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Eddie Connolly Met Defeat In Outstanding Ring Battle

Tim Kearns Was Awarded Decision Over Saint John Boxer in Twenty-Second Round—Bout Was Fast and Furious.

By RAY HANSEN

A SERIES of articles on some of the most outstanding ring battles, following the introduction of the Queensbury rules, has proven so popular with our readers that it is almost impossible for the writer to supply the demand for details of various contests. Research into the pugilistic archives requires a lot of time and patience and even then does not always meet with success. A number of requests asking for details of some more of Eddie Connolly's big bouts have been received and the following article tells of his defeat by Tim Kearns of Boston in one of the most sensational fights of that time.

Tim Kearns, of Boston, graduated to the first division by defeating Eddie Connolly of Saint John on June 16, 1896, in one of the most terrific battles ever seen at the Broadway Athletic Club. For a year Kearns had been a star performer at smaller clubs and occasionally was placed on some of the big cards as a preliminary fighter. After disposing of the great Eddie Connolly, who enjoyed the distinction of having fought a draw with "Dick" Burge for the championship of England and had been defeated by "Kid" Lavigne for the lightweight championship of the world, Kearns as the prospective new lightweight champion was in great demand from that time on.

The fight between Kearns and Connolly was fast and furious enough to satisfy the most exacting patrons of the sport. No two men ever fought harder for first money and the chance to get in line for a championship contest. Kearns took a gruelling that would do credit to a real champion and fought an uphill fight all the way. Several times it looked as if he must go down from the terrific drives to the face and body that were dealt out by Connolly. Though on the defensive most of the time he deserved credit for never backing up but took what was coming to him with a smile and went in looking for more.

There was not a dull moment throughout the fight, both men showing a willingness to go full speed from gong to gong. Connolly had both sides of his face in plaster when he entered the ring and Kearns had little trouble marking him about the face. At the end his right eye was closed and his left but little better. Kearns came out of the fray with a gashed eye and his face generally battered.

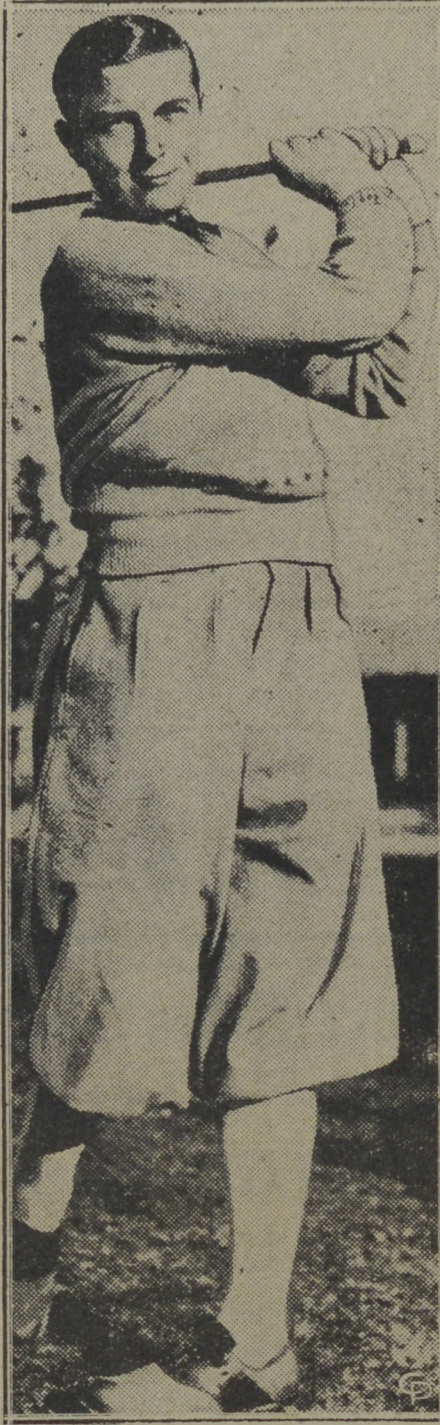
In the twenty-second round Connolly was knocked down three times and within four seconds of the time for the expiration of the round Referee Johnnie White stopped the bout and awarded the decision to Kearns. Connolly claimed that White's action was an injustice to him, as he believed he could have continued to the end and earned a draw. Many of the leading authorities at the ring side, however, did not agree with this, contending at the time that it was doubtful if Connolly could have lasted in his weakened condition and they expressed an opinion that the referee had done a most humane thing in ending the go when he did.

When the fighters entered the ring Connolly was a two to one favorite. He had an advantage in height and reach and the sports were convinced that with these and his well-known punching ability he was almost sure to win.

When time was called both started right in. It was fairly even in the first and second rounds, but in the third Connolly put on full steam and cut loose with both hands. He hammered the Boston fighter unmercifully, with rights to the face and lefts to the body.

Kearns came up in the fourth none the worse for the gruelling demonstrating wonderful recuperative powers, while to the surprise of the fans Connolly appeared to have almost punched himself groggy. He swung wild and Kearns had no trouble keeping out of reach. It was pretty even

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Things took another lively turn in the eleventh. Kearns was doing the fighting and had the better of the first part of the round when Connolly suddenly came to life and with a series of rights and lefts to the jaw had the Boston fighter in trouble when the bell saved him. The thirteenth was another fierce round in which

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SPOTS of Sport

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WILL PRIMO CARNERA, THE HUGE ITALIAN and former heavyweight champion of the world, be able to guard his chin against those dynamite upper-cuts of Joe Louis, the sensational Detroit negro, when they meet tonight in the Yankee Stadium, is a question which will be answered in a few hours. At the time of writing both men were reported to be in the pink of condition. Louis has been very sincere in his training and his backers are confident that he will quickly dispose of the giant Italian and place himself right in line for a crack at the title. He had in his camp Leonard Dixon, who stands 6 feet 7½ inches, and who used tactics similar to those employed by Carnera in his former bouts. Dixon can vouch for the fact that trying to use his weight and roughing it in the clinches is a mighty poor way to treat Louis, for the last time he tried this method of slowing down the colored tiger he was knocked out cold with dynamite lefts and rights to the chin. Cecil Harris, who was a sparring partner of Max Baer and weighs 250 pounds, earned every dollar he received at the training camp for he absorbed so much punishment that he found difficulty in finishing two rounds. Louis has impressed everyone who saw him in camp by his powerful hitting. He is said to be a second Dempsey. On the other hand, Carnera is said to be in wonderful shape for the big bout. He has failed to impress those visiting his camp by his lack of boxing ability. Natie Brown, one of his sparring partners, seemed to have no difficulty hitting him at will. Carnera is expected to rough it up tonight and hoping by sheer weight and strength to weaken his opponent. However, if he leaves his chin uncovered as a target for "Shufflin" Joe the chances are two to one that he will be knocked out in five or six rounds.

IN THE MAJOR LEAGUES SOME OF THE FORMER STAR pitchers are beginning to show their real ability after mighty poor starts. "Schoolboy" Rowe of the Detroit Tigers has apparently found himself and is starting to blaze a trail towards another pennant. "Lefty" Gomez, who seemed to have lost his knack of winning ball games, is beginning to hit his stride and is going to prove a mighty factor in the Yankee pennant aspirations. "Lefty" Grove is starting to prove that the Red Sox bought more than a lemon from Connie Mack. He seems to have completely recovered his former speed, control and confidence and with Wes Ferrell should succeed in landing the Boston club well up in the first division. The Red Sox are to date leading both leagues in stolen bases. At the time of writing they had amassed 41. On the other hand, the Boston Braves have yet to be credited with one. It is also worthy of note that the New York Giants have already beaten the Dean brothers three times this year, which is actually one more than they won from "Dizzy" and "Daffy" all last season. To be able to get hits when they are needed seems to be a habit of Gus Suhr, first baseman of the Pittsburg Pirates. Although the records show him hitting for .231 he is credited with driving in 40 runs with 46 hits. A man who can procure hits when they are needed is far more valuable to a club than one who can clout them all over the lot when there is nothing at stake.

SPEED AND MORE SPEED SEEMS TO BE THE AMBITION of many of the leading professional wrestlers. Realizing that fans want action the top notchers of the "grunt and groan" profession are figuring ways and means to compete for popularity with boxing. Some few years ago wrestling was devoid of anything bordering on speed or sensationalism, but when some of the college stars entered the picture with their flying tackles, etc., the game was "pepped up." The introduction of the Irish whip has added another touch of color to the sport. Now along comes Jim Londos, who is recognized as the heavyweight cham-

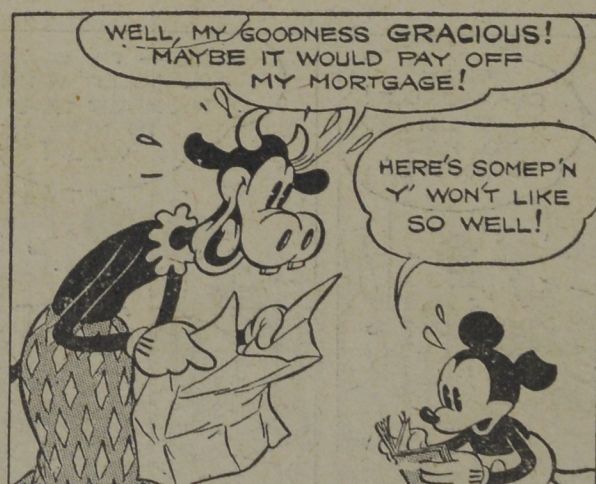
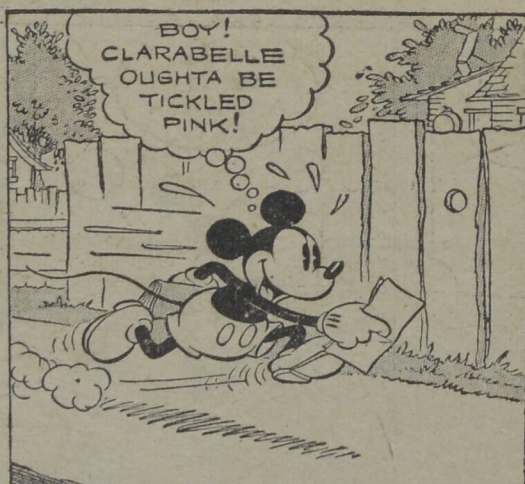
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