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NELSON WINS DESPERATELY FOUGHT BATTLE WITH GANS

To the Surprise of the Sporting World, the Dane Puts the Colored Top-Notcher Asleep in the Seventeenth Round and Regains Lightweight Championship of the World—Enormous Crowd Witnessed one of the Greatest Fights of Years

SAN FRANCISCO, July 4.—Battling Nelson today won the title of lightweight pugilist of the world from the man who defeated him at Goldfield, Nev., almost two years ago. He knocked out Joe Gans in the seventeenth round after a fight as desperate as any that has been seen here in years.

Fighting from the beginning to the end of every round, moving ceaselessly forward and never giving ground, Nelson, with his bull dog tenacity and his wonderful stamina, slowly battered the veteran colored champion into submission. The end was not sudden, and there were few who watched the progress of the battle and saw ideas grow weaker and weaker to round, but he had made up his mind as to the result long before the fight was given that Nelson was the winner.

Nelson had champion. Three times Gans was sent to the floor in the first round, each time taking all the time allowed to rise. A blow from Nelson's left glove to the pit of the stomach ended the fight and Gans toppled over and rested on his knees. His face was a most painful expression. He tried in vain to regain his feet, but failed and was counted out. Then 10,000 men and a score of women who had gathered in the open air arena on the San Francisco hills, cheered the man who had become champion after defeat and rushed in frenzied enthusiasm for the ring.

The special police were bowled over and Nelson was swept off his feet and hoisted on the shoulders of his friends and carried about the arena and to his dressing room, while the beaten, bleeding Gans was escorted by his seconds from the scene of his defeat.

"The best man won beyond doubt," was Gans' frank admission, as he left the ring. "It's the old story of one fight too many. After the third round I began to feel myself tiring. Old age will tell and that is all I have to say."

There was the usual dispute about the count. It is claimed that when Gans went down for the first and second times in the seventeenth round he was counted out, but so great was the confusion that no one could hear the official time keeper's count. Many of Gans' friends claimed the count on the final knockdown was short and that he was not properly out. It was apparent, however, that Gans was a defeated man after the eighth round.

For the first five Gans landed at will on Nelson, terribly punishing him about the face. It did not look that Nelson had one chance in a hundred to win, but he never hesitated to come to close quarters with the champion and swing his arms constantly, seeking an opening. Finally in the seventh round Gans began to weaken and from that time till the end the tide turned in Nelson's favor. In the seventh he caught Gans off his guard and landed a blow on the body. Thereafter it was Nelson's fight.

Gans used all his skill and generalship to stall off the Dane's rushes, but failed to stop him. In the twelfth round Gans went to the floor for the count of nine on three different occasions. Nelson punished him severely about the body and face, but it was the body blows that eventually brought the champion to grief. In the fourteenth Gans showed a flash of his class. Although apparently hopelessly beaten at this stage of the contest, he rocked the Dane time and again with his famous short arm wallop, and when Gans went to his corner he seemed to realize he was a beaten man and so informed his seconds.

NELSON MAKES A PILE.

Nelson, when seen in his dressing room after the fight, presented a battered appearance, but was apparently as strong as before the fight, commencing. He said: "I know I would lick him. I took all the bets I could get and cleaned up a big sum. I have won the lightweight championship, and all the money I want. I don't care if I never see a boxing glove again. I may or may not, however, fight again."

Referee Jack Walsh had this to say after the fight: "Nelson was a clean-cut victor. I do not, however, think that Gans of today was the Joe Gans of old. He seemed to have lost some of his cleverness and to my mind his blows did not seem to have the same vim behind them. Nelson was too strong and it was a case of youth having its fling."

The attendance at today's battle was the greatest with two exceptions that ever attended a prize fight in California.

The receipts approximately amounted to \$40,000.

THE FIGHT BY ROUNDS.

Round 1.—The men shook hands and after feinting with his left Gans sent in three smashes to the face and chest. Nelson put a short right to the body and Gans landed right eye left to the face. Nelson retaliated with a left to the nose, rushing Gans against the ropes. The round was in Gans' favor, but his did bleed slightly as he took his seat.

Round 2.—Gans met Nelson with two straight lefts to the jaw and the Dane rushed and Nelson swung wildly three times. Gans was quick to take advantage of this and planted three hard lefts to the face, following this with two short right arm jabs to the jaw. Gans staggered Nelson with a succession of short swings to the jaw, but they did not appear to worry him. They continued to fight head to head, every time Nelson's head got a foot away from Gans' shoulder, Gans sent a right and left snail shell to the jaw.

Round 3.—Gans continued to play with Nelson as if he were but a child, landing right and left to the face and chest. Nelson went to spurt from Nelson's nose as they emerged from a clinch. Nelson went to the floor for a well directed blow, but was up at once and rushing. The round was all Gans'.

Rounds four and five were like those preceding them. They wrestled around the ring, Gans trying to make Nelson stop back, but the Dane apparently refused. Nelson scarcely landed a blow and every time he stepped away from his head proved a target for Gans' lightning left. Gans outboxed Nelson whenever they had their heads locked. They wrestled about the ring, Gans permitting Nelson to do all the work, while he saved his strength. For the first time the men fought for a half a minute at arm's length in the sixth and Gans landed a couple of lefts to the batter's face. They soon resumed their shoulder-to-shoulder tactics, however, Nelson shoving Gans about the ring. In clinches Nelson sent a hard right to Gans' face and Gans started the blood from Nelson's mouth with two hard left punches. Nelson swung a hard left to the jaw which was the best blow he had landed during the fight. The sixth was more even than the previous round.

In the seventh Gans staggered Nelson with a right swing to the jaw and a hot rally followed. Nelson having the better of it. He landed right and left on Gans' jaw and Gans apparently clinched. The crowd rose to its feet in excitement. The bell ended a round which was in Nelson's favor. In the eighth Nelson waded right in, forcing the champion to break ground. Nelson staggered Gans with left and right short-arm swings to the jaw and a moment later sent in a hard right to the kidneys. Gans sent in a straight right and left, but Nelson swung three lefts to the jaw and forced Gans to cover up. It was Nelson's round.

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When time was called for the ninth round Nelson came up like a bull dog.

HEAVY HITTING IS FEATURE OF GAMES

The afternoon game in the Inter-Society League went to the St. Peter's, who defeated the St. Joseph's by a score of 15 to 4. The game was full of heavy hitting by the winners. Arthur Mahoney, a younger brother of Manager Ned, performed on the slab for the winners and pitched excellent ball throughout. The youngster is only sixteen years old and was also strong with the stick, knocking the leather for two doubles and a single. The feature of the game was the base running of Captain Frank Dever, who made no less than six stolen bases. Hodd was the star artist for the losers, and was hit for many long drives. It came near being a shut out for the St. Joseph's. F. Dever and A. Mahoney were the leaders in the run getting, the former securing five and the latter four. Captain Dan Britt of the St. Joseph's was robbed of two doubles by star catches of Fielders J. Dever and Charlie McCormick. A regrettable feature of the exhibition was when Howe sprained his ankle by coming in contact with Donovan, when he made his spectacular steal home. When Howe retired E. Mahoney took his place at short, Callaghan going to first and Fred Mahoney going from the bench to right field.

Considerable local interest was manifested in the fight. All Saturday evening the telegraph offices were besieged by throngs of people anxious to learn the result. At the Happy Half Hour picture of Gans and Nelson were shown on the canvas before the fight and the picture of the winner at the close of the fight. The fight by rounds was read in the smoking room as it came over the wires. The rounds were also read to an audience of two taken over the phone at the Nickel. At the end of the fight the result was announced from the stage. Considerable money changed hands here.

ON THE VICTORIA GROUNDS.

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CHINOOK FINISHES FIRST IN RACE FOR MAGEE CUP, BUT HER VICTORY IS DISPUTED BY OTHER CONTESTANTS

The first of the series of races for the Magee cup was held at Westfield on Saturday. The Chinook, the scratch boat, finished first, but the victory is disputed on account of the yacht fouling the Arrah Wanna. The foul was unintentional.

The judges, B. R. Macaulay, John Keefe and James Dooey, were unable to reach a decision as to whether the foul was intentional or not. The judges have not yet given their decision, but will do so as soon as they look into the matter thoroughly.

The start was made at 2.35 o'clock in the presence of a large number of spectators and friends of the yachts. There was a very light wind throughout the course, which lay from the Westfield wharf to a buoy in the riverbank, thence to the wharf at Pelley's Point and back again to the wharf. Soon after the start the Chinook began to draw away from the other boats and led throughout the race, winning by one minute and 10 seconds over all the time allowance.

A raft and tug coming down the river hindered the progress of the race for some little time and greatly obstructed the view of the spectators. The Chinook in winning first in this race also captures the prize in class A (salmon boat race). The Lolita E., the fifth boat to finish, was disqualified for fouling the Arrah Wanna. The foul was unintentional.

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