

Hudkins Wins Decision Over DeVos After Ten-Round Battle More Than 18,000 Attend Fight

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MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, New York, Dec. 28. (UP)—Ace Hudkins of Nebraska, on the short end of the betting, spoiled Tony Biddle's debut as a flight manager by punching the millionaire Philadelphia's protégé, Gene DeVos of Belgium, around the ring in Madison Square Garden and taking the judge's decision at the end of ten rounds tonight.

A capacity crowd gave the Belgian the cheers, but the decision was entirely fair, for Hudkins, despite the handicap of an injured right hand, sustained in the fifth round, forced the fighting all the way.

Biddle, introduced in evening dress, was introduced from the ring along with the principals, and afterwards entertained at the exclusive St. Regis hotel, but DeVos proved another of the long line of flaccid disappointments who have trooped

Sharkey Offered Loughran Bout

CHICAGO, Dec. 28. (UP)—Paddy Harmon, matchmaker for the Chicago Stadium Corporation, announced today he had offered Jack Sharkey a fight with Tommy Loughran, a light heavyweight, seeks the heavy-weight crown and Sharkey is regarded as a formidable heavy.

Harmon said he had a contract with Loughran, calling for the latter to meet the best heavyweight obtainable in Chicago before April 1.

DeVos slipped to the canvas just before the bell. DeVos' round.

ROUND THREE—DeVos put light left to head, but Hudkins was shortly back to his holding and hitting tactics, which enabled him to land two blows to the Belgian's one. Hudkins put left and right to head as they came out of a clinch and troubled the Belgian with foot tactics, causing the referee to warn him again. Hudkins' round.

ROUND FOUR—Hudkins swung a wild right to head. They traded punches at close range and finally it was DeVos who held on. Hudkins hooked hard right to head. DeVos put two light rights and a left to face and body. Hudkins' round.

ROUND FIVE—They fell into a clinch then Hudkins hooked a hard left to body. DeVos made a show of swapping punches, but Hudkins had him backing up. Hudkins hooked some hard left to body. DeVos back-handed Hudkins with a right and hooked his left to jaw. DeVos landed a light right uppercut and they traded lefts to head. Ace missed a wild right and home a left swing. Round even.

ROUND SIX—Ace jumped in with a long left to body. He forced DeVos into a corner. Rene hooked left and right to head when he fought himself free. Ace again sank a long left in the Belgian's ribs. DeVos came back with light lefts and rights to head. DeVos uppercut right to face. They traded blows to head at close quarters, then Hudkins drove his man across the ring. Round even.

ROUND SEVEN—Hudkins rushed out with a right swing to head. He had DeVos stepping around and backing up. They traded hooks to the head, with Hudkins having the better of the exchanges in the first minute. Hudkins forced DeVos to ropes, swinging with both hands to head and body. Ace jabbed Rene off balance with two lefts and hooked left to head. Hudkins drove left to body and another light left to head. Hudkins' round.

ROUND EIGHT—The Ace set out to drive DeVos around the ring, swinging wildly with both hands. Hudkins hooked his right twice to head and DeVos swung light left and right to head. Ace continued to force the fighting, although Rene drew blood from his mouth with left hooks. DeVos attempted to fight back, and put three light lefts to head and hooked a stiff right to the injured mouth. Hudkins kept his head down and drove away with both hands. DeVos hooked two short rights to head. DeVos' round.

ROUND NINE—Hudkins slowed up DeVos with a left to body. The Belgian tried to keep away from the wildest and started the blood flowing once more with jabs to the face. Rene hooked left and right to head. Hudkins missed and Rene put left and right to head. DeVos slipped Hudkins on the chin with a short right. DeVos was beating the Ace to the punch. DeVos' round.

ROUND TEN—Hudkins hooked a right to head and they traded punches furiously. Ace back-handed Rene with a right to jaw. Hudkins hooked left to head then they traded punches with Rene backing up again. Hudkins drove hard lefts to body and jaw and DeVos brought up both hands to face. They swapped lefts to body. They were punching furiously at the last bell. Hudkins' round.

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