

“Hammer” and “Air” To Be Featured . . . NBA PRE-SEASON AT THOMAS & MACK

by Patricia Mele

The Phoenix Suns battle the Chicago Bulls at UNLV's Thomas and Mack Center Saturday, Oct. 24 at 8 p.m.

The Bulls are expected to stampede over the court like never before. Headliners for the team include NBA All-Star and Slam Dunk Champion Michael “Air” Jordan. Jordan is touted as the most exciting player in the NBA today.

Also shooting for the Bulls are big man Artis Gilmore, and hot-shot, All American rookies Scottie Pippen and Horace Grant.

Former UNLV standout Armon “The Hammer” Gilliam comes home leading the Phoenix Suns in this pre-season challenge.

Rebel fans remember Gilliam for his sensational basketball career at UNLV. His long list of athletic achievements during that time include NCAA Final Four All Tournament Team, NCAA West Regional MVP, and among various other titles and awards, PCAA player of the year.

Gilliam was the Suns top draft pick and the second player overall in the 1987 NBA College Draft on June 22. The 6'9", 248-pound power forward figures prom-

inently in the Suns' future plans.

Phoenix also boasts players Larry Nancy and the sizzling shooting of Walter Davis and Eddie Johnson, recently acquired in a trade with the Kings.

The Suns are the host team for this fourth out of eight pre-season games. This particular game is one of three neutral court contests in the pre-season schedule.

“Las Vegas is a great basketball city,” said Suns Executive Vice President and General Manager Jerry Colangelo. “The UNLV program is supported as well as any in the country. The Suns franchise has some old ties with the UNLV program, going back to drafting Ricky Sobers in the first round in 1975 and playing several pre-season games here.”

The Suns-Bulls trial opposition poses a super opportunity for UNLV basketball fans to see Armon Gilliam in a Phoenix uniform and in his NBA debut season.

Tickets are \$16.50, \$12 and \$7.50 for adults, \$10 and \$5.50 for children 12 and under, on sale now at the Thomas & Mack Center Box Office and all Ticketron locations.

HEARNS GOES FOR UNPRECEDENTED FOURTH CHAMPIONSHIP AGAINST NO. 1 ROLDAN OCT. 29

Thomas “Hit Man” Hearns, one of only 10 persons to win world championships in three weight divisions, goes for an unprecedented fourth title when he faces No. 1 contender Juan Domingo Roldan for the World Boxing Council middleweight crown Thursday, Oct. 29, at the Las Vegas Hilton.

Also on the card will be Bobby Czyz defending his International Boxing Federation light heavyweight championship against No. 1 challenger Charles Williams.

The card, promoted by the Las Vegas Hilton in association with Bob Arum's Top Rank Inc., will be held in a specially constructed, 11,065-seat outdoor arena on the east side of the world's largest resort hotel-casino.

Gates to the Hilton Outdoor Stadium open at 4 p.m. (Pacific time) with the card starting at 5. The Czyz-Williams championship fight begins at approximately 7 with the Hearns-Roldan title bout following at approximately 8.

Tickets, priced at \$50, \$100, \$200, \$300 and \$400, currently are on sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. seven days a week at the Las Vegas Hilton Special Events Ticket Booth located in the Race and Sports SuperBook. Tickets also may be ordered by calling the Las Vegas Hilton Ticket Office from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week at eighter (702) 732-5320 or 1-800-222-5361.

This marks the second straight historically significant card the Las Vegas Hilton has hosted. Mike Tyson beat Tony Tucker in August to become the first undisputed heavyweight world champion since 1978.

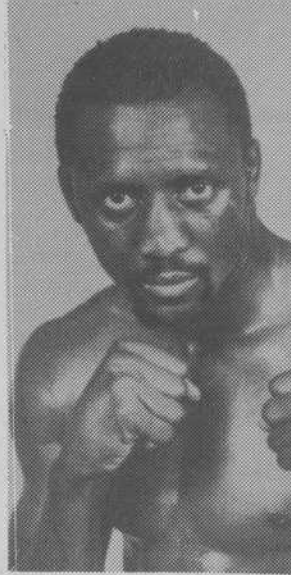
Hearns-Roldan and Czyz-Williams will be the 11th and 12th world championship fights hosted by the Las Vegas Hilton in less than 23 months, more than at any site in the world during this period beginning December 1985.

Hearns, who'll be 29 when he meets Roldan, was the World Boxing Association welterweight champion from August 1980 until September 1981; the WBC super welterweight champ from December 1982 until September 1986; and was the current WBC light heavyweight king until he relinquished it to face Roldan for the middleweight crown.

Hearns, from Detroit, has a record of 44-2 with 37

knockouts. He won the WBA welterweight title by stopping Pipino Cuevas in the second round, he captured the WBC super welterweight crown by beating Wilfred Benitez and he took the WBC light heavyweight championship in his most recent outing on March 7 in Detroit by halting Dennis Andries in the 10th round.

Hearns already is a mem-



Thomas Hearns

ber of an elite group. The nine others who have won world championships in three weight divisions include Alexis Arguello, Henry Armstrong, Benitez, Tony Canzoneri, Roberto Duran, Bob Fitzsimmons, Wilfredo Gomez, Sugar Ray Leonard and Barney Ross.

Only Arguello and Duran have attempted to win a fourth world championship, and both failed.

The 30-year-old Roldan, from Argentina, is a hard-hitting brawler with a record of 63-3-2 and 41 knockouts.

Roldan earned his No. 1 ranking in his most recent outing on April 6 in Las Vegas by stopping James “The Heat” Kinchen in the ninth round. Roldan has not lost in more than three and one-half years. That last defeat came against Marvelous Marvin Hagler for the world middleweight championship in March 1984. Roldan knocked down Hagler for the first and only time in his career and was winning the bout before he was thumbed in the eye.

The 25-year-old Czyz, from Wanaque, N.J., has a record of 32-1 with 23 knockouts and is making his fourth defense of the IBF light heavyweight championship he won September 1986 at the Las Vegas Hilton when he stopped Slobodan Kacar in the fifth round.

Since then the articulate Czyz has halted David Sears in the first round in December, Willie Edwards in the second round in February and, in his most recent outing, Jim MacDonald in the seventh round in May.

Williams, also 25, has a record of 21-4-2 with 13 knockouts. The reigning United States Boxing Federation 175-pound champion has won nine straight dating back to 1984. The most recent outing for the Mansfield, Ohio, resident who was born in Columbus, Miss., was in July when he stopped Joe Dolphin in the second round.

The 6-foot-2-inch Williams has a four-inch height advantage over Czyz and a 4½-inch reach edge.

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recent on Aug. 14 in Stockton, Calif., when he decided Fred Hutchings. The highly regarded Hutchings fought Hearns for the WBA junior middleweight title in 1984.

Randall has won seven of his past eight fights by knockout. His most recent win was June 9 in Atlantic City when he beat Tim Burgess.

Ramos may not have as gaudy a record as the other three co-main event fighters on the card, but he may have the best power. He stopped his most recent opponent, Yogi Buchanan, in the fourth round July 27th in Englewood, Calif.

Before that he dropped a 10-round decision April 19 in Phoenix to undefeated Mel-drick Taylor, gold medalist at the 1984 Los Angeles. But on March 20, 1986, in Durango, Ramos won the Mexican lightweight championship, taking a 12-round

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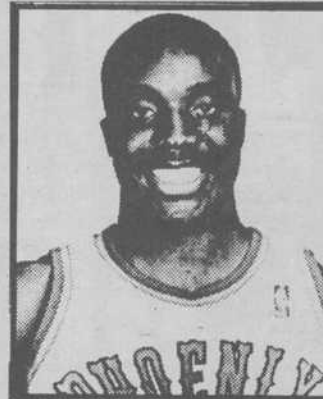
Entry fee is \$45 plus officials fees. Entry deadline is October 23.

A Women's Open Volleyball League is being formed now and games will be played every Monday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. beginning on October 19.

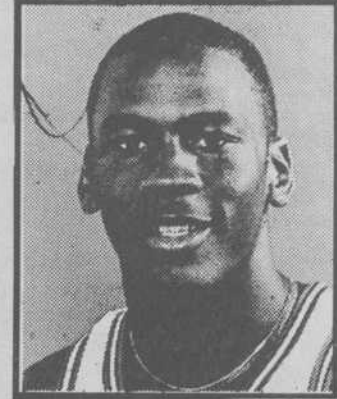
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