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Los Angeles One Win From Title

By William Ramirez

The Forum, the crowd. The Garden, the mystique. The NBA, the finals. The teams, oh yeh, the teams. It makes no difference where they're playing, when the Los Angeles Lakers and Boston Celtics meet, don't blink your eye, because your sure to miss something. Also, if either team is losing by no more than 10-15 points don't expect a definite win until it turns into a blowout. Just always expect something to happen between these two nemesis. Those impatient people that hate to get caught up in traffic will learn to stay till the clock reads 00:00. Game 4 of the NBA Finals did not reach its peak until the last 3½ minutes of the game.

The Lakers, who trailed 103-95, with 3½ minutes remaining, rallied with a 9-0 spurt to take their first lead of the game since early in the first quarter. The last two points of the nine straight came on an alley-oop slam dunk by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

The 104-103 Laker lead didn't hold up as Larry Bird hit a three-pointer to give

Boston a 106-104 lead with 12 seconds remaining. Abdul-Jabbar went to the free-throw line only to miss the second of two shots, Kevin McHale then bobbled the rebound and it went out-of-bounds with eight seconds remaining. The ball was in-bounded to Magic Johnson, declining to shoot a jumper, Magic drove the lane and swished a hook shot with two seconds left and the Lakers led once more 107-106. After a timeout (after Magic's shot), Bird missed a 3-pointer at the buzzer sealing the Lakers' victory, plus giving them a 3-1 advantage in the series.

It looked as if the Lakers would sweep the Celtics after impressive wins in games 1 & 2. In Game 2, the true Laker style came out. It was at a fast pace from beginning to end. The Celtics couldn't contend as the Lakers destroyed Boston 141-122.

The series changed when it came to Boston. The revitalized Celtics showed that they weren't just gonna get blown out of the series. They set the pace in Game 3 from the start and went on to

victory with a 109-103 win and also cut LA's lead in half 2 games to 1.

Game 4 then had its excitement and Game 5 will definitely be a great game.

The Lakers will try to dethrone the Celtics this evening, in the Garden. If they (Los Angeles) win the title it will mark the 17th straight year there's been a different champion. The 1968 and 1969 champions were the Boston Celtics. The '68 & '69 Celtics beat the LA Lakers.

At the end of the series a MVP will be chosen. Who is your choice? If the Celtics win, Larry Bird will most likely take honors but if LA wins there are two people to consider; Earvin "Magic" Johnson or James Worthy. Magic has carried the Lakers during the finals but Worthy was the big man during the conference playoffs. Through Game 4, Magic averaged 21.6 point per game in the playoffs and 28.0 ppg. against Boston. Worthy avg. 24.4 ppg. during the playoffs and 22.5 ppg. against Boston. Well what do you think? Look for Worthy and Magic to share the honor as the Lakers win the 1987 NBA Championship.

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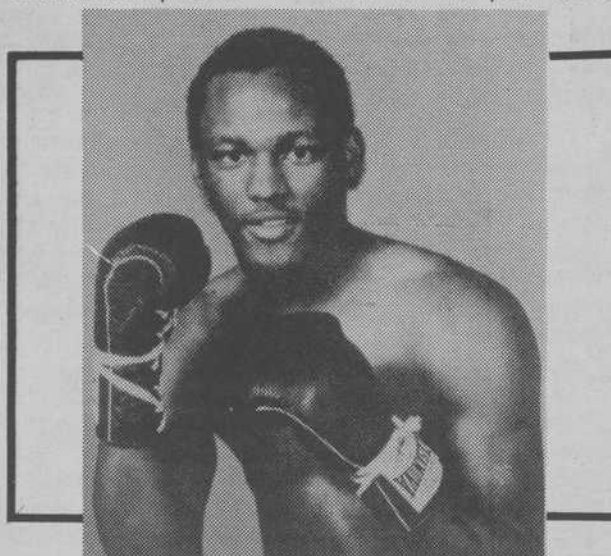
Mike McCallum and Donald Curry To Clash For Junior Middleweight Title July 18 at Caesars Palace

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Former undisputed world welterweight champion Donald Curry will attempt to wrest the World Boxing Association junior middleweight championship from the undefeated title holder Mike McCallum, when the two boxers collide in a 15-round bout at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas on Saturday night, July 18, it was announced by promoter Bob Arum of Top Rank.

For Curry, currently 27-1 (20 KOs) the McCallum fight represents a crossroads in his career. He has already boxed as a junior middleweight twice, winning each time and is the current U.S.B.A. junior middleweight champion.

McCallum 31-0, with 28 knockouts, is a native Jamaican, who has been fighting out of Brooklyn, N.Y. for the past several



Donald Curry

Doors open at 5 p.m. (PDT) in the Caesars Palace indoor Sports Pavilion, with the main event scheduled at approximately 7 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$25, \$50, are priced at \$25, \$50, \$100 and \$200, all seats reserved. HBO cable network will broadcast the bout live, blacked out in Southern Nevada.

Main Events Inc. will promote the show with Top Rank.

years. He won the title on Oct. 19, 1984, and has made five successful defenses, all by knockouts. This past April 19, he kayoed Milton McCrory in six rounds.

With the recent defeat of Marvelous Marvin Hagler, McCallum is now the longest reigning boxing champion.

For tickets and information, contact the Caesars Palace Special Events Ticket Office 702/ 731-7865 or 800/445-4544.

Clark County AIDS Statistics for May Announced

One new case of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) and two more deaths were reported to Clark County public health officials during May. Number of AIDS cases reported in Clark County since AIDS was first identified in 1981 now totals 65; of those, 43 patients are dead.

While announcing case statistics today, Dr. Otto Ravenholt, chief health officer of the Clark County Health District, urged parents, educators, counselors, clergy, business and civic groups to become more involved in AIDS education. "We are facing a public health problem of unprecedented proportions and we need more than just a few voices crying in the wilderness," he said. "Education about the transmission patterns of this virus should be everywhere. Everyone should know how to avoid AIDS."

Statistics in Clark County indicate that here the AIDS blood-borne virus has been transmitted most frequently through male homosexual intercourse (76%) and bisexual relations (12%). Although intravenous drug abusers only constitute 6 percent of the current number of reported cases in Clark County, health officials think that this number may increase in the future. "How many drug abusers share needles?" Ravenholt asked. "We will know in the coming years if these people begin to develop AIDS virus problems."

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