

# Moore Tops Challenge Field

## Champ Beats Cockell On TKO In 9th

Rocky Marciano eliminated Don Cockell, British Empire heavy-weight champion, with a nine-round technical knockout in a scheduled 15-round title match in San Francisco, Monday night.

A couple of weeks back Archie Moore, light-heavyweight champion, defeated Nino Valdes, top heavyweight contender, in a 10-round bout in Las Vegas, Nev.

### WAGES CAMPAIGN

During the past year Moore has been waging a campaign for a title match with Marciano, with the heavyweight crown at stake. Moore's pleas have gone unheeded. The match with Cockell was accepted by Al Weil, Marciano's manager.

With Cockell out of the picture by virtue of his TKO, there is no other heavyweight other than Moore who ranks at the top. Bob Baker of Pittsburgh is a second choice.

Cockell entered the ring Monday night as the underdog, and this was substantiated as the British fighter never had a chance. Marciano was in complete control from the opening bell to the ninth round when Referee Frankie Brown stopped the bout.

### FLOORED THREE TIMES

The Briton had been floored three times in the round before the bout was stopped.

However, Cockell proved beyond doubt that Marciano, while a heavy puncher, is not a fighter with a knockout punch like Jack Dempsey, Joe Louis and Bob Fitzsimons. Cockell took his heaviest punches, and, although knocked down, was always able to regain his feet.

He made a valiant stand in the early rounds, but was weakened by the body punches thrown by the champion. Marciano probably could have finished the bout earlier, but was wild with his punches.

Marciano took over in the fifth, pinned Cockell against the ropes in the sixth to bludgeon him with punches. Cockell was near collapse in the seventh and eighth.