

SENTINEL SPORTS

Bowe Knows Holyfield Fight Will Be Classic

NEW YORK - Riddick Bowe knows that the renewal of his heavyweight rivalry with Evander Holyfield next month will be another classic battle.

"I anticipate it only being a great fight," Bowe said of the third fight between the two former champions, scheduled for

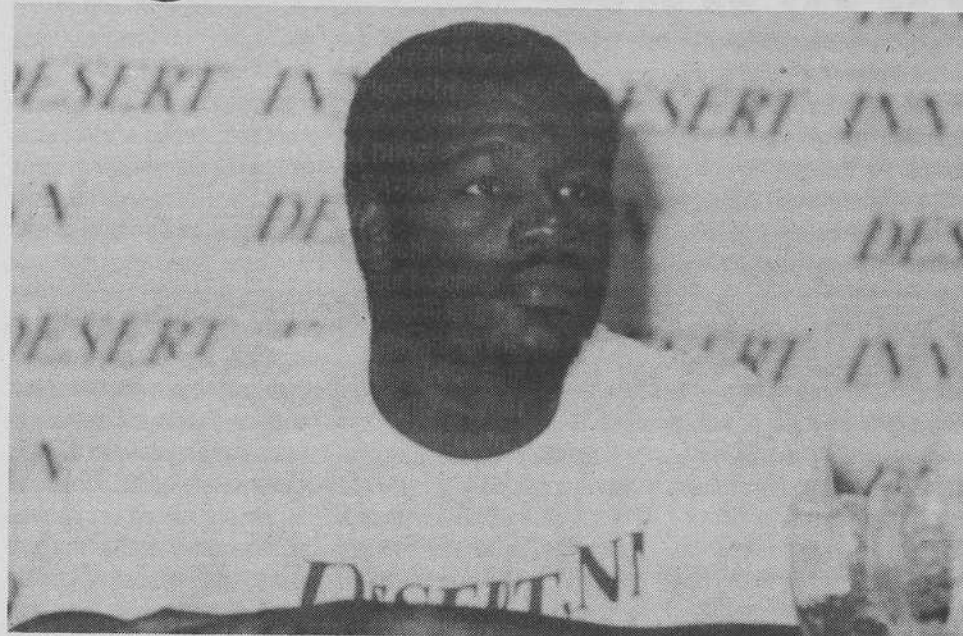
November 4 at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas.

"We both want to be the best," said Bowe in a teleconference call Wednesday from his training camp in Las Vegas. "We all know Evander Holyfield has no quit in him, he has tremendous heart and since I turned pro I've wanted

to show people that I have no quit in me.

"I see it as a long and bruising fight and I see when the smoke clears that I am the winner."

Bowe and Holyfield have staged two memorable 12-round wars, full of rousing, non-stop action in their previous clashes.

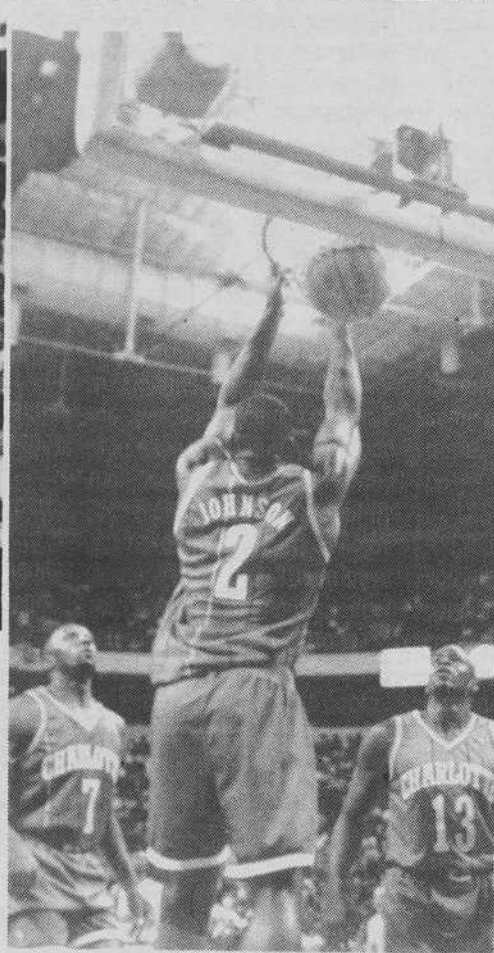
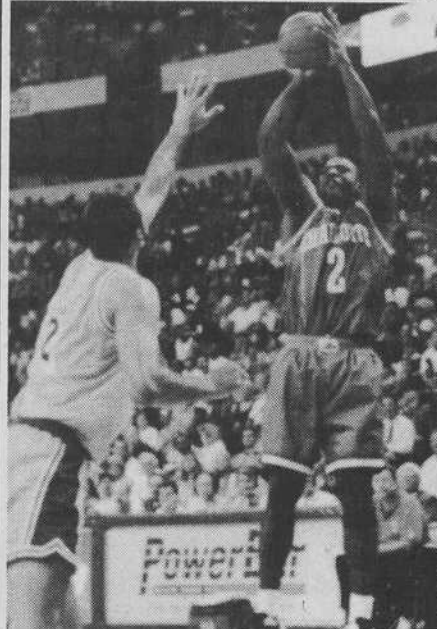


Bowe sees his next fight with Evander Holyfield as another classic battle.

Photo by Jonathan Olsen

Front Row Photos

L.J. Returns To The T&M



Former UNLV All-American, and current NBA All-Star Larry Johnson returned to the Thomas & Mack Center Tuesday for an exhibition game as his Charlotte Hornets took on the Los Angeles Lakers. Johnson poured in 23 points and gathered 9 rebounds in a losing effort as the Lakers tripped up the Hornets 101-94.

Photos by Jonathan Olsen Front Row Photos

Bowe, 37-1, was victorious in the first fight on November 13, 1992, outpointing Holyfield to win the World Boxing Association and International Boxing Federation crowns. Holyfield, 31-2, responded 12 months later by taking back the same two belts with a points victory.

Bowe and Holyfield have some other competition on fight night—Mike Tyson is taking on Buster Mathis, Jr. in the second fight of his comeback to the ring at a rival Las Vegas hotel.

Caesars' officials said interest in Bowe-Holyfield was going strong and that 9,000 seats

have already been sold in the 15,000 outdoor stadium.

"My fight is a competitive fight," said Bowe. "The Tyson fight, that's a walkover."

The powerful punching Bowe, who had stopped Cuban Jorge Gonzales in the sixth round in June in his last fight, said he has no new strategy in mind for Holyfield.

"It is no secret what I need to do and have to do to win," he said. "I have to go right at him from bell to bell."

"I'm going in there to fight him for 12 rounds, a knockout is a bonus."

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The B.W.B.A. (Black Women's Basketball Association) needs volunteers to form an all-women's basketball league in the winter of 1996. Also, players will be needed for the W.B.C.A. Ebon's Women All-Star team. Former coaches and players, along with Caribbean and other foreign-born players and coaches can participate. For more information, please call 1-800-803-6594.

Chavez Testifies King Did Not Pay Him \$350,000 Training Fee

World Boxing Council super lightweight champion Julio Cesar Chavez testified at Don King's insurance fraud trial today that the boxing promoter did not pay him \$350,000 in non-refundable training fees that King later claimed as a loss.

King has pleaded not guilty to charges of filing a fraudulent insurance claim with Lloyds of London after a 1991 title bout between Chavez and Harold Brazier was canceled.

In response to questioning by the prosecution today, Chavez said through an interpreter that he never saw a rider attached to his contract for the Brazier fight that indicated that he was to receive \$350,000 in non-refundable training fees. Chavez claimed he actually received about \$50,000 to \$60,000 in training expenses.

Chavez said he never saw the contract rider until it was shown to him by a government

representative.

King is charged with including the \$350,000 charge in a claim with Lloyds of London. The insurance company paid him \$671,000 when the Brazier fight was canceled.

Gladys Rosa, a former translator for King, testified in a brief court session Friday under a grant of immunity that she never saw a contract between King and Chavez.

If convicted, King, 62, could receive up to five years in prison and up to \$250,000 in fines on each of the nine counts. King served a prison sentence as a youth in Cleveland after being convicted of manslaughter.

The I-R-S also is investigating allegations that King helped foreign fighters evade paying taxes in the United States and that King's promotional firm filed false withholding statements.

The Justice Department has probed King's dealings for two

years. The investigation began when Maffia filed civil affidavits against King. Maffia agreed to cooperate with the Manhattan U.S. Attorney's office.

King filed a counter complaint against Maffia with New York's Board of Regents, which licenses accountants, blaming Maffia for any crimes that might have occurred. The Board of Regents later exonerated Maffia.

In 1967, King was convicted of manslaughter for stomping Sam Garrett to death in Cleveland. King was a bookmaker at the time and Garrett was one of his runners. King also killed a man in 1954 who was trying to burglarize his house in Cleveland, but the killing was ruled self-defense.

In addition, King was indicted for tax evasion in 1985, but was acquitted. His secretary at the time, Constance Harper, was convicted and served a year in prison.

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