### \*\*\*\*\*Snipes surprises Berbick \*\*\*\*\*

Atlantic City, N.J. -Renaldo Snipes, ranked No. 7 by the World Box-Ing Council, outslugged fellow heavyweight Trevor Berbick, ranked No. 2 by the World Box-Ing Association, to capture a 10-round unanimous decision Saturday at the Sands Hotel and Casino.

With the win over Berbick, Snipes has thrust himself into prime title consideration and after the bout, **WBC Champion Larry** Holmes said he would like to give Snipes a second shot at the heavyweight crown.

Holmes, expected to defend his title against Randall "Tex" Cobb In November, defeated Snipes in a world title defense last November.

Snipes of Yonkers, N.Y., abandoned his circling, jabbing style against Berbick as he waged an inside battle to score the victory awarded by judges Richard Murray, 7-1-2; William Kostrub, 6-3-1; and referee Arthur Mercante, 45-44 on points after a 5-5 scorecard in rounds.

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Snipes, who weighed 216½, took advantage of Berbick's clowning to score a first-round knockdown. Berbick of Miami, dropped his hands, imploring Snipes to fight. Snipes responded with a right to the jaw that stagger-

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ed Berbick, and followed with a right that floored him for a count of three.

Berbick, who weighed 2221/2, landed several punches in a second-round flurry after Snipes stumbled while retreating.

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Dickson won the NABF crown on Sept. 15, 1981, by besting Santos Moreno at Lake Tahoe. He lost it three months later to undefeated and worldranked Hector "Macho" Camacho In New York. Dickson has won two fights this year, decisioning Roberto Garcia in March and Darrell Stovall in April.

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Dickson also has fought Navarrete and he went the distance with him, losing a 10-round decision in June of last year in Honolulu.

The Boza-Edwards-Dickson main event will be nationally televised by ESPN as part of its new Saturday night "Big Fight" series which features only world title bouts, former world champlons and world-ranked contenders.

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