

Holmes defeats Bonecrusher

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) — Larry Holmes, bleeding badly from the first cut of his career, turned to his corner for help. Then Holmes went about cutting up James (Bonecrusher) Smith.

Holmes stopped Smith by technical knockout in the 12th round Friday night to retain his International Boxing Federation heavyweight crown.

Holmes had fleeting visions of losing his first fight ever after an apparent head butt in the seventh round opened a gaping wound over his left eye. But expert work by his corner kept the blood from flowing into his eye and the fight was allowed to continue.

"I thought it (the fight) would be stopped for a second but then I looked back toward my corner and thought I couldn't lose," said Holmes, who won for the 46th time without a defeat.

Holmes was stunned by several Smith rights in the eighth round and appeared to be in danger of losing control of the fight. But he managed to regain his composure and came out throwing stinging left jabs in the ninth. He finally finished Smith off in the 12th when ring doctor Donald Romeo stopped the bout at 2:10 with blood streaming into Smith's left eye.

"He hit me hard and shook me up but he never hit me twice in a row," said Holmes.

"This is the only time I've ever been cut, but nobody's going to beat me as long as I'm standing."

Holmes, 35, who hadn't fought in nearly a year, was leading handily on the scorecards of the three ringside judges but seemed unsure of himself at times and his punches often missed their marks.

Holmes revealed he had chipped a bone in his right thumb while training in July and said he went through with the fight anyway because he felt he owed it to the fledgling IBF.

Holmes, who had an aide bring in X-rays to the post-fight news conference to prove his contention, went to the hospital after the fight to get stitches over his left eye and new X-rays of the thumb.

Smith, 31, a college graduate who was a 13-10 pick not to last seven rounds against Holmes, gave a most credible performance, stunning the champion on several occasions.

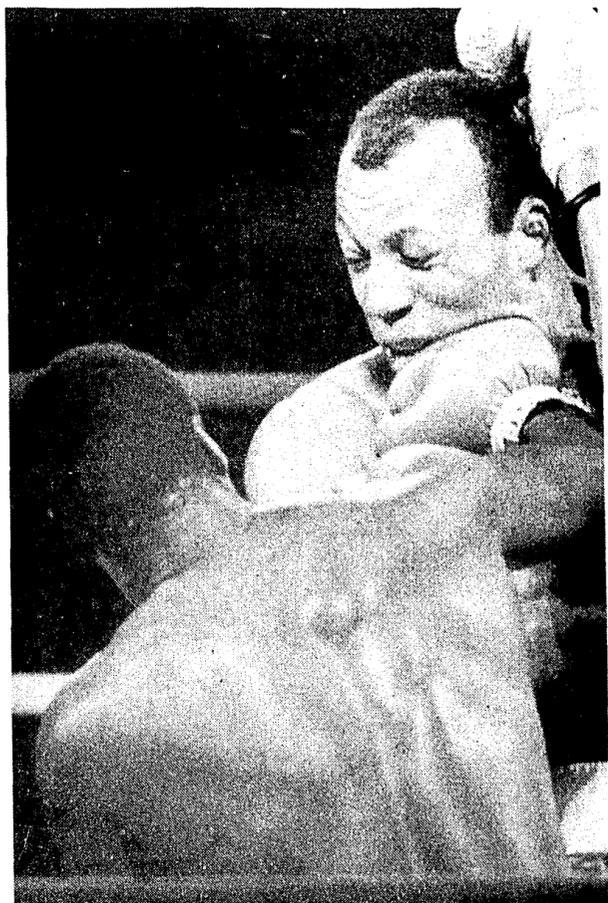
Smith was cut early on his left cheek and then again on his eyelid, but the cuts did not reopen until the 11th round. In that round, Holmes, still bleeding profusely from his own cut, ripped open a deep cut above Smith's left eye. The challenger managed to finish the round but the cut was reopened in the 12th.

Smith, barely able to talk after the fight after taking a Holmes shot to the throat area, said he knew he had Holmes hurt in the eighth round but that the champion's experience allowed him to get out of trouble.

"I felt like I had him there but he's a slick fighter," said Smith. "I really believed I could knock him out and I believed that since the fight was first made."

Smith earned \$175,000 for the bout while Holmes walked away with \$1 million.

In a strange ending to a companion bout, former World Boxing Association heavyweight champion Mike Weaver, now top-ranked by the organization, was awarded a first-round victory when his opponent, Tony Anthony, was disqualified for hitting after the bell.



Champion Larry Holmes lands a bonecrushing right to the chin of challenger James Smith Friday night during the International Boxing Federation fight in Las Vegas. Holmes won the bout with a TKO in the 12th round. —AP laserphoto

Digest

Maple Creek out shot

The Westlander Shooters crunched Maple Creek 110-46 in Southern Alberta Commercial Men's Basketball League play, Thursday night.

Cory Oliphant led the Westlander with 40 points while Trent Crow tossed in 19 for Maple Creek.

Hat boxers tour Montana

The Medicine Hat Boxing Club will send eight fighters to a weekend tour of Montana.

Kyle Steinkey, Cody Campbell, Kelly Nelson, Danny Hanson, Zane Andrus, Brian Chomas, Rod Bigland and Mike Imbery will represent the Hat at cards in Great Falls and Belt.

Indianapolis gets Pan Am Games

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Mayor William Hudnut said Friday that Indianapolis has been named as the site for the 1987 Pan-American Games, replacing Ecuador.

Hudnut said at a news conference that William Simon, president of the United States Olympic Committee, had notified Indianapolis officials Ecuador has withdrawn because of the expense of building facilities.

Earlier this week, the Pan-American Sports Organization named Indianapolis as the alternate site for the Western Hemisphere Games, which are held every four years. But it gave the Ecuador Olympic Committee until Dec. 15 to coordinate an effort to stage the event in that country.

Habs trade for Flockhart

MONTREAL (CP) — Montreal Canadiens and Pittsburgh Penguins engineered a two-player deal Friday, one that sees centre John Chabot leave Montreal and centre Ron Flockhart report here, general manager Serge Savard of the National Hockey League announced Friday.

Chabot, 22 was born in Summerside, P.E.I. He was the Canadiens third choice and 30th overall in the 1980 entry draft.



JAMES BONECRUSHER SMITH

Snyder third at CFRs in Edmonton

EDMONTON (CP) — Dale Johansen of Strathmore, Alta., had the highest score so far in any event at the Canadian Finals Rodeo with his 89-point ride in the bull riding event Friday night.

Johansen is the leader after the third go-round with a total of 100 championship points, and looks in good shape to beat out reigning world champion Cody Snyder of Redcliff, Alta., who finished third Friday with an 83 score.

Dan Lowry of Valleyview, Alta., scored 86 and was second while Jim Lawrence of Kennedy, Sask., was fourth with 82 points.

The only clear winner of the night in the saddle bronc event was the stock, with seven of 10 cowboys hitting the dust as their mounts proved too stubborn a challenge.

Of the three riders who stayed up for the full eight seconds, all had 73 scores. Tim Thompson of Brooks, Alta., Allan Johnson of Marwayne, Alta., and Mel Hyland of Langley, B.C., were the hardy trio.

Jim Kelts of Millarville, Alta., is the leader after three rounds in the saddle bronc event with 60 points.

Robin Burwash of Airdrie, Alta., won the bareback riding event with a 78 ride and extends his overall lead after three rounds with 80 points.

Jim Dunn of Balzac, Alta., was second with a 77 score followed by Mark Dalziel of Calgary and Robert Hoff of Rolling Hills, Alberta, both with 75.

In the steer wrestling event, Lee Laskosky of Viking, Alta., was first with a time of 3.9 seconds. Mark Roy of Fir Mountain, Sask., and Craig V. Butterfield of Ponoka, Alta., tied for second with times of 4.3 seconds.

Fourth place went to Lee Phillips of Carleton Place, Alta., with a 4.6 second time. Roy still leads the pack after three rounds with 65 points.

Larry Robinson of Innisfail, Alta., now has 100 points and a firm lead in the calf-roping



event after taking down his calf with a winning time of 9.2 seconds Friday.

Tim Williamson of Madden, Alta., was second at 9.3, Joe Butterfield of Ponoka was third at 9.6, and Joe Lucas of Sundry, Alta., and Guy Perozak of Lethbridge, Alta., tied for fourth with identical times of 10.2 seconds.

In the ladies barrel racing Ruth McDougall of Nanton, Alta., was the night's winner with

time of 16.05 seconds while Gayle Howes of Metiskow, Alta., finished second at 16.09.

Marci Laye, also of Metiskow, was third with her 16.19 time and Elaine Watt of Raymond, Alta., was fourth with a time of 16.24.

Miss Rodeo Canada for the coming year was crowned Friday. Dawn Abbey of Strathmore, Alta., beat out six finalists from across Western Canada to take the crown.



Guy Shapka, of Spruceview, Alta., takes a spin atop one of the event's more ornery performers Friday at the Canadian Finals Rodeo in Edmonton. Medicine Hat's Cody Snyder is searching for his first Canadian bull riding title. He currently stands in third spot. —AP laserphoto

TV deal brewing in Quebec

By John MacKinnon MONTREAL (CP) — Molson Brewery of Quebec and O'Keefe Brewery Ltd. have

settled a squabble over television rights for National Hockey League games broadcast in Quebec.

It remains unclear, however, whether this will affect the continuing legal battle over national broadcast rights pitting O'Keefe-owned Quebec Nordiques and 14 U.S.-based clubs against Molson and the six other Canadian-based clubs, including Molson-owned Montreal Canadiens.

"The time has come to smoke the peace pipe in the best interests of the hockey fans," Ed Prevost, president of O'Keefe in Quebec, said at a joint news conference with Jacques Allard,

part, on Friday. "I think the guerrilla warfare and the way it was interpreted in the newspapers had to come to an end."

The two breweries had been feuding over territorial broadcast rights, causing several television blackouts of games originating outside the province. The French-language TVA network, for example, which broadcasts games on Thursday nights, decided not to show a game between Montreal and the Sabres in Buffalo on Oct. 11.

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