

Mount Vernon's Barnes stops opponent in sixth

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Unbeaten welterweight Larry Barnes took another stride on pro boxing's rugged path last night at the Westchester County Center when Mount Vernon's latest pride of the prize ring polished off a game but heavily outmanned Solo Carmona of the Bronx at the end of the sixth round in the scheduled 10-round main event.

Carmona's cornermen wouldn't let their 150-pound battler come out to take further punishment. Referee Ford Eric of White Plains had called a knockdown against Carmona two minutes into the fight.

Rated continually thereafter by jabs, whistling overhead rights and left hooks to both the head and body, the loser failed to carry a single round. Barnes is 14-0 while Carmona sank to 8-7.

"He was mighty tough, an unorthodox man to fight," the 140-pound Barnes said. Barnes, attempting to emulate ex-heavyweight king Mike Tyson by entering the ring robeless with black trunks and no socks, simply kept his mind on business: walk in robotically and hang away. Such a game plan has its drawbacks, however — such as a slight puffiness around the nose and eyes.

The six-round semifinal resulted in a unanimous decision when Jose Ayilla (2-3), a 142-pounder from the South Bronx, boxed rings around a sometimes reluctant 140-pound Derrick Everett (3-4) of Manhattan.

Judges Al DeCus of Port Chester and Albie Reid each scored it 59-53 on the new New York points system while judge Dr. Marvin Goldberg gave it 59-54.

In a special four-rounder involving previously unbeaten 155-pounder Craig Mills (2-1) of New Rochelle and 157-pounder Kelvin Frasier (4-1) of Catskill, the upstart called in the last two rounds to outpunch the local boy who like Barnes is managed by Albin Dragone of Mount Vernon. The decision was unanimous.

Trainer Kevin Rooney, who seconds Frasier, broke even on the night. Ex-ambled, star Anthony (Dinner) Perez, a 117

pounder from Brooklyn, rebounded from a first-round knockdown to win his professional debut over Rooney's George Young (2-3), a 150-pounder from Catskill, in a crowd-pleasing opening four-rounder.

Another match scheduled for four rounds lasted only 2:30 as referee Harry Smith saw that Brooklyn's 147-pound Wilfredo Camacho (1-3) was "down through" (2:31 standing, 2:32) from the ring.