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Biggs takes win with broken collarbone



Tom Spitz/Gazette Journal

RENO—Tyrell Biggs, the 1984 Olympic super heavyweight gold medalist, hopes he has put aside any questions about whether he has the heart of a professional boxer after overcoming a broken right collarbone to beat hard-punching Jeff Sims.

"I'm a professional now. Over this past year, I've become more of a man than I've ever been," he said after Sunday's unanimous decision.

In an earlier fight Sunday, former WBA junior heavyweight champion Ossie Ocasio easily outpointed Sixto Maldonado to improve his record to 22-4-1. Maldonado dropped to 13-4.

On Saturday, current WBA junior heavyweight champ Dwight Muhammad Qawi succeeded in the first defense of his title by stopping a sluggish Leon Spinks with only four seconds left in the sixth round of their scheduled 15-round match.

Biggs said Sims broke the collarbone with a crushing right in the second round.

"I panicked just for a minute, then I went back to moving, using the jab a lot. I decided if he was going to win, he was going to have to beat me, and I have a perfect weapon in my jab," Biggs explained.

After the injury, Biggs kept his left flicking in Sims' face, along with a mixture of jarring left hooks and

uppercuts to stymie his opponent. Whenever Sims would move in, Biggs would dance away or bang with the left to upset Sims' rhythm.

The victory was Biggs' ninth against no losses since turning professional after winning the Olympic gold medal. It also marked his first 10-round fight.

Sims fell to 23-4-1. Despite his power, which has resulted in 21 victories by knockouts, he never had Biggs in serious trouble and seemed unaware of how seriously his foe was hurt.

Biggs, holding an ice bag to a badly-swollen left eye,

said after the fight he was discouraged by the injury. "There were a lot of times when if I had my right hand, I could have stopped him," he said.

Spinks, who won the heavyweight championship from Muhammad Ali in 1978 and lost it back to him seven months later, had to lose 13 3/4 pounds the night before the fight to drop to the 190-pound limit of the lower weight classification.

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Bowling Report

Dear Sports Editor:

Thank you for announcing our last T.N.B.A. tournament. We had a good turnout and I wanted to send you the list of winners. First place Edwina Caldwell and Derrick Pledger, 1339; second place Dawn Mancour and Penny Moreiko, 1315; third place Luther White Sr. and Luther White Jr., 1295; fourth place Babe Kincaid and Jessie Greer, 1261; fifth place Mike Solis and Ken Barker, 1260.

I would like to announce the next tournament. It is a No-Tap Singles Tournament

to be held at Charleston Heights Bowl at midnight on April 25, and 2 p.m. on April 26. Bowlers may also bowl in a sweeper style mixed doubles with as many partners as they wish, games bowled in singles will also count towards doubles. Handicap will be 2/3 of 200.

Re-entries are allowed, but you may only cash once with the same partner. Entry fees are \$10 for singles and \$5 for doubles. For more information contact Lou Harris, Tournament Director, at 733-1590 or 456-1688.

The entries are out for the

Las Vegas Senate of The National Bowling Association's Annual City Tournament. It will be held at Charleston Heights Bowl on July 11, 12 and 13. There are three events, four person mixed team (any combination), mixed doubles and singles. Handicap will be 100 percent of the difference to 200. For entry forms call Lou Harris at 733-1590 or 456-1688. Entry fee is \$10 per person per event. Entries close at midnight on June 30.

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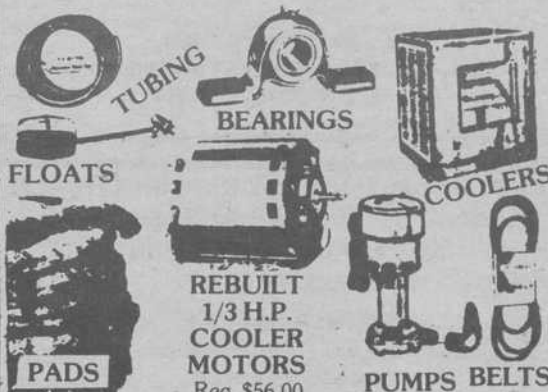
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