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TYSON RETURNS TO HILTON TO FACE BRUNO SATURDAY, FEB. 25

Undisputed world heavyweight champion Mike Tyson returns to the site of his greatest triumphs—the Las Vegas Hilton—when he defends his title against No. 1 contender Frank Bruno on Feb. 25, it was announced.

The multi-million dollar bout, which is scheduled for 12 rounds, will be held in the 9500-seat Hilton Center, generally acknowledged as the finest indoor boxing arena in any hotel-casino in the world.

The bout also is the first for Tyson in more than one-half year, the longest layoff of his brief but meteoric career, and first appearance in Las Vegas for the undefeated 22-year-old in almost 1½ years.

It also will be only the second appearance in the United States for Bruno, a large man with, perhaps, as much raw punching power as Tyson.

"The Las Vegas Hilton is delighted to welcome back Mike Tyson, and in a title defense against an opponent who is not only the top contender but also may be as powerful as the champion," said John Giovenco, presi-



Bruno

dent of Hilton Nevada Corporation.

"We're especially pleased to promote this event because it marks the return of

Mike Tyson to the Las Vegas Hilton where he has fought five times and won all three of his world heavyweight championships," continued Giovenco.

"Mike Tyson is the No. 1 attraction in all of sports, so it's quite fitting that he meets No. 1 challenger Frank Bruno at the No. 1 boxing hotel-casino in the world," said Giovenco.

week at the Las Vegas Hilton Tickets and Tours Booth located in the hotel lobby. Tickets also may be ordered from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week by calling (702) 732-5320 or 1-800-222-5361. Tickets also are available at Ticketron and Teletron outlets nationwide.

The card will be televised live nationally over Home Box Office (HBO) but will be

middle 1970s.

The 27-year-old Bruno, from England, may not be unbeaten, but he's four inches taller than Tyson at 6-foot-3½ inches and has a better knockout ratio with a record of 32-2 with 31 knockouts.

The muscular Bruno has scored four impressive knockouts since tiring against and losing to Tim Witherspoon in a bout for the World Boxing Association heavyweight championship on July 19, 1986, in Wembley, England.

Those wins have boosted Bruno back to the top; he's ranked No. 1 by the WBA and the World Boxing Council and No. 3 by the International Boxing Federation.

Tyson became the youngest person to win a world heavyweight championship when, on Nov. 22, 1986, at the age of 20, he stopped Trevor Berbick in the second round to win the WBC title at the Las Vegas Hilton.

Tyson added the WBA heavyweight championship, beating James Smith on March 3, 1987, at the Las Vegas Hilton.

Tyson won the IBF heavyweight title and became the first person to unify the division since 1978 when he beat Tony Tucker on Aug. 1, 1987, at the Las Vegas Hilton.

Tyson also has fought two other times at the Las Vegas Hilton, when he knocked out Alfonso Ratliff on Sept. 6, 1986, and when he stopped Pinklon Thomas for the WBA and WBC crowns on May 30, 1987.

Tyson's four defenses of his world heavyweight championship have ended by knockout. On Oct. 16, 1987, he halted Tyrell Biggs in the seventh round; on Jan. 22, 1988, he knocked out Larry Holmes in the fourth; on March 27 he halted Tony Tubbs in the second; and on June 27 he flattened Michael Spinks in the first.

Tyson turned pro in 1985 while Bruno did it in 1982.



Tyson

This will be the 24th world championship fight held at the Las Vegas Hilton in the past 38 months, more than at any site in the world during this period.

Tickets for this internationally significant sporting event are priced at \$900, \$850, \$750, \$650, \$400 and \$300 and on sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a

blackout in Southern Nevada.

The undefeated Tyson has a record of 35-0 with 31 knockouts and is making his fifth defense of the undisputed world heavyweight championship. Tyson now has held the world heavyweight championship longer than anyone since George Foreman in the early and

Black Golfer Blazes Way to Junior Stardom

The American Junior Golf Association and GOLF Magazine have named their 1988 Rolex Junior All-American Teams, and for the first time in the eleven-year history of the teams a black golfer has earned the honor. Fred Chew of Oakland, Calif., has been named a Second Team Junior All-American for his outstanding play in national junior golf tournaments throughout the 1988 season.

Chew, a sixteen-year-old high school senior at Robert Louis Stevenson School in Pebble Beach, Calif., earned the honor by winning his first national title at the North-South Junior Championship back in August. The very next week he followed his victory up with a very impressive showing in the AJGA's premier stroke play tournament, The ROLEX Tournament of Champions, finishing eighth. Not only did Chew finish well in those tournaments, but he also had a total of four finishes in the top ten and two in the top 20.

"It was a real honor to be named to the All-American Team," said Chew. "It was a goal I had set at the beginning of the year that I really worked hard at achieving. I wanted to get to the level of play of an All-American. Once one gets to that level you not only admire yourself, but others admire you also. It really was a big achievement for me."

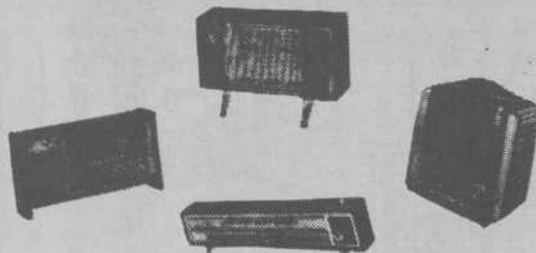
Chew was presented with his award along with 62 other All-Americans at the ROLEX Junior All-American Awards Banquet held at the Innisbrook Resort in Tarpon Springs, Florida, over the Thanksgiving Holidays. Following the award, Chew wasted little time in proving that he was deserving of it, capturing the 15-16 age division at the AJGA's final tournament of the year, The Rolex American Junior Classic. After qualifying for match play with stroke play scores of 82-78=160, the slender Californian won four consecutive matches to capture the title.

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