

SPANIARD HOLDS BRITISH CHAMPION TO A DRAW

Introducing - Louis de Santiago - featherweight champion of Spain, and Ronnie Clayton - featherweight champion of Britain and the Empire. There is a packed house at Belle Vue, Manchester, with Frank Swift among the ringsiders, to see these two slug it out in an eliminating contest for the championship of Europe.

Despite going into the fight with his nose and right hand damaged in training, the Blackpool boxer opens up in tearaway style, with a crisp battery of punches.

Hitting back with everything he knows, the kid from Spain has Clayton on the run and, in a great sixth round, piles up the points with some well-timed left and right hooks.

An injured left eye makes Clayton's chance of a win almost nil and, as the last round comes up, the Lancashire man has to be at his best to beat off Santiago's lively attacks.

Honours are even, as the referee makes it a draw. Already twice beaten by European champion Ray Fanechon, Clayton will have to wait a little longer, to win more titles.