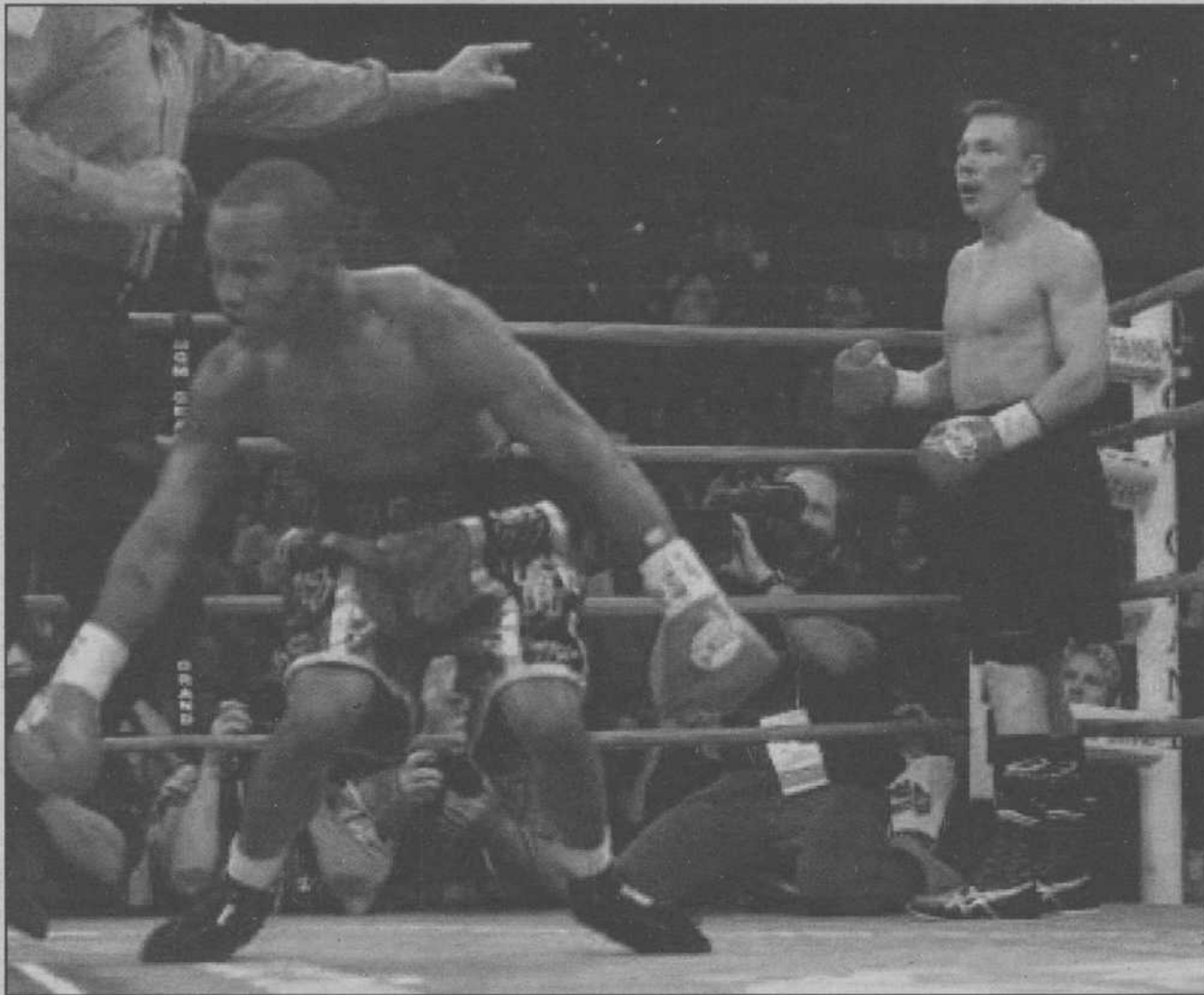


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Zab Judah, left, tries to get up as Kostya Tszyu takes a neutral corner in the second round of the 140-pound title unification bout in Las Vegas on Saturday. Referee Jay Nady, left, stopped the fight, giving Tszyu the undisputed title.

Boxer Judah may get Tszyu rematch

LAS VEGAS (AP) - Zab Judah's promoter hadn't even finished protesting his fighter's loss to Kostya Tszyu and already he was talking about ways to make a rematch.

Such is the way in boxing, when a controversial finish can sometimes set up an even more lucrative rematch down the road.

Tszyu will have a lot to say in whether he gives Judah another fight, though, after stopping his fellow champion at the end of the second round Saturday night to win the undisputed 140-pound title.

Right now, Tszyu just wants to see his family in Australia and relax, despite talk about a February rematch between he and Judah.

"I want a rest, a great rest," Tszyu said. "I want to spend time with my family."

Tszyu, a former Russian amateur star, will return to his adopted country of Australia with all three major 140-pound belts, after adding Judah's IBF crown to the WBA and WBC titles he already held.

Tszyu was a 3-1 underdog, but overcame a tough first round to hold his own against Judah before dropping him with a right hand to the jaw as Judah was backing into a corner with one second left in the second round.

There was no dispute

about the right hand that flattened Judah. There was plenty about referee Jay Nady's decision to stop the bout.

Judah's promoter, Gary Shaw, said he would protest the stoppage to the Nevada State Athletic Commission and the three sanctioning organizations. But in boxing, protests seldom go far, and Nady's decision was a judgment call.

Shaw contended the fight should have gone on since Judah got to his feet twice before the round ended.

"It was incompetence on the part of the referee for not following the rules of the Nevada commission," Shaw said.

What Shaw conveniently forgot to say was that Judah had gotten up, then staggered and fell down again before Nady waved the fight to a close. "The man was hurt," Nady said. "I had to protect the fight."

It turned out Nady had to protect himself as Judah put a glove to his face and had to be held back from trying to assault him. Judah also threw a ring stool toward Nady.

Nevada boxing officials plan to review tapes for possible disciplinary action against Judah.

"Everything was so confusing in the ring," said Marc Ratner, executive director of the Nevada State Athletic

Commission. "We'll look at it and have a determination very soon."

Judah later apologized, and said he would be back.

"Come next year I'll be the undisputed champion of the world. Trust me," Judah said.

That remains to be seen, largely because Tszyu doesn't owe him a rematch and may not be willing to give him one right away.

Tszyu's promoter suggested Judah take an interim fight first, though Showtime television executives and the MGM Grand said they had a February date ready for a rematch.

"It's now a megafight in the rematch," Showtime boxing executive Jay Larkin said. "It was a heck of an appetizer for the rematch."

Judah had gone into the ring with fellow Brooklyn, N.Y., native Mike Tyson and with the confidence of 27 wins and no losses. He handled Tszyu easily in the first round, hitting him with some strong punches, but changed his tactics to a counterpuncher in the second, with disastrous results.

"I feel great," Judah said. "A lot of fighters would be down and go out and commit suicide, but I was in a big fight and things happen. It wasn't my time but I'll be back."

Glenn sues NFL over drug policy

NEW YORK (AP) - New England wide receiver Terry Glenn has sued the NFL, claiming a disability makes it difficult for him to adhere to certain rules in the league's substance abuse policy.

The NFL said it is aware of the complaint, filed with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in Buffalo last week, but the league would not comment.

As first reported on the "NFL Today" on CBS and CBS Sportsline.com, Glenn filed the complaint under the Americans with Disabilities Act, but it did not specify what disability Glenn suffers.

Glenn claims he should not have been suspended by the NFL for the first four games of the season for violation of the substance abuse policy. He missed a drug test, left the team without permission the day the suspension was announced and then was suspended for the season by Patriots coach Bill Belichick.

That suspension was overturned by an arbitrator, allowing Glenn to return in Game 5, when he caught seven passes for 110 yards and a touchdown against the San Diego Chargers.

Glenn since has missed two games with a hamstring injury.

Still unresolved is whether the team was allowed to withhold a signing bonus of nearly \$9 million because of the league suspension.

CBS Sportsline.com reported that people who have seen the suit said Glenn is claiming his disorder can prevent him from following the league's schedule for follow-up tests.

Patriots spokesman Stacey James also declined comment on the Glenn lawsuit.

"That goes through the league," he said.

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