

Green Is State's Only Black Boxing Referee

Recently the SENTINEL interviewed Nevada's only black boxing referee, Richard Green, at one of the big fight cards at Caesars Palace. He was set to handle one of the major fights of the evening. Through these few years, Green has come a long way. He has handled the best of the international crop. As a matter of fact, Green's name was named last week as a possibility to handle the Sugar Ray Leonard-Roberto Duran WBC welterweight championship fight at the Olympic Stadium in Montreal.

SENTINEL: Did you see the Tate fight on the closed circuit screen tonight (Friday) at Montreal. He had been hit considerably in the back of the head just before hitting the deck. What about that? Should the referee step in when that happens?

GREEN: Yeh! I saw it. He's (Tate) supposed to protect himself at all times. That's the last instruction I always give the fighters in the ring.

SENTINEL: By the way, how did you get started as a boxing referee with the Nevada State Athletic Commission?

GREEN: How did I get started as a referee? Fir-

st, I used to box as an amateur and professional in the early '50s. I fought as a welterweight and as a middleweight. I hung up the gloves in '61. It was Bill Miller who approached me about refereeing. He encouraged me into applying. He went to the commission and talked for me... that was in 1975.

SENTINEL: Have you been able to handle many fights so far?

GREEN: I've handled about 50 or 60.

SENTINEL: What are some of the biggest fights you've handled?

GREEN: I have handled two of Larry Holmes' championship fights... one of Ernie Shavers cards and many, many others.

SENTINEL: When you qualified and were asked to handle a pro card, were you required to go through a training phase.

GREEN: First, I went through the rule book, next they required to work out in the gym as a referee, and did so with trainers.

SENTINEL: At a later point, were you required to appear before the (NSAC) Commission so



Left to right, Sidney Green is welcomed to the group of UNLV All Americans by Reggie Theus, Elburt Miller, Rickey Sobers and Eddie Owens at the UNLV Awards Banquet held at Caesars Palace. Inset is Adrian Dantley who was on hand to announce the UNLV-Notre Dame Alumni Game to be held Aug. 20 at the Convention Center

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retaliated with several good combinations that slowed Duran down momentarily, but Duran still continued with his aggressive attack.

The eighth round slowed down just enough for Duran to out-score Leonard. The two fighters exchanged punch for punch up until the end of the round when Duran scored with a couple good

they could determine your qualifications and credentials?

GREEN: Yes, Miller and Ray Nelson...they all came to talk in my behalf. They knew I was ready.

SENTINEL: Would you consider this to be a rewarding experience.

GREEN: Yes! I wouldn't trade it for nothing in the world.

right hand leads.

Leonard put together some good combinations in the ninth round, but Duran shook his head at Leonard to let him know that they had no effect.

As the fight continued up to the last rounds you could see a confident look on Duran's face. Duran, up to this point, had fought his type of fight and he knew he was winning the contest. Duran smiled nodded his head across the ring at

Leonard.

Leonard is indeed a champion. He came on strong in the last couple of rounds, using his jab more effectively than before and was able to score with several flurries at the close of the round. But it was too late as Duran knew he had won. Both fighters fought an extremely good fight as the contest was very close.

The judges saw an

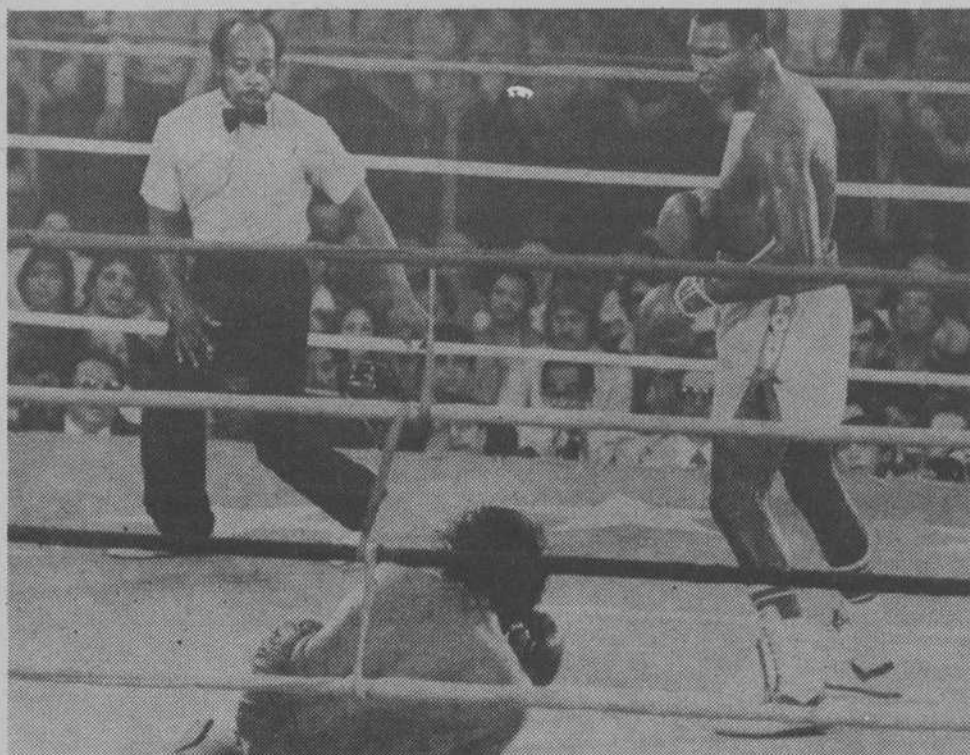
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"All coaching salaries were part of the teachers' money package during the last two bargaining rounds between the association and the district," Brown said. "All funds appropriated therein were teacher-controlled funds. "Elimination of the sports program would cause teachers to distrust the school district's contract bargaining procedures."

Norm Craft, who works in the district's student activities department, estimated between 45 and 50 coaches were employed in the junior varsity program.

unanimous decision in favor of Duran. The scoring of the fight was also very close. Judge Angelo Poletti scored it 148-147. Harry Gibb scored it 145-144 and Raymond Baldeyrou scored it 146-144. Roberto Duran is the new W.B.C. Welterweight Champion of the World.

That classic fight of the century is now history.. If history ever repeats itself, it will be a re-match. The outcome of the re-match remains to be seen.



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