

COCKELL FIGHTS BACILIERI AT LEICESTER.

Wearing a stripe on his pants, Don Cockell, Heavyweight Champion of Great Britain and the Empire, tackles Italian Champ Uber Bacilieri at Granby Halls in Leicester. In the opening stages of the ten-round fight, there's plenty of action, but little damage done.

Promoter Joe Jacobs watches closely as the Italian nearly takes a tumble, trying to avoid the sledgehammer punches Cockell's throwing. A blacksmith from Battersea, Cockell, misses with a right that could have brought the fight to a full-stop.

Bacilieri opens up and Cockell uses the ropes to counter-attack. Up to the half-way mark, the points are mainly in the Britisher's favour. A cut eye won't help the Italian, but its Cockell who hits the Canvas first as a slip sends him floundering.

Quickly back on his feet, Cockell batters into his opponent, but he just won't go down. He's taken a packet of punishment. Into the last round.

The Italian takes another hammering, but comes back fighting, game to the last.

With both boys locked in a clinch, the ref comes in to take a hand, and, as the bell goes, its Cockell's hand he takes, to declare him the winner. Now Cockell is hoping for a crack at Rocky Marciano's world crown.