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In the Prize Ring.

SOME CARPENTIER DEFEATS.

Until recently the defeats Georges Carpentier suffered at the hands of the American middleweights, Billy Papke and Frank Klaus, back in 1912, have been pointed out as evidence that the French idol does not measure up well, according to American standards. But of late the fact that the young Frenchman was not fully developed at the time has caused ring critics to view these two battles in a different light.

Although Carpentier failed to last the full twenty rounds with either Papke or Klaus, the eighteen-year-old Frenchman demonstrated that from a scientific standpoint he was superior to either of his opponents. He was beaten on both occasions only because his undeveloped body was not sturdy enough to withstand the punishment that the more experienced and rugged Americans handed out. Carpentier is thoroughly game was amply demonstrated in both contests.

Carpentier and Klaus met at Dieppe, June 24, 1912. At that time Carpentier was the middleweight champion of France. He had but recently defeated Willie Lewis, the man who had been his early model. In Paris they thought Lewis was the greatest fighter in the world, barring Georges, of course, so when Carpentier succeeded in beating his old teacher he thought that his troubles were over and that he would have clear sailing in the future. It never occurred to the young Frenchman that Klaus classed with the much admired Lewis, and he expected an easy victory.

Klaus Was Rough.

Klaus was a rip tearing body puncher with tremendous strength and an iron jaw. Carpentier met his rushes with jarring jabs and accurately placed straight rights, but Klaus would not be denied. He shook off the punishment he was forced to take at long range, and when he got in close beat tattoo on the body.

This was something new for the Frenchman and he did not like it at all. The English boxers he had met had stood straight and boxed according to the book. None of them had ever fought like this raging demon, who paid no attention to the blows he received, but smashed away at the body without ever letting up for a moment's rest.

For a round or two Carpentier had the better of the bout on points, but in the fifth Klaus put a hard right to the body and a left to the jaw, sending Carpentier down for a count of four. Carpentier stalled desperately, and by using all the generalship at his command managed to stick it out until the bell came to his rescue.

In round after round Klaus pounded the body and the young Frenchman grew weaker and weaker. In the seventeenth Carpentier rallied desperately and jarred his sturdy opponent with hard rights to the jaw. That effort took Carpentier's last ounce of strength and he became a mere punching bag.

In the nineteenth Klaus tore in to finish matters. He missed a wild swing and Carpentier seized him around the neck and hung on blindly. Klaus was very rough in trying to disengage himself, and Manager Descamps jumped into the ring shouting that Klaus was fouling with his elbows.

Hopelessly beaten though he was, Carpentier protested vigorously against his manager's interference. He struggled to free himself from the grasp of the excitable Descamps, who had caught him around the body. The claim of foul was not allowed and Carpentier was disqualified by the referee.

Stopped Trip to America.

Carpentier took his defeat very much to heart. He sat in his corner sobbing aloud and refused to be comforted.

The youngster's defeat was a blow to American promoters. Billy Gibson had made all arrangements to have him go to New York to meet Mike Gibbons, who was then at the top of his form.

"There goes a \$40,000 house," sighed Gibson when he heard the news.

The bout with Papke at Paris, October 23, 1912, was almost a duplicate of the contest with Klaus. The weight for the match was set at 160 pounds at 3 o'clock. Each side posted \$1000 forfeit money. Papke trained hard to make the notch required, but he was one pound over the mark, so Carpentier claimed his forfeit. Descamps, his manager, then caused it to be announced that as Papke was overweight no title would be at stake.

When Carpentier got on the scales he failed to move the beam. He claimed to be several pounds under the mark and looked fit. He was drawn and thin, his ribs showed prominently under the skin. He had all the appearance of an overtrained athlete.

Made Good Start.

During the early rounds he looked like an easy victory for the young Frenchman and the crowd cheered his every move, delighted by the way he handled his flashing straight left and jarring right. Papke was out-

classed at long range. Carpentier circled the stolid American on nimble toes, throwing in whole volleys of lefts and rights.

For a time it looked like a slaughter. One of Carpentier's jolting right handers landed on Papke's left eye and that organ closed up tight. In the fourth round the American was reeling and holding at every opportunity to escape a knockout. In the fifth Papke changed his tactics. He gave up the hopeless attempt to box his nimble opponent at long range and stayed in close, pounding the body with half jolts.

At once the tide began to turn in favor of the more rugged man. The overtrained Carpentier could not stand the body pounding and he slowed to a walk. From the tenth to the fourteenth round Carpentier rallied and by using his footwork succeeded in outboxing his opponent. Then he grew too tired to use his legs and from that point on Papke punished him cruelly.

Keeping in close Papke worked left and right to the body, varying the attack by an occasional overhand right to the head. Carpentier was a sight. Streaming blood from the nose and mouth and with both eyes almost closed he was battered from one side of the ring to the other. In the seventeenth round he signed to the referee that he was through.

FOR FINISH BOUT.
Mexicali, Lower California, April

5.—Fred Dato, brother-in-law of Governor Estaban Cantu, announced today that Jack Johnson, former heavyweight champion now here, had signed with a syndicate represented by Dato to put on a finish bout here within 90 days.

Dato will try to get either Fred Fulton or Carl Morris to box Johnson.

KID LEWIS AFTER AN ENGLISH TITLE.

New York, April 5.—Kid Lewis, former welterweight champion of the world, who has been knocking English welters about with great regularity for some months past, now aims at the middleweight championship of England. Lewis recently knocked out an English middleweight

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named Johnny Bee in four rounds and followed that by stopping Gus Platts, the Sheffield Blade, in 18 rounds. Lewis's desire for a match for the middleweight belt is opposed by the authorities on the ground that he is only in England again on a temporary visit, and that he intends, and always has intended to return to the States, where he has made his home with his own and his wife's family, this weighing very heavily against Lewis's chance of winning another belt and taking it straightward out of the country. The middleweight situation is complicated by the fact that Pat O'Keefe, holder of the Lonsdale belt, who retired a few years ago, now announces he still is the champion and will defend the honors

against any one. On top of the O'Keefe edict comes the announcement that Jim Sullivan, the former middleweight belt holder, and Tom Gunner are to meet at the National sporting Club in a contest announced as being for the middleweight championship and belt. Thus it can be seen that the middleweight situation in England is in a muddled situation, with the chances of the winner of the Sullivan-Gunner contest being declared the holder.

YANKEE SOLDIER WANTS BOUT WITH CARPENTIER.

New York, April 5.—Following the lead of Charlie Weinert, Gene Tabney, A.E.F., light-heavyweight champion, stepped out with an offer to box Georges Carpentier, although by now it ought to be pretty generally known that Carpentier cannot accept any challenger to box anybody.

Both Weinert and Tunney will appear in the all-heavyweight boxing show, which the Newark Sportsman's Club is holding next Monday night in the First Regiment Armory, Newark. Weinert will oppose Ole Anderson, the new Pacific Coast star, while Tunney will clash with Mike O'Dowd. In another bout Willie Mesham, "Dempsey's Jinx," will meet Al Roberts, the Staten Island heavyweight. Tunney who went "over there" with the Marine Corps, was entered in the Inter-Allied boxing tournament. He probably would have met Carpentier in this if the latter had not been suffering from an injured thumb which prevented him from competing. Tunney suggests that the deferred match be held here as a test for Carpentier.



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