.m. in the Sahara Space Center.

Tickets are on sale 24 hours a day at the casino cage and cost \$10.00 for general admission and \$15.00 for reserved ringside seating.

Pendleton, coming off the biggest win of his career, calls himself 'the best 14-12-1 fighter in the world' and has acquired the respect he

feels he needs to compete at the highest level. At 14-12-1, Freddie's most recent victories were over Mayweather (KO), Roberto Mandez (KO) and Darryl Martin (KO). Pendleton was winning on points before



LeBlanc

falling in a non-title bout with IBF Champion Jimmy Paul in Atlantic City last November.

LeBlanc, a southpaw and excellent counter puncher, was a 5-time Louisiana Golden Gloves Champion and finished his amateur career at 260-32. The 4-time ABF Champ was a 1980 Olympic Trials Semi-Finalist. Shelton KO'd Ronald Haynes in the first round in Houston, Texas last December in his most recent competition. LeBlanc and Pendleton are both 23.

Avery Rawls lists a pro record of 8-0 with KO's. Most recently he bested Nathaniel Robinson in Las Vegas in January and put

him down in the second round.

Rawls' opponent is Mike Hunter. Heavyweight Hunter is just beginning his professional career and has won all three of his pro bouts.

Vernon "Yogi" Buchanan will face Felix Gonzales in an 8-round event. Buchanan has two wins in early 1986, stopping Alex Byrd in Mt. Clemens, Michigan (KO 1) on Feb. 16 followed by a KO 5 of Nick "K.O." Parker in Atlantic City on Mar. 22.

Buchanan, a natural junior lightweight, will enter the 1986 ESPN Tournament as a lightweight. Gonzales boasts four KO's in early rounds in his most recent action over James Sowell (KO 1) in May of 1985, Marcel Wade (KO 2) in March of 1985, Tim Brooks (KO 3) in January of 1985, and Rene Hedman (KO 2) in December of 1984.

In a fourth eight-round match-up Zack Padilla will take on Dwayne Prim in a lightweight battle. Padilla is 6-0-1 with 6 KO's and his only draw coming July of 1985 versus Ernie Landeros in Las Vegas. Padilla has KO'd each of his opponents by the fourth round with the draw coming in a four-round contest.

Prim is a good puncher who comes straight ahead and applies plenty of pressure. Dwayne was 1-1 in the latter part of 1985 with a KO 1 over Roosevelt Rico in Ft. Worth, Tex. in July and losing to Shelton LeBlanc in Lafayette, La. in September in a 12-rounder. Both 8-round lightweight contests (Buchanan vs. Gonzales and Padilla vs. Prim) are ESPN Tournament western semi-final contests.

Heavyweights, Midgets Highlight Wrestling Card Saturday, April 12

A host of heavyweights plus a midget tag-team match spark the monthly American Wrestling Association card Saturday, April 12, at the Showboat Hotel, Casino, Country Club and Bowling Center.

A double main event features 250-pound Nick Bockwinkel of Hollywood, Calif., against 279-pound Larry Zbyscko of Pittsburgh and 303-pound Sgt. Slaughter of Eden Prairie, Minn., against "The Barbarian," a 318-pounder.

The always-exciting AWA card starts at 6 p.m. in the Showboat Sports Pavilion. Doors open at 4:30.

Tickets are priced at \$12 for ringside reserved, \$10 for general admission and \$7 for general admission for those 14 years of age and under. They're on sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through

Saturday at the Showboat Sports Pavilion Ticket Office.

Also highlighting the card will be the midget teams: 112-pound Lord Little Brook and 98-pound "Little Tokyo" go against 105-pound "Cowboy" Lange and 110-pound "Mr. T."

A heavyweight tag-team affair matches 242-pound Mike Rotundo and 251-pound Barry Windham both of Tampa, Fla., against 217-pound "Playboy" Buddy Rose of Las Vegas and 240-pound Doug Summers of Atlanta.

Other heavyweights who'll be in action include 375-pound Leon White of Denver; 245-pound Brad Rheingans of Appleton, Minn.; 320-pound "Bruiser" Brody of San Antonio, Texas; 270-pound Boris Zhukov of the Soviet Union; and 275-pound Carl DeBeers of South Africa.

Hilton 'Undercard' For Big Fight Card A Thrilling Attraction

It'll be the "Hiltons at the Hilton" on the undercard of the Michael Spinks-Larry Holmes International Boxing Federation heavyweight championship April 19.

An added attraction to the world championship card at the Las Vegas Hilton will be not one but two of the highly regarded Hilton brothers of Canada.

Undefeated and world-ranked 154-pounder Matthew Hilton will appear in a 10-round bout while teenager Stewart Hilton, the youngest of the four "fighting Hiltons," will appear in a six-round bout.

The card at the Las Vegas Hilton begins at 5 p.m. (PST). The Spinks-Holmes 15-round title rematch starts at approximately 7:30. Doors to the Hilton Center open at 4.

Matthew is on a collision course with a world title shot now that he's proved he can not only handle but knock out the best in the division.

APRIL 11 ★ SAHARA ★ APRIL 11

BOXING

SPECIAL EVENT!
— HEAVYWEIGHT FIGHT —

<p>Avery Rawls 8-0, 6 KOs, Las Vegas</p>	vs.	<p>Gary Lightbourne 10-2 3 KOs, New York City</p>
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★★★★★ MAIN EVENT! ★★★★★
— 10-ROUND LIGHTWEIGHT —

<p>Freddie Pendleton Philadelphia - Pendleton KO'd L.V. Roger Mayweather on March 12, in the Sahara's last ESPN/Top Rank, Inc. card.</p>	vs.	<p>Shelton LeBlanc 19-2, 11 KOs, Carenco, LA</p>
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PLUS
— 8-ROUND LIGHTWEIGHT —

<p>Felix Gonzales 12-3, 7 KOs, Santa Rosa, CA</p>	vs.	<p>Vernon "Yogi" Buchanan 11-2-1, 7 KOs, St. Louis, MO</p>
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Doors Open 5:00 p.m. • First Fight 6:00 p.m. • General Adm. \$10.00 • Ringside \$15.00

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