

TV Fans Join in Protest Of Carter's Savageness

By BILL KING
 Boston (AP)—Millions in the nation's television audience seethed with indignation Saturday over the savageness of lightweight champion Jimmy Carter's disposal of Boston's Tommy Collins, an amazingly courageous and astounding rasher challenger.

After Carter knocked down Collins 10 times in 11 minutes, 28 seconds to gain a four-round technical knockout victory in their scheduled 15-round bout Friday night at the Boston Garden, outraged protesters were heard almost everywhere television reaches. Only Boston was blacked out in the nation.

The direct target of the public fury was referee Tommy Rawson, a highly competent lightweight battler in his own right about two decades ago and now a successful Cam-

bridge contractor. The two members of the Massachusetts Boxing Commission at ringside also drew sharp criticism from widely spread TV viewers.

But the victim of the most savage battle ever televised, Collins, himself, supported Rawson's officiating with the very first words he uttered after reaching his dressing room.

"Of course I don't think Rawson should have stopped the fight earlier," Collins said through puffed lips. "It was for the world championship. Why should they have stopped it?"

The consensus of the Rawson critics, one of the most outspoken being President George Barton of the National Boxing Association, an actual eyewitness, was that Rawson erred in permitting Collins to suffer so many knockdowns.

"It was the worst exhibition of boxing officiating I have seen in 50 years," Barton said. "I can't understand why the referee permitted Collins to take such a beating. The bout should have been stopped after he had been knocked down for the third or fourth time in the third round."

"No blow that knocked Collins down was a flush punch. He was knocked down every time by 'feel-out punches,'" Rawson explained.

"I never felt at any time that Collins was in danger of being hurt. While wiping off his gloves after the first nine knockdowns, I yelled in his ear 'Can you continue?' Each time he replied, 'Yes, I'm fine.'"

Rawson finally stopped the tragically uneven contest when one of Collins seconds, "Coo-gie" McFarland, brother of boxing commissioner Tommy McFarland, rushed into the ring after the challenger toppled for the 10th time.

It is likely that many in the nation-wide television would have been amazed if they had been able to view Collins in his dressing room. Less than five minutes after he had been guided from the ring, Collins had showered without assistance and was able to discuss the wrecking of his championship hopes in lucid fashion.

But his face was battered and his left eye almost closed. Neither of the state boxing commissioners in attendance, would comment in any fashion about the one-sided battle that shocked the nation.

The batters spent the first round feeling each other out and, apparently, Carter learned all he wanted to know during the first three minutes.

As seen as the second session opened, Carter lacerated Collins with his two-fisted attack to the head and body. He put the Bostonian down seven times in the third round and three times more before Rawson intervened at 2:28 in the fourth.

The bout's first financial report, subject to revision, as reported by Collins, his richest purse, 22 1/2 per cent of both the net receipts of \$123,577 and the \$50,000 television fee. Carter's was 37 1/2 per cent—the champion's customary share—of the combined revenue.

Bearcats Rack Up Third Conference Victory in Row

Sparked by two home runs and a double by freshman first baseman Pete Reed, Willamette racked up an 8-5 victory over Linfield in Northwest conference game at McCulloch stadium Friday afternoon.

It was the third consecutive victory for coach John Lewis' Willamette team.

Andy George pitched for Willamette yesterday, giving up nine hits. Linfield bunched three of them for a 3-3 run rally in the third inning.

Willamette broke a 3-3 tie with three runs in the fifth.

Player	AB	R	H	E	SO	BA
Nelson	3	1	1	0	1	.333
Reed	4	2	3	0	0	.750
Phillips	4	0	3	0	0	.750
Perkins	4	1	1	1	1	.250
Williams	4	1	1	1	1	.250
Young	4	0	1	1	1	.250
Zimmer	4	0	1	1	1	.250
Miller	4	0	1	1	1	.250
Smith	4	0	1	1	1	.250
Johnson	4	0	1	1	1	.250
Wilson	4	0	1	1	1	.250
Anderson	4	0	1	1	1	.250
Taylor	4	0	1	1	1	.250
Thomas	4	0	1	1	1	.250
Morgan	4	0	1	1	1	.250
Baker	4	0	1	1	1	.250
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