

TUNNEY SMILES IN TRIUMPH



TUNNEY SOCKS WAY TO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

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victories over Jess Willard, Georges Carpentier, and Louis Firpo. Gene was the devastating punch, the furious aggressiveness that marked him as one of the most feared men in the ring.

Instead, he seemed in a daze from the start, unable at any time to sustain his attack for more than a few seconds. Occasionally, he connected with long left or right hooks to the head and body, but these no more than jarred the challenger temporarily. Always Tunney came back, punching with rights and lefts from the shoulder, rocking Dempsey's head with short but powerful punches.

It was Tunney's terrific right hand blows to the head, chin and ribs that decided the battle. This blow delivered like a ramrod, broke up Dempsey's rushes, opened cuts about his face and finally, in the last round, closed his left eye completely.

Dempsey was a sorry sight in the final round as Tunney, realizing victory and the goal of his fighting career was in his grasp, threw caution to the winds and lashed the champion about the ring.

Gamely, Dempsey, weaving and bobbing, bored in, but he only succeeded in taking a steady stream of punishment. One eye closed, blood dripped from a gash under the title holder's right eye, his mouth was cut and he was reeling, his knees wobbling under the furious shower of Tunney's attack.

Desperately as Tunney tried, however, he could not bring Dempsey down. The champion, as he had done throughout the fight, absorbed his beating without giving much ground. In a final wild salley, he called his own guns into play, the weapons that had knocked out most of the men he ever faced, but this time they weren't loaded.

The crowd gave Tunney a tumultuous ovation before the judge's

decision was announced. There was no doubt as to what it would be. Dozens of the more enthusiastic climbed into the ring, a squad of police had to clear it so that the announcer could make known the formal decision.

Tunney won eight of the 10 rounds by so decisive a margin that no doubt was left of his supremacy, the Associated Press score sheets showed. None of the rounds were scored for the champion and only in the sixth and seventh was he conceded better than an even break. In both of these, it was more a case of Tunney's cautiousness than Dempsey's own attacking success that affected the scoring.

But for his hesitancy to open up and put all his guns into action, Tunney might have won by a knockout or scored an even more decisive victory. The challenger was cautious at first because he feared Dempsey was holding back, purposely shifting his customary rushing tactics to upset the Marine's plan of battle, but Tunney found a ready mark for his blows and as he discovered himself outpunching Dempsey consistently at close and long range, he became more aggressive and more confident.

His confidence grew as the battle progressed through the drenching downpour, but Tunney always was a bit wary. Now and then, in such rounds as the fourth, sixth and seventh, Dempsey connected with solid smashes to the head, driving in with a flash of his old ferocity. But the spark soon faded from these outbursts.

The champion's downfall and the disappointment in his showing was reminiscent of the defeat of James J. Jeffries by Jack Johnson in the first heavyweight battle Tex Rickard ever promoted. In 1910, Dempsey, like Jeffries, went into the ring a big favorite, only to exhibit little championship fighting qualities. Chiefly because of Dempsey's lethargy and Tunney's intermittent cautiousness, the bout had few thrills, few spectacu-

lar moments of the sort that have punctuated most of Dempsey's battles since he dethroned Willard on July 4, 1919.

There were no knockdowns nor the semblance of an except for one or two occasions when the fighters each slipped on the soaked and slippery surface of the ring.

Tunney was in command from the start. Before the bell had ended the first round, with the crowd amazed at Dempsey's slowness, the challenger had begun to seize his opportunities. As the champion swung wildly, the former marine worked in his left jab and crossed with solid rights that shook Dempsey up.

From then on, with monotonous regularity, Tunney beat off Dempsey's rushes with jolting blows to the head and body. The challenger gave ground more often than Dempsey, but it was for scientific purposes—not because he was receiving much punishment. Tunney's right eye was cut in one round, the seventh, and blood flowed from the re-opening of cuts on his lips, but these did not bother him to any extent. He took Dempsey's stiffest punches without flinching, and ducked or blocked most of the others.

Tex Rickard's weather luck finally failed for the first time since he began promoting boxing's biggest spectacles, but the soaked tens of thousands, including many women, refused to leave their seats. Many had come prepared, but the big majority took their drenching smilingly and stuck to the finish to cheer the advent of a new reign in pugilism.

The rain started lightly at first, shortly after Dempsey and Tunney entered the ring. During an unusually long delay, caused by the taping of their hands, it increased in intensity. By the time the final bell sounded, the two gladiators were spattered by solid sheets of water. Tunney's gloves, soaked and crimson with Dempsey's blood, literally splashed their way to victory.

Gene Tunney's smile, laid aside for a thin-lipped look of deter-

mination during his victorious fight, returned as he left the ring, and almost mobbed by a wildly enthusiastic group of friends and handlers.

"I am naturally gratified," was the first comment of the studious ex-marine. "I knew soon after the start that I was the champion's master. I fought a carefully planned battle, and it succeeded to the fondest of my expectations. Dempsey was game. He gave me trouble, but I was never doubtful of the outcome."

Dempsey declared: "It's the old story. The best man won. I have no alibis. Give all the credit to Gene. He's a great champion."

The champion, badly battered as he was, rushed from his corner after the announcement of the decision and embraced Tunney in the middle of the ring.

Following is the round by round description of the fight:

Round One

Tunney was short with a left and they clinched in the corner. After the breakaway they traded punches to the body. Dempsey missed a left and Tunney drove a right to the head. Dempsey drove both fists to the body at close quarters. Dempsey hooked a left to the head and clinched. Dempsey backed away from a right. Dempsey ducked a right to the head. Dempsey crowded into Tunney and got two lefts to the head. Tunney ducked a right and Dempsey fell into the ropes. They traded rights to the head. Tunney rocked Dempsey with a right to the jaw and was pounding him furiously to the body at the bell.

Round Two

Tunney ran away with Dempsey after him. They clinched without damage. Dempsey hooked a left to the head and two rights to the body as Tunney retreated. Dempsey chased Gene to a corner punishing him around the ring. Tunney was bleeding from the mouth. Tunney landed a light left to the head. Dempsey drove Tunney to a corner with a left and right to the head. Tunney landed a light right to the head. They clinched in a corner without damage. Tunney landed a left to the head and they clinched. Dempsey missed a

left hook but sunk two rights to the body. Tunney backed away and landed a half dozen punches to the head. They were engaged in a furious body attack as the bell ended the round.

Round Three

The rain was starting to fall heavily. They boxed cautiously and Dempsey missed a left and right to the head with Tunney backing away. Jack ducked three light lefts but was nailed with a right to the jaw. Tunney drove a right to the body as Jack came in. Tunney nailed Dempsey with a right to the jaw as they clinched. The blow staggered Dempsey. They exchanged blows to the head and clinched. Tunney planted a right to the body, backing Dempsey to the ropes. They clinched at the edge of the ring. Tunney ripped a right to the head and Jack chased him into a corner without damage. Jack sunk a right to the body and got a right to the head.

Round Four

Dempsey sent a left to the jaw, knocking Tunney into the ropes. Tunney hung on as Dempsey drove his left fist to the body. Jack chased the challenger into a corner, driving his left to the body. Dempsey was bleeding from a cut on the left eye. Dempsey again missed a left hook to the head. Dempsey was short with a left to the head and they clinched. Gene stepped away from a left to the body. Tunney nailed Dempsey with a right as the champion came in. Tunney backed away from a right and landed three punches to the head. Tunney nailed Dempsey with a right as the champion backed into the ropes. They were in the center of the ring with Dempsey trying for an opening as the round ended.

Round Five

They reeled around each other in the center of the ring. Tunney missed a left and they clinched. Gene backed away from a left hook. Dempsey ducked a right and left to the head. They traded rights to the head in a corner. Tunney missed two lefts to the head, then he ringed a left to the body. Dempsey socked a left to the body and got two lefts to the head. Tunney tore in with short

rights to the face. Dempsey missed a left hook and they went into a clinch. They were in the center of the ring when the bell sounded. Dempsey was spitting blood when he went to his corner.

Round Six

Dempsey crowded into Tunney and missed a left hook. Tunney peppered him with a left and right to the head. Jack chased Tunney across the ring, landing a left hook to the chin. At close range they slugged, with Dempsey having the advantage. Tunney again hooked a left to the body and a right to the head as they clinched. Tunney drove a right and left to the body. Tunney was wide with a right to the head. Dempsey hooked a left to the head and Tunney countered with a right and left to the head. Gene stuck two lefts into Dempsey's face as Jack weaved into him. Tunney was backing away from the champion as Dempsey was feinting for an opening when the round ended.

Round Seven

It's raining. Dempsey crouched as he moved into Tunney. They clinched without damage. Tunney landed a light left and danced away. Tunney drove a right to the chin as they clinched. Dempsey ripped a left hook to Tunney's eye, opening a gash. Dempsey punished Gene in a corner and Tunney landed two rights to Dempsey's head without a return. They traded rights to the body and Tunney shot a left to the head. Tunney drove a right to the head and missed a light left. Dempsey hooked a left to the chin. They traded punches to the head in a savage exchange in the center of the ring. Tunney drove a right to the head and backed away as the round ended.

Round Eight

Tunney backed away and then hooked a left to the head. Tunney was short with two lefts but nailed Jack with the third as they clinched. Jack ducked a right to the head. Tunney kept Dempsey away with five straight lefts to the face. Tunney drove a right to the jaw. Dempsey landed a right to the head and got a left hook in return. Jack drove both fists to the body and Tunney complained the blows were low. They ex-

changed light lefts to the head. Dempsey forced the fighting with Tunney backing away. Tunney missed two lefts and a right to the head. Tunney landed a right uppercut as they clinched. Tunney poked a long left into Dempsey's face as the round ended.

Round Nine

Tunney backed away from a right to the head. They exchanged blows to the body at close quarters. Dempsey missed a wild swing and they clinched. Dempsey was short with a right to the body and Tunney drove a right to the body. Tunney landed two light lefts to the head. Dempsey missed right to the head and caught two lefts on the jaw. Dempsey landed a right to the jaw. Dempsey missed a left and right and Tunney nailed him with a right to the chin. Tunney hooked right and left to the jaw. Dempsey missed a left as they clinched. Dempsey's left eye was closing and he appeared to be very tired. Tunney planted a hard right to the jaw and Dempsey dropped into his chair as the round ended. His seconds worked frantically over him.

Round Ten

They shook hands. They exchanged punches to the body and clinched in the center of the ring. Dempsey missed a right to the head. Dempsey drove two rights and lefts to the body and Tunney backed away. Dempsey pursued the challenger, punishing him with body blows and forcing him into a corner. Tunney landed two lefts and a right to the chin, staggering Dempsey. Tunney hooked a right to the chin and they went into a clinch. Dempsey's left eye was closed. Tunney drove two rights to the head. Tunney staggered Dempsey with a right to the head, backing Dempsey into the ropes. Tunney drove a right and left to the jaw as Dempsey blindly stepped in. Tunney drove Jack to the ropes. Tunney, hooked a left to the body and Dempsey appeared tired. The round ended with Dempsey groggy as he was led to his corner. Tunney awarded the decision.

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	W.	L.	Pct.
St. Louis	58	63	.583
Cincinnati	55	65	.562
Pittsburgh	53	68	.550
Chicago	51	70	.527
New York	41	76	.483
Brooklyn	39	81	.460
Boston	33	84	.428
Philadelphia	25	88	.385

American League

	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	59	61	.593
Cleveland	57	63	.580
Philadelphia	50	66	.545
Washington	50	67	.544
Chicago	49	71	.527
Detroit	47	73	.507
St. Louis	40	90	.400
Boston	46	105	.307

Coast League

	W.	L.	Pct.
Los Angeles	108	68	.616
Oakland	95	81	.540
Missions	85	84	.512
Portland	88	90	.494
Sacramento	86	89	.491
Hollywood	85	93	.477
Seattle	80	95	.457
San Francisco	74	104	.414

Pacific Coast Results

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 23.—(AP)—Portland and Hollywood broke even in today's double header, each scoring a shutout.

Scores were 3 to 0, Portland, and 12 to 0, Hollywood.

1st game— R. H. E.
Hollywood 0 3 1
Portland 3 8 0
Murphy, Malloy and Cook, Peters; Hughes and Berry.

2nd game— R. H. E.
Hollywood 12 19 1
Portland 0 6 1
Phillips and Peters; Mangum, French, Leverette and Wendell.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 23.—(AP)—The league-leading Angels made it 4 out of 5 from Oakland and increased their lead to 13 games by taking today's clash, 7 to 5.

Score— R. H. E.
Oakland 5 13 1
Los Angeles 7 9 0
Dickerman, Frazier, Gould and Baker; Wright and Day, Hamilton and Hannah.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 23.—(AP)—Earl Kunz pitched excellent ball today while his San Francisco teammates clouted the sphere hard to defeat Sacramento 6 to 2.

Score— R. H. E.
Sacramento 2 7 0
San Francisco 6 10 0
Keefe, Keating and Koehler; Kunz and Smirch.

National League Results

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 23.—(AP)—The battling Cincinnati Reds, hanging desperately on the trail of the league leading St. Louis Cardinals, today forced the Phillies to go fifteen innings, before darkness finally decided the contest, neither a victory with the score six-six.

Score— R. H. E.
Cincinnati 6 15 2
Philadelphia 6 11 0
(Fifteen innings.) Rixey, Donohue and Hargraves, Pielnich; Carlson and Wilson.

BOSTON, Sept. 23.—(AP)—The Braves continued their springing finish of the season here today by defeating the world champion Pirates, 2 to 1.

Score— R. H. E.
Pittsburgh 1 3 1
Boston 2 6 1
Cremer and E. Smith, Gooch; Edwards, Banton and J. Taylor.

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