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TV audience. "With the timing of the fight coupled with the tremendous lead-in of Game III," says NBC Director of Boxing Kevin Monaghan, "this will probably be one of the most highly rated boxing events of the year."

Born in Liverpool, England, and raised in Vancouver, the

23-year-old Olajide is now a resident of New York. He has won all 23 of his professional fights, 16 by knockout, since turning pro in Vancouver in 1981. He made his U.S. debut 21 months ago in Atlantic City, scoring an impressive 10-round verdict over Curtis Parker. Olajide now boasts 15 straight wins in his adopted country.

A powerful knockout vic-

tory over Richard Burton last January earned the classy Canadian a Continental Americas middleweight championship belt and his first nationally televised fight, with Dangerous Don Lee as his opponent. He flattened Lee in the ninth. Olajide's most recent outing, May 10 this year, resulted in a hard-earned decision over Troy Darrell and elevated the slick-moving 160-pounder to the top of the division.

Managed and trained by his father, Michael Olajide, Sr., the younger Olajide has his sights set on becoming the second Canadian fighter to capture a world championship this year. In June, Montreal's Matthew Hilton won the IBF junior middleweight crown by defeating Buster Drayton.

Blocking Olajide's path to a world title is formidable Frank Tate, undefeated with a ring mark of 20-0 with 12 KO's.

A 23-year old native of Detroit, Tate compiled an impressive amateur record, boxing out of his hometown's Kronk Gym, under the direction of Emmanuel Stewart. After winning the Olympic Box-Offs at Caesars Palace in July, 1984, Tate went on to win a gold medal in his weight division. He has been fighting professional for three years out of Josephine Abercrombie's Houston Boxing Association, Inc.

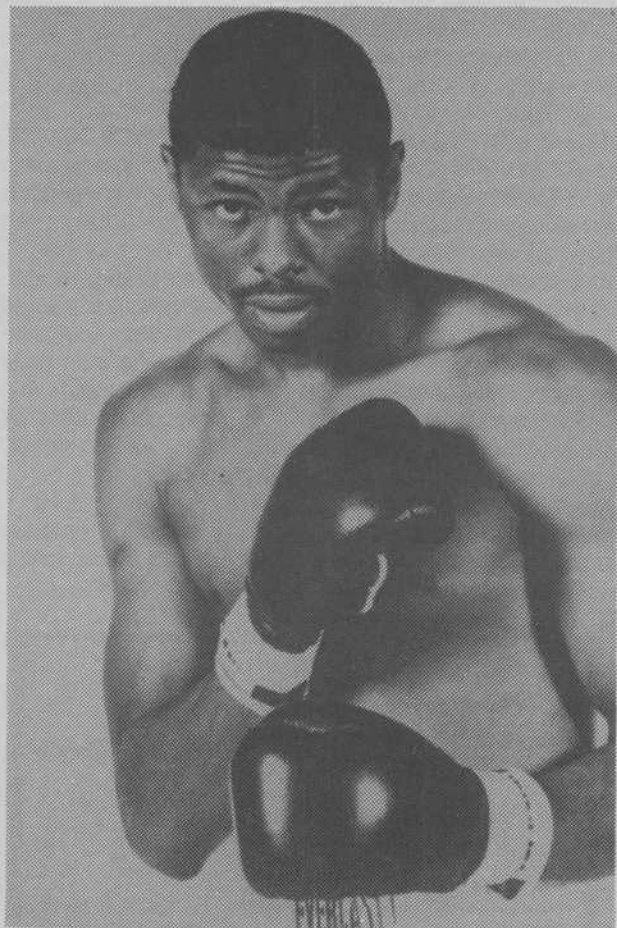
Trained by Farris Purify and Jesse Reid, and managed by Bob Spagnola, Tate rushed through the highly competitive middleweight division, knocking out his first six opponents within five months. One of his most impressive performances came in a nationally televised bout against Mark McPherson last May. Tate showed the patience of a seasoned professional, stopping the Long Island contender with solid combinations in the fourth round. With the defeat of McPherson, Tate earned the U.S. Boxing Association 160-pound title and a shot at the IBF middleweight crown.

"I'm not in boxing just to earn money," Tate says. "I also want to earn respect. I won the Olympic gold, and I can win the world professional championship."

The Olajide vs. Tate fight will be held in the Caesars Palace indoor Sports Pavilion. Tickets priced at \$20, \$30 and \$50 are on sale now in the Caesars Palace olympic Casino Box Office. Phone 702/731-7865 or 800/634-6698.



Michael Olajide



Frank Tate

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