



**BANNER PRESENTS "FREE FOR ALL, A NIGHT OF COMBAT"
LAS VEGAS' FIRST COMBINED
BOXING AND MIXED MARTIAL ARTS SHOW ON JUNE 20;
ALONZO BUTLER VS FRIDAY AHUNANYA HEADLINES FIGHT CARD
TELEVISED LIVE ON ESPN'S FRIDAY NIGHT FIGHTS,
FOUR MMA BOUTS ALSO SCHEDULED;
TICKETS ARE FREE TO THE PUBLIC**

Promoter **Art Pelullo**/Banner Promotions will present a sensational event – Las Vegas' first combined professional boxing and mixed martial arts show - on Friday, June 20, 2008, at the Thomas & Mack Center in Las Vegas. The boxing main event and co-featured bout will be televised live on ESPN's "Friday Night Fights."

Daren Libonati of the Thomas & Mack Center said, "Our special event teams have had the pleasure over 25 years to have hosted and promoted thousands of great events. But I must say the level of enthusiasm for this one night of duel combat Boxing and MMA is off the page. Our team and community partners have come together to create a one-of-a-kind special event night for free.

"Times are tough and people need an opportunity and excuse to get out and be a part of great experiences. We anticipate giving them one on June 20, with our "Free For All, Night of Combat."

Undefeated heavyweight prospect **Alonzo "Big Zo" Butler**, 26-0-1 with 19 knockouts, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, will return to the ring for the first time in 13 months and fight seasoned veteran **Friday "The 13th" Ahunanya**, 23-5-3 with 13 knockouts, of Las Vegas, in the main event scheduled for 10 rounds.

Butler is returning to the ring for the first time in a year. He said, "I'm back. I've been in the gym for months and I'm not even rusty. I heard Friday's a good fighter. I respect every fighter. It will be a good test for me."

Ahunanya is coming off an impressive twelfth-round TKO win against previously undefeated New Zealand prospect **Shane Cameron** - 19-0 at the time - in his last fight in November, 2007, and is 3-0-1 in his last four fights.

The co-featured bout and four more boxing bouts, to be announced, are scheduled to complete to card. All bouts are subject to change without notice.

When "Friday Night Fights" goes off the air, the MMA stars hit the ring. Four bouts are scheduled.

In the main event, MMA veterans "The Natural" **John Alessio** (22-11) and "The Secret Weapon" **Pete Spratt** (18-12) will mix it up at 170 pounds. These two have fought all over the globe and are the definition of the term, "Mixed Martial Artist."

In the evening's co-featured bout, it is the battle of the Kims, as **Kim "Sugar Free" Couture** and **Kim "The Little Pitbull" Rose** make their pro debuts. Both women are undefeated as amateurs and like to stand and trade shots. As the wife of MMA legend **Randy Couture**, Kim's two previous amateur fights have garnered great attention from fans around the world.

Former teammates face off when Xtreme Couture's **Dennis Davis** takes on Team Quest's **Dave Jansen** in a bout set at a catch-weight of 150 pounds. Both men are tremendous wrestlers who fight a fast paced, explosive style.

New Zealand striking phenom **Brice Ritani-Coe** makes his MMA debut at super heavyweight. Brice was supposed to represent New Zealand as a boxer in the Beijing Olympics this summer but an injury late last year cost him his spot. Now he lives in Las Vegas and has his eyes set on MMA gold. The next Hawaiian MMA sensation, **Kui Gonzalves-Kanohe**, debuts at 145 pounds.

Tickets are free to the public, and are available at UNLVtickets.com.

Doors open at 5:00 P.M.

First bout at 5:30 P.M. with former UNLV boxing team sensation **Henry Namauu** in a four-round cruiserweight bout.

First televised bout at 6:00 P.M.

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