Greatest Slam Dunk Contest On The Planet

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playground basketball players in the United States have been battling for the most valuable prize in summer basketball - a berth into the Budweiser National 3-on-3 Championship at Venice Beach on August 21 st and 22 nd.

The event, which is being held at the Venice Beach Basketball Courts for the fifth con-

All summer long the best secutive year, brings the culmination of the Budweiser Summer All-Star Tour, which started in mid-May and has hosted championships in most major cities during the summer months.

Players that participate annually include top college and pro stars that have been accustomed to playing the fast and explosive 3-0n-3 playground

Shaw was a member of the 1989 National Champion team, The Untouchables.

"This is how we all learned to play," says Shaw "..it's where we can be the most creative."

Play will be divided into three divisions: open; under six feet; and recreation. There will be

four spots in the tournament held for local Los Angeles teams. Open division champions will receive \$3,000.

One of the most entertaining portions of the event is the Slam Dunk competition. Fans erupt when this event takes place, drawing standing ovations and rave reviews across the nation.

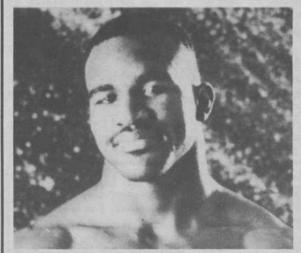
In San Francisco recently, Demetrius "Hook" Mitchell, who happens to boast a 50-inch vertical leap, soared over a Chevrolet Cavalier to win the Slam Dunk title. Mitchell, the defending National Champion, has won more than 100 Slam Dunk titles.

"If the fans like explosive and riveting athletic talent, they'll love this event," says Budweiser All-Star Basketball Tour Director Jack Haskins

Media from all over the country reviewed the event like this: "Easily eclipses the tamer NBA dunk contest," Newsday: "The crowd was delirious, approaching bedlam," USA Today: " ... a major league baseball player would have to hit three grand slams to generate the excitement that these basketball players create...dunks and drives that seem impossible for mere mortals," San Francisco Chron-

Competition begins at 10:00 a.m., Saturday moming. The championships are scheduled to follow the Slam Dunk contest at 1:00 p.m., Sunday.

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Boxing great Evander Holyfield will talk candidly about his current boxing career, and why rap star Hammer served as promoter for fight against Alex Stewart. Holyfield, who won the championship title from Buster Douglas before losing it to Riddick Bowe, also comments on a rematch with Bowe. The match is scheduled for November '93.



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