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ASHTON-TATE AND COMPUBOX TEAM UP TO PROVIDE HEARNS/LEONARD FIGHT STATISTICS THROUGH dBASE IV

LAS VEGAS, NV, June 8, 1989 -- Ashton-Tate Corporation and CompuBox, Inc. have joined forces to produce the dBASE IV Fight Data System, a database system of current and historic boxing statistics designed to assist journalists covering "The War," today's super-middle weight title bout between Sugar Ray Leonard and Thomas Hearns at Caesar's Palace.

Designed using dBASE IV, Ashton-Tate's recently introduced database management software program for microcomputers, the dBASE IV Fight Data System will provide statistical analyses on boxing's most well-known matches, including Hearns' and Leonard's first fight in 1981. Journalists will be able to access the system beginning Friday morning, June 9, 1989 through the completion of the bout via one of three Compaq microcomputers set up in the fight press room.

A wide array of information, such as weight, height and reach of Leonard and Hearns; decisions and rounds of key historic fights; and detailed figures on punches thrown and punches landed by round will be available for comparisons and analysis of

trends. The actual statistics have been compiled and organized by CompuBox.

Following the Hearns/Leonard match, actual statistics from the bout will be added to the dBASE IV Fight Data System for final analysis and comparison.

Ashton-Tate has designed the system for speed and ease-of-use. Members of the press will be able to request specific information on a specific fight or a range of fights, view their findings on the screen and print the results. System experts will be available in the press room to answer questions and assist in the use of the system.

The dBASE family of products from Ashton-Tate is widely recognized as the industry standard for database management systems. Since its introduction last October, the family's newest member, dBASE IV, has become one of the fastest selling new software products in history. More than 300,000 copies have been sold.

CompuBox, Inc. of Lindenhurst, New York was founded in 1984 to provide the sports media, participants and fans with computerized information previously unavailable. The company's chief product is PunchStat, a software program which counts and categorizes the punches thrown and landed in amateur and professional boxing matches. Current CompuBox clients include ESPN, HBO, NBC, ABC, Associated Press, United Press International, Sugar Ray Leonard, Michael Spinks, Evander Hollyfield and Meldrick Taylor.

Based in Torrance, California, Ashton-Tate markets

microcomputer business applications software for DOS, OS/2 and Macintosh operating systems. Products are available in six major categories: database management systems, word processing, integrated decision support software, spreadsheets, graphics and desktop publishing. Ashton-Tate also offers a variety of software applications, tools and utilities, as well as a library of best-selling computer hardware and software related books and periodicals. Ashton-Tate also markets a comprehensive line of service and support programs for individuals, corporations and government agencies.

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