

# THE 'LIP' PULLS SURPRISE OF DECADE

## Clay Scores TKO In 7th

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Cassius Clay scored one of the greatest upsets in fight history Tuesday night when he stopped heavyweight champion Sonny Liston at the end of six rounds and became the new heavyweight ruler.

Dr. Alexander Robbins ordered the fight stopped after the sixth round ended because Liston had injured his left shoulder.

Clay, a 7-1 underdog, was hardly given a chance by anyone. But he had outpointed the cut and tiring Liston up to the time the fight was stopped. It goes into the record books as a seven-round technical knockout as the bell had sounded for the start of the seventh.

Fans stormed into the ring and Clay turned to the ringside and shouted to reporters: "Eat your words!"

Clay weighed 210½, the heaviest of his career. Liston weighed 218.

**Crowd Boos**  
There was a chorus of boos from the small crowd of 2,000 in the Miami Beach Convention Hall at the ending. Liston had been cut under the left eye in the third round and looked slow and lumbering against the 22-year-old former Olympic champion from Louisville.

Clay was the fourth fighter with a perfect record to win the world heavyweight crown.

"I am the greatest, I am the greatest, I am the greatest," the new champion chanted ceaselessly after it was over.

"I'm the king of the world. I upset the world. I am the king. I am the king."

Asked why Liston couldn't get to him, Clay said, "Because I'm too fast. He was scared."

"I am the greatest that ever lived."

**'Must Be Greatest'**  
"I just beat Sonny Liston and I just turned 22, so I must be the greatest."

"I was going to end it in the eighth as you would have seen, but the man stopped it in seven."

Dr. Alexander Robbins, chief physician of the Miami Beach Boxing Commission, said, "Liston strained his left shoulder. He couldn't lift his arm."

When the fight ended, Referee Barney Felix had scored the fight even. Judge Bunny Lovett had Liston on top and Judge Gus Jacobson had Clay on top. The AP card had Clay ahead 4-2 in rounds.

Long before there was any talk of an injured shoulder, it was obvious that Liston was far from the ominous destroyer who knocked out Floyd Patterson in the first round of two title matches. This was his second defense.

**\$4 Million TV Take**  
Although the live gate was small, the closed circuit television for this fight reportedly set a new record of over 560,000 people. It was estimated that the closed circuit television take might send the total gate close to the \$4 million mark.

Clay took charge right from the start, circling out of danger while feeding a steady left jab to Liston's face. The lumbering champion was missing badly with his left hook and caught only the air with his ponderous right.

Near the end of the first round, Clay cut loose with a right-left-right flurry that made "the Big Ugly Bear" back and cover.

Early in the third Liston started to bleed from a cut under the left eye. It was an ugly

looking gash and the champ was bothered. Although Liston came on at the end of the round Clay had piled up an edge in the early going.

**Badly Cut Eye**

Although Liston's handlers applied an ice bag to the damaged eye between rounds, the cut still was ugly looking in the fourth. Clay was jabbing and moving, peppering the sluggish big fellow and then moving out of range.

At the start of the fifth, Clay stood up and complained he couldn't see. His seconds yelled that Liston had "something in his glove." Liston stalked Cassius through the round and the fans booed as Cassius ran.

The pace was slow in the sixth with Clay slapping out with quick jabs that confused Sonny Boy. The Clay corner men yelled, "Rumble champ, rumble" and then, "Dance, champ." Cassius obliged.

There was no hint that the end was near. Liston was slow and off on his timing. But he didn't appear hurt.

**Liston Still In Corner**

Suddenly as the bell rang for the seventh, there was Liston sitting in his corner surrounded by his handlers. Nobody knew what had happened until Willie Reddish, Liston's trainer, waved his hands.

Then the doctor reported the injury to newsmen. The end was a shocker for those who had watched Clay at the weigh-in where he was fined \$2,500 for making a disturbance. The commission had threatened to attach his purse if he did any more clowning in the fight.

Some people thought Clay might not even show up for the rich fight because he was in a highly nervous state and "emotionally disturbed."

**20th In Row**

It was Clay's 20th straight victory since he left the amateurs after winning the 178-pound title in the 1960 Olympics.

Liston had won 28 straight since he suffered his only previous defeat at the hands of Marty Marshall, Sept. 7, 1954. He had won the title from Patterson, Sept. 23, 1962, in 2:05 of the first round and defended it in 2:10 of the first last July in Las Vegas.

### LISTON RUSHED TO HOSPITAL AFTER FIGHT

By JOE REICHLER

Associated Press Sports Writer  
MIAMI BEACH (AP)—Sonny Liston, his normally stoic face creased with pain, and complaining his left arm was numb from shoulder to wrist, was rushed directly from ringside to a hospital Tuesday night.

His handlers feared a possible shoulder fracture.

Liston didn't even bother to shower following his stunning seventh round technical knockout defeat at the hands of the brash young challenger, Cassius Clay, for the heavyweight championship of the world.

The finish actually came just before the start of the seventh when Liston, his dark face more sullen than usual, just sat on his stool as the bell sounded.

"I made the decision," Jack Nilon, advisor of Liston, announced to reporters in a post-fight news conference that was supposed to be held by Liston.

"Liston insisted he could go on but his arm was numb and I just couldn't send him out to fight with one arm," said Nilon.

"We've been advised by Dr. Robert C. Bennett, Liston's personal physician, that at the tail end of the first round, Sonny, trying to block a punch by Clay, took a shot on the left shoulder," said Nilon.

"Sonny complained of numbness in the shoulder when he returned to his corner after the round. It became progressively worse with each succeeding round. The punch had a sort of paralyzing effect. The numbness moved down to his hand and by the end of the sixth round, he couldn't lift his left arm at all.

"There was nothing to do but stop the fight. Sonny was simply defenseless."



VICTORY — With mouth wide open, Cassius Clay whoops it up with his handlers after his knockout of heavyweight champion Sonny Liston.

### 'I'M GREATEST' CLAY SHOUTS TO GROGGY WORLD

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP)—"I whupped that Big Bear and I whupped him good," an exultant victorious Cassius Clay belted Tuesday night after stopping heavyweight champion Sonny Liston in the boxing upset of the century, "and it feels so good."

The man who said he was king and then proved it—to the complete consternation of the boxing world—was in his heaven in the post-fight interview room at Convention Hall.

"Will I give that Big Bear another chance?" a dancing, excited Clay yelled. "You bet I will—I'll fight any man alive. But I don't think he'll want it. I can beat any fighter in the world. But that old Big Bear will have to work his way up. He was scared of me. He couldn't even hit me when I was half-blind."

"I am the greatest."

Drew (Bundini) Brown, Clay's closest associate, wept big tears as the new heavyweight champion of the world beat his chest.

### Fight Figures

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP)—Facts and figures of Tuesday night's Cassius Clay-Sonny Liston heavyweight title fight.

Attendance—8,297.  
Receipts, estimated, \$402,000.  
Guaranteed receipts — \$625,000.

Liston's share of guarantee 40 per cent, (\$250,000).  
Clay's share of guarantee, 22½ per cent (\$140,625).

Inter-Continental Sports' share, 37½ per cent (\$234,375).  
Liston's share of Intercontinental, 50 per cent (\$117,187).  
Liston's total purse from live gate—\$567,187.

Closed circuit television—No estimates available except old records of 559,000 paid \$3,320,000 were topped by substantial margins.

Like a modern day Tarzan and proclaimed to the world—for the thousandth time—that he was the greatest.

"He said I couldn't last a round. He said I kept my hands too low. He said I was scared stiff," Clay's exultant voice boomed over the loud speaker.

"Well, he (Liston) is in the hospital, and here I am, still pretty as I can be."

"That Big Bear was an amateur. If he wants to fight me, he will have to work his way up."

Clay accused Liston of trying to blind him in the fifth round, but said even this could not prevent this rendezvous with destiny.

"He tried to blind me by putting liniment on his gloves," the new champion said. "I couldn't see a thing. But he couldn't hit me."

Clay was late leaving the ring, where he danced around screaming wildly that he was the greatest and giving credit for his victory to God.

"I have been talking to God," he said. "I know the only God."

### Tars Switch Days

ANNAPOLIS (AP) — Navy has changed its football game with Georgia Tech next fall to Friday night, Oct. 9, from Saturday Oct. 10 at Jacksonville, Fla.

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NEW CHAMPION — Cassius Clay raises both hands as handlers enter the ring after he was declared world champion of the heavyweight ranks. Clay stopped champion Sonny Liston after six rounds.



FACE FULL OF FIST — Cassius Clay, left, bangs a right to the face of Sonny Liston during heavyweight championship fight. Liston, suffering a cut left eye and a strained

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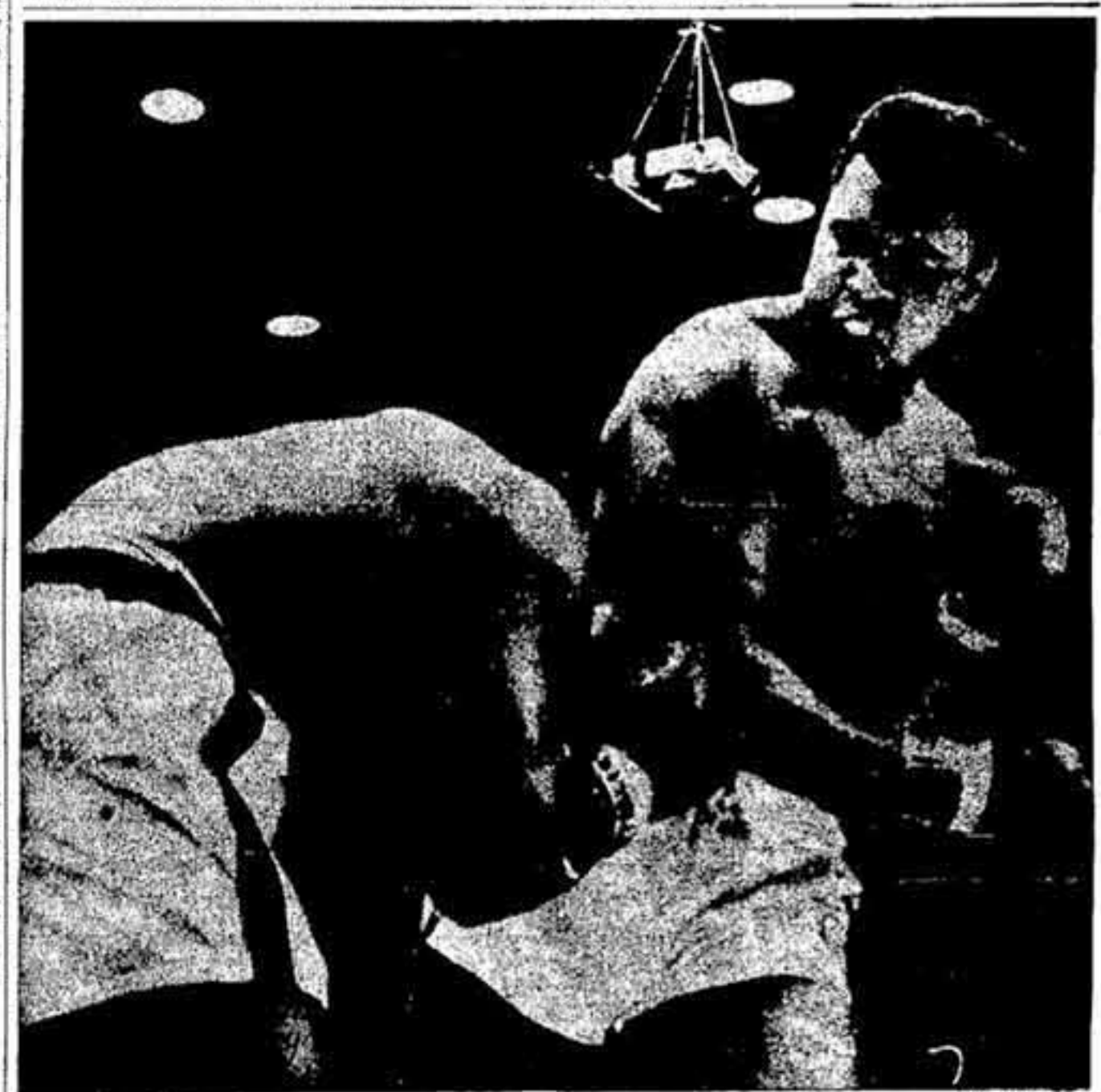
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SUFFERS EYE GASH — A deep gash marks the eye of Sonny Liston as he trades punches with challenger Cassius Clay. The fight was stopped after six rounds with Clay being awarded a technical knockout.

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CHOP TO HEAD — Cassius Clay whips a right to the head of ducking champ Sonny Liston during first round of heavyweight title fight.

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### BARBER IMPROVES FROM HEART ATTACK

EMPORIA, Va. (AP)—A doctor said Tuesday that sportscaster Red Barber is improving after suffering a heart attack two days ago.

Barber's wife said, "Red is coming along nicely. The doctors are pleased."

Barber, 56, was stricken Sunday night when he and his wife stopped at an Emporia motel to spend the night. They were en route to the New York Yankee spring training camp in Florida.

He is a member of the Yankee radio-television broadcasting crew.

Doctors were unable to say when Barber will be released from the hospital.

### GRELLE WITHDRAWS FROM GARDEN MEET

NEW YORK (AP) — Jim Grelle, former University of Oregon mile star, withdrew Tuesday from Thursday night's Knights of Columbus mile run in Madison Square Garden because of a virus. Grelle, who plans to move up to the 3,000-meter steeplechase in the Olympics has been ill for the past two weeks.

Tom O'Hara of Loyola of Chicago, who lowered the indoor mile mark to 3:56.6 two weeks ago, will start and will be timed officially at the three-quarter mile and 1,500-meter marks en route. Thus he could set three indoor marks in a single race.

Highest score ever turned in by a Lehigh wrestling team was a perfect 48-0 score against Brooklyn College in 1947.

### Umpires To Meet

The Frederick County Umpires Association meets Thursday, 7:30 p. m., at the YMCA. All members and interested persons are asked to attend.

### Buckeytown Meets

The Buckeytown team of the Tri-County League meets Sunday, 1:30 p. m., at the Buckeytown social hall. All players and prospective players are urged to attend.

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