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National Middleweight Title Bout Tops Last Showboat Card of Year Friday, Dec. 12

Two punchers -- Kenny Snow of Tyler, Texas, and Darryl Spain of Cleveland -- clash in a 12-round bout for the National ESPN middleweight championship Friday, Dec. 12, on the final boxing card of the year at the Showboat Hotel, Casino, Country Club and Bowling Center.

Also on the card promoted by Bob Arum's Top Rank, Inc., in association with the Showboat will be a 10-round junior lightweight bout matching undefeated Genaro Hernandez of West Covina, Calif., against J.L. Ivey of the famed Kronk Gym in Detroit.

Four other bouts, one including undefeated Las Vegas light heavyweight Ed Duffy, completes the card in the Showboat Sports Pavilion.

The card starts at 6 p.m. with doors to the Showboat Sports Pavilion opening 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. in the Showboat Sports Pavilion Ticket Office.

A win by the 22-year-old Snow in the national championship bout will virtually guarantee him a ranking among the top 10 in

the world. The Columbus, Ohio, native has a record of 25-3 with 16 knockouts and is coming off an eight-round win over Tim Williams in the Western semi-finals in July and a 10-round victory over Charles Campbell in the Western finals on Aug. 5, Snow's most recent outing.

Snow, nicknamed "Blizzard," has won 10 of his past 11 bouts, and the lone loss was to world-ranked David Braxton by 12-round decision for the North American Boxing Federation super welterweight championship on May 29 in Detroit. However, Braxton was stripped of that title after

post-fight testing revealed that drugs had been in his system during the bout.

Spain, with the even more colorful nickname of "Atomic Dog," has a record of 13-8 with 10 knockouts. His most recent win on July 4 in the Eastern tournament was an impressive third-round knockout of Harry Daniels, the chief sparring partner for John "The Beast" Mugabi.

assembled by Top Rank matchmaker Mel Greb will be two more youngsters from the Kronk stable, undefeated junior welterweight Anthony Jones and lightweight Gary Martin. The 19-year-old Jones, with a record of 13-0, faces Keith Potts of West Covina, Calif., in an eight-round bout while Martin, with a record of 9-1, meets Kenny Wyatt of Los Angeles

Doolittle Programs

After School Recreation

Doolittle Community Center, 1901 N. "J" Street, will be offering an After School Recreation Program free of charge to children 6 to 12 years old. This program includes crafts, games, and sports skills. For more information phone 386-6374.

Holiday Fun

The Center also will be offering a Holiday Fun Program during Christmas break...December 22 thru January 2...from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The program is free for children ages 6 to 12, and enrollment is limited on a first come-first served basis. Stop by to register or call 386-6374 for more information.

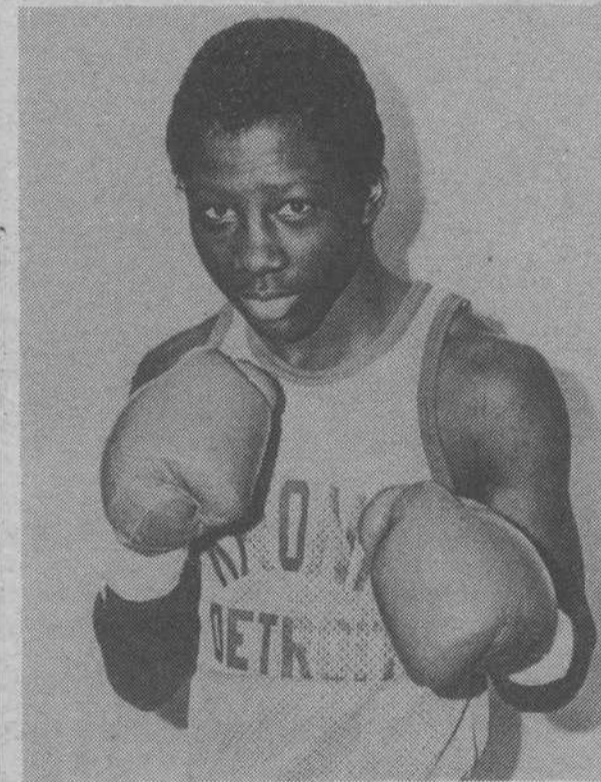
Doolittle Community Center, in conjunction with KCT Enterprises, will be having a Christmas program/party Dec. 24th from 1-3 p.m. The program will include a talent show, fashion show, dancing, rapping and a visit from Santa. All are welcome. Call 386-6374 for more information.

Budweiser Championship Clydesdales at Hacienda Hotel

The Budweiser Championship Clydesdales will be hitching up at the Hacienda Resort Hotel and Casino on Fri. Dec. 12 at 11:00 a.m. and parading down the Las Vegas Strip to sister property the Sahara Hotel.

The team will be carrying the traditional Dalmations while presenting their majestic beauty.

Children from Helen J. Steward and Variety School along with the young adults of Opportunity Village will receive free hot dogs and drinks while enjoying the hitching set-up.



J. L. Ivey

The 20-year-old Hernandez has stopped five of his past seven opponents and is coming off a 10-round win over Lupe Miranda on Sept. 12. Hernandez' record is 11-0 with five knockouts.

The 22-year-old Ivey has a record of 17-5 with no knockouts. The Buffalo native may not have much power but he does have fine boxing skills and has won six of his past eight fights. He's managed by Emanuel Steward, who also handles former World Boxing Association welterweight and World Boxing Council super welterweight champion Thomas Hearns and former WBC welterweight champ Milton McCrory.

Also on the card

in a six-round fight.

Duffy, the 25-year-old Las Vegas won's developing an avid following among local fight fans because of his 4-0 record with all wins coming by knockout, takes on Jorge Moreno of National City, Calif., in a four-round bout.

In a six-round junior middleweight fight unbeaten Dwain Lockman of Tyler, Texas, with a listed record of 8-0, faces Ernest Curtis of Los Angeles.

Professional boxing at the Showboat returns in January.

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