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Cage Winners "Midnight Rockers" Top AWA Wrestling at Showboat Friday, Feb. 20

The "Midnight Rockers", winners of the exciting cage match recently held at the Showboat Hotel, Casino, Country Club and Bowling Center, return to the Showboat Sports Pavilion to top the American Wrestling Association card Friday, Feb. 20.

Also on the exciting monthly AWA card will be a second tag-team match plus two heavyweight main events.

The action starts at 7:30 p.m. with doors to the Showboat Sports Pavilion opening 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. Tickets are on sale for 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday at the Showboat Sports Pavilion Ticket Office.

The second tag-team match pits Nick Bockwinkel and Ray Stevens against "The Ninja" and Mr. Saeto.

Jimmy Snuka faces Col. Debeers in one main event while Leon White meets Boris Zhukov in the other.

Popular AWA pro wrestling is a regularly scheduled event in the Showboat Sports Pavilion.

Nelson to Defend WBC Featherweight Title on Tyson-Smith Card Saturday, March 7

World Boxing Council featherweight champion Azumah Nelson of Ghana will defend his title against No. 1 contender Marcos Villasana of Mexico on the Mike Tyson-James "Bonecrusher" Smith WBC-World Boxing Association heavyweight unification card Saturday, March, 7, at the Las Vegas Hilton.

The 12-round bout will be the fifth title defense for Nelson since he won the championship in 1984 and his second against Villasana. Nelson took a 12-round decision over Villasana on Feb. 25, 1986, in Inglewood, Calif.

The card, promoted by

Dynamic Duo Inc. and the Las Vegas Hilton, will be held in a 14,600-seat outdoor stadium located northwest of the resort hotel/casino. This will be the first outdoor boxing card at the Hilton in its nine-year involvement with the sport.

Gates to the Las Vegas Hilton Outdoor Stadium open at 4 p.m. (PST) with the first bout starting at 4:30.

Tickets starting at \$75 are on sale at the Las Vegas Hilton Special Events Ticket office located in the hotel lobby from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week. Or you may call (702) 732-5320 or 1-800-222-5361.

The card will be televised

Olympic Gold Medalist Wilma Rudolph to Coach Track, Be Consultant on Minority Affairs at DePauw University

Three-time Olympic gold medalist Wilma Rudolph, rated one of the best female athletes of this century, is joining DePauw University as director of the women's track program and special consultant to the university's

by Home Box Office (HBO) but will be blacked out in the Las Vegas area unless there is a sellout in advance.

The Nelson-Villasana WBC featherweight title fight will be the seventh world championship bout to be held at the Las Vegas Hilton in the past 15 months, more than any other site in the world during that period.

The 28-year-old Nelson, one of the most complete fighters in the world, has a record of 24-1 with 18 knockouts. Villasana has a record of 31-5-2 with 25 knockouts.

Nelson won the WBC featherweight championship on Dec. 8, 1964, in San Juan, P.R., when he stopped Wilfredo Gomez in the 11th round. Nelson has successfully defended his title four times: on Sept. 6, 1985, in Miami, Fla., when he halted Juvenal Ordenes in the fifth round; on Oct. 12 in Birmingham, England, when he stopped Pat Cowdell in the first, his win over Villasana; and his most recent outing on June 22, 1986, in San Juan when he knocked out Daniel Cabrera in the 10th.

Villasana's most recent bout was Feb. 5 in Los Angeles when he stopped Ramon Rico in the fourth round.

president on minority affairs.

Rudolph, 46, who made sports history when she won three gold medals in track events at the 1960 Olympics in Rome, will be women's track coach and assist DePauw in its efforts to recruit talented minority students. She will also continue to head the Wilma Rudolph Foundation in Indianapolis, an agency she founded five years ago to develop disadvantaged youths through sports and academics.

This will be Rudolph's first official college coaching position.

"My association with DePauw can help preserve the legacy of Wilma Rudolph and the Wilma Rudolph Foundation. At the same time I hope to help identify and create some other minority leaders who might come through DePauw," Rudolph said of her appointment, which is effective immediately.

"I have always believed that the most important aspect of my life is working with young people. It's been my dream to start programs that through athletics foster education," she said.

The former track star plans to institute summer clinics at DePauw to help train future runners, conduct a national workshop for the top American track coaches, and host the Wilma Rudolph Invitational national track meet at DePauw in 1988. DePauw students will have the opportunity to work with

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Major League Baseball and Arby's Present Lifetime Achievement Award to Hank Aaron

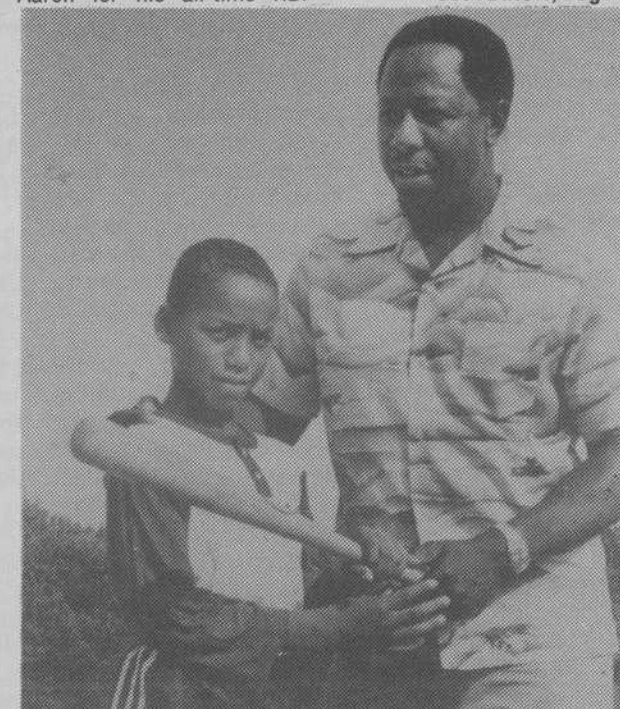
At the 64th annual awards dinner for the New York Chapter of the Baseball Writers Association, Baseball legend Hank Aaron was presented with a lifetime achievement award by Major League Baseball and Arby's, Inc.

The lifetime achievement award was presented to Aaron for his all-time RBI

record (2,297) and his association with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America through Arby's RBI Award program.

"Hank Aaron devoted 23 years to the game and holds many records, including most RBI's," said Baseball Commissioner Peter V. Ueberroth. "For his

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At a recent baseball clinic for little brothers and sisters associated with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America (BB/BSA), baseball legend Hank Aaron shared his famous batting techniques with children from the Atlanta area. Pictured above with Aaron is 9-year-old Kariem Brown. The clinic was just one of many across the country in which Aaron participated last year. The program was sponsored by Arby's, Inc. as part of Arby's RBI Award program with Major League Baseball. Developed to honor RBI (runs batted in) leaders from the American and National Leagues, the RBI Award program also benefits BB/BSA, in that for every run driven in by the two league leaders, Arby's pledges \$1,000 to the social-service organization. In 1986 the two league leaders were Mike Schmidt of the Philadelphia Phillies, and Joe Carter of the Cleveland Indians. For their combined total of a 240 RBIs, Arby's presented BB/BSA with a \$240,000 donation.

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