

# Dokes is no match for Bowe

**NEW YORK, Feb 8:** Heavyweight champion Riddick Bowe stopped Michael Dokes with 41 seconds left in the first round on Saturday to retain his World Boxing Association and International Boxing Federation titles, reports Reuter.

Bowe, 25 prepared Dokes with left jabs from the opening seconds of the scheduled 12-round fight and opened up with a right-left-right combination on Dokes sending the challenger sagging against the ropes. It was considered a knockdown because the ropes held Dokes up.

Dokes, 34, took an eight count and shortly afterward Bowe staggered Dokes with a thudding left hook, sending him wobbling against the ropes. Bowe worked the body a bit and sagged Dokes with a right and a left to the head.

Referee Joe Santarpia of New York stepped in and stopped the fight.

After the fight had been stopped, Dokes chugged back into the middle of the ring looking to continue.

"I was under control. I was ready to fire back," Dokes said. "How can he (the referee) do that? How can he do that? He never asked me."

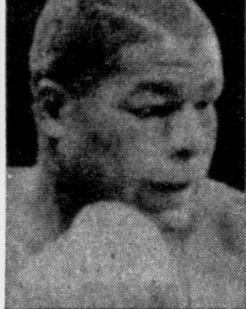
It appeared from ringside that Dokes, now 50-4-2, could

not have lasted much longer. "The ropes saved him," Santarpia said. "I looked in his eyes and he was gone. He was out. His eyes were glassy and falling all over the place. He must have gotten hit by 20 straight punches."

"He was hurt, he was definitely hurt. My job is to make sure fighters don't get hurt."

Bowe, now 33-0, said: "I thought he was hurt. I thought the referee should have stopped it. He was just no match for me."

Not many people ever thought Dokes, a 15-1 underdog by the time of the fight, had any chance.



**RIDDICK BOWE**  
Dokes, the former WBA heavyweight champion for nine

months in 1982-83 has a long history of drug abuse.

Asked a few weeks before the fight how long he had been drug free, Dokes said: "Off and on for five years."

For Bowe, who was making the first defence of the titles he won by beating Evander Holyfield last November, Saturday's bout before about 17,000 fans at Madison Square Garden proved very little.

Bowe surrendered the World Boxing Council's (WBC) title under treat of being stripped of it for not making his first defence against Briton Lennox Lewis. The WBC awarded Lewis the title.

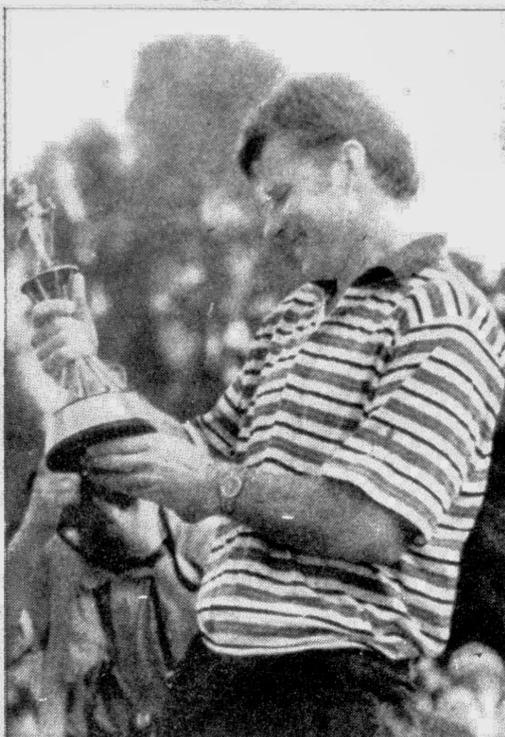
It was the first of a six-fight multi-million-dollar deal for Bowe with Time Warner Sports.

Bowe had been set to fight Ray Mercer in May, but Mercer lost a unanimous 10-round points decision to journeyman Jesse Ferguson on Saturday's undercard. Ferguson's abilities are reflected in his 19-9 record. Mercer is now 20-2.

It is unclear who Bowe will fight next.

Bowe was paid about 5 million dollar for his short night's work. Dokes was guaranteed 750,000 dollar.

According to punch statistics at ringside, Bowe landed 55 of 83 punches thrown, or 66 per cent. Dokes landed 12 punches.



Nick Faldo of England admires the Johnnie Walker Golf Classic trophy which he won on February 7 at the Singapore Island Country Club. — AFP photo

# AIDS silences Arthur Ashe

**NEW YORK, Feb 8:** Ten months after admitting he had AIDS, Davis Cup legend Arthur Ashe, the first black to win Wimbledon, on Saturday succumbed to the disease at age 49, reports Reuter.

Arthur Ashe died today at 3:13 pm EST (2018 GMT) of pneumonia, a complication of AIDS, a New York hospital spokeswoman said.

Ashe, also the first black to play on the US Davis Cup team, admitted at a news conference on April 8, 1992 that rumours that he had Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome were true.

He said he got AIDS through blood transfusions but had kept it a secret since 1988 because he thought the stigma that AIDS patients endure would subject his five-year-old daughter Camera to taunts.

Ashe, a Wimbledon and US Open champion, used the celebrity status he won on the tennis court to fight racism in sports but found that fame also forced him to admit publicly he was suffering from AIDS.

He said he felt hounded by the news media into admitting his infection.

A modest and quiet man, Ashe spent a lifetime defying colour barriers and beating huge odds — from his youth in segregated Virginia in the eastern US to Wimbledon, where in 1975 he became the first and only black man to win the final.

In a career that brought him to the pinnacle of sporting fame, Ashe also won the US and Australian Opens.

But he was equally proud of his campaigns against South Africa's apartheid system and his efforts to bring sports to poor ghetto youngsters.

Ashe's later years were marred by illness. A heart attack forced him to retire from competitive tennis in 1979 and he was infected with the AIDS virus from tainted blood.

That's when Agassi, who had been broken just once in four previous tournament matches, started playing poor tennis, losing control of his groundstrokes and serving power.

"I was really working hard to get to match point, and just wanted to finish it," Agassi said. "If there's ever a time to go for it, it's when you're up like that."

But Gilbert gave back the momentum, double-faulting on break point to give up the first game of the third set.

"All of a sudden he was emotionally uplifted," Gilbert said, "and he went to another level."

The top-seeded Agassi beat the second-seeded Gilbert for the first time since 1989. Gilbert was 4-2 lifetime against Agassi, including three straight before Sunday.

Agassi, winning his 19th career singles title, also won the San Francisco championship in 1990. Gilbert has not won a tournament since September 1990 in Brisbane, Australia.

"It's definitely depressing," Gilbert said. "I would have liked to have put it to a rest here. But if I keep getting into the semis and finals, I feel like I can give myself a good chance for something to happen."

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# Agassi wants to surf on new wave

**SAN FRANCISCO, Feb 8:** The Volvo Tennis San Francisco tournament final was a tale of two commuters.

One came by plane, the other by car, reports AP.

That was about the only similarity between Andre Agassi and Brad Gilbert Sunday night. Agassi continued on his path toward regaining a place among the tennis elite, beating

Kipianui was unable to compete in Barcelona but broke the 3,000 metres and 3,000 steeplechase outdoor world records in a golden period at Grand Prix meetings after the Games.

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# Unusual mix-up at Stuttgart

**STUTTGART, Germany, Feb 8:** American James Trapp shared an unexpected victory in the 200 metres at the Stuttgart indoor athletics meeting on Sunday but was later at the centre of an embarrassing organisational mistake, reports Reuter.

The 23-year-old Trapp, whose main claim to fame was a victory over Olympic champion Linford Christie at the Welsh Games in 1991, appeared to have rounded off an outstanding day when he was declared the winner of the 60 metres.

He had finished in a dead heat in the 200 with Olympic bronze medalist Michael Bates in 20.83 seconds.

But after a mix-up involving an allocation in the 60 metres was resolved, more than an hour after the race, Canadian Bruny Surin was confirmed as the short-sprint winner in 6.54 seconds.

He had run in lane five — the lane Trapp was billed to compete in.

The American was officially placed fourth in 6.69.

The lanes mix-up — runners were allowed to switch lanes without timekeepers, spectators and media being informed — was a major embarrassment for the Stuttgart organisers, who spent all afternoon reminding fans of the forthcoming outdoor World Championships in the city in August.

An official confirmed later that timekeepers had not been told of any lane changes.

Trapp's surprise success in the 200 metres was the highlight of the meeting which also saw good performances from American world champion Michael Johnson over 400 metres and Kenyan Moses Kiptanui over 1,500.

Johnson, who made a surprise exit from the Olympic 200 metres in the semifinals, cruised through the first lap before turning on the speed in the final 100 metres to clock 45.75 seconds.

Johnson finished strides ahead of compatriot Tyrone Kemp (47.47) and Willie Caldwell (47.73).

# Another gold for Privalova

**GRENOBLE, France, Feb 8:** Russian sprinter Irina Privalova stormed to another great victory on Sunday, closing a remarkable series in which she has set the three fastest 50 metres indoor times in history in six days, reports Reuter.

Privalova clocked 6.04 seconds in the Grenoble women's 50 metres final, only four-hundredths slower than the world record she set in Moscow on Tuesday.

The Russian, 100 metres bronze medalist at the Barcelona Olympics, had set two world records in Moscow, first breaking East German Marita Koch's 13-year-old mark of 6.11 seconds in the heats with a time of 6.05 seconds before clocking 6.00 in the final.

Privalova surged out of the blocks to open a commanding

lead in the first 20 metres and stayed well ahead to beat Ukrainian Zhanna Tarnopolskaya, who finished in 6.12 seconds.

The Russian scored a great double at the meeting by beating arch-rival Merlene Ottey comfortably in the 200 metres, winning in 22.64 seconds to 22.98 for the Jamaican.

**BEN'S BEST**  
In the men's sprint, Canadian Ben Johnson had a satisfying victory in the 50 metres, clocking 5.65 seconds, the best legal time of his career.

Johnson, suspended for two years after a positive dope test at the 1988 Olympics in Seoul, set a then world record of 5.55 seconds in 1987 but was later stripped of the mark after admitting taking drugs over a long period.

"I've been training very

hard. I'm in great shape. I need a few more races but it's going to be a very good year for me," said Johnson, who is preparing for next month's World Indoor Championships back home in Toronto.

Sergei Bubka put all thoughts of a missed Olympic medal in Barcelona behind him with a brilliant victory in the pole vault.

The Ukrainian cleared 6.01 metres after silver medalist in Spain Igor Trandenkov of Russia had thrown down the gauntlet by vaulting 5.90 metres.

Bubka set the bar at 6.14 metres but had three unsuccessful attempts at beating his existing world record of 6.13 metres. He had to settle for the best performance of the year, one centimetre higher than that cleared by arch-rival Rodion Gataullin of Russia.

# Reynolds' run continues

**FAIRFAX, Virginia, Feb 8:** World record holder Butch Reynolds, working to control of his anger and

stay focused, won another 400 metres race on Sunday at an indoor athletics meeting in Fairfax, Virginia, reports Reuter.

Reynolds, who also won on Friday in New York in his return after the December 31 expiration of an international Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) ban for a positive drug test in 1990, won the 400 here in 45.89 seconds.

Two-time world champion Antonio McKay fell entering the final turn.

Reynolds' time was better than his slow 47.16 in New York but he still sees plenty of room for improvement.

"I'm a lot out of sync," he said. "I'm not into that smooth, graceful stride."

The IAAF last month warned Reynolds, who went to US courts to battle his suspension, that he could face further punishment unless he withdraws by February 23 his allegations of misconduct against them over the drug test.

"I've been trying very hard the last 2-1/2 years to control my hatred and anger," Reynolds said. "I trained very hard to stay focused on the future."

In other events, Ireland's 40-year-old Eamonn Coghlan won the Masters mile, Noureddine Morceli of Algeria won the mile and American Greg Foster took the 60 metres hurdles.

"I can focus on time more," he said. "I'm running for fun."

Foster, a five-time world champion and world indoor record holder, won the closely contested 60-metre hurdles, timed in an identical 7.65 seconds with Tony Dees.

Foster, 34, who has said he will retire after the outdoor season, and doesn't feel any added pressure to win regularly.

Morceli's bid for an indoor mile world record fell short as he ran largely uncontested, winning in 3.55.61.

Gail Devers edged Michelle Freeman of Jamaica in the 60 metres, winning in 7.12 seconds. The 100-metre Olympic gold medalist said she'll concentrate on 100-metre hurdles this year. She will compete in Stockholm on Tuesday, Madrid on Thursday and in Japan on Sunday.

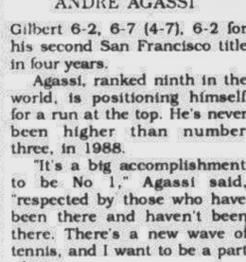
The meeting lost two big names because of injuries.

Jackie Joyner-Kersey, a two-time Olympic heptathlon gold medalist, withdrew with a sore thigh muscle.

Roger Kingdom, a two-time Olympic hurdles champion, told meeting officials he was injured on Friday while competing in Berlin.



**BUTCH REYNOLDS**



**ANDRE AGASSI**

Gilbert 6-2, 6-7 (4-7), 6-2 for his second San Francisco title in four years.

Agassi, ranked ninth in the world, is positioning himself for a run at the top. He's never been higher than number three, in 1988.

"It's a big accomplishment to be No. 1," Agassi said, "respected by those who have been there and haven't been there. There's a new wave of tennis, and I want to be a part of it."

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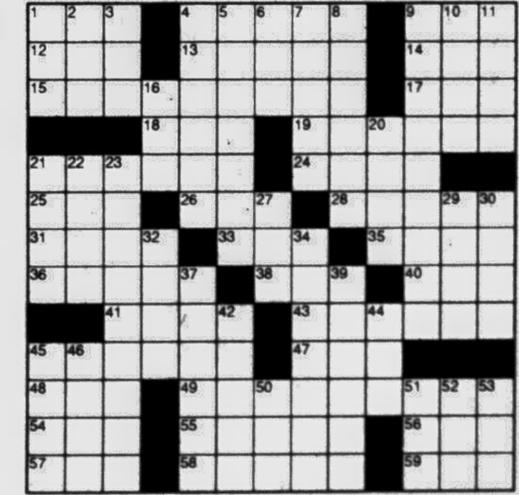
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**CRYPTOQUIP**

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Saturday's Cryptquip: MAGICIAN TURNED HOCKEY CHAMPION TOOK PRIDE IN SCORING HAT TRICKS.

Today's Cryptquip clue: E equals B

The Cryptquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.