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UNCF Celebrity Golf Tournament on Par For Black Colleges

Philadelphia, PA.—The Third Annual United Negro College Fund Celebrity Golf Tournament, Sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Bottlers of Delaware Valley and hosted by the Philadelphia Chapter of the National Negro Golf

Association (NNGA) proved fun for the participants and rewarding to the UNCF's 43 member Black colleges and universities. The all-day event culminated at the awards banquet and dance where some 500 guests gathered to hear Tony Brown, host and executive producer of "Tony Brown's Journal" as keynote speaker, and be entertained by Harold Melvin and the Blue Notes.

Pepsi's Frank Washington, NNGA member, former Globetrotter and Tournament Chairman, said the day-long event, which hope to raise \$50,000 locally for the Fund, "exceeded that goal with early figures estimated in the neighborhood of \$60,000."

"We are reaching our goal because of the great corporate response we've gotten from area companies, particularly our prime sponsor, Pepsi", said Willie F. Johnson, Chairman of the Tournament's Steering Committee. "Nationally, the NNGA had set a goal of \$1

million for UNCF over the next five years. We believe we can do it sooner with the growing support we are getting." Supporting sponsors of this year's event included: Bell of Pennsylvania, Datacom Systems Corporation, KYW-TV and the Baron Development Group. In addition, 22 cooperating sponsors participate in the event. The UNCF helps to provide quality education for some 45,000 students annually, more than 1,200 of whom are from the Philadelphia area.

Philadelphia Eagles' All-Pro wide receiver, Mike Quick, and former Eagles All-Pro and Hall-of-Fame candidate, Harold Carmichael, headed a celebrity contingent that included sports personalities from Philadelphia television and radio stations at the Bala Golf and Country Club.

Cleveland's Dr. Hershel Cochran, president of NNGA, said the group of Black golfers launched the fund-raising tournaments to "give something back to our communities, and what better way to help than to provide financial aid to promising Black students." Organized originally in Cleveland, the events have spread to Washington, D.C., New York City and Atlanta.

European Heavyweight Champ Tangstad Challenges Spinks Sept. 6 at Hilton

Undeclared International Boxing Federation heavyweight champion Michael Spinks will defend against European champ Steffen Tangstad of Norway in a 15-round title bout Saturday, Sept. 6 at the Las Vegas Hilton, it was announced today.

The joint announcement was made in Las Vegas by John Giovenco, president of Hilton Nevada Division, and in New York by Butch Lewis, president of Butch Lewis Productions and who, along with Don King, comprise Dynamic Duo, Inc.

The championship bout in the Hilton Center is the fourth in the eight-fight unification Heavyweight World Series to determine one World titleholder in the prestigious division.

The card, promoted by Dynamic Duo and the Las Vegas Hilton, is the third championship show to be held at the world's largest resort hotel/casino since December.

Spinks, who successfully defended his IBF crown in April at the Hilton by taking a controversial split decision over former World Boxing Council and IBF heavyweight champion Larry Holmes, has a record of 29-0 with 19 knockouts.

Tangstad, younger and larger than Spinks, has a record of 24-1-2 with 14 knockouts.

The championship bout matches the 30-year-old Spinks, a speedy and unorthodox fighter, against the 27-year-old Tangstad, who not only is quick but

packs ample power as well. Tangstad stands 6-foot-2-inches and weighs 220 pounds, 15 more than the champion.

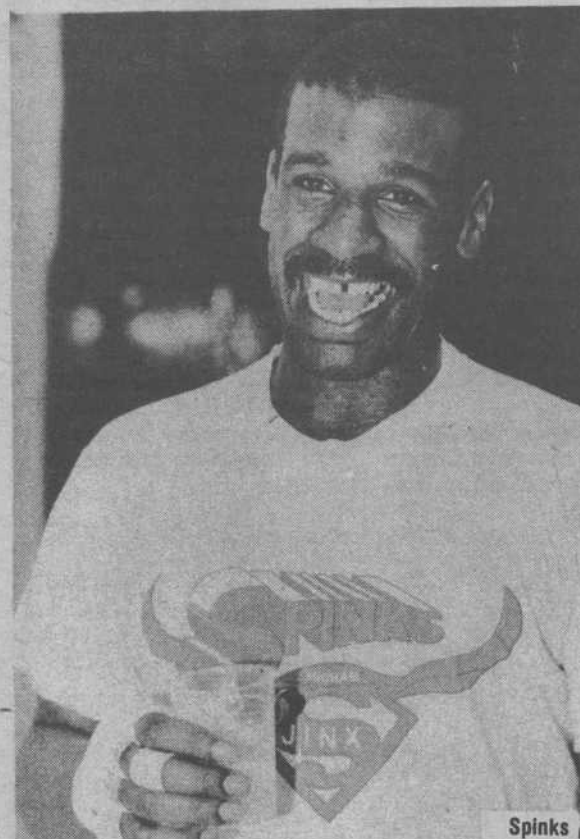
Spinks' career is well-chronicled. A gold medal winner at the 1976 Montreal Olympics, Spinks is the only man to win the heavyweight championship after first holding the light-heavyweight title. He won the World Boxing Association light heavyweight crown in 1981, added the WBC version in 1983 and captured the IBF portion in 1984. In all, he won 11 light-heavyweight championship bouts.

He made history on Sept. 21, 1985, in Las Vegas by taking a 15-round decision over the then-undefeated Holmes. Spinks' only defense was on April 19 at the Hilton when he decided Holmes, again over 15 rounds.

While Tangstad's exploits aren't as well known, they also are impressive.

Born in Norway but a resident of Copenhagen, Denmark, after his native country banned professional boxing, Tangstad captured the European heavyweight championship on Nov. 9, 1984, with a win over Lucien Rodriguez. But Tangstad, who has never been off his feet, was upset in his next outing, losing on cuts to Anders Eckland on March 9, 1985, in Copenhagen.

However, Tangstad regained his European championship on April 18 of this year, taking a 12-round decision over John Westgard



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12-Bout AWA Wrestling Card Scheduled

Heavyweight Nick Bockwinkle faces "The Barbarian" in the main event of the special 12-match American Wrestling Association pro card Thursday, Aug. 7 at the Showboat Hotel, Casino, Country Club and Bowling Center.

A total of 12 exciting AWA matches — including tag-team and womens action — are scheduled for the Showboat Sports Pavilion.

Because of the number of matches set, the card will start earlier than usual — at 6 p.m. Doors to the Showboat Sports Pavilion

open at 4:30.

But prices remain the same for this giant show: \$12 for ringside reserved, \$10 for general admission and \$17 for general admission for those 14 years of age and under.

Also on the card will be the tag-team match of "The Midnighters" against Doug Summers and "Playboy" Buddy Rose. The women also have a match between Sherrie Martel and Candy Devine.

Tickets are on sale in the Showboat ticket office 9 to 5 p.m., Monday thru Saturday.