Unbeaten Hearns plans Sunday to show Sugar Ray who's best

He's not even fighting, but Sugar Ray Leonard is the guy Thomas "Hit Man" Hearns will be swinging at Sunday afternoon in Las Vegas.

Hearns didn't mince any words the other day when he told all who would listen that he is just as good as Leonard or Roberto Duran and considers Jose "Pepino" Cuevas only the "sixth best" welterweight in the world.

"You have to give Leonard and Duran credit for what they've achieved," said the undefeated Hearns, "but I wouldn't say they're better than I am.

"They get the recognition for what they've accomplished but I'll be there and when I am, I won't lose."

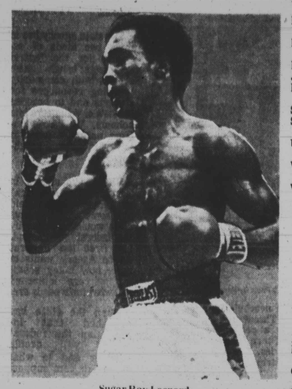
Hearns, a 21-year-old slugger from Detroit with 24 wins and 22 knockouts, meets "Fighting Jim" Richards of Curacao, Venezuela, Sunday at Caesars Palace.

The nationally televised card, promoted by Don King, also features two world championship bouts — World Boxing Council heavyweight title - holder Larry Holmes defending against Lorenzo Zanon of Italy, and WBC superbantamweight champion Wilfred Gomez of Puerto Rico against Ruben "Cobra" Yaldez of Colombia.

Like Hearns, both Holmes and Gomez are undefeated.

Leonard, the WBC welterweight champion, and Duran, the No. 1 contender, are expected to meet for the title in late May or early June. Hearns, however, has hopes of taking on World Boxing Association champ Cuevas later this year.

"I'd have an easier time against him than I would against Leonard or Duran," said Hearns. "I rate Cuevas only the sixth best welterweight around today."



Sugar Ray Leonard he's target of 'Hit Man'

Emanuel Steward, Hearns' manager, was equally unkind toward Cuevas of Mexico.

"I don't think he's as good a fundamental fighter as Thomas, Leonard or Duran."

"I know I can do other things than just punch," said Hearns. "I have fundamentals, I can box. Most of my knockouts come because of my boxing ability."

Richards, 25, has a 32-4-1 record with 16 knockouts.

Midweek results

A and T 74, Geo. Mason 72
Bowie St. 95, Salisbury 74 (women).
Delaware St. 69, Md., E. Shore 68
Eliz City 71, Livingstone 66
Hampton 97, Norfolk St. 79
Howard 69, Towson St. 57
J.C. Smith 95, St. Paul's 90
Phila. Pharmacy 64, Bowie St. 58
St. Aug. 97, Elizabeth 86
Spring Garden 85, Lincoln 67
UNC - Wilmington 72, S.C. State 63
Va. Union 89, Livingstone 70
Va. Union 95, N.C. Central 80
W. Salem 84, Fayetteville 82

Other Schools

Alcorn 75, Canisius 70
Ark-Pine Bluff 21, Dillard 17
Benedict 68, Morris Brown 66
Central St. 99, Shaw 69
Dillard 66, Tougaloo 57 (OT)
Ft. Valley 91, Ga. College 85
Grambling 73, Miss. Valley 53
Ky. State 67, Cumberland 56
Southern 77, Jackson St. 72
Voorhees 80, Winthrop 75
Xavier 99, Nicholls St. 91.

Weekend basketball

COLLEGE GAMES

Friday

Howard at Morgan
Jackson St. at Prairie View

Saturday

Morgan at Hampton
Bowie St. at Morgan (women)
Geo. Mason at Balto. U. (Civic Center)
Bowie St. at Lincoln
Va. Union at J.C. Smith
Norfolk St. at St. Paul's
N.C. Central at Fayetteville (woman)
N.C. Central at Fayetteville
Livingston at Tuskegee (women)
Tuskegee at Bethune
Albany St. at Ed Waters (women)
Jackson St. at Texas Southern
Alcorn at Southern
Miss. Valley at Prairie View

Monday

Morgan at Mt. St. Mary's (women)
S.C. State at Baptist
S.C. State at Baptist (women)
Va. State at J.C. Smith
Gardner - Webb at J.C. Smith (women)
Tuskegee at Clark
Norfolk St. at Fayetteville
Tuskegee at Ft. Valley (women)
Miss. Valley at Texas Southern
Grambling at Alcorn

NBA SCHEDULE

Sunday

All-Star Game, Capital Centre, Landover, Md.

Ashe raps Carter on boycott issue

HARTFORD, Conn. (UPI) — Tennis pro Arthur Ashe Wednesday criticized President Carter's call for a boycott of the 1980 Summer Olympics in Moscow due to the Soviet Invasion of Afghanistan.

Ashe, sidelined recently with heart troubles, said he disagreed with Carter's threat to boycott the Olympics if the Soviets have not pulled out of Afghanistan by Feb. 20.

"He's trying to make young people pay for the mistakes he made," Ashe said. "Why use the olympics as a political football?

"You know full well they (the Soviets) are going to spit in our face Feb. 20," Ashe said. "In the next few weeks I think we'll see some of the failings of the Carter administration."

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Ali to carry White House plea for boycott to Africa

Obviously hoping that former world heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali retains some of his diplomatic "clout," President Carter is sending him to Africa to enlist African support for the White House's plea for an Olympic boycott.

"At the President's request, Muhammad Ali has agreed to visit several African countries to discuss with their governments the issue of the Summer Olympic Games," said spokesman Hodding Carter.

He said Ali's schedule is "still being developed."

But he added that Ali is expected to depart on that mission sometime this weekend.

He gave no additional details on Ali's itinerary.

Asked to restate the U.S. position on the Summer Games, and thus the message Ali will be carrying, spokesman Carter said:

"The United States believes that in the absence of a Soviet withdrawal of Afghanistan by a date certain (Feb. 20), we should make an all - out effort to see to it that the Games are moved from Moscow or postponed or otherwise not held there."

"That failing," he added, "the administration believes that American athletes should not participate and we would hope that others equally concerned about the imperialist activity of the Soviet Union in Afghanistan would join in such a decision."

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If you're one of those people who don't use belts for one reason or another, please think carefully about your motivations. Are your objections to seat belts based on the facts or on rationalizations?

Here are a few of the common rationalizations. Many people say they are afraid of being trapped in a car by a seat belt. In fact, in the vast majority of cases, seat belts protect passengers from severe injuries, allowing them to escape more quickly. Another popular rationalization: you'll be saved by being thrown clear of the car. Here again, research has proved that to be untrue—you are almost always safer inside the car.

Some people use seat belts for highway driving but rationalize it's not worth the trouble to buckle up for short trips. The numbers tell a different story: 80% of all automobile accidents causing injury or death involve cars traveling under 40 miles per hour. And three quarters of all collisions happen less than 25 miles from the driver's home.

When you're the driver, you have the psychological authority to convince all of the passengers that they should wear seat belts. It has been shown that in a car, the driver is considered to be an authority figure. A simple reminder from you may help save someone's life. And please remember children can be severely injured in automobile accidents, too. Make sure Child Restraint Systems are used for children who aren't old enough to use regular seat belts.

Because so many people still don't use their seat belts, the government has directed that some form of passive restraint—one that doesn't require any action by the occupant—be built into every car by the 1984 model year. GM is offering one such restraint—a new type of automatic belt—as an option on the 1980 Chevette to gain insight into its public acceptance.

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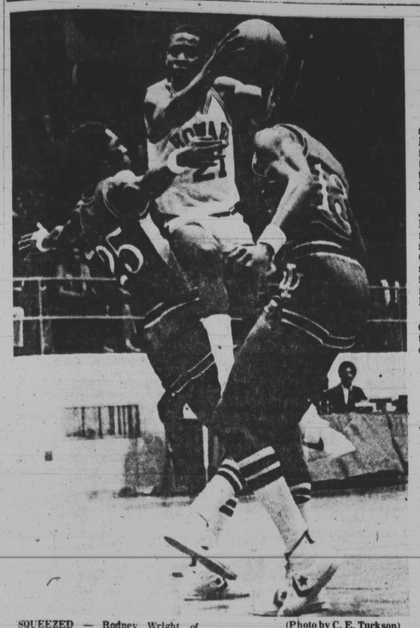

SQUEEZED — Rodney Wright of Howard University goes up but fails to penetrate the defense set up by the Illinois State University defenders. Wright was guilty of charging against Anthony Jones (28) because Ron Jones (13) had blocked off the outside lane. All of this was part of the exciting action before a jammed crowd (2,500) at Burr Gym as Howard lost 72-61 to the Illinois Cagers, last week.

(Photo by C. E. Tucker)

5th straight title dash star's goal

Walbrook Junction sprint star Charles Bowers will be seeking his fifth straight dash title in the All - Comers meet tomorrow (Saturday) at Morgan.

Walbrook coach Rod Jones reports that young Bowers captured the meet's 50 - yard race in 5.6 seconds in the first All - Comers event, Dec. 25 the second two weeks later in 5.52; the third on Dec. 16 in 5.5, and the fourth time Dec. 30 in 5.4 seconds.

Jones and trainer Carlisle Mills are anticipating an even faster clocking Saturday.

Teachers vs. WJZ in cage contest

Faculty members of Woodmoor Elementary will team with PTA representatives of the school to meet a select group of WJZ - TV employees for a basketball game tonight (Friday).

The contest, scheduled at 8 o'clock at the Woodlawn Middle School gym, will benefit the Woodmoor instructional program fund.

Pizza, baked goods and candy will be among the items sold to supplement the gate receipts.

Another Laker-Redskin battle for title likely

By Samuel Davis

At the beginning of the wrestling season, there was question as to whether last season's "B" conference winner, Lake Clifton and runnerup Edmondson would be in contention for the title this year.

Although Lake Clifton defeated Edmondson last year in a wrestleoff for the title, it was felt that the Redskins might have the advantage this season since they had more wrestlers returning, therefore more experience.

The experience apparently is paying off because currently the Redskins are unbeaten in league matches as well as in overall competition.

The Lakers, who had only a few experienced wrestlers returning, are not enjoying as much success as the Redskins, but their 5 - 1 league record is keeping them in a close second behind Patterson which is unbeaten.

The Redskins, who have won five league matches, are being led by 147, 169 and 187 pounders Kenny Taylor, Anthony Collins and Ralph Brown, respectively. All three have yet to lose a match, while each has won eight. Duane Buie is also unbeaten, although he has tied one match and won six.

Heavyweight Greg Fowlkes (7 - 1) and 175 - pounder Henry White (6 - 2) have also performed steadily for fourth - year coach Bruce McCurin.

Although the team is unbeaten, it is not in first place alone in the division. Cardinal Gibbons also is unbeaten.

McCurin will lead his mat crew in battle against Gibbons next Friday (8th) at Gibbons for the match that will probably decide the division champion.

Lake Clifton, which suffered its only lost to Patterson, is in a position where the only thing she can do is win the remaining two league contests, and hope the Clippers are knocked off since she has already fallen to them in their only scheduled meeting. If both end the season with equal records, then a wrestle-off will be held for the title.

"We were sailing along well until we ran into Patterson," Laker coach Don Morrison told the APRO.

"Actually, I thought we had a better team than theirs, but we had to forfeit one match because one guy didn't make the weight," he continued.

The squad lost by a margin of only five points.

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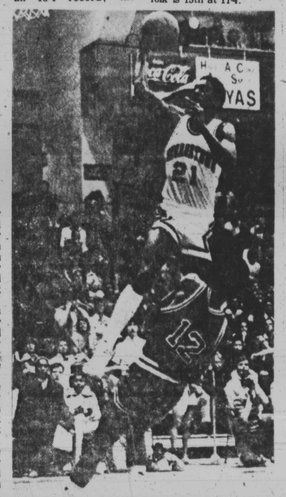
NAIA ranks CIAA teams

Three predominately black colleges have their basketball teams ranked among the top 15 listed this week by the NAIA.

Two of the three — Winston-Salem (NC) State and Norfolk State — are members of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

The third, Alabama State, holds the lofty position of No. 2, behind leader Wisconsin-Eau Claire. The latter shows an 18-1 record; the Bulldogs are 18-2.

Winston-Salem is 9th with a 12-2 log, and Norfolk is 13th at 11-4.



GEORGETOWN'S Eric (Sleepy) Floyd, on a flying one-handed dunk, shoots over Rubin Hoey of American University in a bit of fast action in the exciting inter-city rivalry which Georgetown won, 86-62.

(Photo by C. R. Tuckson)

Players escape serious injury in bus crash

WINCHESTER, Ark. (UPI) — Six Philander Smith College basketball players and a bus driver injured in an accident en route to a game in Alabama were treated for minor injuries and returned to Little Rock the same day.

The chartered bus carrying the Philander Smith team overturned Tuesday morning on icy U.S. 65 in southeast Arkansas, state police said.

Freddie Trice of Little Rock, a driver for Arrow Coach, fractured his leg in the accident but was not admitted to the hospital at McGehee, a hospital spokesman said. The players were treated for minor injuries and released at hospitals in McGehee and Dumas.

The bus flipped on its side south of Wincheste about 7:20 a.m. Tuesday, Howell said. Seventeen players, coach John Casey and the driver were in the bus at the time.

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'Super' Birds

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Al Bumbry, Eddie Murray and Ken Singleton will join Jim Palmer, Rich Dauer, Rick Dempsey, Mike Flanagan, Doug De Cinces, Mark Belanger and Gary Roenicke in competition with squads from the Pirate, Steelers and Rams.

O's openings

The American League champion Baltimore Orioles open their 1980 season April 10, in Chicago, visiting the White Sox on the day after the Seattle Mariners host the Toronto Blue Jays.

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