DEMPSEY DISAPPOINTED AT OUTCOME OF BATTLE

Laments His Failure to Put Tom Gibbons Out

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Champion Says He Hit Gibbons Hard and Often Enough to Drop Ordinary Fighter

(By the Associated Press)

SHELBY, Mont., July 4.—Jack Dempsey boarded his private car an hour after today's fight and started the trip back to his Great Falls training camp a disappointed champion — disappointed because he failed to knock out Gibbons. But, in the next breath, he expressed his admiration for the fighting ability of the St. Paul challenger.

"In a way I am disappointed with the result," Dempsey said. "I think I won clearly enough to dispel any doubt on the decision but I felt sure when I entered the ring I could knock Gibbons out. In this I failed and while I am disappointed, I want to express my admiration for Gibbons and the bout he put up.

"I know I hit him often and hard enough to drop any ordinary heavyweight, but I guess everybody is convinced now that Gibbons is not an ordinary heavyweight. He certainly gave me a great fight. He is one of the hardest men to hit cleanly or solidly that I ever boxed. I get a measure of satisfaction out of the bout, however. I have convinced myself and skeptics too that I can travel the route. I felt fine at the finish and was strong.

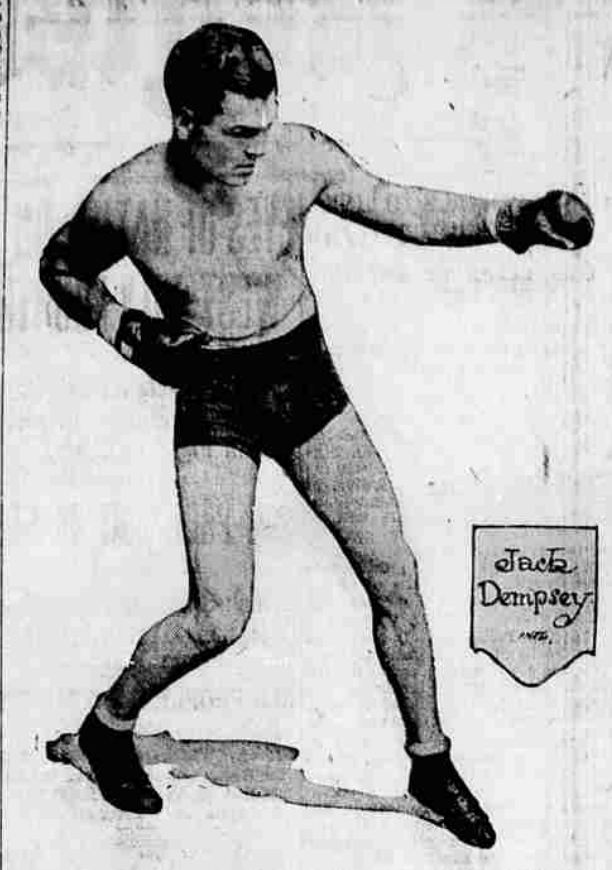
Not Hurt by Gibbons

"Gibbons never hurt me. While they are talking of my fight I hope they don't overlook Gibbons. He sure surprised me. He's a great boxer."

"I don't think Dempsey should be censured for his failure to knock Gibbons out," Manager Jack Kearns said. "I guess everybody expected the champion to score a knockout victory. I know I did. Jack tried his hardest, but Gibbons proved a little different than he expected.

"Gibbons was a difficult target. Jack couldn't get him propped up for a solid, clean smash which would end the bout. At that Gibbons deserves a lot of credit. He put up a great fight and stood up under enough punishment to beat the average boxer. I'm satisfied on one point, however, and that is that the champion can go through fifteen rounds without tiring. He needed this fight under his belt. Now let the others come—Willard, Firpo, Wills or anybody else. Dempsey will be ready. It is up to the promoters to provide reasonable inducements and a battle ground."

King of All Heavies Retains His Title



Champion Jack Dempsey wins decision over Tommy Gibbons in 15 rounds of fighting at Shelby, Montana.

DEMPSEY FAILS TO KNOCK OUT GIBBONS

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to hit Gibbons effectively. The manager, as well as every member of the champion's camp, were sure Dempsey would whip over a knockout in four or five rounds.

Gibbons played a hit and run game, fighting a remarkable defensive fight throughout. He never gave Dempsey much of an opportunity to land the sleeping power punch. But in some rounds he switched his tactics and surprised the champion by carrying the fighting to him and even outboxing him in spots.

Price of Fight Tickets Cut

While there were barely 8000 persons in the arena at the beginning of the championship battle it was but a few minutes until approximately 25,000 were crowded as near as they could get to the ringside. The reason was that the spectators would not pay the prices asked and just before the fight Kearns decided to cut the price of the best seats more than 50 per cent.

The crowds on the outside of the fence cheered the announcement and immediately began handing in 10 dollar bills through the wires for the higher priced tickets. Later even the cheaper tickets were sold at much less than half price and when the fight was well started the crowd, apparently moneyless "crashed the gate" and rushed into the vacant seats of the arena.

Earlier in the proceedings the spectators who occupied the cheap seats in the rear, climbed over and took the higher priced seats. The officials evidently believed the crowd was as large as it would get and offered no objection to the changing of seats.

While the championship fight was scheduled to start promptly at 3 p. m., it was almost 4 o'clock before the first bell sounded. Dempsey was the first to enter the arena, stepping into the ring shortly after 3:30 p. m. As he climbed through the ropes he was given an uproarious reception. He was attired in white silk trunks and a blue sweater coat.

With the champion as he came down the aisle toward the ring were Kearns, his manager; Billy Wells, the British welterweight; Joe Benjamin, the Pacific coast lightweight; Jack Burke and Lee Moore, the Los Angeles featherweight; Mike Trant and Hugh McCarthy, Chicago detectives.

Champion Appears Nervous

As he took his seat in the northwest corner of the ring with his back to the sun, he looked back nervously and occasionally motioned his attendants aside so that he could look out at the crowd. It was apparent to those nearest the ringside, that the champion was extremely nervous. He clasped and unclasped his hands, shuffling his feet back and forth. Trant held an umbrella over his head to shield him from the sun while a battery of camera men swarmed the ring platform to take pictures of the title holder. Two other Chicago detectives, Baine and Tapscott, entered the ring later and stood on either side of Dempsey.

Gibbons' entrance to the arena about five minutes after the champion was greeted with loud and prolonged cheering. The contender immediately went over to Dempsey's corner and shook hands heartily with his opponent. He then examined the champion's bandaged hands. The two fighters then stood in the center of the ring and posed for a number of pictures.

While Dempsey's gloves were being adjusted Manager Kearns paced nervously in the center of the ring. When the gloves were on, the champion stood up in his corner and danced nervously on the resined canvas. He looked often at the crowd and only occasionally at Gibbons. Dempsey's weight was announced as 188 pounds and that of Gibbons as 175½ pounds.

Gibbons Wears Confident Smile

Gibbons smiled confidently when the bell sounded and the two men leaped to the center of the ring. Dempsey immediately hooked a left to the jaw but it did not seem to have sufficient force to shake the contender. Tommy then landed three lefts to the body and a right to the head. Dempsey swung straight left to the jaw as Gibbons backed away.

In the second and third rounds, both landed light blows, although Dempsey swung viciously at every opening. Tommy, under the jabs of the champion covered his face and clinched often. Referee Dougherty was kept busy separating the battlers. Dempsey fought furiously, pounding Gibbons about the head and mid section but seeming unable to get over a blow that was effective.

During most of the rounds, Gibbons appeared to be fighting entirely on the defensive, only occasionally landing a blow on Dempsey's head and face. When the champion would start with a crushing right or left, Tommy would quickly fall into a clinch. Much of the time the contender was backing away from Dempsey who was constantly seeking for an opening for the planting of the finishing blow.

Challenger Very Elusive

But the opening was not there. Gibbons was in and out or tightly locked in a clinch. The contender appeared calm and collected throughout but he was always on the watch for the punch that would mean his finish. At all times his speed was the equal if not greater than that of the champion's.

In the fourth and fifth rounds Dempsey punched Gibbons around the head with rights and lefts and hurt him with sledge hammer blows to the body. But none of these attacks seemed to stagger Tommy who frequently retaliated with blows to the head and then sought safety in clinches.

At the end of the fourth, Gibbons was landing on Dempsey's head and when the bell sounded the champion was bleeding from an old wound over the left eye.

When the fifth round opened, Dempsey had apparently arrived at the conclusion that difficulties were being interposed in the way of a quick knockout. From then on, his attacks on the contender redoubled in their fierceness. He was on Gibbons from the moment the bell sounded in the succeeding rounds, administering severe punishment about the head and body.

Dempsey Tries All Tricks

By the tenth round it became apparent to the crowd that Gibbons had every chance of remaining the limit. Dempsey, obviously trying everything he knew, was unable to reach a vital spot. Gibbons was somewhat groggy at the beginning of the fifteenth and it was a matter of conjecture whether he could have lasted for another round.

In the two preliminary bouts, Jack MacDonald of Seattle knocked out Ernie Sayles of Rochester, Minn., in the second round of an eight-round contest and Bud Gorman of the Gibbons training camp won another eight round decision over Harry Draake, of London, England, one of Dempsey's sparring partners.

There were to have been three preliminaries but the promoters were unable to find the money to pay for the third contest, Jack Kearns even having to guarantee the money for the two fights that went on.

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The Fight by Rounds

Round One—They shook hands in the center of the ring and clinched after Dempsey hooked a left to the body. Dempsey landed three lefts to the body and a right to the head. Dempsey shot a straight left to Gibbons' face as he backed away. Dempsey swung a left to the jaw forcing Gibbons to retreat.

Gibbons hooked a light left to the head and repeated. Dempsey hammered Gibbons about the body with short rights and lefts in the clinch. Gibbons' mouth was bleeding. Gibbons hooked a left to the jaw and shot over a right. In the clinch Dempsey jogged him with a right uppercut.

The referee broke them and Dempsey missed a right to the head.

Round Two—Gibbons was short with a left and they clinched. On the break-away Dempsey tried a left to the head and Gibbons clinched. Dempsey pounded Gibbons on the back of the head in the clinch and nailed him with a right and left on the breakaway. Gibbons held Dempsey's arms in the clinch to protect his body. Gibbons hooked a left to the chin cutting Dempsey's right eye. Dempsey brought his right into Tom's mid-section in the clinch. Gibbons missed a right. Gibbons hooked a solid left to the head and Dempsey retaliated with the same punch. Gibbons backed away from two lefts and clinched. They were locked in a clinch, punishing each other at the bell.

Round Three—Dempsey drove a right and left to the body and Tom clinched. Dempsey repeated with the same punches and then nailed Gibbons on the jaw with a left hook forcing him to clinch. Gibbons feinted and backed away. Dempsey was short with a left but connected with a right. He battered Tom's body with a right. Gibbons landed two left jabs and swung a right to the jaw. Dempsey was short with a left. He attempted to swing Gibbons off his feet but Gibbons clinched. Dempsey landed a right and left to the body. Tom pounded the champion's mid section as they came together. Jack dug a hard right into Tom's stomach. He landed another right to the same spot. Gibbons swung a right to the jaw at the bell.

Round Four—Dempsey hooked a left to the stomach and Tom clinched. The champion punched him around the head with rights and lefts in close quarters. Gibbons backed into a corner to avoid two lefts. When he came out they clinched and Dempsey hurt him with body punches. Dempsey kept pounding Gibbons on the back of the head in the clinches. Dempsey took a left hook back of the ear. The champion sunk his right into the body. Gibbons took a hook on the forehead and clinched. Dempsey landed a left hook and Tom landed a solid left in return. Gibbons hooked a left to the jaw and a right to the head. Dempsey was punishing severely with short body punches at the bell.

Dempsey was bleeding from the old wound over the left eye.

Round Five—Dempsey missed a left to the body as they fell into a clinch. Gibbons poked two light lefts to the head. Dempsey missed a left and Tom clinched. Gibbons hooked two lefts to the head and the crowd cheered. Gibbons landed a third left without a return. Dempsey rocked the challenger with a right and left to the head and nailed him with a solid right to the jaw forcing him to clinch. Gibbons danced away forcing Dempsey to follow him. Tom poked a left in Dempsey's face. Dempsey landed a right to the body and Gibbons a left to the ribs. Dempsey shot a left to the head and Gibbons did the same. Gibbons hooked a left to Dempsey's eye.

Round Six—Dempsey's left was short in a clinch and Referee Dougherty was forced to go between them. Gibbons danced away from Dempsey's leads. In the clinch Dempsey hit Tom on the chin with short rights. Gibbons ducked a left and his head went through the top rope of the ring. Dempsey pulled him back on the mat and the crowd booed. They traded lefts to the head before clinching.

Gibbons missed a left in the clinch, pounded his foe on the back of the head with rabbit punches. Dempsey hooked right and left to the body. Jack shot a left to the jaw on his shift and shot a left to the body. Gibbons nailed the champion with a left hook to the chin when the round ended.

Round Seven—Dempsey drove a right to the body and a left to the jaw. As Gibbons came in the champion hooked him with a right to the chin. Gibbons hung on and backed away after the breakaway. Dempsey swung another right to the jaw and Gibbons hooked him with a left at close quarters. Gibbons ducked a left to the head. He backed away from a hard right swing. In the clinch Dempsey kept hooking right and left to the challenger's body and head. Gibbons backed into the ropes to escape punishment. He appeared to be weakening under Dempsey's savage body attack.

Round Eight—Gibbons missed two lefts and Dempsey hooked a left to the chin. In the clinch they exchanged punches to the head. Gibbons whipped over the head. Dempsey landed a left to the head and Gibbons smashed the champion with a left to the chin. He nailed Jack to the same spot in a clinch. Dempsey smashed Gibbons with a left jab. Tom backed into the ropes and hooked Dempsey on the head with a left. Gibbons swung a right to Jack's chin. As they clinched Dempsey brought shorts and lefts to Tom's face.

Round Nine—Dempsey feinted and Gibbons backed away. Falling into a clinch Jack was short with a left. Tom danced away from a left hand jolt and exchanged lefts with Dempsey. Gibbons landed a light left to the body as they came together. Gibbons was getting to be a tough target for the champion. Jack hooked a left to the nose and Gibbons drove a left to Dempsey's chin as they clinched. Dempsey hooked two lefts to the head. Gibbons swung two lefts and a right to Dempsey's head.

They exchanged lefts. Dempsey drove Tom into the ropes under a bombardment of lefts and rights. Gibbons hooked the champion with a right and left to the head and then dug his left into the champion's stomach.

Round Ten—Gibbons landed a

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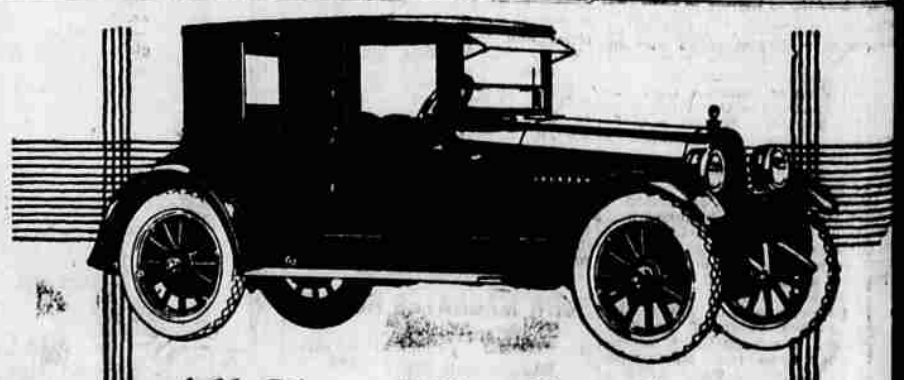

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