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#### Nigel Benn Retains His WBO Championship With 1st Round TKO of Ivan Barkley

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By Bob Rodgers Sports Writer

Nigel Benn and Ivan Barkley did exactly what they said they would: put on the best 1st round of boxing that anyone has seen in many years.

The two were toe to toe and gave everything they had

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at Bally's last Saturday, but Benn threw enough hard blows to send Barkley to the canvas three times.



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With the three knockdown rule, that was all the referee needed to end the fight and declare Benn (27-1) the winner by TKO.

Barkley (25-7) claimed he was pushed down the third time.

#### 'Hot Rod' Williams Headed for Miami?

NEW YORK — Cleveland Cavaliers power forward John 'Hot Rod' Williams reportedly is about to sign a seven-year \$28 million offer sheet with the Miami Heat that would make him the second highest-paid player



"Hot Rod" Williams

### Donald "Cobra" Curry Wins By TKO, Ready for Mike Nunn

By Bob Rodgers

Donald ''Cobra'' Curry didn't have to spend much time in the ring with Jose Duran Martinez last Friday at Bally's, and he wasn't expected to. He TKO'd his opponent at 2.35 of the fourth round.

Though the win was an unimpressive one for Curry, a win is still a win, and this bout meant a chance to take on IBF middleweight champ Michael Nunn.

The date has been set for

in the NBA.

In its Sunday editions, The National quoted Cavaliers General Manager Wayne Embry as saying he believes the offer has been made. The Cavaliers would have 15 days to match any offer for Williams, who is a restricted free agent.

Such a contract would leave the 29-year-old, 6-foot-11 Williams behind only Houston's Akeem Olajuwon, who earns \$4.1 million, on the NBA salary scale.

**Donald Curry** 

October 18 in Paris France.

The 28 year old Curry, a two-time former World Champion, has a record of 33-3

## SPORTS RRIFFS

BASEBALL: The Las Vegas Stars return home for their last home stand of the season. They will play 12 games in 11 days at the Cashman Field. All games begin at 7:05 p.m.

Oakland's Rickey Henderson leads the American League in hitting with .325, while Philadelphia's Len Dykstra leads the National League with .342.

GOLF: Top money winners: Greg Norman - \$856,452, Payne Stewart - \$799,663, Mark Calcavecchia - \$729,754, Paul Azinger - \$682,098, and Hale Irwin - \$679,149.

Las Vegan Robert Gamez has earned \$383,619.

FOOTBALL: The UNLV football team is taking on a new look, and Head Coach Jim Strong may start as many as 8 freshmen as the Rebels prepare for their season opener against S.W. Missouri State at the Silver Bowl on September 1.

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