

Tom Heeney Sustains One of Most Severe Beatings in Ring History

CHALLENGER FIGHTS ON FOR TEN ROUNDS

YANKEE STADIUM, New York, July 26.—(AP)—Subjecting Tom Heeney, New Zealand challenger, to one of the most severe beatings any man ever took in any ring, Gene Tunney, heavy-weight champion, tonight scored a technical knockout over the Anzac in the eleventh round of a 15 round match.

Tunney knocked Heeney unconscious at the close of the tenth round but the bell saved the challenger, laying unconscious on the floor. Tunney weighed 189 pounds; Heeney 203 1/2.

Rarely has any man been subjected to the punishment Heeney took after the seventh round and still keep his feet to plunge stubbornly into the champion's flailing punches. The challenger's left eye, hurt in the seventh round, left him half blinded throughout the rest of the fight. After reeling through terrific punishment in the eighth and ninth sessions, Heeney collapsed under the champion's bitter attack just as the tenth round closed. Tom rolled on his back almost out of the ring and had to be carried to his corner. Although he survived somewhat for the eleventh, Tunney slashed him into a gory figure in 2 minutes and 52 seconds of the round before the referee called it. About 50,000 spectators witnessed the battle. The challenger was helpless and Referee Forbes stepped between to halt the fray as Heeney collapsed.

Round 1—Grimly determined, Tunney whipped a solid right to Heeney's jaw. The challenger ducked and swarmed into Gene with short left and right hooks to the chin that drove the champion to the ropes. Heeney shot over a solid right to the head on the break. Sticking to his right hand, Gene crashed two rights on Heeney's jaw but a sweeping left hook almost bowled the champion from his feet. Tunney was out fast, stabbing now with his left but Tom beat both hands like a tattoo on Tunney's chin as they swapped in close. Gene ripped a solid right to Heeney's head but it never moved the challenger and Tunney was on the run as Tom ripped after him, both hands flailing to the head. There was a bad bruise over Tunney's left eye at the end of the round.

Round 2—Tunney, obviously started at Heeney's fierce offensive, started boxing the challenger. He shot his left to Heeney's head but could not keep the bulldog of the Anzacs away. Tunney blasted left and right into the sturdy head of the hard rock without causing a flicker of Heeney's eyelashes. Gene swapped with his challenger and they ripped left and right hooks to the chin in a furious exchange. Tunney sparred as Tom ripped in. When Gene's left hook dropped low, Tom mentioned it and Gene smiled and asked forgiveness. A second later they were crashing each other alongside of the ring in a slugging exchange of head clouts that rocked both on their heels. The bell broke up the exchange as the crowd stood and roared its approval.

Round 3—Absolutely unawed by the power in Tunney's newly found right, Heeney plodded into a right handed exchange with the titleholder. Tom dropped his guard and stood before the champion. Hands ready and daring another exchange. Gene accommodated him and they cracked lefts and rights, short vicious pokes that stung jaw and cheek. Gene didn't seem to like that and he bounced back on defense, spearing the challenger as Tom stalked after him. Tunney slipped, as Heeney swept a right hook to his head and nearly fell, but came back to firmer footing, without having been down and unhurt. Heeney slugged viciously at the champion's head while Tunney met his attack with solid left hooks to the body.

Round 4—Rising in sympathy with Heeney the crowd bellowed the invader on as he whipped a short left and right into Gene's chin. Tunney bounced two rights off Tom's flinty chin and shot the challenger's head back with a stinging left hook. Gaining the upperhand decisively for the first time in the fight, Gene threw a right into Heeney's head with every ounce of his weight and strength behind it. This time Tom's eyelids actually fluttered and Tunney pressed his advantage with two crushing rights to the heart. Sensing the turn, with blood beginning to drip from a cut under his chin Heeney tore savagely into the champion and nailed him to the ropes with a rocking volley to the head. Back to the hem, in the same position as when Dempsey floored him last fall, Tunney fought vainly to stay out of danger but Heeney nailed him repeatedly on the head. The bell broke up the challenger's onslaught.

Round 5—Tunney smashed his right full under Heeney's heart, but the Anzac seemed to like it and bounded in close to slug at the champion's body. Gene drilled a left and right into Tom's rugged head and blood dribbled from the challenger's nose. Boxing eagerly again on the defense his natural style, Gene prodded the Anzac with jolts to the head and body as Tom sturdily ploughed into whatever punishment came his way.

Tom slipped as Tunney hooked him in a clinch but was up without a count. Tunney pecked at him steadily up to the bell.

Round 6—Tunney's masterly defense had Heeney quite muddled now as Tom plodded in only to find his clouts caught on the champion's arms and his body battered by Gene's thudding right. The champion stepped in with a bullet-like left hook to the body and bounced his right again off Heeney's corrugated features. In a clinch, with the broad shouldered New Zealander half a head shorter, Tunney roughed it to the bell.

Round 7—Taking a breather, Tunney was content to maul with the challenger, killing the effectiveness of Tom's left hook by carrying his right high against his cheek. As Tunney danced about, spearing Tom with his left, the Anzac missed frequently, his short arms going by Tunney's head. Tom caught the champion again near the ropes, Tunney's vital spot and slashed a left and right to Gene's head.

Gene wobbled a bit and tore out of the precarious position so fast that he landed in the center of the ring before Tom could get away from the ropes.

Gene was boxing his man easily, spearing Tom with his lefts deftly. Round 8—Freshened by half a bucket of water poured over his head and a new hair comb, Tunney came out to hold the challenger helpless. Heeney's left eye swelled and nearly closed when something irritated it. Tom shook his head in desperation as he could hardly see from that eye. Finally he closed it of his own accord and tore into Tunney with one good eye. Quick to see his advantage, Gene held the challenger a moment, looked over difficulty and then pumped lefts and rights to Tom's head and body. Tom wobbled under the blows but blood spurting from his nose as he lashed forward in a despairing effort. Tunney met his courageous attack right up to the bell.

Round 9—Hardly able to see from his left eye, despite the ministrations, Heeney gallantly piled into the champion. It seemed dye from the tights had gotten onto Tunney's gloves and into the challenger's eyes. Tunney, a sportsman himself, stood and slugged with the challenger, but Tom got the worst of that too, as Tunney's knifing lefts drummed on the Anzac's head. Blood began to ooze from Heeney's battered left eye. A gory sight and becoming sorer, Heeney again summoned his strength for another surge and ripped his right and left to the champion's head.

Round 10—Heeney's eye looked almost normal as he came out doggedly to follow the unmarked champion. Gene grabbed Tom as the Anzac lunged forward and sank a left and right into the body. The snap seemed to have disappeared from Heeney's punches and Tunney apparently had little desire to cut up the challenger further. Gene grabbed Heeney as the Anzac plunged in close and showered him with left hooks to the head and body. Tom reeled under full left and right hand clouts to the head. Plodding forward now by instinct Heeney ran into a barrage and went down under a right to the head. As Heeney rolled unconscious almost from the ring, the bell rang and ended the session. Heeney was out, flat on his back and had to be carried to his corner. His seconds had him restored for the next round.

Round 11—Heeney came out with a left that missed and Tunney measured Tom for a final blow. Showing amazing recuperative powers, his head a mass of blood, Tom plunged again into the champion with a right to the head. A right to the heart sent Tom reeling again. Tom could barely stagger in the close places. His back to the ropes, Tom blindly staggered forward. Tunney half kidding, half stabbed him easily with a left and let him get away. Gene flayed Tom about the head on the ropes and Tom reeled under the punishment.

WINNING TEAMS ENJOY BANQUET

The banquet for the winning teams of the Twilight baseball league was held last night at the YMCA. All members of the Eagles and Hansen-Lillequist teams were on hand, as well as the managers of the other teams. Coach "Spec" Keene of Willamette university acted as toastmaster, and responses were made by team managers. Following the banquet a meeting of the team managers was held, and plans for another season next year were discussed. Officials of the league were well pleased with the past season, and declared it one of the best in recent years.

WALTER HAGEN TIED BY SMITH

ROSEDALE GOLF CLUB, Toronto, Ont., July 26.—(AP)—Walter Hagen, of New York, British open title-holder, and MacDonald Smith, of Great Neck, L. I., were tied today with cards of 69 at the end of the first 18-holes of the 72-hole Canadian open golf championship. The second round will be played tomorrow.

No corner loafer so insignificant that he does not have "the real inside dope" as to who is going to be the next president.—Danbury News.

RETAINS WORLD CROWN



GENE TUNNEY

Tex Rickard Has Good Evening For Title Bout

YANKEE STADIUM, New York, July 26.—(AP)—Early birds at the Tunney-Heeney championship bout flocked to the right field bleachers stadium where Babe Ruth hits many of his home runs. A sign in big letters announced that they were 295 feet from the home plate—this for the benefit of the home runs clouted by Ruth and his fellows and had no reference to the distance to the ring in which a boxing championship of the world was to be decided later.

The ring was placed behind the pitcher's mound so that the first cash customers to put in an appearance were not so far away as they might have been if the rights and lefts had been thrown at the same spot to which the balls and strikes are tossed.

The customers who had made reservations did not bother to visit the huge home of the world baseball champions while the brilliant lights over the ring tried unsuccessfully to make an impression against the still bright lights of the late afternoon.

Forty aluminum encased lights of 1000 candlepower each cast their radiance on the ring resting five and one half feet above the ground on iron supports. The ring was no stranger to the Yankee stadium. It has been here before, one notable visit to the baseball park marking the knockout of Jack Sharkey by Dempsey.

Tex Rickard appeared at the ringside as early as 6:30 o'clock. The promoter, second only to Tunney, as an interested party to the bout, chewed his big cigar and looked at the array of seats he hoped would be filled. He did not voice any apprehension that the customers would not come, but he could not have been sure.

As he left the stadium to attend to his other chores in connection with the bout, "Tex" remarked that it looked like he would have a good evening if nothing else. Neither the stage manager nor any one else could find any fault with the weather as twilight fell. A gentle breeze swept the big enclosure and there were only fleecy clouds about. Rows of flags were flapping at intervals atop the grandstand.

David Belasco, who is to direct the stage work of Jack Dempsey, another good fighter, in a play to be produced in the late summer, was in his seventh row ring-side seat more than two hours before he could hope to see any vital blows exchanged in the ring. Cameramen fired at him and reporters asked the stage wizard

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Portland 5 10 1
Missions 10 15 0
Ortman, Ponder, Couch and Whitney; Pillette and Brenzel, Baldwin, Sypher.

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Chicago 6 18 0
Boston 7 18 2
(14 Innings.)
Bush, Jones, Root and Hartnett, Barnes and Taylor, Spohrer.

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Daring, as dangerous in action as he was in name, found out all he needed of Lang's style in the first round. In the second he applied that knowledge and floored the midwesterner with a crushing right to the chin for the count of eight. Hardly had Lang regained his feet before a left, zooming into the wobbly Lang from the offside, reeled him motionless under the ropes in a neutral corner. Lang had to be carried to his corner.

Montavilla Seeks Place In Valley Ball Circuit

In case the Willamette Valley baseball league wants to include a Portland team next year, chances are about 100 to 1 that it will be able to do so. Montavilla is the team that is going to break away from the city circuit, and as a matter of fact, if one of the Valley league teams dropped out right now, which is extremely unlikely, Montavilla would be ready to jump right in at this juncture.

Tilden-La Coste Match Slated This Afternoon

PARIS, July 26.—(AP)—Big Bill Tilden, American tennis ace, and Rene LaCoste, French master, will face each other across a net at the Auteuil stadium at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in the opening match of the first Davis cup challenge round ever held in France and one which will go far to decide the custody of the cup.

While Rene reiterated his announcement that he would not go to the United States to defend his title, Tilden said he would not give up any hope of another LaCoste-Tilden battle this season. Big Bill made the surprising declaration that if he makes a poor showing in these Davis cup matches he may retire from play at the end of the year.

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BROWNS, SENATORS SPLIT TWO GAMES

ST. LOUIS, July 26.—(AP)—The St. Louis Browns outfit Washington and won the first game of a doubleheader today, 5 to 5. Washington won the second 6 to 4.

First game: R H E
Washington 5 8 2
St. Louis 5 9 1
Braxton, Marberry and Ruel, Gray, Strelecki; Crowder and Schang.
Second game: R H E
Washington 6 9 0
St. Louis 4 11 1
Zachary, Brown and Kennel, Wiltse, Coffman, Strelecki, Bess and Manton.

Yanks Break Even

DETROIT, July 26.—(AP)—The Tigers out-scored the Yankees 13 to 10 after losing the opening game 12 to 1, in 12 innings.

First game: R H E
New York 12 15 0
Detroit 1 7 1
(12 Innings.)
Hoyt and Bengough, Grabowski, Sorrell and Woodall.
Second game: R H E
New York 10 14 2
Detroit 13 9 3
Moore, Johnson, Pigra (catcher); Grabowski, and Bengough; Whitehill, Vangilder, Holloway and Hargrave.

Cleveland Wins Two

CLEVELAND, July 26.—(AP)—Cleveland won its second double header in two playing days with Boston today by hitting the Red Sox 4 to 3 with a two-run homer in the ninth after taking the first game 4 to 2.

First game: R H E
Boston 2 6 1
Cleveland 4 10 0
Ruffing and Hofmann; Bantz and L Sewell.
Second game: R H E
Boston 3 10 1
Cleveland 4 12 0
Hariss and Berry; Grant, Morris and Autry.

Athletics Going Strong

CHICAGO, July 26.—(AP)—The Philadelphia Athletics won their third straight of the games with the White Sox today, 5 to 1 behind the fine pitching of Grover.

Score: R H E
Philadelphia 5 15 1
Chicago 1 8 2
Grove and Cochran; Hargrave and Berg.

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