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## World-Ranked Middleweight Nunn Faces Boston Friday

Undefeated and now world-ranked middleweight Michael Nunn meets Charlie Boston, until two months ago rated No. 5 in the world, in a 10-round main event on the monthly ESPN professional boxing card Friday, July 25, at the Showboat Hotel, Casino, Country Club and Bowling Center.

Nunn, from North Hollywood, Calif., and Boston, from Trenton, N.J., are two more talented youngsters, and whoever wins, at the Showboat stands a very real chance of gaining contender consideration in the suddenly competitive middleweight division.

The card, promoted by Bob Arum's Top Rank, Inc., of Las Vegas and New York in association with the Showboat, starts later than usual this month — at 7:30 p.m. Doors to the Showboat Sports Pavilion open at 6:30.

Tickets, priced at \$10 for general admission and \$15 for ringside reserved, are on sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday at the Showboat Sports Pavilion Ticket Office.

Also on the card assembled by Mel Greb will be a semi-main event matching Las Vegas featherweight Jeff Franklin against slugger Lupe Gutierrez. Four other bouts complete the card.

### Indoor Track & Field Meet

The City of Las Vegas Parks, Recreation & Senior Citizens Activities is sponsoring an Indoor Track & Field Meet at the Stewart/Mojave Sports Center, 275 N. Mojave. The meet is for boys and girls ages 5-12 years and will include both running and field events. Activities will begin at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 26. Registration is now being taken with the entry deadline at 11 a.m. the day of the event. For more information call the center at 386-6563 or stop in at 275 N. Mojave Road.

Nunn, ranked No. 9 by the World Boxing Association, has a record of 16-0 with 11 knockouts while Boston, ranked No. 5 by the WBA in May, has a record of 12-2 with six knockouts. Both are southpaws.

Boston, 24, gained world prominence on Jan. 31 of this year when he took a 10-round decision over contender Dwight Davison, then ranked No. 2 by the WBA. That boosted Boston to No. 5 in the WBA, a position he held until he was decided by Doug DeWitt on May 6. Both bouts were in Atlantic City.

The semi-main matches Franklin, with a record of 11-1-1 and four knockouts, against Gutierrez, from San Jose, Calif., with a mark of 11-1 and nine knockouts.

This is the first big test for the 23-year-old Franklin in his relatively short but extremely promising career. He's won all four fights this year, two by knockout, including his most recent outing on July 13 at the Showboat when he stopped Donnie Porter in the third.

## IBF holds fast to Spinks--Holmes decision

NEW YORK— Larry Holmes' appeal to overturn his split decision lost to Michael Spinks in their International Boxing Federation title rematch was denied by the IBF, it was revealed Tuesday.

Holmes lost the title to Spinks on a close, but unanimous decision Sept. 21, 1985. He failed to regain the title April 20 at Las Vegas, Nev., when judges Frank Brunette of New Jersey and Jerry Roth of Nevada voted for Spinks.

Brunette scored it 144-141 and Roth 144-142. Judge Joe Cortez of New York favored Holmes 144-141.

Several ringsiders felt Holmes had won.

"The boxing experts and unofficial judges can very easily make decisions," James Stevenson of Bogalusa, La., president of the IBF's Grievance and Appeals Committee, wrote to Charles Spaziani, Holmes' attorney, denying the appeal.

"However, the one that counts is the one rendered by the 'official' judges assigned to work the fight."

## Former NFL Great To Be Roasted

John S. Mackey, voted "the greatest tight end for the first 50 years of the National Football League (NFL)," will be the subject of the "Mayor's Annual Sportsman's Roast" in Canton, OH, on August 2. This event will cap a week of festivities around the induction of five former players into the Professional Football Hall of Fame. Scheduled to join Canton's Mayor Sam D. Puruses in "roasting" Mackey, currently the national spokesman for No-Tox Products (insecticides) Co., will be other football greats of the 1960s, including Jim Brown, Bubba Smith and Deacon Jones.

## Top Nevada Amateur Boxers Meet Los Angeles' Best Saturday, at Showboat

The finest amateur boxers from Nevada face the best Los Angeles has to offer in a dual meet Saturday, July 26, at the Showboat Hotel, Casino, Country Club and Bowling Center.

This is the third dual competition involving Nevada boxers this year. Nevada tied San Diego 5-5 in February and fell to Arizona 7-3 in March.

The multi-bout match against Los Angeles, with bouts scheduled in all 12 Olympic open weight divisions, starts at 2 p.m. with doors to the Showboat Sports Pavilion opening at 1.

Tickets are priced at \$5 for general admission and \$2.50

for general admission for those 14 years of age and under.

Among those who may compete against Los Angeles at the Showboat are the current state Golden Gloves champions: Saul Avelar of Las Vegas at 112 pounds, Frankie Avelar of Las Vegas at 125, John Lockwood of Reno at 132, Bobby Adamson of Carson City at 139, Quinten Fields of Las Vegas at 147, Juan Sanchez of Las Vegas at 156, John Turnstall of Las Vegas at 165, Edward Duffy of Las Vegas at 178, Brad Maiden of Carson City at heavyweight and Tom Torpestad of Las Vegas.

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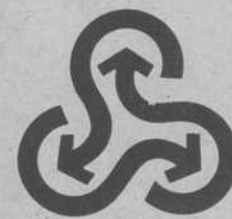
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