



sports roundup

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THE RIGHT TO "BOO" or otherwise insult the umpire, referee or judge goes with the purchase of a ticket to almost all American sports events. Shouts of "Kill the ump" are as much a part of baseball, for instance, as the ball, bases and bat. But this license to abuse officials is limited. It does not include the use of profane language, obscene gestures or physical violence.

All of which leads us to observe that the reaction of certain fans to the decision favoring Gene Bryant over Denny Moyer in their recent middleweight fight at the Hacienda Hotel not only was disgraceful but dangerous.

Not content with hurling vulgar epithets at two officials who voted for "Honey Bear", some alleged "sportsmen" showered the ring and its immediate vicinity with ice cubes from paper drinking cups, ash trays and various other objects at hand. It is fortunate that State Athletic Commission rules prohibit the serving of drinks in glasses or bottles at fight shows.

Luckily, no one was seriously injured, although an ash tray creased the skull of one defenseless official and a sharp-edged ice cube narrowly missed an eye (the good one, yet!) of this equally defenseless ringside observer. It was the first time we ever went through an indoor hail storm.

Steps have been taken to prevent such occurrences in the future. (A few arrests for disorderly conduct--or even assault--might discourage the simpletons who indulge in such ridiculous demonstrations.)

AS FOR THE DECISION that touched off the near-riot, we could find no fault with the two officials who had Bryant ahead by one point at the finish. That also goes for the judge who had Moyer in front by one. Our own card came out dead-even, 46-46, and most of the competent



NEGRO STAR "SAVES" SOUTH--Olympic sprint champ Bob Hayes (shown above twisting away from tackler) helped earn a 7-7 tie for his South team in their Senior Bowl football game with a North squad last Sunday in Mobile, Ala., when he scored on a 53-yard pass play from "Golden Boy" Joe Namath. Florida A&M gridder has been signed by Dallas Cowboys of NFL.

observers we talked to agreed that it was a toss-up.

For example, the most thoroughly unbiased spectator sitting in the first row probably was Tony Petronella, from far-off Providence, R.I. Tony has been very close to boxing in one offi- (See SPORTS, page 12)

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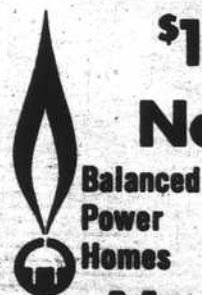
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