

"SUGAR" GETS THE BIRD

25,000 Berliners pack the Waldbuehne as "Sugar" Ray Robinson fights Gerhard Hecht of Berlin. Both men are sparring for an opening. Hecht is a little heavier but there's not much in it. Now here comes Robinson ducking and weaving his way in close but Hecht fights him off and drives him back.

Hecht grabs hold and pushes Robinson back onto the ropes where the referee parts them. As they resume Hecht lands with a good right. Robinson comes back with a flurry of lefts. And now a hard right to the middle of the back and Hecht is down.

The ref's stepped counting. Hecht seems to be badly hurt. As he seconds carry him to his corner the ref. announces an extra minute interval for a medical check.

Some of the crowd are angry. "Sugar" Ray looks puzzled. Blows near the kidney are O.K. in the States. At ringside watching is his wife, Edna Mae, and his supporters. As Round 2 begins Robinson tears into Hecht for a quick finish. This is "Sugar" Ray in top gear.

There go more right hand punches round the back and Hecht has dropped. There's a roar of Foul! from the angry crowd as the German referee stops the fight. As Hecht rolls on the ground Robinson is disqualified. Suddenly there's a shower of stones and bottles and "Sugar" Ray Robinson slips out of the ring to take cover as a bottle just misses him.

As the frightened ref. appeals for order a doctor reports Hecht has a broken rib. Next day the Berlin Boxing Board annuls the verdict and substitutes "No Decision." Meantime, with the angry crowd menacing him, Robinson is escorted from the ring by a squad of twenty-five police still protesting that he did not foul Hecht.