

PATERSON HOLDS WORLD TITLE

60,000 fight fans from Scotland and Merseyside saw Glasgow's Jackie Paterson retain his world flyweight championship at Hampden Park, outpointing Liverpool challenger Joe Curran. It was a one sided affair from the first bell to the last. Paterson did all the attacking and Joe Curran failed dimly to prove himself a number one challenger. It was a disappointing day for Liverpool. Obviously trying to tire Paterson out, Joe Curran spent all his time keeping out of the way of the champion's right hook.

But even Curran couldn't stay out of range all the time. He went down first in the 4th round and from then on it was Jackie Paterson all the way. The rounds went by with more sparring than fighting and for a man who'd previously beaten Paterson twice, Curran looked as if his 32 years had got him at last. There was one round that provided anything like championship boxing - the 13th. Here it is, with Curran beaten on the ropes and finishing up too dazed to pick out his own corner.

And here's the last round, with the fight ending as it started with plenty of sparring and no real fighting. When referee Moss Deyang lifted Jackie Paterson's arm, Glasgow still held the world's flyweight title.