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"THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE"

Lewis KOs Rahman in fourth

LAS VEGAS (AP) - Lennox Lewis said it wasn't possible for him to lose a second time to Hasim Rahman, and he was right.

Lewis regained the WBC and IBF heavyweight titles on a fourth-round knockout of Rahman on Saturday night.

The end came a little past a minute into the round when Lewis landed a left-right and then a crashing right that dropped Rahman on his back.

The punch was every bit as decisive as the right hand with which Rahman knocked out Lewis on April 22.

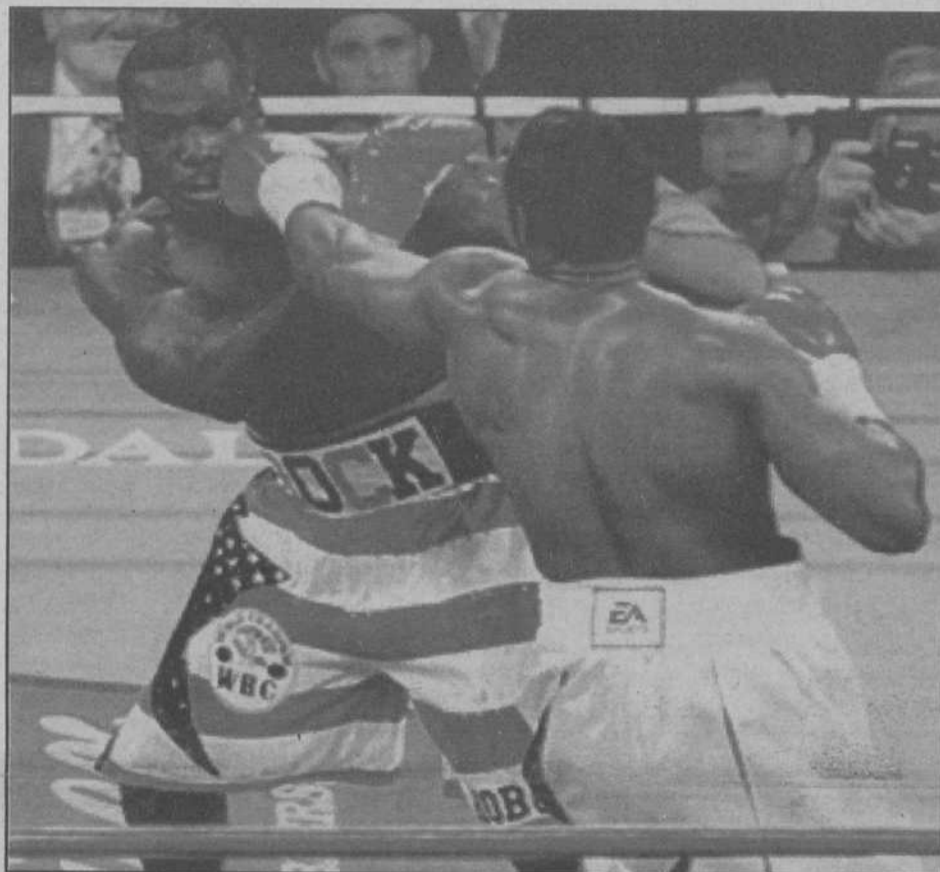
All three judges gave Lewis the first three rounds. The AP gave Lewis two of the first three.

According to a CompuBox punch analysis, Lewis landed 72 of 144 punches thrown and Rahman got home with 48 of 105.

Lewis became the fourth man to regain the heavyweight championship from the fighter to whom he had lost it. The others were Floyd Patterson, Muhammad Ali and Evander Holyfield.

It was mostly a battle of left jabs until Lewis crashed home the hard right that won it for him at 1:29 of the fourth round.

Lewis, looking much trimmer than he did when



Sentinel-Voice photo by Jonathan Olsen

Lennox Lewis slugs Hasim Rahman with a left hand during their heavyweight championship fight Saturday at the Mandalay Bay Events Center. Lewis KO'd Rahman with a subsequent right hand, regaining the WBC and IBF heavyweight titles.

he lost the title to Rahman in South Africa, cut his opponent over the left eye in the first round and shook him with a couple of right hands in the third.

Twenty seconds into the fourth round, Lewis landed another hard right, as if signifying the end was at hand for Rahman.

After Lewis knocked Rahman down, Lewis pounded his chest. After the

fight, he said Rahman should change his name from Hasim to "Has Been."

In the buildup to the fight, Rahman angered Lewis by making insinuations about his sexuality, and the two were kept apart in the last pre-fight press conference and at the weigh-in.

The stunning ending preserved the 36-year-old Lewis' career. He said if he couldn't beat Rahman, there was no

sense in continuing to fight.

Lewis had to go to court to have Rahman give him an immediate rematch, and that provoked Rahman.

Lewis now could get a rich fight with Mike Tyson. There is talk of Tyson fighting Ray Mercer on Jan. 19; possibly in Atlantic City, N.J.

A couple of days before the fight, Rahman had said:

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Blacks assist state with preparedness

By Al Triche
Sentinel-Voice

The head of an elite medical disaster team recently informed Nevada Governor Kenny Guinn about "a tremendous new resource in terms of health care that has just become available in Nevada. The Silver State Response Team (SSRT) has been approved as the 'Nevada 1 Disaster Medical Assistance Team' (DMAT), he explained, saying both names remain in effect.

"Whenever there are mass casualties, a disaster, this team can be mobilized and brought into play," said Dr. James Tate, an African-American physician and longtime University Medical Center trauma surgeon, who is now the Nevada 1 DMAT

at a moment's notice," said Executive Officer Nancy Newell. They serve some ten regions, of which Nevada is part of Region IX with headquarters in San Francisco.

Besides skill, Tate says the team shares an affinity for public service.

"They are all-volunteer teams of physicians, nurses, paramedics and various other support personnel, including clerks, administrators, security people, etcetera," he said "All-volunteer," he repeated.

"It costs the State absolutely nothing," Tate wrote to Guinn. "The only time the team is compensated is when it is mobilized by the Federal Government." Had one existed, Nevada could have had a team activated and dispatched to Reno when floods



Sentinel-Voice photo by Ramon Savoy

As members of the Silver State Response Team, Nancy Newell and Dr. James Tate work on disaster preparation.

Medical Commander.

DMATs should not be confused with Urban Search and Rescue Teams, comprised mainly of firefighters and police who, themselves, would be assisted by DMAT if during their mission they are injured or become ill.

The teams fall within the purview of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, under its Public Health Service. "The DMAT team does not replace the local authorities, (but) are designed to augment the response of the local responders to weapons of mass destruction, any kind of mass casualty situation," said Tate. "It could be natural or man-made."

Based in Rockville, Maryland, DMATs have existed for more than 15 years, with about 65 teams now in U.S.-

ravaged that area in 1998.

"The states make out like bandits because they don't pay anything," says Tate. "once the federal government activates the team, the feds are paying for it, not the state. So the state really has a resource that they're paying absolutely nothing for."

Before moving to Las Vegas, Newell was a member of the DMAT in Denver. Resurrecting a chilling, perhaps prophetic episode, she revealed why residents in and around Las Vegas might well remember the unit. "Part of the team was sent out here for the anthrax scare that occurred here about three years ago," she said. "They asked the Colorado Team if we would come out."

Later, Newell relocated here, and recalled, "some of the contacts and friends of

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Black workers sue MGM Grand Detroit

DETROIT (AP) - Fourteen current and former black workers claim they were the victims of racial discrimination in a lawsuit against MGM Grand Detroit Casino.

The recently filed lawsuit, which seeks class-action status, includes allegations that the workers faced derogatory language and were unfairly paid, demoted, fired and passed over for promotion. The Detroit News reported in a Sunday story.

The lawsuit was filed in

Wayne County Circuit Court.

MGM Mirage said the allegations were inconsistent with its policies in Detroit, where it has 2,614 workers.

"We take the allegations very seriously because we have a long-standing commitment to providing a work environment where employees can succeed," the casino's Las Vegas parent said. Citing the ongoing lawsuit, it declined further comment.

One of the 14 named plain-

tiffs is Yvette Nealy, the current executive secretary for the food and beverage department.

Nealy makes \$34,000 a year, despite being the only executive secretary with a college degree, while her white peers without degrees make \$38,000 to \$44,000, said Lynn Shecter, the Bloomfield Hills lawyer representing the plaintiffs.

Among the specific allegations in the suit:

Ursula Bradford-King,

former executive secretary for the personnel department, charged that MGM considered the personnel department "too black."

Brenda Jackson, a former slot machine attendant, said she was fired after a gambler was overpaid by \$800, but a white worker involved in the incident wasn't fired.

Vincent Maxwell, a casino host, charged that black customers aren't given the same amenities as white customers.