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Holmes files official protest to IBF, State Commission on decision April 19

EASTON, PA. — Larry Holmes, who lost a split decision and failed in his bid to recapture the International Boxing Federation heavyweight crown from Michael Spinks April 19, has filed official letters of protest to the IBF and Nevada State Athletic Commission.

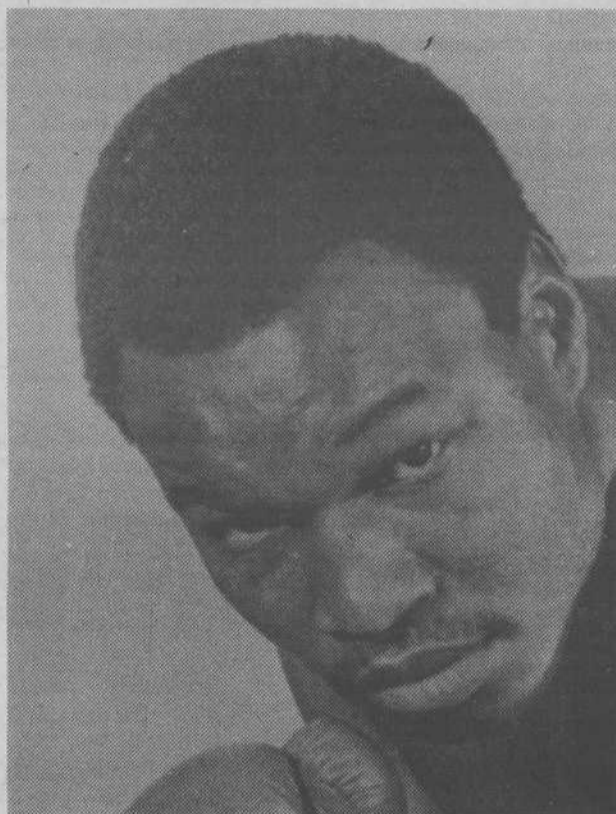
Holmes' attorney, Charles Spaziani, sent letters to the organizations and said he has asked Nevada's Attorney General to look into the decision.

The fight was held at the Hilton Hotel in Las Vegas. The judges were Jerry Roth

of Nevada, Frank Brunette of New Jersey and Joe Cortez of New York. Roth (144-142) and Brunette (144-141) scored the fight for Spinks. Cortez (144-141) scored it in Holmes' favor.

Brunette and Cortez are IBF officials. Roth and referee Mills Lane were named by the NSAC.

"It is unbelievable and unconscionable that your selection of Frank Burnet (sic) as a judge in a championship fight could possibly be qualified for such a fight and make a determination as he did," Holmes's letter to



Larry Holmes

the IBF said in part. "... You must realize by now the most severe, critical publicity detrimental to boxing since this decision was rendered is attested to by the fact that the newspaper sportswriters at ringside, as well as the major boxing journalists, stated that Larry won the fight by such a wide majority

that it was not close.

"... I have asked the Nevada Athletic Commission to review the tapes of the fight and to look for improprieties or glaring errors on the scorecards. Several members of the Nevada Commission sat behind your Judge Frank Burnet and could not believe

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legal action."

Spaziani's letter to the Nevada State Athletic Commission was just as strong.

After Holmes lost his title last September, he questioned the integrity of the judges. Following the latest loss, he again bitterly said he was robbed of a decision.

"The judges have lyin' eyes," he said.

Fred Little, head of the NSAC, said Holmes's protest will be discussed when the state's five commissioners meet in May.

"We will review the tape, we have requested a tape from HBO," Little told UPI in a telephone interview. "But I doubt if any decision will be made overturning the outcome. To my knowledge, that's never been done... not this late after a decision."

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