

## “Lightnin” Lonnie Smith Wins NABF Title

By Bob Rodgers

With a world championship on the line, Las Vegas “Lightnin” Lonnie Smith had to come prepared for his bout against Henry Anaya at the Dunes.

He knew that this fight could open or close the door on his career.

Smith was in charge most

of the fight, backing Anaya away and landing good solid blows.

Anaya spent a great deal of time covering up rather than going on the offensive, and by the 10th round his left eye was closed and he told his handlers that he had had enough.

Smith improved to 26-2-1.



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## Douglas-Holyfield Title Fight Tickets Going Fast

Boxing fans are looking forward to “The Moment of Truth”—the battle between Heavyweight Champion James “Buster” Douglas and challenger Evander Holyfield.

The fan interest in the evenly matched bout is evident by the fact that ticket sales are extremely brisk after they were placed on sale last week for the Thursday, Oct. 25, World Championship title bout at The Mirage in Las Vegas, NV.

Tickets priced at \$200 and \$300 are sold out. Tickets for the championship fight remain from \$400 to \$1,000

and are available at The Mirage or by calling 1-800-75-FIGHT.

Douglas (30-4-1, 20 KOs), who stunned the boxing world by upsetting previously undefeated Mike Tyson in Tokyo last February to win the undisputed championship, will make his first title defense against Holyfield (24-0, 20 KOs.).

The 30-year-old Douglas, who was born and raised in Columbus, OH, has resumed his training in his hometown, while Holyfield, 27, who holds the undisputed Cruiserweight Title, will resume his training this week in Houston, TX.

## U.S. Basketball Team Rallies to Win Bronze

Kenny Anderson scored 34 points as the United States rallied for a 107-105 overtime victory over Puerto Rico for the bronze medal in the World Basketball Championships.

## Giants Offer Taylor \$4.25 Million Contract

HOUSTON— The New York Giants have offered Lawrence Taylor a new three-year contract that would temporarily inch him past Phil Simms as the team's highest paid player. But the offer fails to satisfy Taylor's \$2 million per year request or even make him the NFL's highest-paid

NASHVILLE, Tenn. -- Bob Hope is coming to Nashville. So is Dr. J and Hank Aaron.

These celebrities and more from the entertainment and sporting worlds will come to Nashville to participate in the 20th Annual Lee Elder Invitational Golf and Tennis Tournament on August 17-19, sponsored by Shoney's, Inc. Proceeds from the tournament go towards college scholarships for minority youth.

“This year's tournament is very special to us because it is our 20th and because Ted Rhodes, my mentor, lived here for so many years,” Elder, a professional golfer and now a member of the senior tour, said. “I spent a lot of time with Ted in Nashville and this tour-

defensive player.

A source said the Giants are willing to pay the 31-year-old, nine-time All Pro linebacker \$4.25 million for three years - an average of \$1.42 million per year. He would be paid \$1.35 million this year, \$1.4 million in 1991 and \$1.5 million in 1992.

name is like a homecoming for me.

“My wife Rose and I established the tournament to help raise money to send underprivileged minorities to college. We had been sending children to college ourselves when we realized we could generate more scholarship money by using our contacts to field a tournament,” he said.

The Elders' contacts are numerous, as the names in the golf and tennis fields show.

Among entertainers signed to play this year are Bob and Delores Hope. Also playing will be jazz showman Ernie Andrews; bassists Keter Betts and Ben Tucker; drummer Jimmy Cobb; comedians Dick Gregory and Keith Todd; pianist Lloyd Mayers; dancer Harold Nicholas; and singers Garry Morris, Gary “U.S.” Bonds, Alvin “A.J.” Brown, Melba Moore and Shirley Moore

Sports notables already signed are golfers Calvin Peete, Tommy Bolt, Rafe Bots and Charlie Sifford; pro footballers Lem Barney, Jerry Bell, L.C. Greenwood, David “Deacon” Jones, and

Dick “Night Train” Lane; basketball stars Julius Erving, Bob Lanier and Bill Russell; tennis stars Althea Gibson and Stacey Martin; baseballers Hank Aaron, Chuck Hinton, Gary Matthews and Willie McCovey; boxers Leland Hardy and James “Bonecrusher” Smith; and Olympic runner Willye White.

Movie and television stars include Peter Billingsley, Tamara Bouquett, Anthony Call, Jose Ferrer, Dennis Franz, Donald Hastings, Richard Lawson, Robert Milli, Greg Morris, Stack Pierce, Mark Pinter, Jim Pritchett, Michael Storm, Count Stovall and Bob Strickland.

This is one of the best lienups we have had in years. It means a lot to me that all these great people, black and white, are coming down to help raise money for minority scholarships,” Elder said. “The tournament is always a lot of fun not only for the players but also for the fans.”

The golf tournament will be held at the Hermitage Golf Course and the tennis at Nasboro Village.

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