

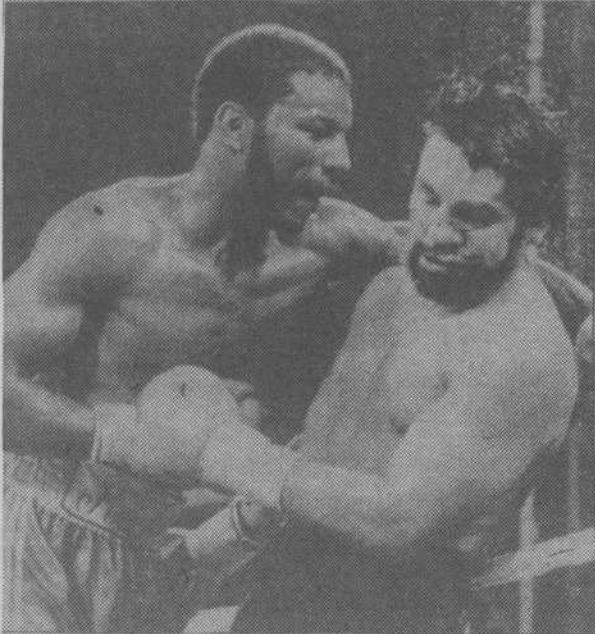
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Sims gets split decision over Duran



Robbie Sims is the half-brother and stablemate of middleweight boxing champion Marvelous Marvin Hagler.

Sims' handlers, Pat and Goody Petronelli, who also handle Hagler, say that Sims is the heir apparent to Hagler's middleweight throne.

However, the heir apparent got a lesson from a crafty veteran Monday night as Sims eked out a 10-round split decision over Roberto

Duran at Caesars Palace.

It was the middle fight of promoter Bob Arum's Triple Hitter show that saw Steve Cruz win the World Boxing Association featherweight championship from Barry McGuigan and Thomas Hearn successfully defended his World Boxing Council junior middleweight crown against Mark Medal.

Duran-Sims was billed as a middleweight elimination bout. It was a 10-round war of survival.

Holmes appeals to IBF to overturn his loss

Former heavyweight champion Larry Holmes asked the International Boxing Federation Tuesday to overturn his April loss to Michael Spinks, saying he was a victim of poor judging by two of the three ringside officials.

"I don't know if there is going to be justice here today," Holmes told the three-men Appeals and Grievance Committee of the IBF. "I felt I beat Michael Spinks clearly. You saw the videotape. I have no doubt I beat Michael Spinks and I think Michael Spinks knows that."

Holmes lost a split decision to Spinks in their April 19 title rematch in Las Vegas. Spinks had won the IBF title from Holmes in 1985.

The Nevada Boxing Commission upheld the result of the April fight last month. Holmes then appealed to the IBF, the sanctioning body for the title fight.

During the two-hour hearing in Newark, N.J., Holmes and his attorney, Charles Spaziani, questioned the competency of judges Frank Brunette and Gerald Roth.

Both Brunette and Roth scored the April fight in

12 Matches Highlight AWA Wrestling Card

Twelve matches, including a six-man tag team bout, highlight the monthly American Wrestling Association card Saturday, July 5, at the Showboat Hotel, Casino, Country Club and Bowling Center.

The six-man tag team match is one of four main events on the card to be held in the Showboat Sports Pavilion.

The six-man tag team bout features Curt Henning, Scott Hall and Greg Gagne against Col. DeBeers, "Playboy" Buddy Rose and "Pretty Boy" Doug Summers.

Also scheduled in main event action is Nick Bockwinkel against "The Barbarian," Boris Zhukov against Steve Olsonoski and a tag-team match of Larry Zbyszko and "Mr. Go" against "The Midnight Rockers."

Eight other bouts are slated for the exciting AWA card.

The card starts at 7:30 p.m. with doors to the Showboat Sports Pavilion opening at 6.

Spinks' favor. Brunette had it 144-141 and Roth scored it 144-142. Joe Cortez, the third judge, scored the fight 144-141 in favor of Holmes.

World's Richest Bowling Event Returns to Showboat

The world's richest and most popular "megabuck" bowling event, The High Roller, returns to the Showboat Hotel, Casino, Country Club and Bowling Center Saturday, July 5, through Wednesday, July 9.

Almost 1,000 bowlers from across the United States will compete for a purse of nearly \$1 million and a first prize of at least \$200,000 in this fifth annual tournament.

The format, again, is scratch, single match game elimination with the eventual winner having to capture just 11 contests in order to take the \$200,000.

Competitors will bowl their first game on either Saturday, July 5, or Sunday, July 6. Winners will bowl their second game on Monday, July 7, and victors that day will return Tuesday, July 8, bowling until the field is reduced to 32 persons. Those persons then will bowl Wednesday, July 9, until a winner is determined.

Last year's winner was Scott Thomsen, a college student at Washington State University. The 1984 victor was Dave Newcomer of Colorado; Ken Bayer of California won in 1983 and Mick Morton of Colorado triumphed in 1982.

Over the past four years The High Roller has averaged 893 entries with an average purse of more than \$850,000. At least \$1,000 is awarded to all bowlers who win just two games.

The High Roller is the only "megabuck" event sanctioned by the ABC-WIBC. All current or former PBA and all current LBPT members are ineligible.

Hagler delays fight plan

A case of the flu forced Marvelous Marvin Hagler to miss Monday night's triple-header fight and postpone Tuesday's scheduled news conference on his fight plans for the immediate future.

According to Hagler's physician, Louis Abdu, the middleweight champion had a slight fever and heavy sinus congestion, and was advised not to make the fight.

"I recommended to Marvin that in light of his condition, he should not fly at this time," said Abdu. "I'm confident he will be fully recovered in a short period of time."


Hagler was scheduled to serve as color commentator for the Thomas Hearn-Mark Medal and Barry McGuigan-Steve Cruz title fights on closed-circuit telecasts.

Hagler now plans to hold a news conference in Boston within a week to announce whether he will fight Sugar Ray Leonard in early November or accept a rematch with Hearn.


Leonard's last fight was nearly two years ago when he knocked out Kevin Howard. He then announced his retirement after he was advised to retire because of a detached retina in his eye.

Leonard, 30, is 33-1 with 24 knockouts and grossed more than \$13 million for his 1981 victory over Hearn at Caesars Palace.

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