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## In the Prize Ring.

### CARPENTIER'S TEN YEAR BOXING RECORD.

The arrival of Georges Carpentier, heavyweight champion of Europe, and the prospect of a match between the Frenchman and Jack Dempsey, heavyweight champion of the world, lend interest to an inspection of the record of the best heavyweight from the other side of the Atlantic ocean. Here is how an American reviewer of things fistie, discusses the fighting career of the Frenchman:

According to authentic records, Carpentier was born at Lens, France, January 12, 1892, which would fix his age at 28 years, and he should be at the apex of his physical powers.

He stands five feet eleven and a half inches, an inch and a half shorter than Dempsey, and weighs in condition, 170 pounds, nearly twelve

pounds less than the world's champion.

Carpentier began boxing in 1907 when he was but 15 years of age, and a bantam in size. He won the titles of all classes from bantam up to and including heavy in France, which was not a difficult thing to do, and he made himself the middleweight champion of Europe by knocking out a mediocre English boxer named Jim Sullivan.

Carpentier became possessed of the heavyweight championship of Europe through stopping Bombardier Wells, the English title holder.

Carpentier recently solidified his hold on the European title by stopping Joe Beckett, British champion, in fifty-three seconds of the first round of a bout at the Hoborn Stadium in the presence of a notable gathering, including the Prince of Wales.

After four years in the lighter

classes Carpentier, who had developed into a middleweight, set sail for the championship of that class. He met and defeated a number of French and English middleweights, and substantiated his claim to the French middleweight title.

Toward the close of 1911 the champion then being 19 years of age, met a really good middleweight in the person of Harry Lewis, of Philadelphia, and the Frenchman won on points at the end of a twenty round bout.

**Series of Setbacks.**  
Carpentier next got into the ring with a clever, hard-hitting negro named Dixie Kid, and was stopped in five rounds.

Carpentier, however, kept on boxing, and was particularly busy in the following year, 1912, when he made himself the middleweight champion of Europe as a result of knocking out Jim Sullivan, English title holder, in the second round.

Carpentier also defeated George Gunther and Willie Lewis in twenty round bouts on points, but was twice stopped by the American middleweights Frank Klaus and Billy Papke.

Klaus, who held the American title, gave Carpentier a severe trouncing and had the Frenchman on the floor in the nineteenth round. Descamps, manager of Carpentier, who saw that his man had small chance of weathering the storm, ran into the ring and carried Carpentier to his corner. The records show that Carpentier lost the bout on the foul committed by Descamps in entering the ring during a round, but Klaus really scored a knockout.

Klaus' body punching was altogether too much for the Frenchman, who was exhausted in the nineteenth round.

Papke, the Illinois thunderbolt, also stopped Carpentier in 1912, the end coming in the seventeenth round, when Papke's terrific hitting wore the Frenchman down to a point where he was compelled to "resign," as boxers say in England.

In explanation of his defeats at the hands of Klaus and Papke, friends of Carpentier have claimed that he was merely a boy at the time, undeveloped and therefore unable to cope with seasoned veterans like Papke and Klaus.

Without question Klaus and Papke were veterans and well seasoned, but Carpentier was well enough developed physically and pugilistically to vanquish all the best European middleweights, and the handlers of the Frenchman matched him with the Americans without a minute's hesitation.

As indicating his rapid develop-

ment Carpentier jumped into the heavyweight division in 1913, won the championship of his own country, and then made himself the heavyweight champion of Europe by knocking out Bombardier Wells in the fourth round of a bout at Ghent, Belgium. This was on June 1, 1913, and on December 8 of the same year the Frenchman again stopped Wells, this time in the first round.

Among others defeated by Carpentier in 1913 were Bandman Rice, in eight rounds; George Gunther, in fourteen; Albert Lurie, in three, and Jeff Smith, in twenty on points.

### Had Shade on Jeannette.

Carpentier started his campaign of 1914 by knocking out Pat O'Keefe, middleweight champion of England, in three rounds, and the Frenchman's next bout was with Joe Jeannette, and caused more discussion in Europe than any other contest of that time. The bout took place in Paris, was limited to fifteen rounds and the decision went to Jeannette on points.

Many good judges, including A. F. Bettison of the National Sporting Club of London, declared that Carpentier had earned the verdict on points.

This was regarded as the most notable achievement of the Frenchman, as Jeannette in 1914 was a formidable boxer.

Carpentier followed this engagement by stopping Hubert Roe, a French heavyweight, and then followed a contest on the outcome of which is based the general conception of Carpentier's status in the heavyweight division.

Gunboat Smith, once a contender for the American title, was the opponent of the Frenchman, and the meeting was in the National Sporting Club, London, July 16, 1914, with Eugene Corri as the referee. The contest came to an end in the fifth round with a decision of four against Smith, who was declared to have struck Carpentier while the latter was on one knee.

According to the details of the contest, Carpentier looked like a certain winner in the first round, as he brought Smith down for a count of nine with a right-hander to the jaw much after the fashion in which Beckett was felled.

But the gunner refused to stay down, got on his feet before ten had been counted, and grew stronger with each succeeding round. The fifth round was barely under way when the Gunner reached back of his heel with his right, plainly telegraphed his intentions, and then made a rainbow swing for Carpentier's jaw. The blow landed back of the Frenchman's left ear and brought him down in a heap. It was with difficulty Carpentier got on one

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