

Mosley looks like past self

LAS VEGAS (AP) - Shane Mosley wants to fight until he's 40. The way he looked Saturday night against Luis Collazo, he might consider extending his career even longer.

Fighting a tough southpaw 10 years his junior, Mosley was both faster and stronger as he punched his way to a unanimous 12-round decision in a welterweight fight that was entertaining from the opening bell.

The 35-year-old knocked Collazo down in the 11th round and used his superior speed against a fighter who didn't have nearly his experience but was game and still punching with everything he had when the fight ended.

Two judges had Mosley winning 118-109, while the third had it 119-108. The Associated Press had Mosley winning 117-110.

Mosley, coming off of two wins over Fernando Vargas that seemed to re-energize his career, was a 3-1 favorite against the heavily

tattooed Collazo, who held a piece of the welterweight title before losing it last May to Ricky Hatton.

Mosley moved down in weight to 147 pounds after spending much of the last four years fighting at 154 pounds. He predicted he would be quicker.

Collazo's strategy was to fight from the outside and use his right jab to keep Mosley away and pile up points.

But Mosley was able to use feints to get his way inside early and often, and by the second round was smiling during exchanges with his far less experienced opponent.

Mosley raised his right hand in triumph as the second round ended, confident the fight was already his. The confidence was shared in the corner by Jack Mosley, his father and trainer.

"He's got nothing more than the guys you spared with, in fact he's got less," Jack Mosley told his son after the second round.

Tiki Barber now ex-jock on tube

NEW YORK (AP) - Former NFL running back and new "Today" show correspondent Tiki Barber said his offseason work at Fox News Channel made him recognize he had a passion for a career outside of sports.

Barber also said his problems with New York Giants head coach Tom Coughlin had "started to take its toll on me."

The just-retired NFL running back was formally introduced as an NBC Universal employee Tuesday. He'll contribute news and human interest stories to "Today," and he'll be an analyst on NBC's Sunday highlight show "Football Night in America" in the fall.

He spurned offers from Fox and ABC/Disney to take the NBC job.

"My dream has always been to be on the 'Today' show," Barber said.

Barber, 31, retired as a Pro Bowl running back, scoring a touchdown in the NFL all-star game last weekend.

Barber and his disciplinary coach had their rough patches, particularly when Barber said the Giants were outcoached after a playoff

loss a season ago.

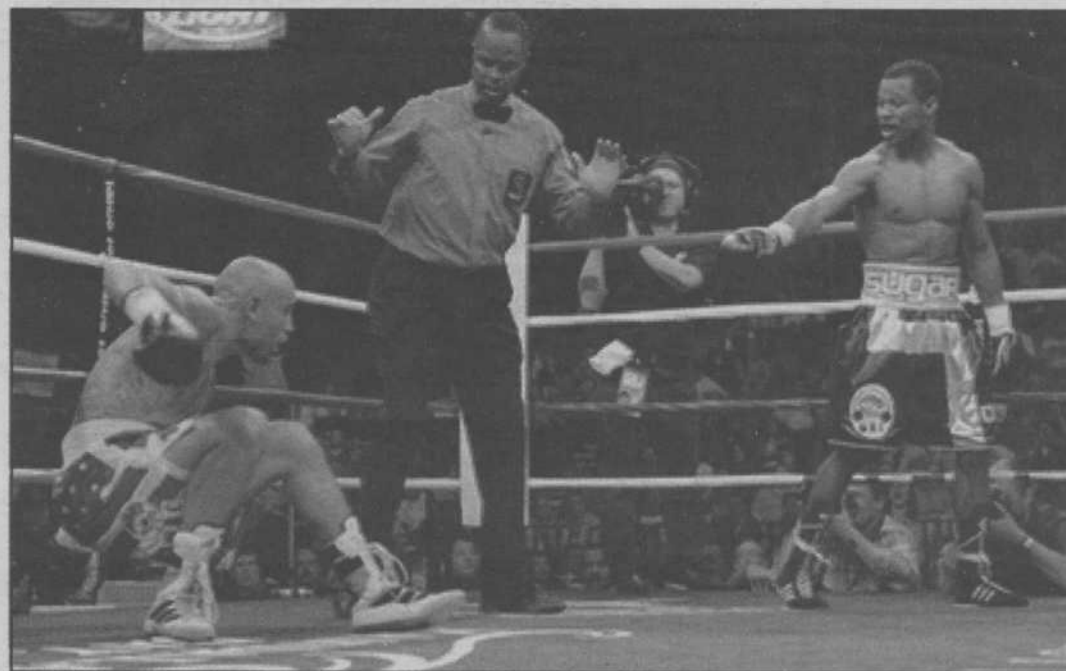
Barber laid the groundwork for a broadcasting career while still active in the NFL.

He was a correspondent for the Fox News Channel morning program "Fox & Friends," and has two programs on Sirius Satellite Radio, one on general topics and another on football that he does with his twin brother, Ronde Barber of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Few other novice broadcasters would get such a lavish introduction to their new business: a news conference attended by NBC Universal President and Chief Executive Jeff Zucker, the presidents of NBC News and Sports, and "Today" co-host Matt Lauer.

Zucker compared Barber to Joe Garagiola, another "Today" personality with a sports background, and former Giants star and longtime broadcaster Frank Gifford.

Barber "pops through the screen" and is incredibly popular with women, who make up the bulk of the "Today" show audience, Zucker (See Barber, Page 15)



Shane Mosley, right, sends Luis Collazo, left, to the canvas during the 11th round of their interim WBC welterweight championship boxing match on Saturday at The Mandalay Bay Resort & Casino in Las Vegas. Mosley won by unanimous decision. Referee Kenny Bayless, center, watches the action.

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