

WOODCOCK K.Os RENET

Half way through the fight in round three- Bruce Woodcock stung by an accidental punch below the belt from Renet - opened with a broadside, hammering the Frenchman with terrific punches to head and body. This was the transformation of Woodcock. Hitherto placid, he gritted his teeth and tore into Renet. More than 8,000 fans at Belle Vue Manchester were now seeing the start of the punishment that Britain's heavyweight handed out to the champion of France.

Only the great courage of Renet kept him on his feet. Woodcock was a fighting fury, and he dropped his opponent with vicious rights to the jaw.

Flinchy Renet, won applause for his amazing toughness and tenacity. The Frenchman claimed never to have been floored in 150 fights.

With a right hook to the jaw, Bruce sends Renet tottering across the ring to take another count.

The fateful sixth round, in which Woodcock used Renet as a chopping-block, and won for himself the European heavyweight title. Waiting for the referee's count of nine, Renet comes in again, only to meet another terrific right-hander.

Now, here it comes - a masking right to the chin, sending Renet cranking to his face to be counted out.

Woodcock nets the European title - £3,000 - and when Renet regained consciousness, an embrace from his valiant French opponent.

The winner and the man who gamely took it on the chin.