

ROWAN GOES OUT IN TENTH

The prize fight Saturday night at the skating rink was largely attended by the sporting element. The crowd was orderly, and everything passed off according to schedule except the number of rounds fought.

The affair was scheduled for a 20-round contest between Dummy Rowan and Bert Peterson, but "Dummy" was knocked out in the tenth by a straight right hander to the jaw. Referee Charley Howard gave general satisfaction, and his decisions were usually accepted without question. Peterson was handled by "Billy" Hunter, while Mr. Schrock performed a like service for Rowan. The gate receipts amounted to \$485.50, which were divided on a basis of 60 and 40 per cent. Peterson had the best of the fight throughout the contest, he being at no time in danger from Rowan.

"Billy" Hunter is now attempting to perfect an arrangement between "Silent" Rowan and Tommy Tracy of Portland, to be pulled off here on the 17th. If this goes through, it is predicted that spectators will witness one of the fastest and most exciting contests ever seen on the coast.

There had been the usual questionings during Saturday, and some had predicted the contest was "fixed"; how, no one attempted to say, yet there were those who were suspicious. But the scene at the ringside before the game started proved conclusively to the spectators that everything was on the square. The delay in selecting a referee and arriving at a thorough understanding before the mill commenced convinced the sports that they were to see a "straight" contest.

When Peterson stripped, it was seen at once that he was in the best condition of his career. His muscles were trim and he showed strong. During the arguments over a referee, it was seen that Peterson looked a trifle nervous. He was continually eyeing his rival, who had entered the ring and stripped some time before Peterson's arrival. Rowan, whose weight was given at 170 1/2 pounds, looked to weigh at least 190, being built on the lines which characterized the old-time prize fighters, short and stocky, and apparently able to accept and assimilate great punishment.

It was seen at once that Peterson had the advantage in reach and height, and speculation was rife at once. Rowan, in trying out the ring and canvas, showed unusual quickness, and the wise ones were quite ready to believe he would give Peterson an interesting time.

Peterson looked lighter than at the time he fought the "Montana Kid," but he appeared ready for a long contest.

The opening round demonstrated the belief of the audience that the contest was to be a good one. The men went at it hammer and tongs, after a few seconds feinting for openings. Peterson was seen to have the lead, and commenced to land his left hand jabs on Rowan's face. Rowan was bleeding before the round closed. Peterson adopted a circular method of fighting, and pranced about his opponent. Rowan stood right up to the game, and was getting encouragement from the crowd for his fine ducking and blocking of Peterson's blows. Yet, Peterson was landing his left frequently. Every round was a repetition of the first, and, try as he would, Peterson was unable to reach Rowan with his right punch until the latter part of the contest. The til the latter part of the contest. The Rowan seemed waiting for a favorable opening, and crowded Peterson toward the corner whenever he could, but Peterson saw the danger of being caught at close quarters, and always got away nicely. Rowan swung many rights for Peterson's jaw, but none of them landed until late in the

fight, when he came through twice with heavy exchanges.

Although Peterson was landing his left so frequently in the early part of the fight, it looked as if they were not causing Rowan any trouble, for he showed no distress and was after Peterson every minute. It was not until the eighth round that he evidenced any sign of uneasiness, and then a change was detected in the look of confidence he had carried throughout.

Near the close of the eighth round, Rowan went to the floor after a hard left hand blow, and the gong sounded before the count was started. He was no disressed, and was on his feet immediately. In the ninth a hard left opened a three-quarter-inch cut over Rowan's left eye and he bled profusely. His eye immediately began to swell, and the audience saw that he was weakening. The tenth brought the finish. Peterson landed a stiff left which dazed Rowan, and then quickly sent his right to the jaw. Rowan dropped to his knees, and the referee counted the ten seconds which put Rowan out of the contest.

The verdict was unanimous that Rowan put up a gam econtest in the face of the disadvantage of age and shorter reach. His pose in the ring was the best that has been seen on Coos Bay.

Peterson's friends find that he has improved wonderfully in the past year, and are now predicting great things for him. He yet shows the novice, however, for he has not yet learned the advantage of following up advantages which come to him continually in a contest. He is not a one-hand fighter by any means, and can do as good execution with one hand as with the other, though he uses his left most frequently. He showed good generalship in the fight, and never placed himself in danger. He emerged from the contest without a scratch, and seemed good for several times the amount of work he had done.

The preliminary was between Tommy Cassell and Jack Hogan. It was announced as a friendly bout,

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