

Mayweather Loses To Baltazar Through Controversial Decision

Hometown favorite Tony Baltazar won a unanimous but controversial 10-round decision Sunday over former World Boxing Association junior lightweight champion Roger Mayweather in a nationally televised bout.

Mayweather, of Las Vegas, who made only two defenses of his WBA crown before losing it on a first-round, one-punch knockout in February to Rocky Lockridge, appeared to land many more effective punches throughout the fight against Baltazar, but the judges scored it 98-95, 96-95 and 96-94 in favor of Baltazar.

Baltazar, whose record is 26-2-1 with 20 knockouts, edged the former World Boxing Association junior lightweight champion in a close but unanimous decision.

Referee Lou Moret scored the bout 98-95, judge Marty Denkin had it 96-94 and judge Eddie Fierro had it 96-65.

The bout was considered a crossroads fight for the boxers, who both come off television

losses in their last fight.

Baltazar was the aggressor in the bout — which included a two-minute round because of a timekeeper's error — chasing the backed-up Mayweather for nine of the 10 rounds. But he caught the former champion infrequently. Mayweather appeared to pile up enough points to win by landing dozens of solid jabs and follow rights.

Many in the crowd at the Reseda Country Club, despite cheering Baltazar throughout the fight, booed the decision.

"I'm not surprised at all (by the decision)," Baltazar said. "He threw a lot of jabs, but he didn't want to fight. He kept running. I made the fight. Most of his punches landed on my gloves."

"He just didn't want to fight. That was his problem today."

Mayweather dropped to 18-2.

"I think anyone who saw the fight knows I won it going away," he said. "I saw his punches from a mile away and countered everything."

HALEY

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vised live nationally over the Don King Sports and Entertainment Network, which now has added New York City to its vast and growing list of metropolitan markets throughout the United States. However, the card will be blacked out in the Las Vegas area.

Haley faces Chuck Peralta of Tucson while Thomas meets James Dixon of Chicago. Bey's



Haley

opponent will be announced later.

The 29-year-old Haley, who was born in Garland, Ark., held the WBC 140-pound crown for almost one year, from June 26, 1982, to May 18, 1983. The boxer-puncher won it by decisioning Saoul Mamby in Highland Heights, Ohio. Haley successfully defended it twice, decisioning Juan Jose Gimenez on Oct. 20 in Cleveland and then doing the same to Mamby on Feb. 13 in

Cleveland. Haley lost the championship in Las Vegas to another Las Vegan, Bruce Curry, by a very close decision.

Haley dropped an even closer verdict to Curry in their championship rematch on Oct. 19 in Las Vegas.

Haley's record is 48-3-2 with 15 knockouts, and at one point went almost four years without a loss.

The 27-year-old Bey has had considerable success in Las Vegas recently. Last year he knocked out Grady Daniels in the first round in July and stopped Alf Coffin in the second round one month later. On Mar. 9 of this year, Bey decisioned ageless veteran Leroy Caldwell in Las Vegas.

Beard, 22, Detroit, has a record of 21-1 with 13 knockouts and will be making his third defense of the NABF crown he won 1st year. Rojas has a record of 33-9 with 24 knockouts and is the former United States Boxing Association featherweight and junior lightweight champion.

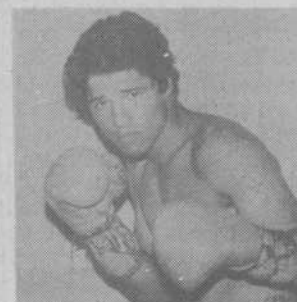
Thomas, 26, has a record of 26-0-1 with 20 knockouts. The lone blemish on his record, a draw, came last year against WBA heavyweight champion Gerrie Coetzee.

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out in Southern Nevada as is the case with all ESPN boxing cards at the Showboat.

Perez, Los Angeles, has a record of 24-1 with 19 knockouts. His last outing was on Feb. 3 at the Showboat when he beat veteran Ricardo Jimenez.



Irelis Perez

His lone loss came in April, 1983, when he dropped a close 10-round decision to World Boxing Council junior lightweight champion Hector "Macho" Camacho. The fight before that, Perez defeated Arturo Leon, who has gone the 15-round distance with Alexis Arguello, then the WBC junior lightweight champion.

David, Reno, has a record of 15-3-1 with nine knockouts. The 22-year-old who was born in Fontana, Calif., and raised in

Fort Wayne, Ind., has a couple of impressive wins; one in 1982 over veteran Frankie Moultrie and the other last year on Nov. 16 when he beat Eric Martin, the same fighter who upset Dio Colome last month at the Showboat.

Canela, from Colton, Calif., has a record of 21-2-1 with 14 knockouts. Canela had a two-year winning streak snapped in his last fight, but that's no disgrace since the man who beat him is the No. 1 welterweight contender in the world, Nino LaRocca of Italy.

Fight schedule

Major Fight Schedule
(c—denotes defending champion)

July 12 at Las Vegas, Nev. — Cubanito Perez vs. Frankie Davis, 10, junior welterweights; Luis Santana vs. Felipe Canela, 10, welterweights.
July 14 at Monte Carlo, Monaco — Wilfredo Benitez vs. Davey Moore, 10, junior middleweights.
July 15 at Kingston, N.Y. — c-Billy Costello vs. Ronnie Shields, 12, WBC super lightweight title.
July 16 at Atlantic City, N.J. — Andre Cooper vs. Lindell Holmes, 10, middleweights.
July 17 at Atlantic City, N.J. — Lonnie Smith vs. Frank Montgomery, 12, junior welterweights.
July 18 at Stratford, Pa. — Tom McGuire vs. Ricardo Williams, 10, cruiserweights.
July 18 at Las Vegas, Nev. — Pinklon Thomas vs. Jimmy Dixon, 10, heavyweights.
July 20 at Dallas — Gerry Cooney vs. Phillip Brown, 10, heavyweights.
July 22 at Seoul, South Korea — c-Murray Sutherland vs. Chongpal Park, 15, IBF super middleweight title.
July 24 at Philadelphia — Marlon Palmer vs. Junie Nash, 10, welterweights.
July 26 at Miami — Robin Blake vs. Edwin Curet, 10, lightweights; Robbie Sims vs. Mike Baker, 10, middleweights.
Aug. 2 at Atlantic City, N.J. — Terrence Ali vs. Frank Newton, 12, lightweights.
Aug. 5 at Tampa, Fla. — John Mugabi vs. Frank Fletcher, 10, middleweights.
Aug. 14 at Atlantic City, N.J. — Roger Stafford vs. Tommy Ayers, 10, welterweights.
Aug. 18 at San Juan, Puerto Rico — c-Wilfredo Gomez vs. Azumah Nelson, 12, WBC featherweight title.
Aug. 23 at Atlantic City, N.J. — Doug DeWitt vs. Jimmy Sykes, 12, middleweights.
Aug. 31 at Las Vegas, Nev. — c-Tim Witherspoon vs. Pinklon Thomas, 12, WBC heavyweight title.
Sept. 1 at Youngstown, Ohio — c-Harry Arroyo vs. Charlie "White Lightning" Brown, 15, IBF lightweights title.
Sept. 7 at undetermined site — c-Michael Spinks vs. Dwight Muhammad Qawi, 15, world light heavyweight title.

Gerry Cooney Injured, Fight Off

NEW YORK — Gerry Cooney, whose post-noments outnumber his fights in recent years, had another fight called off Monday, but vowed he will fight this year.

Heavyweight Gerry Cooney has suffered an injury in the rotator cuff area of his left shoulder, forcing an indefinite postponement of his comeback fight against Phillip Brown, scheduled for July 20 at the Reunion Arena in Dallas.

According to a statement released Monday

by Cooney's orthopedist, Dr. Jeffrey Minkoff, the 27-year-old heavyweight "suffered an injury to his left shoulder which has diminished motion and produced a large amount of pain."

Because of an injury to his rotator cuff area of his left shoulder, Cooney will not fight Phillip Brown July 20 at Dallas. It would have been his first bout since he was stopped in the 13th round by Larry Holmes in a bid for the World Boxing Council heavyweight title June 11, 1982.

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