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## World-Rated Tillman, Booze Headline Boxing Card Friday, Oct. 17

Olympic gold medalist and now world-ranked cruiserweight Henry Tillman of Los Angeles returns to the Sahara Hotel and Casino in a 10-round main event bout against Tyrone Booze of Hartford, Conn., Friday Oct. 17.

The Tillman-Booze main event is one of six bouts on the monthly ESPN card

promoted by Bob Arum's Top Rank, Inc., in association with the Sahara.

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

Tickets, priced at \$10 for general admission and \$15 for reserved ringside, are on sale 24 hours, seven days a week at the Sahara casino cage plus at the door Friday

the 17th.

Also on the card assembled by Top Rank matchmaker Mel Greb will be undefeated junior welterweight Joe Belinc of Marysville, Wash.; unbeaten heavyweight Mike Williams of Conroe, Texas; and Las Vegas junior lightweight Brett Livingston in his pro debut.



Henry Tillman

Tillman, ranked No. 8 both the World Boxing Association and the World Boxing Council and No. 9 by the International Boxing Federation, last fought at the Sahara on Aug. 19 when he stopped Cedric Persons of the Marvelous Marvin Hagler stable in the first round.

On Sept. 24, his most recent outing, Tillman, halted Oscar Holman in the sixth round to improve his record to 21-1 with nine knockouts.

Tillman, tall at 6-foot-3-

inches and with a wicked left jab, won the North American Boxing Federation

cruiserweight championship on April 22 with a first-round knockout of Bash Ali, then ranked No. 1 by the WBA, WBC and IBF. But the 26-year-old Tillman was upset in the first defense of his NABF title, dropping a 12-round decision to Bert Cooper of the Joe Frazier stable on June 15 in Atlantic City.

Tillman won the gold medal in the heavyweight division at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics, beating current No. 1-ranked heavyweight Mike Tyson in the box-offs in Las Vegas.

Booze is a superb boxer with a record of 11-5-2 with one knockout. The 27-year-old has been in with the best, including former WBA light heavyweight champion Eddie Mustafa Muhammad, current WBA cruiserweight champ Evander Holyfield and, most recently on Aug. 26 at Lake Tahoe, Cooper in a 12-round battle for the NABF title.

## 18-Man Battle Royale Set For AWA Wrestling Card At Showboat

There'll be 5,295 pounds of mayhem in the ring Saturday, Oct. 18, at the Showboat Hotel, Casino, Country Club and Bowling Center.

An 18-man Battle Royale, in which the winner receives not only \$100,000 but a shot at the American Wrestling Association heavyweight championship, is the main event on the monthly AWA professional card at the Showboat.

The winner will be the last person remaining in the ring, and between them these 18 heavyweights total more than 5,000 pounds.

Competing in this unique and action-packed main will be: seven-foot-seven inch, 585-pound "Silo Sam," Jerry Blackwell, Jimmy "Super Fly" Snuka, Scott Hall, Curt Hennig, Johnny Rich, Greg Gagne, Larry Zbyszko, Ninja Go, Alexi Smirnov, Gordy Enko, "Playboy" Bubby Rose, Doug Summers, Col DeBeers, "Gentleman" Ken Timbs, "The Blaster" and "The Midnight Rockers."

The victor's next match will be for the heavyweight title against champion Nick Bockwinkel.

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

Tickets for this special card remain priced at \$12 for ringside reserved, \$10 for general admission and \$7 for general admission for those 14 years of age and under and are on sale Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Showboat Sports Pavilion Ticket Office. Tickets also will be on sale the day of the event, Saturday, Oct. 18.

Other exciting matches include Snuka against Zbyszko, Marty Jettetty against Rose and a tag team bout featuring Hennig and Hall against Smirnov and Enko.

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