

NBA Finds No Threat to Two Champs

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The National Boxing association's quarterly ratings released yesterday showed that Rocky Marciano has no logical contender for a shot at his heavyweight title.

Fred Saddy, chairman of the ratings committee, said Bob Satterfield would have been rated the No. 1 contender had he made an impressive showing against John Holman in Chicago Stadium last Wednesday night.

Instead Holman, 2½ to 1 underdog, stopped Satterfield in the eighth round, scoring three knockdowns in the process. As a result, Holman has been rated fourth foremost contender, below Bob Baker, Nino Valdes and Tommy [Hurricane] Jackson, who are listed No. 1, 2 and 3, respectively, while Satterfield was dropped to No. 5.

Saddler Rules Roost

Only other champion mentioned without a logical contender is Sandy Saddler, featherweight. Altho Saddler will risk his 126 pound crown against Flash Elorde in San Francisco Wednesday, Elorde is listed fifth ranking challenger.

Saddy also pointed out that for the first time in years, Ezzard Charles, former heavyweight ruler, has been dropped from the ratings. A newcomer as a heavyweight challenger is Willie Pastrano, of New Orleans, who will oppose Chuck Spieser in a nationally televised bout in Miami Beach Jan. 27.

Patterson Near Top Rung

In the light heavy division Archie Moore's logical contender is Floyd Patterson, and in the middleweight class, Ray Robinson's leading challengers are Bobo Olson and Charles Humez. Robinson will defend his newly won laurels in a rematch with Olson in Miami Beach March 7, also on network TV.