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## "Bonecrusher" Smith, Nelson to Work Out at Hilton Starting Monday, Feb. 23

World Boxing Association heavyweight champion James "Bonecrusher" Smith and World Boxing Council featherweight champion Azumah Nelson begin training at the Las Vegas Hilton Monday, Feb. 23.

These workouts will be in Pavilion 11 of the Hilton Pavilion area and will be open to the public with no admission charge.

Smith, who faces WBC heavyweight champion Mike Tyson at the Hilton March 7, trains at 3 p.m.

Nelson, who defends against No. 9 Mauro Gutierrez on the same card in the specially constructed Hilton outdoor stadium, trains at 1 p.m.

Also training at 3 p.m. at the Hilton will be contender David Bey, who faces the WBA's No. 1-ranked challenger Tyrell Biggs on the March 7 card promoted by Dynamic Duo Inc. and the

Hilton. Smith, the only heavyweight champion in history to hold a college degree, meets Tyson for the unified WBA-WBC title. The Lillington, N.C., resident has a record of 19-5 with 14 knockouts.

The 20-year-old Tyson, the youngest person in history to win a heavyweight world championship, has a record of 28-0 with 26 knockouts.

Nelson, making his fifth title defense, has a record of 24-1 with 18 knockouts. Gutierrez has a record of 35-6-4 with 21 knockouts.

Biggs, the gold medal winner in the super heavyweight division at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics, has a record of 13-0 with eight knockouts. Bey, who fought Larry Holmes for the International Boxing Federation heavyweight championship in 1985, has a record of 15-4 with 11 knockouts.

## Mexican Champ Gutierrez New Opponent for WBC Featherweight King Nelson March 7

Mexican champion Mauro Gutierrez has been tabbed to challenge World Boxing Council featherweight champion Azumah Nelson of Ghana on the Mike Tyson-James "Bonecrusher" Smith WBC-World Boxing Association heavyweight title unification card Saturday, March 7, at the Las Vegas Hilton.

Gutierrez, ranked No. 9 by the WBC, replaces Marcos Villasana, who reportedly injured the knuckles on his left hand while training for the 12-round title bout.

The 23-year-old Gutierrez lists a record of 36-6-1 with 20 knockouts and has a mark of 10-1-1 dating back to 1984. His most recent outing was Dec. 6 in Mexicali when he stopped Javier Marquez in the eighth round.

This will be the first title defense for the 28-year-old Nelson since he won the championship in 1984. He has a record of 24-1 with 18 knockouts. Nelson, one of the most complete boxer-punchers in the sport, has halted Wilfredo Gomez for the crown and has defended successfully against Juvenal

Ordenes and Pat Cowdell in 1985 and Villasana and Daniel Cabrera last year.

The card, promoted by Dynamic Duo Inc. and the Las Vegas Hilton, will be held in a 14,600-seat outdoor stadium adjacent to 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 beginning at 4:30.

Also on the card will be a 10-round heavyweight bout between undefeated and No. 1 contender Tyrell Biggs, a gold medalist at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics, and former world championship challenger David Bey.

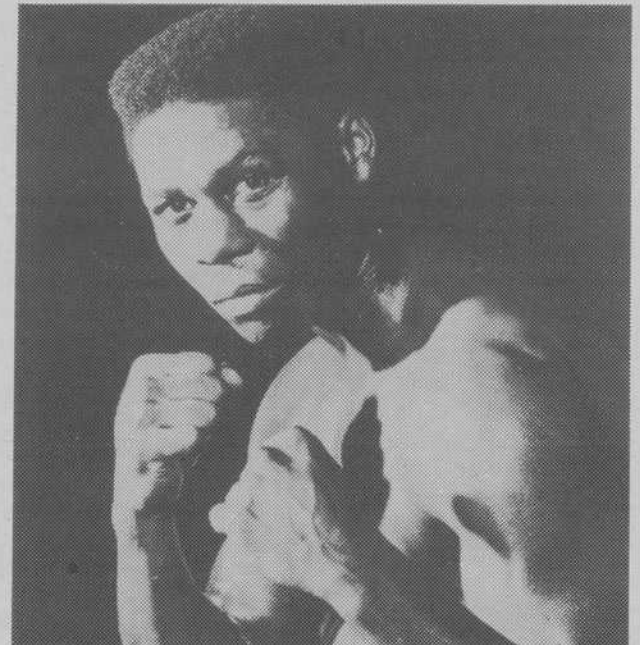
Tickets, with prices starting at \$125 (\$75 and \$100 tickets are sold out) are on sale at the Las Vegas Hilton Special Events Ticket Office located in the new Race and Sports SuperBook daily from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tickets also may be ordered daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. by calling either (702) 732-5320 or 1-800-222-5361.

## Tyrell Biggs Makes Las Vegas Debut vs. David Bey on Tyson-Smith Card March 7

Tyrell Biggs, the Olympic super heavyweight gold medalist and now the No. 1 World Boxing Association contender, makes his Las Vegas pro debut against former title challenger David Bey in a 10-round bout on the Mike Tyson-James "Bonecrusher" Smith World Boxing Council-WBA heavyweight championship unification card Saturday, March 7, at the Las Vegas Hilton.

former world title challenger, Renaldo Snipes, in his most recent outing on Dec. 12 in Madison Square Garden in New York.

Bey becomes Biggs' third foe who has fought for a world heavyweight championship. On March 15, 1985, in Las Vegas Bey battled Larry Holmes for the International Boxing Federation title, eventually losing in the 10th round. Bey holds a win over former WBA



Tyrell Biggs

Biggs has continued his winning ways since taking the gold at the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles and is undefeated as a pro. The 25-year-old from Philadelphia has a record of 13-0 with eight knockouts.

The 29-year-old Bey, also from Philadelphia, has a record of 15-4 with 11 knockouts.

Biggs, tall at 6-foot-4 3/4 inches, proved he's tough enough to go all the way as a pro when he took a 10-round decision over Jeff Sims on March 23, 1986, in Reno despite fighting the final nine rounds with a broken right collarbone.

Biggs also holds a win over former world championship challenger James "Quick" Tillis. Biggs beat another

heavyweight champion Greg Page, taking a 12-round decision on Aug. 31, 1984, also in Las Vegas.

Joining Biggs and Bey on the Tyson-Smith card will be WBC featherweight champion Azumah Nelson defending against No. 1 contender Marcos Villasana in a 12-round bout.

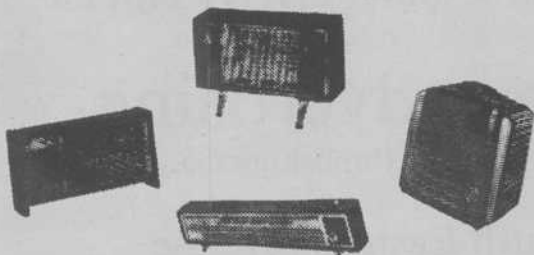
The card, promoted by Dynamic Duo Inc. and the Las Vegas Hilton, will be held in a 14,600-seat outdoor stadium located northwest of the resort hotel/casino. This will be the first outdoor boxing card at the Hilton in its nine-year involvement with the sport.

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