

CARMARTHEN

THOMAS WINS THIRD TITLE

Eddie Thomas, British and Empire welter champion meets Michele Palermo with the European title at stake, and a full house sits back for sparks, as Thomas - the taller of the two - opens up. They're both cagey at the start - but Palermo's down, and halfway through the ropes. But it wasn't anything and they fight on. Eddie hasn't got quite enough fire yet. Maybe he's weighing up the veteran.

With the world title now open, a win here will put Eddie in line for a crack at it. Palermo, who learned much of his ringcraft in the States, is a fine test for him. He's a clever two-fisted fighter, and here goes another attack. But Eddie copes efficiently. He's ahead now and taking no chances.

Now it's the last round. Only a knock-out can snatch victory for Palermo. But he's almost out and trying to hold to avoid a K.O. Eddie's throwing plenty of punches as Palermo hangs on grimly. He's got Palermo's groggy. And there goes another left - and Palermo's down for a short count.

And that's the end. Palermo finished on his feet but he knows Eddie won - and here's the Ref's verdict! Eddie Thomas wins to add the European title to his record. But there's one more to win, Eddie: The Big 'Uni