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BIG FIGHT, BIG BRAWL.

Dick Richardson (the taller man) and Brian London fought for the Heavyweight Championship of Europe, at Coney Beach Arena, Porthcawl. Richardson on the left, holds the title; but it was London, the challenger who did most of the attacking in the early rounds.

Before the fight had gone far there was a lot of needle in it. London said Richardson butted him more than once.

Round Eight. London had to win quickly now, or he'd probably have to retire with that badly out eye. Richardson was holding and butting again, but to London's annoyance, the referee did no more than caution the Welshman.

The longer Round Eight continued, the less likely it seemed that Brian London would land a knock-out punch. He was tiring.

In the last few seconds the fight degenerated into something between a dance and a comic wrestling match.

London's out eye was so bad, it was announced that he'd retired. Apparently that wasn't his own decision. There was pandemonium; a free for all, a scene without parallel in the history of boxing. London had lost his temper completely. It was no longer a private fight. Everybody joined in.

London's brother and his father (ex-heavyweight champion Jack London, weighed in) so the family was well represented. Eventually the police restored order, by sheer weight of numbers.

Brian London had lost the verdict, and by losing his temper as well he's got on the wrong side of the Board of Control. Many will sympathise with him, but professional boxing simply cannot tolerate another brawl.