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Unbeaten Shane Mosley wants De La Hoya

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Shane Mosley earned less than a third of what Oscar De La Hoya received when they fought last summer. He has other plans if they meet in a rematch.

"Fifty-fifty, I'm fine with that. I think I'm being more than fair," Mosley said. "I don't know if Oscar wants to fight me, but he needs to fight me. He needs to try to get his revenge."

Mosley earned \$4.5 million to De La Hoya's \$15 million when he beat De La Hoya last summer for the WBC welterweight crown.

An even split for a rematch could mean \$10 million or more for each fighter. Cedric Kushner, Mosley's promoter, has offered De La Hoya \$10 million for a fight in either November or December.

Kushner did not set a time limit for De La Hoya to decide, but he did say, "If it looks like Oscar is not going to accept it, Shane will go on to other business."

That could include bouts against IBF champion Vernon Forrest and WBA champ Andrew Lewis.

"There are two other champions out there and Shane wants to unify the title," Kushner said.

Mosley ran his record to 38-0, with 35 knockouts, when he stopped 20-1 underdog Adrian Stone of England



Shane Mosley, right, pummels Britain's Adrian Stone in their scheduled 12-round welterweight championship bout at Caesars Palace on Saturday. Mosley scored a third-round knockout.

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in the third round of their title bout Saturday night.

Almost as soon as the fight ended, Mosley issued a challenge to De La Hoya, whom he beat with a 12-round decision at Staples Center in Los Angeles.

"I guess people want that, want to see me fight De La Hoya. If that's what the fans want, so be it," he said. "I was thinking about Vernon Forrest as my next fight, but that (De La Hoya) is much more lucrative."

School leaves sports league over fears

CHICAGO (AP) - A predominantly black grammar school pulled out of a sports conference late last week because some members were planning to forfeit games at their school over safety fears.

Members of the predominantly white Southside Catholic Conference had voted unanimously June 20 to allow St. Sabina Elementary School to enter its Youth Athletic Conference later this year, although some churches said they were concerned for players, parents and coaches traveling to the high-crime neighborhood.

The conference had earlier voted to bar St. Sabina, which St. Sabina officials argued was fueled by racism.

"There must be a forfeit policy, an equal safety policy and a commitment to honestly deal with issues of race," the Rev. Michael Pflieger, St. Sabina's pastor, said in a statement withdrawing the

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After the conference vote in June, some coaches said they would forfeit games at St. Sabina, prompting Pflieger to call for a promise that would not happen.

Pflieger also said he wanted assurances that any safety precautions, such as extra police cars, that would be imposed at St. Sabina's home games also would be in place when the team traveled to other schools.

League chairman Hank Lenzen said he would encourage coaches to bring their teams to games at St. Sabina but would not meet Pflieger's demands for written guarantees from all 21 schools.

"I would ask Father Pflieger to please reconsider

his thoughts today and join the conference," said Mike Hall, a coach at St. Cajetan Elementary. "I think it's a lost opportunity for all our children."

Pflieger did not immediately return a phone message seeking comment.

Cardinal Francis George, who had encouraged the schools to admit St. Sabina to the league, said he will attend a conference meeting Friday night to discuss the matter.

"I think there is a shared commitment on the part of everyone to have the children play," he said.

The league has 21 parishes and sponsors football, basketball, soccer and golf for more than 5,000 children in grades five through eight.

Forrest beat Mosley in 1992 when both were amateurs - the last time anyone has beaten the WBC champ.

"We're what the people want," Forrest said of the possibility of the two fighting again.

As in two previous title defenses, Mosley was overpowering in the victory over Stone.

After feeling his way in the first two rounds, Mosley stunned him with a powerful right, then sent the challenger crashing to the canvas with another right several seconds later to end their match before a crowd of 4,900 at the 5,100-seat Caesars Palace pavilion. The end came at 2:01 of the third.

The 29-year-old Mosley, from Pomona, Calif., also stopped challengers Shannan Taylor, in the fifth round, and Antonio Diaz, in the sixth.

Stone, 30, a native of Bristol, England, who lives in Paterson, N.J., is 30-4-2, with 23 knockouts.

Both he and Mosley, who earned \$3.5 million, weighed the 147-pound limit.

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