

# HEARNS, MAYWEATHER, HILL DEFEND WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS ON MONDAY, JUNE 6, CARD

World Boxing Council middleweight champion Thomas Hearns, WBC super lightweight champ Roger Mayweather and World Boxing Association light heavyweight king Virgil Hill defend their titles on a triple championship card Monday, June 6, at the Las Vegas Hilton.

Hearns, who made boxing history in October at the Las Vegas Hilton by becoming the only person to win world championships in four weight divisions, meets hard-hitting Iran Barkley.

Mayweather, from Las Vegas, faces No. 1-ranked contender Harold Brazier.

Hill, also from Las Vegas, takes on slick-boxing Ramzi Hassan.

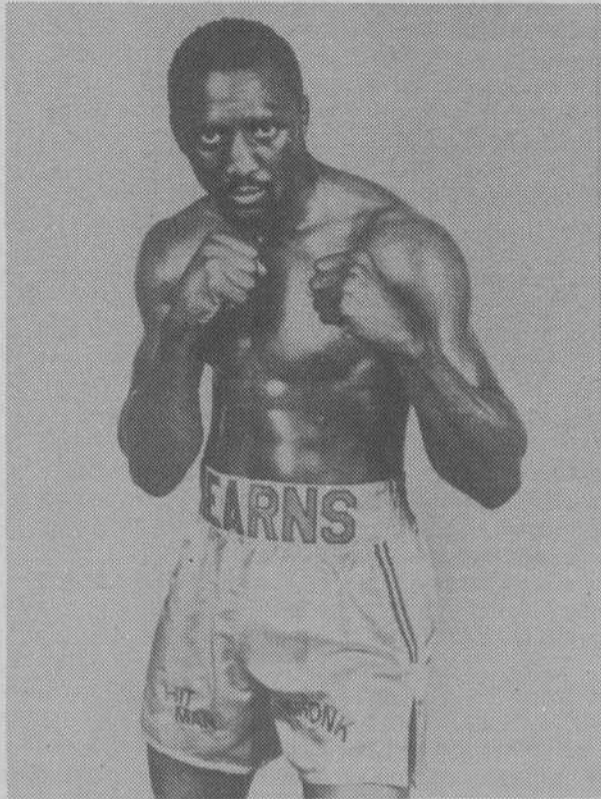
These will be the 17th, 18th and 19th world championship fights hosted by the Las Vegas Hilton since December, 1985, more than at any site in the world during this 30-month period.

The championship triple-header, promoted by the Las Vegas Hilton in association with Bob Arum's Top Rank Inc., will be held inside the 9,400-seat Hilton Center.

The championship card

Special Events Ticket Office located in the Las Vegas Hilton Race and Sports SuperBook. Tickets also may be ordered from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week by

ley, from New York, has a record of 24-4 with 15 knockouts and is ranked No. 2 by the International Boxing Federation, No. 3 by the WBC and No. 8 by the WBA.



Thomas Hearns

The 27-year-old Mayweather has a record of 31-5 with 32 knockouts while the 32-year-old Brazier, from South Bend, Ind., has a record of 54-7-1 with 39 knockouts and has not lost in his past 20 fights. Brazier's ranked No. 1 by the WBC, No. 3 by the International Boxing Federation and the WBA.

The 24-year-old Hill, a silver medalist at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics, has a record of 21-0 with 14 knockouts while the 25-year-old Hassan, from San Diego, has a record of 25-3 with four knockouts and is ranked No. 3 by the WBC and No. 5 by the WBA.

Hearns, one of the most dynamic and important fighters in the world, will be in tough against the resurgent Barkley, who moved to the forefront among middleweight contenders by stop-

## DESERT RAPP'N RATS PROGRAM PLANNED

Las Vegas teens, 13-16 years old, are invited to participate in a revolutionary new program being sponsored by the City of Las Vegas Department of Parks, Recreation and Senior Citizen Activities. Dubbed the "Desert Rapp'n Rats," the group will meet weekdays from 12 noon to 6 p.m. at the Las Vegas Garden Club in Lorenzi Park, 3333 W. Washington Avenue. The group can experience planning and carrying out their own recreational activities under the guidance

of adult leaders. Special events will include weekly field trips to such places as Wet 'n Wild, Scandia, Lake Mead, and Mt. Charleston. All of this and a lot more take place beginning June 13 and running through August 12.

Being co-sponsored by Q95.5 FM and KVBC Channel 3, the "Desert Rapp'n Rats" are now accepting registration. The fee is \$10 per week. For more information call Billie Bastian, 386-6297.

## SUMMER FUN PROGRAM REGISTRATION UNDERWAY

The 1988 Summer Fun Program, an eight week supervised recreation program being sponsored by the City of Las Vegas Department of Parks, Recreation and Senior Citizen Activities will begin on June 13. Designed for the 6-12 year old, the program will take place at ten elemen-

tary schools and two community centers throughout the community.

Summer Fun will run weekdays, 9-5 through Aug. 4 and include such activities as field trips, arts and crafts, sports, games and dance.

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ping Michael Olajide in the fifth round in his most recent outing March 6 in Madison Square Garden.

Hearns became the major force in the middleweight division when he halted Juan Domingo Roldan in the fourth round Oct. 29 for the 160-pound championship. Hearns previously had won the WBA welterweight, WBC and WBA 154-pound and WBC light heavyweight titles.

Hearns won the WBC light heavyweight crown March 7, 1987, by stopping Dennis Andries in the 10th round.

Hearns took the WBC super welterweight championship Dec. 3, 1982, with a decision over Wilfred Benitez. Hearns added the WBA junior middleweight title June 15, 1984, when he halted Roberto Duran in the second round.

Hearns captured the WBA welterweight crown Aug. 2, 1980, by stopping Jose Pipino Cuevas in the second round.

This will be the first defense of his WBC middleweight championship for the "Hit Man."

Barkley, nicknamed "The Blade," will be making his second attempt at a middleweight world championship.

## HAUGEN TITLE FIGHT POSTPONED

The Greg Haugen vs. John Duplessis lightweight title fight scheduled for May 28 at Caesars Palace will be postponed, due to a controversial head butt, which Haugen suffered in his April 12 bout with Miguel Santana. The injury resulted in a cut requiring 40 stitches, delaying his meeting with Duplessis until late summer or early fall.

## BIG WHEEL GRAND PRIX SCHEDULED

The City of Las Vegas Stewart/Mojave Community Center, 275 N. Mojave Road, announces plans for their annual "Big Wheel Grand Prix," on Saturday, May 7, beginning at 1:00 p.m. The three age divisions — 3, 4 and 5 year-olds — will compete for first, second and third place trophies.

Registration is \$2.00 per child.

On Oct. 23, 1987, he dropped a decision to current WBA middleweight champion Sumbu Kalambay.

Mayweather is making the second defense of his



Virgil Hill

WBC super lightweight title. He won the 140-pound crown Nov. 12 by knocking out Rene Arredondo in the sixth round and defended successfully March 24 by stopping Mauricio Aceves in the third round.

Mayweather won the WBA junior lightweight champion-

ship Jan. 19, 1983, by halting Sammy Serrano in the eighth round. Mayweather also tried for the WBC super featherweight title in 1985, but was stopped by undefeated Julio Cesar Chavez.

This will be the first world championship bout for the experienced Brazier. His most recent outing was March 4 when he halted Robin Blake in the ninth round giving Brazier 18 knockouts in his past 20 wins.

Hill will be making his third title defense of the 175-pound crown he won Sept. 5 with a fourth-round knockout of Leslie Stewart. Hill since has defended successfully Nov. 21 by decisioning Rufino Angulo and April 3 by stopping Jean Marie Emebe in the 11th round.

Hassan, like Hill, has never fought before in Las Vegas as a pro. The talented boxer has won seven of his past eight bouts.



Roger Mayweather

starts at 5 p.m. (PDT) with doors to the Hilton Center opening at 4.

Tickets, priced at \$50, \$100, \$200, \$300, \$400 and \$500, are on sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week at the Las Vegas Hilton

calling (702) 732-5320 or 1-800-222-5361.

All six fighters have outstanding credentials.

The 29-year-old Hearns, from Detroit, has a record of 45-2 with 38 knockouts while the 28-year-old Bark-

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