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## Curry Faces Montgomery for USBA Jr. Middleweight Title at Caesars Palace

Slick Rollin Williams of Phoenix takes on veteran Lorenzo Guzman of Las Vegas in a welterweight semi-main event on the Donald Curry-Tony Montgomery United States Boxing Association junior middleweight championship card Saturday, Feb. 7, at Caesars Palace.

Also on the card, promoted by Bob Arum's Top Rank, Inc., will be a pair of powerful and undefeated Las Vegas prospects, light heavyweight Ed Duffy and lightweight Tim Mosley.

The six-bout championship card starts at 1 p.m. (PST) in the 4,298-seat Caesars Palace indoor arena. Doors open at noon, with the Curry-Montgomery USBA title fight scheduled to begin at approximately 2.

middleweight championship at Caesars Palace.

The scheduled 12-round bout for the vacant USBA 154-pound title matches Curry, the subject of many questions following his stunning loss to Lloyd Honeyghan in September, against Montgomery, a highly regarded prospect who surpasses or equals the former welterweight king in 10 of 13 "Tals of the Tape" categories.



Tony Montgomery

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Tickets, priced at \$20, \$30 and \$50, and on sale from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days weekly at the Caesars Palace Olympic Casino Ticket Office. Phone (702) 731-7865. Tickets also may be ordered by calling the toll-free telephone number (800) 634-6698. All seats reserved.

The championship fight will be televised nationally by CBS, but blacked out in the Las Vegas area.

Curry, 25, won the World Boxing Association welterweight title in February, 1983, and successfully defended five times. When he stopped his World Boxing Council counterpart, Milton McCrory, in only the second round in December, 1985, the new world welterweight champion was being proclaimed as one of the world welterweight junior

was being proclaimed as one of the two best fighters, pound-for-pound, in the sport of boxing.

But on Sept. 27, he was shocked by the unheralded Honeyghan, losing his undisputed championship in the sixth round.

## Wheelchair Basketball Invitational Tournament

Come watch the action of Wheelchair Basketball Teams from the Western United States at the Seventh Annual Wheelchair Basketball Tournament on February 7 & 8 at Baker Park Community School, 1100 E. St. Louis. Championship Game will be played at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 8. This activity is sponsored by the City of Las Vegas and admission is free. For more information call 386-6297.

## Hagler/Leonard Training

In preparation for his April 6 world middleweight title fight at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, Marvelous Marvin Hagler is training at the Americana Canyon Hotel in Palm Springs, Calif. Media contact is Lee Samuels, phone 619-323-5656. Hagler trains daily from 6 until 8 p.m.

Sugar Ray Leonard is training at the Intercontinental Hotel in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. Media contact is Irving Rudd, phone/803-681-4000. Leonard trains daily from noon until approximately 2 p.m.

Media credentials for the April 6 fight as being handled by Deborah Munch at Caesars Palace, phone 731-7324. A completed credential application form and a letter of assignment on media letterhead are requested. Deadline for receipt of credential applications is March 11, 1987.

## Happenings At Doolittle Community Center

Doolittle Community Center will be having its 6th annual black history program February 9 thru February 13, at 7:00 p.m. There will be a variety of activity taking place in this week long celebration.

For more information call 386-6374 or 386-6375.

### Soccer Clinic

Doolittle Community Center, located at 1901 N. "J" Street will be having a Soccer Clinic for youths 5 to 18 years old. This is a co-ed clinic and everyone can participate. The fee is \$10 and the clinic will be held Feb. 14, 1987 from 8 a.m.-10 a.m. and at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Hurry and sign-up now. For more information phone 386-6374.

### Three on Three Basketball

A Three on Three Basketball League for Men, ages 18 and over will begin on February 16 at the City of Las Vegas Doolittle Community Center, 1901 N. "J" Street. Entry fee is \$10 per team. For more information call 386-6374.

### Hot Shot Basketball Contest

A Basketball Hot Shot Contest will be held on February 21 from 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Doolittle Community Center, 1901 N. "J" Street. The contest is open to youth, ages 12 to 14 years and 15 to 17 years. First and second place certificates will be awarded for the hottest shot. For more information call 386-6374.



Donald Curry

The Williams-Guzman fight is set for eight rounds, while Duffy, who meets Hector Fernandez of National City, Calif., is in a six-round bout, and Mosely, who takes on Gabe Sepulveda of Los Angeles, is a four-rounder.

The remaining two bouts feature junior middleweights Ismael Negron (6-3) of New York against Francisco Diaz (5-4) of Los Angeles in a six-rounder and heavyweight Jim Hoover (0-1), a security guard at Caesars Palace, against Las Vegas John Erloqua (1-1) in a four-rounder.

Former world welterweight champion Donald Curry faces perhaps the toughest and most crucial challenge of his career Saturday, Feb. 7, when he meets undefeated Tony Montgomery for the United States Boxing Association junior

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