

BASSEY K.O's. KELLY.

Nigerian Hogan Bassey's fight with Billy Kelly in Belfast is watched by the Nigerian Commissioner and his wife. Mrs. George Connell, the promoter's wife, is here too, and so are thousands of fight fans eager to see if Billy can keep his Empire featherweight title from the African challenger. The Irish boy (never knock out in five years' professional fighting) leads on points from the start.

But Bassey's not scared of reputations, and he gives the title holder plenty to worry about. They first met two years ago in London; on that occasion Kelly won, and the Nigerian's not going to let it happen again without a struggle.

But Kelly soon has the challenger in trouble. Bassey's left eye is cut, and by the eighth round it's bleeding badly. He fights back gallantly but referee Peter Muir's watching that eye; if it gets any worse, he'll have to stop the fight. Bassey knows he has only one chance - to hit Kelly, and hit him hard, while he can still see him.

And he's done it! Kelly, the man who had the fight in his pocket, is down for much more than the count, and Hogan Bassey is Empire champion!

40 Hogan Bassey's fight with Billy Kelly in Belfast is watched by Nigerian Commissioner in Britain Mr. Matthew Mba and his wife and by thousands of boxing fans eager to see if Billy can keep his Empire featherweight title from the Nigerian challenger. The Irish boy has never been knocked out in five years of professional fighting, so he'll be a tough nut to crack. But Hogan Bassey is tough, too.

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84 Bassey forces Kelly to the ropes, and they go into a clinch. But there aren't many clinches, because this is real boxing all the way. These two first met in London a couple of years ago; Kelly won that fight, and Hogan Bassey's not going to let it happen again without a struggle.

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120 Here they come from their corners for another round. Bassey's fighting well so far, but Billy Kelly is leading on points, and the Nigerian will have to work hard to get that title from him.

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143 Kelly's very quick on his feet, and not easy to hit.

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160 Both looking for an opening.

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173 Missed him!

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185 This Irish boy's as quick as lightning, and he gets in some punishing blows. He's still leading on points - but only just.

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210 Now the Irish fans are sure that victory is in Kelly's grasp. He's landed some nasty ones on Bassey's left eye, and it's beginning to bleed.

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227 But Bassey isn't beaten yet - he's fighting back like mad, and time and again has Kelly against the ropes.

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246 That's the end of round seven, and Bassey's eye is giving him a lot of trouble.

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257 Round eight. Can Hogan Bassey land a victory punch before that eye closes up? The referee's watching it, and if it gets much worse he'll have to stop the fight. If he does, Kelly will have won; so Bassey knows there's only one thing to do - to find that opening as quickly as he can, and to hit Kelly hard while he can still see him. Can he do it before Kelly closes that eye for good?

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301 He's done it! Kelly's down!

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318 And he's out!

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331 So Billy Kelly, the man who's never been knocked out, finds what it's like at last! And what a knock-out Bassey gave him - he's fast asleep for three whole minutes!

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350 This film is a special edition made for you in West Africa, arranged by the London Office of the West African Pictures Company. And we're proud to present the new featherweight champion of the Empire - Nigeria's own Hogan Bassey!