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## Tyson Added to Spinks-Tangstad Heavyweight Title Card

Undefeated heavyweight sensation Mike Tyson takes a major step on his path to a world title when he faces former World Boxing Council cruiserweight champ Alfonso Rattliff in a 10-round bout on the Michael Spinks-Steffen Tangstad International Boxing Federation championship card Sept. 6 at the Las Vegas Hilton.

The announcement was made at the Hilton Tuesday by John Giovenco, president of Hilton Nevada Corporation, and Butch Lewis and Don King of Dynamic Duo, Inc.

"We're pleased that the most exciting and devastating young fighter in the sport today will join the two world championship fights on the card here Sept. 6," said Giovenco. "We're glad that the Hilton will host Tyson's first professional fight in Las Vegas."

It also was announced that the winner of the Tyson-Rattliff bout will be entered in the heavyweight unification World Series.

The 20-year-old Tyson is facing a difficult test in Rattliff.

Tyson has a record of 26-0 with 24 knockouts and has said his goal is to become the youngest heavyweight champion in history, surpassing Floyd Patterson, who won the world title at 21 in 1956. Ironically, both Patterson and Tyson were trained by the late Cus D'Amato.

Tyson, who is ranked No. 1 by the World Boxing Association and No. 2 by the World Boxing Council, is coming off five impressive knockout wins: Reggie Gross and William Hosea in the first round, Lorenzo Boyd in the

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second, Marvis Frazier in 30 seconds of the first and 6-foot-inch Jose Ribalta in the 10th.

may have the height and style to trouble the hard-hitting but still-learning Tyson, from Catskill, NY. Rattliff, who held the WBC cruiserweight crown in 1984, has both the experience and the range to bother Tyson. Rattliff has a 14-inch reach advantage over Tyson. Rattliff, from Chicago, has a record of 21-3 with 16 knockouts and is coming off a ninth-round knockout of Stanley Ross on July 19 in Wembley, England. Rattliff, who once weighed 263 pounds, is an all-round athlete and holds a black belt in judo and a brown belt in karate.

In addition to the Spinks-Tangstad 15-round title bout will be a second world championship fight matching IBF light heavyweight champ Slobadan Kacar against Bobby Czyz. This bout also is 15 rounds.

The card will be televised by Home Box Office (HBO) live nationally but will be blacked out in the Las Vegas area.

Tickets, starting at \$50, are on sale from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily at the Hilton Special Events Ticket Office located in the hotel lobby. For information, call (702) 732-5320 or 1-800-222-5361 (outside of Nevada).

These will be the third and fourth world championship fights to be held at the Hilton in the past nine months.

## Tag Team "Grudge Match" Tops AWA Wrestling Saturday, Aug. 30, at Showboat

A "grudge match" between the tag teams of "The Midnight Rockers" and "Playboy" Buddy Rose with Doug Somers highlights the monthly American Wrestling Association card Saturday, Aug. 30, at the Showboat Hotel, Casino, Country Club and Bowling Center.

Both "The Midnight Rockers" and the team of Rose-Somers are determined to see this exciting match through to a victorious conclusion. The two teams tangled recently at the Showboat, and the match was halted with no winner because of injuries suffered by all four wrestlers.

The action-packed card starts at 7:30 p.m. in the Showboat Sports Pavilion. Doors open at 6.

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 Friday plus, of course, Saturday the 30th



**GATHERING OF GREATS**—John S. Mackey, left, former tight end with the Baltimore Colts, and now the national spokesman for No-Tox Products (insecticides) Co., was recently on the hot seat in Canton, OH., where he was the subject of the "Mayor's Annual Sportsman's Roast." With Mackey were, from left, Deacon Jones, formerly of the Los Angeles Rams, Jim Brown of the Cleveland Browns, and the Mayor of Canton, Sam D. Purses. Headquartered in Mt. Vernon, NY and Phoenix, AZ, the minority-owned No Tox Products company produces Roachbusters Traps and Roachbusters Powders and has developed innovative ways to increase jobs and new businesses in inner-city areas. The mayor's roast was the final event in a week of activities centered around the recent induction of new members into the Professional Football Hall of Fame. Mackey, once voted "the greatest tight end for the first 50 years of the National Football League," will tour the Greenville, SC. area in late August on behalf of No-Tox Products Inc.

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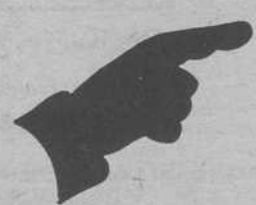
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