

Tyson/ Foreman Boxing Doubleheader Tops Las Vegas Father's Day Weekend

The Mike Tyson vs. Henry Tillman/George Foreman vs. Adilson Rodrigues heavyweights boxing doubleheader at Caesars Palace June 16 is perfectly timed for a Father's Day weekend getaway in Las Vegas.

Appearing on the same card in separate bouts on the eve of Dad's big day, the two former world heavyweight champions are taking a crucial step on the road back to regaining their lost glory.

Tyson returns to the ring for the first time since his shocking loss last February to James "Buster" Douglas. He will face the former amateur foe Henry Tillman. Tyson, 37-1, 33 KOs, will be looking to avenge two losses to Tillman when the two met as amateurs. Tillman won the 1984 Olympic Box-off at Caesars Palace and went on to win the gold medal in the Los Angeles Games.

Tillman, now 20-4, 14 KOs, is the only other man who has beaten Tyson in the ring.

The first bout in the doubleheader features the 41-year-old punching preacher from Marshall, Texas, George Foreman, who faces his toughest opponent in recent years, world ranked Jose Adilson Rodrigues. Foreman, who came out of retirement in 1987 after a 10-year layoff, has since posted a record 21-0, 20 KOs, making his career total a remarkable 66-2, 62 KOs.

Rodrigues, who is managed and trained by Angelo Dundee, is looking to become the first man to stop Foreman in his bid to regain the heavyweight title. The popular South American champion from Sao Paulo, Brazil, has a record of 36-3, 26 KOs.

The fight will take place in the 15,000-seat outdoor arena at Caesars Palace with the Foreman vs. Rodrigues fight scheduled to begin at approximately 7 p.m. The first bell for the Tyson vs. Tillman fight is set for approximately 8:15 p.m.

Kid Akeem Wins By TKO Over Flores

By Bob Rodgers

With the NABF Super Flyweight Championship at stake, Top Rank finally got Kid Akeem (18-0) and Memo Flores (23-10) together at Bally's Casino in Las Vegas.

Akeem and Flores traded blows for 11 tough rounds, with both fighters giving their all.

Akeem started the 12th round with a flurry of blows to the head and body, while

Memo held on.

Finally, at 1:59 of the final round, the referee stopped the bout and awarded the champ Akeem with the TKO.

In other bouts, Vincent Phillips won his 13th fight in a row as a junior Welterweight, with a 5th round TKO, and Bantamweight "Fast Eddie" Cook took only 2:31 to knock out his opponent in the first round. Cook is now 4-0 with 4 KOs.

Lady Rebels Eliminated

Freshman Leslie Barton had a home run, triple and went 3-for-3 to lead Florida State to a 4-1 win over UNLV last Saturday in the softball College World Series.

The loss eliminated the Lady Rebels from the tournament. The Lady Rebels, competing in their first World Series, finished in a tie for fifth.

UNLV broke to a 1-0 lead in the second inning. Felicia Benjamins singled with one out. After being sacrificed to second, Benjamins scored on a single by Kim Harris.

Florida State, ranked 14th

in the country with a 48-15 record, took the lead in the bottom of the fourth inning.

In the seventh inning, the Rebels had the tying run at the plate with two out after Trish Reimche reached on an error and Patricia Spencer walked. However, Parris hit a line drive to Siqueiros to nip the rally.

"We can't let this loss take anything away from what we accomplished," UNLV Coach Shan McDonald said. "I'm very proud of this team. We've made great strides over the last couple of seasons."

Henderson Ties Record

OAKLAND, Calif. — Rickey Henderson will have to settle for sharing the American League record for career stolen bases with the legendary Ty Cobb - at least for one more day.

Henderson tied Cobb's 62-year-old mark for career steals Saturday as the Oakland Athletics won their sixth in a row, defeating the Cleveland Indians, 6-3.

"I knew it was a tie," Henderson said. "It will probably be more exciting when I break (the record). Me picking up the best base and enjoying it. A tie only makes me closer to the record."

Henderson stole third base with one out in the fifth inning, giving him 892 career steals in less than 11 major league seasons. Cobb set the mark in 24 seasons from 1905-28.

"I had an idea of what it meant, but when you see Ty Cobb's name up there and Rickey tying him with so much left to go, it made a special impression on everybody out there," Oakland Manager Tony LaRussa said.

Only Lou Brock (938) and Billy Hamilton (937) have more career stolen bases. Hamilton played before the turn of the century.



Rickey Henderson

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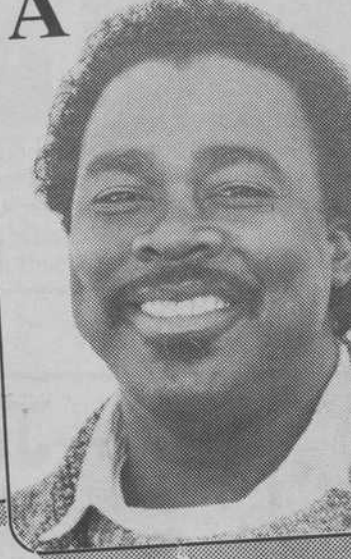
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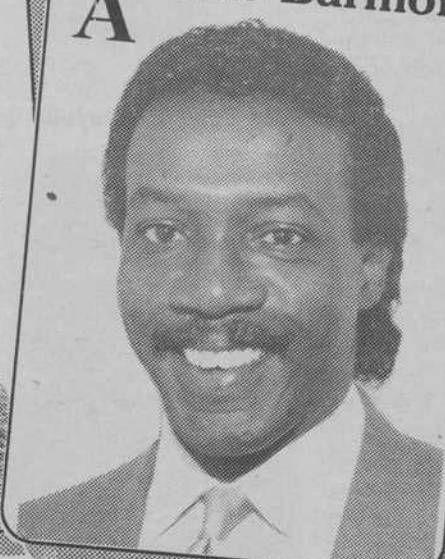
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