

REBEL SPORTS

Eighth round K.O. clinches cruiserweight title for Evander Holyfield

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Evander Holyfield captured the undisputed cruiserweight title Saturday night at Ceasars Palace by scoring an eighth round knockout over Carlos DeLeon.

Holyfield put together several left-right, uppercuts, right flurry combinations to hurt the former cruiserweight champion to win the first seven rounds.

However, it was the eighth round that Holyfield relentlessly pounded DeLeon against the ropes until referee Mills Lane stopped the fight with 1:08 remaining.

Holyfield upped his record to 18-0 with his 14th knockout. DeLeon fell to 43-4-1.

DeLeon said his game plan was to square off in the middle of the ring but his strategy failed.



Fist of Fury — new undisputed cruiserweight champion Evander Holyfield about to connect with a strong right to Carlos DeLeon photo by jon ansok

"I don't know what happened. He confused me. There is no question he is going to be a great champion," said DeLeon.

Although DeLeon was weary, the hardness of Holyfield punches was unable to send him to the canvas.

"DeLeon showed that

he was a true champion and that he could absorb the punches I hit him with," Holyfield said. "I never got frustrated but I don't think I landed solid punches on the chin to put him away."

Holyfield had little reason to be frustrated he controlled the fight from

the first round and looked impressive in front of 3,860 fans which included Mike Tyson.

The heavyweight champion was on hand to watch his future opponent. Holyfield announced after his win that his primary target now will be to build up and become a

heavyweight to challenge Tyson to a title fight.

"I'm going to start a good weight training program. I can't say right now how much I will gain but it will be a weight comfortable for me," said Holyfield. "I saw Tyson when I got into the ring," Holyfield said. "I always

want to be impressive, though, not just for Mike Tyson. I wanted to leave my best impression."

For now Holyfield has left his impressions not only on the fans but on Carlos DeLeon and until he returns in July to fight James "Quick" Tillis this fight will be a memory.



He's mine — Evander Holyfield knocks Carlos DeLeon into the corner and lands a punch on the chin in Saturdays action photo by jon ansok

Las Vegas Silver Streaks to get radio coverage

The Las Vegas Silver Streaks will broadcast their games over KLAV (AM-1230) radio as announced by Silver Streaks General Manager Jack Donovan.

KLAV will carry all 54 regular season games as the Silver Streaks begin their inaugural season on Wednesday, May 18 against the Fresno Flames. Tipoff is scheduled for 7p.m. at the Thomas and Mack Center.

"I feel great that the games will be on radio our first season both home and away," Donovan said. "To be associated with the

Las Vegas Stars and the California Angels is a real plus for us."

Calling the play-by-play will be KLAV sports director Seat Williams. Williams over the past five years, has broadcasted UNLV Alumni summer basketball games. He has also broadcasted Lady Rebel basketball, prep basketball, UNLV baseball and monthly boxing from the Showboat Hotel.

"To be the voice of a professional team in a great basketball town like Las Vegas is a dream come true," Williams said. KLAV will broadcast

"The Coaches Show with Sonny Allen" beginning Monday, April 11. The show runs from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. with open phone lines.

"We are very excited about the opportunity to begin and grow with this new league," KLAV General Manager Dave Wagenvoord said. "It is a terrific concept and we are proud to be a part of it."

SIDE NOTE: The Silver Streaks are no longer apart of the IBA 6-foot-4 and under league. They are now apart of (WBL) World Basketball League.

Runnin' Rebels honored

About 800 fans attended UNLV Appreciation Night on April 6 at the Las Vegas Hilton to honor this year's 28-6 Rebel team.

Head coach Jerry Tarkanian selected seniors Jarvis Basnight and Gerald Paddio as Most Valuable Players. Karl James and Stacey Augmon were picked as the Outstanding Freshmen.

Other Award recipients were Travis Bice as Most Improved Player; Stacey Cvijanovich as Most Inspirational; Anthony Todd and Keith James as Outstanding Newcomers; Richard Robinson for the Captain's Award and Clint Rossum as the Outstanding Defensive Player.

Cvijanovich, Augmon, and Bice received the academic achievement awards presented by Dr. Lois Tarkanian.



Franklin First — Sprinter and Hurdler Carrie Franklin comes in first place during competition photo by jon ansok

Wednesday, April 13th is
Letter of Intent Day
for High School Girls Basketball recruits
around the United States