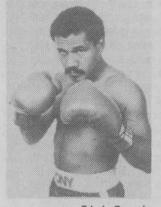
Duel In The Desert World Lightweight Championship (WBA) **EDWIN ROSARIO vs JULIO CESAR** CHAVEZ BATTLE AT LAS VEGAS HILTON HOTEL AND CASINO **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

Edwin "Chapo" Rosario, the 24-year old Pride of Puerto Rico, and Julio Cesar Chavez. Mexico's undefeated 25-yearold national hero, will clash in the "Duel in the Desert," at the Las Vegas Hilton Hotel and Casino on Saturday, November 21st for the World Boxing Association World Lightweight Championship.



Edwin Rosario

This battle of the little giants -Rosario is the world lightweight champion and Chavez, who will be giving up his World Boxing Council Superfeatherweight Championship to seek Rosario's crown-will be promoted by Don King Productions in association with the Las Vegas Hilton Hotel and Casino. The fight will be shown nationally in prime time by Home Box Office (HBO). with a blackout in the Las Vegas area.

Physically, aside from an inch height advantage in Chavez's favor, there is little to choose between these two great gladiators. Rosario is 5 feet, 6 inches tall, Chavez, 5 feet, 7 inches in height. They are equal in reach at 661/2 inches, and both carry dynamite in either fist.

Rosario began his pro career in 1979 and won his first 20 fights, 17 by knockout. His string also included his winning of the WBC Lightweight Championship, on May 1. 1983, by decision over Jose Luis Ramirez. In a pair of defenses he knocked out

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Roberto Elizondo and decisioned former Olympic Gold Medalist, Howard Davis, On November 4, 1984, he lost his WBC title by a fourth-round technical knockout to Ramirez. On September 26, 1986, he stopped Livingstone Bramble in two rounds to win the WBA crown he now holds. He successfully defended the title on August 11th, in Chicago,



against Juan Nazario, with an eighth-round kayo.

Rosario's record is 26 victories, two defeats, with 22 knockouts. It includes a controversial loss to Hector Cam-

The amazing Chavez, who began his pro career in 1980, has been unbeatable. It was on September 13, 1984, that he won the vacant WBC Superfeatherweight championship with an 8th round kayo of Mario Martinez. He successfully defended the title nine times, including knockouts of of Ruben Castillo and Roger Mayweather, and decisions over Rocky Lockridge and Juan La Porte. His incredible record shows 54 wins, no losses with 45 knockouts.

Ticket prices for the Duel in the Desert are \$400, \$200, \$100 and \$25. For ticket information and tickets please call 1-800-222-5361

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sioning Leroy Caldwell and Tyrone Booze. Tillman won the North

American Boxing Federation cruiserweight crown with his stunning first-round knock-out of Ali, then ranked No. 1 by all three sanction bodies. He lost it to Bert Cooper last year

Bonds, originally from Detroit but now living in Los Angeles, is a hard-hitting veteran who has fought seven world-ranked contenders, including former WBA heavyweight champion Mike Weaver and Renaldo Snipes, who met Larry Holmes for the WBC heavyweight title.

Bonds is coming off a most important win, a devastating first-round knockout of former WBC cruiserweight champion S.T. Gordon on Oct. 15 in San Diego. Bonds has halted two of his past three opponents.

Anifowoshe, with a record of 6-0. faces Galen Georgiev, with a mark of 3-1 in a six-round bout. Georgiev, now living in Phoenix, originally is from Bulgaria and represented that country in international amateur competition.

Lowry, with a record of 2-1-2, meets Masa Chiba, originally from Japan and now living in Los Angeles, with a mark of 1-1 in another six-round fight.

Washington, with a record of 6-2-1, takes on Talhan, originally from Pakistan, with a mark of 7-0 in a third six-rounder

Davis, with a record of 2-0, is in a four-round fight against an opponent to be determined.

Among the trainers of note working in this card will be ageless veteran Eddie Futch with Talhan and Joey Fariello, who also handles former WBA welterweight champion Mark Breland, with Tillman

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cars, clowns and special entries.

According to Fashion Show Mall Marketing Director Sharry Han, the parade's theme will be "A Country Christmas.

'We selected the country theme to tie-in with the festivities of the National Finals Rodeo, taking place the fol-lowing week," Han said.

"The parade will offer families an opportunity to welcome Santa to Las Vegas in a fun and entertaining way. We hope to make this an annual event and look forward to a good turnout.

The Fashion Show Mall is located on Spring Mountain Rd. and Las Vegas Blvd. For more information call 369-0704.



A Kid's First Game

By Bert Randolph Sugar

Remember taking your kid to his first ballgame? Bargain basement psychiatrists tell us it's a rite of pas-sage. But for most of us it's some-thing that just has to be done, one of nature's rules, as unexplainable as losing one sock in the dryer.

A few years back, my then-young son came to me with the startling announcement that he would like to go to a football game. The problem was I had come to view my son as some-one who stood halfway between an adult and a TV set, especially during football telecasts. For all 1 knew he thought the Buffalo Bills were so acts passed by Congress back in 19-aught-4. I mean, here was a kid who had blindly accepted my explanation that bowling was merely a game of marbles for grown-ups and now he wanted to go to a football game? A poke in the eye with a sharp stick

seemed a preferable alternative. The game I finally selected was a Giants-Cowboys game, not that I'm a fan of either team. Raised a Washington Redskins fan, the only reason I would dare go to such a game would be to keep my disgust for both teams fresh. Nevertheless, my son was excited about the prospect, and that's what counted.

After a set of instructions from his mother that would make any Rockne ever gave his Notre Dame team pale by comparison. Public Energy Number One was packed into the

the long trek over to Giants Stadium And almost before we got out of the driveway, he had begun his obliga-tory, "Are we there yet?" After 50 minutes, five traffic jams, and 25 more "Are we there yets?" we finally arrived at the stadium.

Less than five minutes into the game, he announced, in his best imitation of a loud speaker, that he had to go to the bathroom. And so we set out in search of one. Fifteen minutes - and one quarter - later, mission accomplished, we finally relocated our seats, only to find that my son also had a stomach. Off we went again, this time with my son leading the procession to the concession stand. Back by half time, he sud denly remembered he hadn't visited the souvenir stand. And so it was back again. By now I was getting the distinct impression that a stadium is a place where people with money to burn finally meet their match.

After two more side trips to the men's room and another to the concession stand, we finally resumed our seats. Just in time for the final four plays of the game. Grantland Rice once said. "It mat-

tered not who won the game." In any case, all that mattered was that I had taken my son to his first game, an act of charity that came with strings attached - my purse strings

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