

Bud Smith Retains Lightweight Crown On Mixed Up Split Decision by Judges

By FRITZ HOWELL

CINCINNATI (UPI)—In a merry mixup as you'll find, Wallace Bud Smith held on to his

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lightweight championship Wednesday night.

Smith, a 26-year-old Cincinnati, defeated three-time champion Jimmy Carter via decision—and what a decision it was. No one was certain today whether it was split or unanimous.

Smith weathered a bruising 13th round in which he was in rubber-legged trouble, and finished the 15-rounder in good shape before the 6,693 paying customers.

Judges' scorecards were collected from Willie Purcell, Joe Blink and Gene Nitschze. The collector handed the cards to Paul D. Cain, chairman of the Cincinnati Boxing Commission who looked them over.

The collector went back to Blink's side of the ring, card in hand, for a hurried consultation. The ring announcer then told the crowd:

Judge Purcell, 143 for Smith, 139 for Carter. Judge Blink, 140 for Smith, 110 for Carter. Judge

Nitschze, 143 for Smith, 135 for Carter."

That made Smith the winner on a split decision.

Ten minutes later commis-

sioner Cain told reporters he had

re-checked the cards and that

round totals decided the fight.

There were no knockdowns in

the scrap, which attracted a

gross gate of \$30,441 and a net

of \$25,793.55, of which the prin-

cipals received \$8,000 each in

addition to a cut of the television

receipts. They weighed 135

pounds.

Carter, who has won and lost

the crown three times in the

last five years and was trying

for a fourth term, plans a rest

until his eye heads. Smith, suc-

cessful in his first defence of

the crown, plans to loaf for six

weeks and then seek some over-

weight matches. His manager,

Carmen Graziano, said he'd like

to get a shot at either Tony

DeMarco or welter champ Car-

men Basilio.

Flyers End Coast Tour With Win From Royals

BY THE CANADIAN PRESS
Edmonton Flyers, league leaders last winter, returned home today from the first of their two swings through the coastal division of the Western Hockey League season.

They ended on a winning note — 6-3 over New Westminster Royals and still pace the three-team Prairie division.

In Wednesday night's other game, Regina Regals dropped a 3-2 decision to Calgary Stampeders at Regina.

Ray Knisewich fired three goals for the Flyers in New Westminster's 2009 fans. Bill DeGraw fired a bit, sprawled lead. Knisewich added his first two markers to a single of Steve Hammie to knot the Flyer lead to 4-4. Gerry Melnick and Kateswich provided Edmonton's two goals in the hot third period.

Booby Lowe and Binky Boyce fired two quick past Flyer goalie Giles Boisvert, who stopped 24 other shots.

Archie Scott scored twice for Stampeders. The other Calgary goals came from Doc Cotter.

Yankees in Japan For 16 Games

TOKYO (UPI)—New York Yankees came to baseball-mad Japan today and you would have thought they were the world champion Brooklyn Dodgers.

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