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JEFF STILL ON TOP Beats Fitz in Eight Rounds

KNOCK-OUT BLOW

LOOKS LIKE A FOWL

Fitzsimmons Makes no Kick--Says
Best Man Won--Fight by
Rounds.

San Francisco, July 25--Today, the day of the big fight, finds both contestants in a condition pronounced physically perfect and impatiently awaiting the hour which will decide the championship of the world.

The battle is scheduled for 9:30. Fitz arose early and spent a quiet hour in his hotel. This afternoon he indulged in a little pantomime sparring to keep his muscles limbered up.

Jeffries exercised lightly in the gymnasium and rested quietly the balance of the day.

Betting is livelier than on any recent fight, the influx of Fitzsimmons money this morning sending the prevailing odds up to ten to four and one-half in favor of the champion.

JEFFRIES.	FITZSIMMONS.
6 ft 1 3/4 inches.	Height. 5 ft 11 3/4 inches
17 1/2 "	Calif. 18 1/2 "
25 1/2 "	Thigh. 20 "
34 1/2 "	Waist. 32 "
41 "	Chest. 41 "
17 1/2 "	Neck. 15 "
16 "	Biceps. 14 "
About 210 lb.	Weight. About 165 lbs.
26	Age. 40

San Francisco, Cal. July 25--James J. Jeffries of California, champion heavy-weight pugilist of the world, and Robert Fitzsimmons, who has hopes of regaining the championship honors he lost to Jeffries at Coney Island three years ago, meet in the arena of the National Athletic club tonight to contest again for the supremacy. The men are matched to box twenty rounds. If present arrangements are carried out the boxers will face one another shortly after nine o'clock. According to reports from their respective training quarters, Jeffries and Fitzsimmons are both in first-class physical condition.

From the hour the match was made Jeffries has been a decided favorite over Fitzsimmons in the betting. Those who have staked their money on the champion have in mind the fact that he did the trick once and can do it again. Besides, the champion has a most decided advantage in regard to age and in addition he is taller, heavier, and has slightly longer reach than the Cornishman. It is conceded by all followers of the

game that Jeffries has improved in science since he won the championship. He is no longer the free-arm fighter of the dashaway school. His best hold is a left rip, such as Dixon used with great execution in his palmy days. He is also handy with the right at the ribs. He is quick on his feet, gritty and aggressive and with his many natural advantages it is difficult to figure out how the Cornishman can withstand his sledgehammer blows. In the old days Jeffries slashed out in a wholesale way, paying little regard to pugilistic economics. He had a habit of striking with the big joints of his thumbs. As a consequence he frequently crippled his hands early in the contest, and for the balance of the time he was as helpless as a dismayed vessel wallowing in the trough of a heavy sea. During the past three years, however, he has met and defeated a number of good men and in addition has sparred a lot with such past masters of the craft as Tommy Ryan, and it is but natural that he should derive benefit from keeping such good company. It may be safely assumed therefore that Fitzsimmons will tonight face a far more scientific fighter than the pugilist at whose hands he met defeat at Coney Island.

With these facts borne in mind it is difficult to figure out how the Cornishman has any show to lower Jeffries' colors. But those best acquainted with ring matters know that Fitzsimmons is no ordinary mortal. He has outlived, in an athletic sense all middle and heavy-weights of his generation. He has reversed the rule by building up in muscle and substance when symptoms of physical shrinkage might be looked for. He is to all intents and purposes a late flowering plant, and it is just possible that the respite of two years since he did any fighting has benefited rather than injured him. Whiteshroud betters naturally favor the champion there are many who would not be surprised if victory perched on the banners of the lanky Bob. For Fitzsimmons is a man of surprises. On more than one occasion he has turned apparent defeat into victory by his tactics he has kept opponents away from him when they might have finished him. Others he has led on only to put them hors de combat when they least expected it. He still retains that famous old knock-out blow. Unless he has retrograded more than critics suppose he is still one of the most dangerous men in the world at close quarters.

While apparently awkward and shambling in the ring, in reality he is all eyes and fists, and, possessing force, no one knows better how to apply it. Fitzsimmons realizes that his only chance rests in keeping away from the big champion long enough to get in that one knock-out blow of his. And it will have to be a hard blow at that for Jeffries, with his massive jaw and thick ribs, is built for heavy weather and above all he possesses recuperative powers which Fitzsimmons naturally lacks, because of his advanced years.

BEFORE THE FIGHT

A preliminary bout between Foley and Barry resulted in a victory for Foley in the 11th round.

After this four colored boys entered the ring. The one remaining on his feet is to be declared the winner. After a general mixup of the free-for-all order they retire to give place to the big fighters.

Fitz enters the ring. He wears a light blue bath robe. He is accompanied by George Dawson, Griffin, Bill Haverly and Frank Soule. Fitz hands are bandaged. An admirer of Fitz's sends a floral wreath in the ring.

Jeffries enters the ring a moment later. He wears a yellow sweater, a black overcoat and a Panama hat, with Jeff, Delaney, Jeffries and Kennedy.

Jeffries walks unconcernedly around the ring.

Tom Sharkey challenges the winner; also Corbett.

Kid McFadden is introduced to the audience and is well received. The delay is caused by an argument over referee Graney. The fee he wants is \$500. Graney walks to the ring-side then retires to the dressing room.

Ben Solomon has been substituted for George Harping as time keeper for the Club. William Galliger will hold the watch for Jeff. Ed. Wheeler for Fitz.

When Fitz was introduced the cheering was long and the Cornishman smiled. Jeff gets a round of applause but not so long and loud as when Fitz dances a step or so in his corner.

THE FIGHT BY ROUNDS.

Round 1--They meet in the middle of the ring and spar. Fitz stalks away Jeff crouches low. Fitz back away from a left lead. Fitz sends left to mouth. Jeff's left goes over Fitz's shoulder. Fitz sends hard left to Jeff's nose and ribs. Jeff rushes Fitz to ropes, but fails to land. Fitz jabbed nose again with left. Fitz blocks a left lead and backs out of the way of a left swing. Fitz ducks a hard left swing then sends left the Jeff's face. Fitz puts left to body but gets left on mouth and again on head. Fitz sends a straight right to neck. Fitz jabs neck lightly at bell.

Round 2--Jeff tries left. Fitz is no there. Jeff makes a left swing, cut on breast. Jeff takes a left on chest and Fitz puts right to ear but got a right on body. Fitz put left to jaw and stomach. Jeff sends left to breast. Jeff is short with a left swing. They exchange left on body. Fitz uppercuts Jeff on the mouth with left. Fitz jabs left to mouth. Jeff sends left to neck. Fitz sends stiff left to mouth and nose. Jeff is breaking away from Fitz at close of round.

Round 3--Fitz backs and blocks a left lead. Jeff does not crouch so much now. Jeff sends left to neck. Fitz sends straight left to nose. Fitz's gloves are colored with blood. Again Fitz jabs Jeff both with left and right. They clinch, as they break away Fitz jabs a cool left to mouth. Again Fitz jabs mouth. Jeffries rushes fiercely. Fitz blocks his swing and talks to Jeff. Jeff's face is a sight and he has a bad gash under right eye. Jeff swings left over Fitz's shoulder. It's Fitz's round and Bob is cheered to the echo as he goes to his corner.

Round 4--Bob ducks a wicked left lead. They spar. Jeff landed a light left on face. Jeff is short with a left but smothered a left swing from Fitz. Fitz lands right on jaw but smothered a left swing from Fitz. Fitz lands right on jaw and uppercuts Jeff on chin. Fitz jab. Jeff three times on the mouth and face. They come together, and land right on body. Jeff lands hard left and restes Jeff lands hard left on breast. Fitz ducked out of slight place and puts a right on body. Jeff tries two left swings but is short. Fitz puts left and right on face.

Round 5--They spar. They exchange light left to neck. Fitz backs away from Jeff's swing without much effort. Jeff rushes Fitz to left and puts left on neck. Fitz sends a left to Jeff's eye and a right to the ribs. Fitz ducks a left swing and sends a right to Jeff's head. Jeff swings a high right to jaw. Jeff rushes and makes Fitz jaw with a left. Jeff sends a hard left to shoulder. Fitz sends two stiff lefts to face. Jeff sends left to nose and just missed Fitz's chin with a right swing at close of round. Fitz keeps Jeff bleeding freely. Jeff has landed some hard blows on Fitz's body.

Round 6--They spar. Fitz breaks ground. Jeff lands left under Bobs guard, Jeff sends a swift right to Fitz's good eye. Fitz puts in a hard left to wind and right to mouth. Jeff got out of the way of one more. Fitz sends two lefts to face. Fitz barely escapes savage left swing for jaw. Fitz jabs mouth with left. Jeff puts right on body. Fitz swings left to mouth and again uppercuts Jeff with left. Both Jeff's eyes seem to be in trouble.

Round 7--Jeff put left to Fitz's neck. Jeff forces matters and lands another in the same place. Fitz jabs Jeff's face left and right. Fitz straightens Jeff up with a left on mouth. Jeff puts a hard left on stomach. Jeff blocks a right swing. Fitz rushes Jeff to rope with right and left on face. Fitz puts another right on mouth. They clinch, Jeff ducks Fitz's right hand and throws his shoulder into Fitz. Fitz lands right on jaw.

Round 8--Jeff follows Bob around the ring, is short with a left swing. Fitz sent a straight left to mouth. Jeff puts a left on wind and chest. They exchange left on body. Bob swings left to face. Bob sends uppercut that would have meant business had he landed. They exchange rights on body. They jab each other in the face with left. Jeff sends Fitz down, it is through. Fitz went down on a foul blow. They were in a clinch at the ropes as they broke away Jeff swung a right to the stomach. Fitz went down, and was not able to come up in time. It looked like a foul blow at first. Fitz said the best man won, it is his last fight. He threw his gloves into the audience. The audience gave three cheers for Fitz. Fitz had all the best of the fight up to the final blow. Jeff ducks a wicked left swing as the bell rings.

DENIES MINERS RIGHT OF PEACEABLE PERSUASION

Parkersburg, Pa. July 24--District Judge Jackson today handed down a decision in the case of the miners ac-

cused of violating the injunction restraining them from in any way interfering with the working of the anthracite miners.

The decision is one of the most sweeping decisions ever handed down in an injunction case. Miners agree that it is the most effective blow that could be struck against the cause.

Judge Jackson upholds the righteousness of the injunction and declares it is a mistaken idea to suppose that the courts of this country can abuse their writ. He says that the defendants in trying to induce the miners to quit were inflicting great damage and injury on the employers and that such action on their part was illegal and malicious.

Chicago, July 22--Pres. Mitchell of the United Mineworkers denounced Judge Jackson's decision as an outrage and declared it to be in violation of all American principles. It places the courts above the constitution. He said an appeal would be made to the Supreme Court of the United States and President Roosevelt.

Washington, July 23--The gunboat Maletoe has sailed from Laguayra for the mouth of the Orinoco river to investigate the blockade officially declared by President Castro at different Venezuela ports.

If it is found that the blockade is effective the United States will make a protest if necessary to furnish protection to American traffic in those waters. The War Department today received a cablegram from Manila announcing that John Wills and Louis Thomas of Providence, R. I. Ernest Noyes, of Cincinnati and Clyde France of Berea, the school teachers who have been missing from Cebu have been murdered by Lardones. The bodies have been recovered. The leaders of the murderers have been killed and 8 others captured.

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