



# Sports Roundup

By MARK QUEEN

FROM ALL ACCOUNTS, Joey Giardello can thank his lucky star that he wound up defending his world middleweight boxing title against Rubin (Hurricane) Carter in his old "home town" of Philadelphia rather than Las Vegas. Although the 34-year-old champ won comfortably on the three official scorecards (by six, five and three points under the same "five-point must" system used in Nevada), there is ample evidence to assume the fight might have been scored closer--with either man the winner--in "climates" less favorable to Giardello.

The mere fact that Carter thought he had won handily--"by at least three points"--carries little weight. It's only natural for the loser in a fairly close fight to figure he "wuz robbed." Our assumption that Giardello may not have fared so well in Las Vegas is based on the fact that one out of three sportswriters among the dozen or so at ringside (most of them from newspapers in the Philadelphia area) had Carter ahead at the finish. More significantly, the United Press-International card (probably kept by New York's Jack Cuddy, originally from Nevada) gave it to Carter by two points while the Associated Press score favored Giardello by only one.

We also noted from various accounts and practically every photo of the fight that Joey, supposedly the superior defensive boxer, looked like he had been put through a meat grinder by the time the final bell rang, whereas Rubin seemed little the worse for wear.

Yes, it would seem that Giardello got all the best of it when the fight was moved out of Las Vegas, although that's merely a matter of conjecture. There's no certainty that Carter would now be champion had the same type of fight taken place here.

IN REGARD TO THE HEARING conducted by the Nevada State Athletic Commission on the day of the Philadelphia fight (Dec. 14), designed to determine who was to "blame" for Las Vegas losing the bout last October, everyone interested knows by now that no disciplinary action was taken against the three firms involved in that ill-fated venture.

Silver State Sports Club, Inc., of Las Vegas, retained its state license to promote boxing when a motion by local commissioner George Foley to dismiss a commission order for Silver State to "show-cause" why its license should not be suspended was sustained by a 3-2 vote. The decision was strictly along geographical lines, with Chairman Art Lurie and Jimmy Gay of Las Vegas supporting Foley's motion and Pat Brady and Bud Traynor of Reno opposing.

Quashing of similar "show-cause" orders issued to the other two parties to the abortive three-pronged promotion was purely academic. Nationwide Sports Promotions, Inc., of Philadelphia, and Telescript-CPS, Inc., of New York and Los Angeles, both had been issued "one-shot" permits for the Oct. 23 date and actually had no licenses to suspend by Dec. 14. Just to set the record straight, the commission made it official by unanimous vote.

However, anyone who believes the Dec. 14 hearing closed the books on possible future action in this matter is very much mistaken. There was shocking testimony given under oath

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at the hearing that demands further examination. Pertinent information not disclosed at the hearing is being investigated. You will be able to read all about it right here when all the facts have been ascertained.

last week to clarify a fouled-up caption originally appearing under a photo in the Dec. 3 issue showing several of those honored at the Jefferson Center "Football Heroes Dance" resulted in another snafu. We admit defeat and will close the matter with apologies to our readers, especially those in the photo--Leonette Taylor, Phyllis Gay, Mary Williams, Preston Spencer, David Scott and Lavester "Boochie" Carter.

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