

SENTINEL SPORTS

Holyfield Takes On Bowe Again

NEW YORK - Evander Holyfield, a two-time heavyweight champion and noted careful spender, doesn't need the money or the fame to keep fighting at 33.

But he needs the competition, another mountain to climb. And he has found it in Riddick Bowe, who at 6'5" and 240 pounds is expected to give Holyfield all he can handle in their November 4 fight at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas.

Holyfield is guaranteed \$9 million for his third encounter with Bowe, considered by many to have the most natural ability among heavyweights today.

But Bowe, 28, hasn't always exploited his talents, sometimes not training hard enough and sometimes not seeming

Lewis Takes Legal Action Against Bruno And WBC

LONDON - The gloves came off Tuesday in a legal fight between British heavyweight boxing rivals Lennox Lewis and Frank Bruno, the World Boxing Council (WBC) Heavyweight champion.

Lewis issued a High Court writ through his lawyer against Bruno and the Mexico City-based WBC in a move designed to prevent Bruno defending his newly-won WBC title against Mike Tyson before Lewis is given an opportunity to fight for the title.

Lewis also wants to put pressure on the WBC before their annual convention in Chang Mai, Thailand, starting on November 6.

This situation has been threatening to boil over since Lewis stopped American Tommy Morrison in Atlantic City early this month.

Following that success, Lewis's promoter Panos Eliades urged WBC President Jose Sulaiman to put a Bruno-Lewis title fight out for purse offers. To date, he has received no satisfaction from the WBC.

The problem stems back to the WBC's order at last year's convention in Seville for Lewis to meet Lionel Butler in a final

particularly motivated.

That makes him the exact opposite of Holyfield, who more than makes up for his relatively small size and lack of knockout power with a heart the size of the Grand Canyon.

"It has always been my goal to be the best I can be and if I'm in the game I need to give 100 percent," Holyfield said in a teleconference call from Houston on Wednesday. "I have the ultimate respect for Bowe in the ring."

The two men have split their two previous fights, considered among the best heavyweight encounters in recent years.

Bowe, 37-1, won the first fight on November 13, 1992, outpointing Holyfield to win the World Boxing Association and

International Boxing Federation crowns. Holyfield, 31-2, responded twelve months later, by taking back the same two belts with a decision victory. But Holyfield lost the titles to Michael Moorer.

"There is no doubt that Bowe is one of the most talented big guys who has put on the gloves and when you got a big guy who is talented, you have to be on or you are going to get wiped out," said Holyfield, who will give away three inches and possibly as much as 25 pounds to Bowe.

Holyfield's disposition to take on the biggest challenge available does not surprise his promoter Dino Duva. "He is the kind of person who always wants the best and toughest fights out there," said Dino Duva, of Main Events, Holyfield's promoter.

Holyfield retired with a suspected heart ailment after losing to Bowe. But doctors gave him clearance to continue his career and Holyfield beat the tough Ray Mercer in a decision five months ago.

"After the Mercer fight he said that he didn't want to mess around with little fights anymore," Duva said.

Bowe has stopped 31

eliminator to challenge for his former title.

But, in the meantime, Tyson was released from prison and almost immediately elevated to the position of No 1 contender, Bruno's writ was attached to the gate of his mansion near London, as it is believed the champion is out of the country.

When he took the title from American Oliver McCall in London in September, Bruno automatically took over the mandatory commitments as champion.

Lewis, who will attend the WBC convention with manager Frank Maloney, said: "I will fight for my rights in Thailand.

"This is part of the sport, but its bad that we have to resort to these things. Why can't we fight who we are supposed to fight, why is everybody ducking?"

"Bruno remembers the 17 unanswered punches of our first fight. He doesn't want to go through that again.

"I'll box anybody. I definitely want to fight Riddick Bowe at some stage, but I want Bruno first.

"I was very happy he won the belt. He's kept it warm, but I'm coming for it and he's hanging on to it even tighter."

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and throw the ball 25 times," said Blockovich.

Chaparral (4-2, 5-3) will be looking to bring some of the momentum they gathered in the second half of their dramatic 31-28 loss to Green Valley High School. The Gators, Sunrise Divisional winners, will receive a first round playoff bye.

The Cowboys trailed 24-6 at the intermission but scored on their first two possessions of the second half with all-purpose player E.J. Henderson — 11 carries for 157 yards and two touchdowns — and quarterback Bobby Wit — 43-yard touchdown run — leading the way.

Their special teams have the explosive Omar Atchinson set to return kickoffs and punts. He returned a kickoff against Green Valley for 88-yards near the end of the game to bring the Cowboys within sight of victory. Chaparral is coached by Bobby Johnson who is in his 11th season.

Exactly how long has it been since Las Vegas High School has participated in the playoffs? Hint.

Rock legend John Lennon was still alive, but Senator Ted Kennedy's presidential aspirations wasn't. The Grammy Award's winning song for 1980

was *Celebration* by Kool and the Gang.

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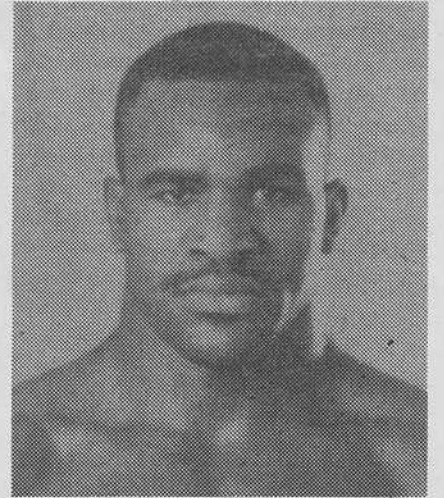
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Bowe wants to fight Lewis in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG - Former undisputed world heavyweight champion Riddick Bowe wants to fight Britain's Lennox Lewis in South Africa in March, his representative said last Wednesday.

Alexis Denny, Bowe's international representative, told a news conference: "We have been negotiating with the Lewis organisation since before his fight against Tommy Morrison last month.

Riddick has wanted to fight in South Africa ever since he came here in 1993 and met with president Mandela."

The planned fight is one part of a three-pronged effort by Bowe to help boxing in South Africa.

Bowe's manager Rock Newman has invited South African welterweight champion Mpush Makhambi to appear on the undercard of Bowe's next fight, his third meeting with Evander Holyfield in Las Vegas on November 4.

Newman has also invited several black promoters from East London and Johannesburg to begin the process of forming an alliance which will enable them to go to the U.S. to work on a major promotion.

Denny said, "We don't want to bring in armies of people from the U.S. for fights in this country. Instead we want to empower the people who are already in the business over here so that we can contribute something to the local economy."

Denny said Bowe wanted to fight before an audience of between 15,000 and 20,000 people in South Africa and was willing to accept considerably less from the purse than the nine million dollars he will earn from the Holyfield fight next week at Caesar's Palace.

Prep Football Playoffs Set To Begin

By Kevin Lewis

Look for Western High School's ball control offense to amend its ways in Friday's Class AAA Southern Zone playoff action at home against Chaparral High School.

The Western Warriors (5-2, 7-2), earned their fifth straight playoff appearance, even after committing five turnovers in last week's 16-7 loss to arch-rival Clark High.

"We had a good week of practice," said Western coach Joe Blockovich. "Things like that Clark game can happen. We had five players out and one with a broken ankle. Having already clinched a playoff berth, it would have been foolish to risk those players."

The Warriors' ground game suffered a setback with the loss of Anthony Jones (9.1 yards-per-carry), who suffered a broken ankle against Cimarron High School three weeks ago. DeVor Latham, who averages 8.8 yards-per-carry, and along with Mark Brown's 5.7 yards-per-carry, the two are expected to handle the load of the rushing against the Cowboys.

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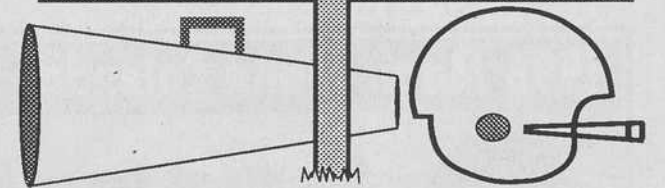
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