

BASSEY WINS WORLD TITLE:

Hogan Bassey of Nigeria, Empire Featherweight champion, fights European champion Cherif Hamia of Algiers for the world crown, in Paris. Hamia puts Bassey on his knees - but don't let that fool you! It's the Algerian's one success in a rip-roaring fight that shows the crowd a new Hogan Bassey. From that early setback, he goes on from strength to strength, tearing into Hamia's defence like a black whirlwind!

There's still five rounds on the programme, but Hamia's can't take much more. Many people say this is where referee Schemann should have stopped the fight.

Hamia's out on his feet - Bassey rushes in with a few last punches, and finally the referee says "Enough"! It was a very plucky defence against terrific punishment - but there's no doubt who's world featherweight champion now!