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Leonard-Duran At New Mirage Hotel Casino Dec. 7

Sugar Ray Leonard and Roberto Duran will fight Dec. 7 at the new Mirage Hotel and Casino, Leonard's attorney and Mirage owner Steve Wynn confirmed Monday.

Promoter Bob Arum had said over the weekend that he was 99 percent sure the fight would go to the Mirage, a \$630 million showplace nearing completion on the Strip.

Mike Trainer, Leonard's attorney, announced the final decision in Bethesda, Md., after discussing the various sites with the fighter. Wynn, in a phone call to his Las Vegas home Monday morning, confirmed the decision.

"I'm just thrilled. It's a wonderful opportunity," Wynn said. "The timing was perfect."

The resort is scheduled to open Dec. 1.

"We wanted something special in terms of fighting," Wynn continued, "but I didn't really think we'd get

something like this so soon. Arum's Top Rank Inc. and Trainer's Victory Promotions will co-promote the fight, which will be the third between Leonard and Duran. They split welterweight title fights in 1980.

Wynn said news conference has been scheduled for noon Wednesday at his other local resort, the Golden Nugget Hotel, with Leonard and Duran scheduled to be on hand.

Wynn has offered to pay a site fee in the range of millions, Arum said. Wynn said Monday the fee would be in the \$8 million range.

Donald Trump reportedly offered to pay a site fee of 8.5 million to host the fight at Trump Plaza.

Wynn said Las Vegas has a steeped history in hosting major fights and he was "pleased to be joining Ceasars Palace and the (Las Vegas) Hilton in carrying on the tradition."

TENNIS, ANYONE?

by James Pyles

Broken Glass To Center Court Brenda Joyce Richards

"When you're young, gifted and black, the impossible seems impossible. At fifteen, I read, 'I Always Wanted to Be Somebody', by Althea Gibson. The book gave me the incentive to challenge the impossible," said Brenda Richards.

"Playing tennis on cement courts in Beaumont Texas was not easy. The courts were next to a local tavern and had been trashed with broken glass from the night before. With my T-200 racket and broom in hand I

cleared the court to pursue my dreams. After two weeks of Tennis lessons from Park and Recreation, I entered my first tournament. To the surprise of many, I won the singles division. That was the beginning of my tennis career."

Richards received many awards during her junior and college years. She graduated from Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas in 1975. Richards played the Women's Professional Tour from 1975

to 1978. The adjustment from broken glass court to Center Court in Wimbledon was a stepping stone that was earned by hard work and positive frame of mind.

"From 1978 to 1987 I worked at Cambridge Racquet Club. During the ten years as instructor, tennis director, and head pro, I had many experiences. Tennis to many is just a game. They have no clues on what's out there," says Richards.

Brenda is currently ranked 21st in the nation in women's 35 singles, and ranked 6th in the women's doubles. She and partner Dee Williams Horne are currently preparing to play in the Sectionals. She is also a former American Tennis Association (A.T.A.) Champion.

"At present, I just completed one year with the Y.M.C.A. I organized tennis programs. Now, I must move on. I completed twelve years in Florida with the U.S.T.A. Developmental Program. Along with director Stan Smith and Benny Sims (National Coach), we worked with the top 36 juniors and collegiate players in the United States. The camp gave me the opportunity to

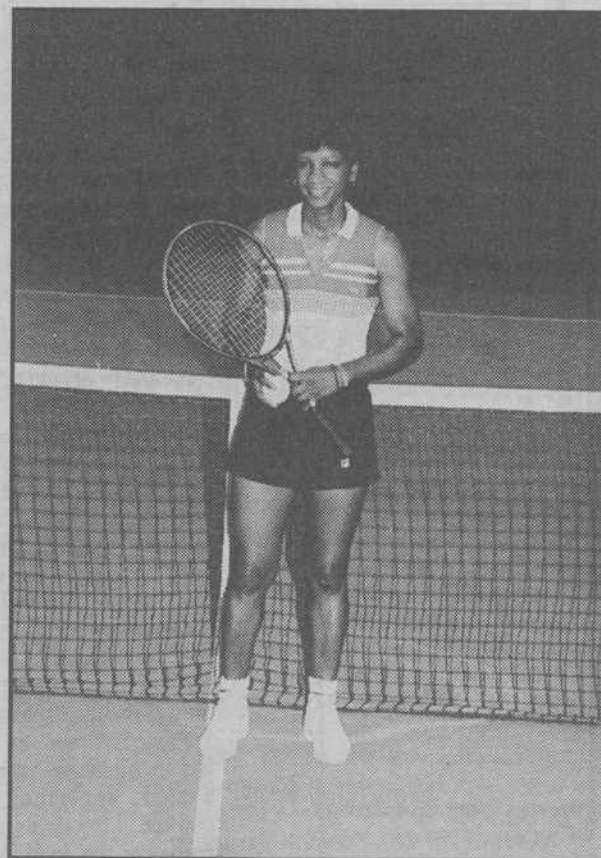
see what makes the top players different from the group," said Richards.

"I know what it takes to be a champion. My next tournament will be the Intermountain Sectional, followed by the U.S.T.A. Hardcourt National in Arizona," says Brenda.

She said, "Tennis in Las Vegas is going down. To produce top level juniors, coaches need to spend time on the conditioning. I'm currently working with top juniors on the U.S.T.A. drills, an area that teaching professionals should give more time to in their student training."

"I've worked and trained with world class people such as Althea Gibson, John Wilkerson, Billie Jean King, George McCall, and Pancho Gonzales. I've touched elbows with greats like Dionne Warwick, Sugar Ray Leonard, Reggie Theus, Bjorn Borg, Barbara McNair, and James Moody. These people are all winners. How can I go wrong?"

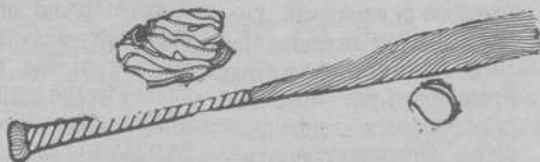
"My knowledge on tennis goes beyond college. I've been and experienced what many in Las Vegas can't conceive. Its a jungle out there! If you pay the price the impossible will be possible."



Brenda Joyce Richards

KLAV Sports Schedule

Friday - - -	8/4	ANGELS VS MILWAUKEE	5:30 PM
Saturday - -	8/5	ANGELS VS MILWAUKEE	5:30 PM
Sunday - - -	8/6	ANGELS VS MILWAUKEE	11:25 AM
Tuesday - - -	8/8	ANGELS VS SEATTLE	7:25 PM
Wednesday -	8/9	ANGELS VS SEATTLE	7:25 PM
Thursday - -	8/10	ANGELS VS SEATTLE	7:25 PM



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