

Galindez whips Rossman brothers

NEW ORLEANS — Victor Galindez of Argentina regained his World Boxing Association (WBA) light heavyweight title from Mike Rossman in a championship bout held Saturday, April 14, in the Super Dome in New Orleans.

The Bout, which was postponed once on a protest by Galindez over the officials for the fight, was one of the more interesting fights I have ever seen as Galindez wasn't satisfied defeating Mike and went after Mike's brother Andy on two occasions during and after the fight.

Galindez is the first man ever to regain the light heavyweight championship after losing it to Rossman last September on cuts in the 13th round. Galindez won Saturday's fight on a TKO in the tenth round when Rossman, complaining of a hurt right hand, did not answer the bell. The fight did not stop there, though, as brother Andy jumped into the ring to mix it up with the new recycled champion.

Andy, who was working in Mike's corner during the bout, also entered the ring in the fourth round when Galindez did not hear the bell ending that round and continued to throw punches at the former champion. Although Galindez did not have a clear decision on his fight with Andy, the decision was clear on his fight with Mike.

The first two rounds were slow as the fighters were feeling each other out and the rounds were fairly even. In the third

round, Galindez started to get inside and land punishing body punches. Rossman countered with several long jabs that landed heavily.

The fourth round started in Rossman's favor. He was landing hard right jabs in the face of Galindez. However, that was not to continue as Galindez rocked Rossman with a punishing left hook to his head and followed that with a devastating right uppercut. Galindez then set the pattern for the rest of the fight as he took Rossman to the ropes and punished him with blow after blow until the end of the round.

The pattern stayed the same through the end of the bout as Galindez continued to take Rossman to the ropes and work him over. Although Rossman was doing a good job in the center of the ring, when the fighting went inside, Galindez won every exchange. After each exchange the fighters would break, with Galindez always landing the final blows.

Finally Rossman refused to answer the bell for the tenth round and the fight was over. Rossman said later that he thought he hurt his right hand in the sixth or seventh round. Galindez responded that Rossman did not land a punch that was hard enough for him to hurt his hand. Galindez also indicated that he would not give Rossman a rematch and called Rossman a chicken.