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Former World Champ McCrory Tops Boxing Card Wednesday, Nov. 26, At Showboat

Former World Boxing Council welterweight champion and now world-ranked 154-pounder Milton McCrory of Detroit faces rugged Jorge Amparo of New York Wednesday, Nov. 26, at the Showboat Hotel, Casino, Country Club and Bowling Center in a 10-round bout that could determine the next challenger for the junior middleweight title.

Also on the six-bout card will be the three Las Vegas-bantamweight Joey Roach, middleweight Isreal Cole and light heavyweight Marcellus Allen.

The card, promoted by Bob Arum's Top Rank Inc., is association with the Showboat, starts at 6 p.m. Doors to the Showboat Sports Pavilion open at 5.

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

If McCrory, undefeated as a 154-pounder and ranked No. 4 by the World Boxing Association, beats Amparo he very well could be the next challenger for that organization's junior middleweight champion, Mike McCallum, says Emanuel

Steward, McCrory's manager.

"We've been talking with McCallum," says Steward, "and if Milton wins, negotiations will continue in earnest. It's very likely Milton and McCallum will

fight for the title in the spring. But Milton has to get

past Amparo first." The 24-year-old McCrory, also ranked no. 5 by the WBC and No. 6 by the International Boxing Federation, has a record of 26-1-1 with 19 knockouts.

McCrory is 4-0 as a 154-

decision over world-ranked Doug DeWitt on July 13 at the Showboat.

McCrory won the WBC welterweight championship on Aug. 13, 1983, in Las Vegas by beating Colin Jones.

McCrory successfully defended his title four times -- against Milton Guest and Gilles Elbilila in 1984 and Pedro Vilella and Carlos Trujillo in 1985 -- before being defeated by Donald Curry for the World welterweight championship on Dec. 6, 1985, in Las Vegas.

Since then McCrory has won twice, beating Keith Adams on April 18 in Atlantic City and then DeWitt.

Amparo is a crafty fighter with a record of 12-6-1 and two knockouts. His draw, however, came on Sept. 26, 1984, in Atlantic City against then No. 1 ranked middleweight James "The Heat" Kinchen.

Amparo is undefeated this year, beating Art Bayliss on July 10 in New York and Kevin Watts on Oct. 2 in Atlantic City.

Amparo was an outstanding amateur and represented the Dominican Republic at the 1976 Montreal Olympics. Three years later he won a gold

medal at the Pan-American Games.

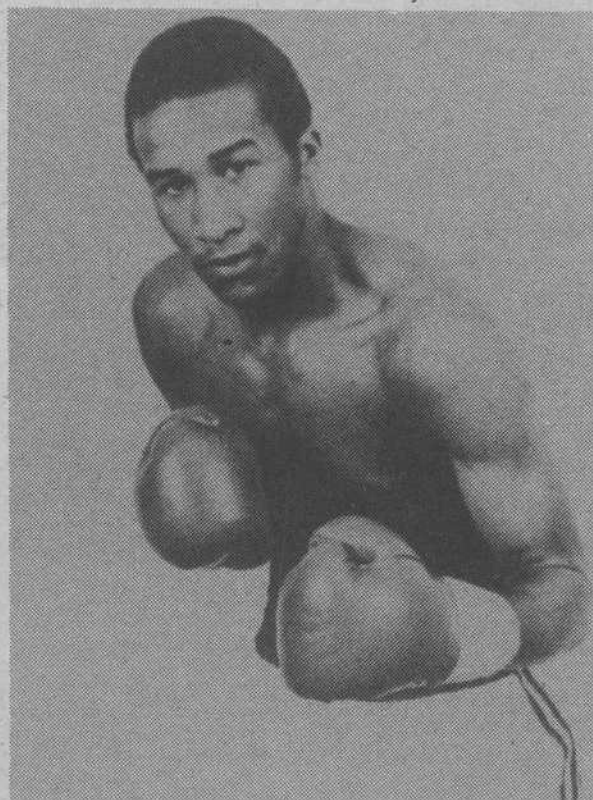
The 24-year-old Roach, also known as the "Baby-Faced Assassin," has a record of 10-1-3 with three knockouts. He's facing Mauro Diaz of Montebello, Calif., who lists a record of 15-4, in an eight-round bout.

A second eight-round bout matches junior welterweight Ricky Lehman of Phoenix with a record of 14-5 and nine knockouts against Bobby Garcia of Los Angeles with a listed mark of 14-5 and nine knockouts against Bobby Garcia of Los Angeles with a listed mark of 14-4.

Lehman is coming off a unanimous decision on Oct. 17 over previously undefeated and highly regarded Joe Belinc.

Cole enters with a listed record of 7-3 while Allen in 1-0. Opponents for Cole, in a six-rounder, Allen, in a four-rounder, will be determined later.

Another four-round fight features heavyweight "Bronoc" Billy Wright of Salt Lake City against Candido Soto of National City, Calif. Wright, who's trained by former World middleweight champion Gene Fullmer, has a record of 1-0. Soto is 0-0-1.



Milton McCrory

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Contestants Sought For Twirl, Pom And Cheer For 6th Annual Fiesta Bowl Championship

The Sixth Annual Fiesta Bowl Twirl, Pom and Cheer competition will take place on December 6 at Horizon High School, 5601 E. Greenway, Scottsdale. The competition is open to all grade school, pop Warner, Junior High, Freshman, Junior, and Senior Varsity Pom, Cheer and Twirlers.

Pom and Cheer squads will be asked to wear their school or team uniforms and perform three different cheers, and the poms will be judged on a pom, pom dance routine. Twirlers will compete in solo events, including one baton, two baton, three baton, strut, dance twirl and teams. Fiesta Bowl awards will be given in all categories.

Entry blanks may be received by contacting the Fiesta Bowl Twirl, Pom and Cheer Director, Becky Hewitt at 242-8374. Deadline for all entries is November 22.

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Final Amateur Boxing Card Of Year Slated For Showboat Saturday, Nov. 29

The final amateur boxing card of 1986, Las Vegas against Central California, is Saturday, Nov. 29, at the Showboat Hotel, Casino, Country Club and Bowling Center.

A total of 18 bouts, including eight in the open division, are on the card in the Showboat Sports Pavilion. Doors open at 1 p.m. with the first fight at 2.

Tickets, priced at \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for those 14 years of age and under, are on sale Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Showboat Sports Pavilion Ticket Office.

The open division team from Las Vegas, which has won two straight dual meets,

features Akeem Ainfowski at 119 pounds, Nelson Galindo at 125, Michael Black at 132, Jose Colin at 139, Juan Sanchez at 156, John Tunstall and Danny Lowry at 165 and Michael Beasley at 178.

Five of these fighters are current state or regional champions. Ainfowski, Black, Sanchez, Tunstall and Beasley are reigning ABF Nevada champions. Sanchez and Tunstall, recently selected the Amateur Boxer of the Year for Nevada, also are 1986 Golden Gloves state champs.

Also on the card will be six bouts in the novice division and four in the junior Olympic category.