

# News of Sport.

## BRITT THE WINNER AFTER A TWENTY ROUNDS BATTLE.

### Battling Nelson Put Up One of the Greatest Fights Ever Seen on the Coast---He Had the Strength But Britt's Superior Science Won.

Mechanics' Pavilion, San Francisco, Dec. 20.—At the end of his 20th round, after fighting like a pair of bulldozers, Jimmy Britt, of San Francisco, was given the decision over "Battling" Nelson of Chicago. In the closing round Britt was punching the Chicago boy all over the ring, but his blows lacked sufficient force to put a quietus on his opponent.

Mechanics' Pavilion, San Francisco, Dec. 20.—A thirty-five thousand dollar audience was jammed into Mechanics' Pavilion tonight when Jimmy Britt, of this city, and "Battling" Nelson, of Chicago, fought in what was generally considered to be a contest for the world's lightweight championship.

Betting has been brisk all day. In the morning bets were registered at the odds of 10 to 7 with Britt the favorite.

It was reported that "Battling" Nelson had placed about \$1,500 to \$2,000 on himself at odds.

Billy Roche, of New York refereed the contest.

A challenge was read from Jabez White of England, at 133 pounds ringside.

Jimmy Corbett also sent a challenge to the winner.

Britt, as usual, looked nervous as he sat in his corner. He had both arms encased with tar paper.

Nelson sat in his corner chewing gum and looked very confident. Nelson had on green trunks while Britt wore white trunks with green and red ribbons. Both men looked as if fit to fight the battle of their lives.

After being photographed they were sent to their corners.

9.55 p. m.—Time called.

#### The Fight by Rounds.

Round 1.—They shook hands and both men adopted their famous crouches. Britt missed a left hook for the body and a similar attempt was nearly blocked by Nelson as was a right hook for the face. Britt missed another left for the body. Suddenly Britt whipped a terrific right over the head and followed it with a tremendous left hook to the wind.

They went to a clinch and broke very carefully. Nelson's first lead with left was short and then Britt drove a straight to the body, and ducked a left counter for the jaw and they clinched. Britt then hooked his famous left again to the body and they clinched again. The gong rang with both men in another clinch. It was Britt's round. Nelson did not land a blow in this round, but acted entirely on the defensive.

Round 2.—Nelson crouched low and Britt missed left for the body. Britt missed left for body and right for the head and once more they clinched. Both missed lefts for the body. Nelson forced Britt into a neutral corner but he wiggled out without damage. Britt then

drove a straight right over the head and received in return a right hook to the jaw. Nelson blocked straight left and right for the jaw. Britt continued to back away and Nelson shot his left to Britt's jaw. After a clinch Britt missed right swing for the body, but the gong rang. If anything, having a slight advantage.

Round 3.—Britt missed a left swing for the jaw and Nelson blocked left for body. Nelson forced Britt to the ropes but the Californian got in a good right to the stomach and received a light return, and Britt missed several lefts and rights for the body. Nelson then began the same tactics which characterized his battle with Corbett and Britt broke ground. Britt drove his left hook to the body and they mixed it. Britt receiving a left jab to the face. Britt staggered Nelson with right to the stomach and left to jaw, but in a rally Nelson swung left and right to face.

Britt then swung to the head and hooked right to the jaw. Britt rocked Nelson's head with a terrific right swing in the mouth and a left swing reached his ear twice in quick succession. Britt missed right and left and the bell rang with the men in a fierce embrace from which the referee separated them.

Round 5.—Nelson forced Britt to the ropes but failed to connect. Nelson kept boring in and as they clinched the crowd again yelled hoarse to break. Britt shot his left to the face and then put a right to the head while Nelson blocked a straight left for the face. Britt hooked his left to the wind and Nelson drove his right and left hard to the body. Britt hooked a hard left to the jaw and missed a left for the face. Britt shot his left hard to the body and missed two similar attempts. A moment later two left hooks found resting places on the Dane's body but apparently had no effect. Britt having just a shade the better of the round.

Round 6.—Britt missed two left swings for the head, then sent a tremendous hook to the body. Britt once more sent left to the body and followed it with left to the jaw and a left hook again to the body. Nelson kept boring in and missed a vicious left for the body. The Dane continued to bore in and Britt missed left swing for the jaw. It was Britt's round.

Round 7.—Britt rocked Nelson's head with a vicious right swing to the jaw. Britt caught Nelson again on the jaw with right hook and in the mix Nelson put left to the body and two left uppercuts to the jaw. Britt drove a straight right to the face and followed it with terrific right and left swings to the jaw. Britt swung his left hard to the jaw and then sent two straight lefts to the face and left hook to the body. However, Nelson kept boring in but he seemed unable to find the shifty

Britt's vulnerable spots.

Round 8.—Britt shot left to the face. Nelson went after Britt with right and left swings but the local lad danced out of harm's way. Nelson then caught Britt with left and right swings to body. Britt jabbed twice with left to the face, but Nelson brought his left and right to the jaw. A furious rally ensued, Nelson sending Britt back with right swing to the jaw and Britt retaliated with several straight jabs to the face. Nelson fought wildly and slipped to the floor from a misdirected swing. The gong found both men hammering away desperately at each other. It was a bit Nelson's round.

Round 9.—Britt shot two lefts to the face and followed it with three similar blows with great rapidity, but the Dane kept boring in and gave Britt no chance to rest. Nelson then put a stiff left under Britt's heart. Nelson forced about the ring landing left on the body and right and left swings to the jaw. Britt broke ground, looking anxious. Britt kept cool, however, and hooked his left to the body, and two lefts to the face. Nelson forcing Britt to the ropes as the gong rang.

Round 10.—Nelson kept right after Britt forcing him to break ground. Nelson then worked his left and right to the head but Britt landed a vicious left to the jaw. Nelson forced Britt to the corner, landing choppy right to the jaw. Nelson then sent right and left swings to the jaw. Right swing and kept hammering away fiercely at the Californian's head and body with right and left swings. Britt again looked worried as he went to his corner. Nelson's round.

Round 11.—Britt hooked a left to the jaw. Britt then hooked his left to the stomach and swung his right to the ear. They fought fiercely in the centre of the ring. Britt landing right and left in Nelson's jaw and head. Nelson fought hard, which the Californian did not seem to relish. The referee again separated the fighters and Britt hooked his left to the body. The gong rang with the men fighting at close quarters. Britt had a slight lead in this round.

Round 12.—Britt drove a wicked right uppercut to the jaw, but the blow was returned with interest. Nelson swung three rights to Britt's face. Britt recovered quickly, battering Nelson at will with right and left swings to the jaw. He varied it with terrific body punches but Nelson fought back desperately and planted two lefts to Britt's face. Britt whipped two lefts and a few right swings to the jaw and the Dane covered up. It was a whirlwind fight and Nelson went to his corner with blood streaming from his nose. It was a great rally on Britt's part, and the house was in a tremendous uproar. It was Britt's round by a good margin, although Nelson came back gamely.

Round 13.—Britt shot a straight left to the face and in a mix Nelson put left to body. Britt sent in four consecutive left jabs to the face and followed it with fearful left and right swings to the jaw. Britt kept after Nelson mercilessly pegging away with lefts jabs and straight lefts to the face. Britt kept labbing Nelson's face with left continuously until the bell rang.

Round 14.—Britt sent a raking right to Nelson's sore spot. Britt then swung his left to the face and followed it with two straight lefts to the face. A left by Britt went to Nelson's nose and the Dane

retaliated with left and right to the face. As the bell rang Britt drove a stinging right to the face but received a blow on the face that tore the flesh from his forehead and started the blood. It was an even round.

Round 15.—Nelson forced Britt about the ring but the Californian was too shifty and avoided the Dane's attempts. Britt sent a straight left to the face but received in return a right on the jaw and a left to the body. Nelson fought hard and it was give and take.

Round 16.—Nelson forced Britt to the ropes but the latter was too clever and covered up. Nelson kept forcing Britt about the ring and Britt's efforts to land on the Dane were fruitless. Suddenly Britt got his range and showered a perfect avalanche of right and left swings on Nelson's jaw. The Dane was laying low, however, and as soon as Britt had worked himself into a weak state Nelson went at him hammer and tongs, landing his right and left volleys on Britt's head and jaw. Britt went to his corner looking very weak.

Round 20 and last—Nelson waded in desperately but could not locate the shifty local lad who suddenly hooked two fearful lefts to the jaw and followed it with another, staggering Nelson. They fought in the centre of the ring and exchanged right and left swings to the face. The fighting was fearful. Britt wading in with right and left swings to the jaw and the gong clanged denoting that the battle was over. Referee Roche promptly awarded the decision to Britt. He was greeted with mingled cheers and hisses.

#### After the Battle.

The fight furnished an excellent example of how much punishment a human being can stand.

At several stages of the fight Nelson was badly punished but he always kept gamely coming up to the firing line and all through the twenty rounds he forced the fighting. In one or two instances he had the local boy in distress but Britt's excellent generalship and the advice of his seconds saved him from going too close to the danger point. Nelson is unquestionably a wonder in the pugilistic world. Time after time, taking blows heavily enough to put out an ordinary fighter, he would come up apparently in his early form and bring the fighting to Britt. Referee Roche announced that he gave the fight to Britt on cleaner hitting and the greater number of points scored, and a resume of his fight bears out the justness of his decision. Although Nelson did most of the leading, Britt displayed the greater ability as a boxer and his blows were cleaner, and more forceful, while a majority of the shots fired by Nelson were at close quarters. Nelson was sadly deficient in a long arm and most of his attempts to reach his opponent while both men were free were ineffectual. The house was one of the largest ever seen in San Francisco, and it is estimated that the fighters will divide nearly \$30,000 between them. There were no visible marks of punishment on Nelson except some slight puffing under the eyes.

Britt's face was swelling in several places from the force of the blows delivered by Nelson in the clinches.

Britt said after the fight: "Nelson is a great big slugger with plenty of ability in that direction but without the knowledge of how to use it. I fought as I did to secure the championship and protect my friends' money. I am still the champion of the world and I mean to retain it."

Nelson had this to say: "I had all the best of the fight. Britt was breaking ground and holding on continuously. Referee Roche made no effort to break Britt except to

give me the worst of it. I will fight Britt again under the same conditions for \$5,000 a side, but will insist that Siler referee. I believe he is the only referee who knows when a man has lost or won. I scored the only knockdown of the fight and had Britt running away."

#### Gans Wants a Go.

A message from Al Herford, Manager of Joe Gans, was read, offering to match the colored man with the winner of the contest.

A check for \$2500, it is said, has been deposited with a local sporting man to clinch the match. Herford stipulated that Gans would make 133 pounds by six o'clock.

Young Corbett also issued a challenge to meet the winner and claimed that he has a verbal promise from Britt to give him another chance in the event of the Californian winning.

Britt's seconds were "Spider" Kelly, his chief adviser; Frank Hafael, and "Trip" Kealing. In Nelson's corner were Ted Murphy, who acted as the Danes chief counsellor; Eddie Santry, "Rawhide" Kelly and "Smiling" Metzger.

#### Spike Wins a Fight.

At Montreal last night (Spike Sullivan, of Boston, defeated Duke Kennedy, of Philadelphia. The fight was fast from start to finish, and at the end of the 11th round referee awarded the decision to the Boston man.

At the tug-of-war tournament held in the City Hall last night, the police won out. Four teams competed, the police, Algermes, Hazen Campbell and John Power teams. The first pull was between the police and Algermes teams and after a long tug the police had the advantage of two inches. Then came Campbell and Power teams, the former winning after a hard tussle by an inch. Then came the final tug between the Campbell team and the policemen in which the latter were victorious and winning the championship of New Brunswick.

The competing teams were: The police—Sergt. Baxter, anchor; Policemen Finlay, Totten, Scott, Crawford and Rankin, coacher, Policemen White.

H. Campbell's team—G. Campbell, anchor; E. Christopher, C. Hughes, M. Belyea, H. Campbell, E. Howard; coacher, K. Barler.

Algermes—S. Speight, anchor; J. Ward, J. McAnulty, J. Campbell, F. Campbell, J. Christopher, P. McGuire; coacher, C. Tilley.

Mr. Power's team—D. Spencer, anchor; J. Powers, D. Littlejohn, J. Belyea, A. Boyna, and W. Lang; coacher, Policeman White.

F. W. Combs was referee.

#### HOCKEY.

##### Y. M. C. A. Team.

The Y. M. C. A. hockey enthusiasts met last night and decided to enter a team into the intermediate league for the coming season. The team will be selected after the first practice.

##### Klondike Team.

The Halifax Recorder says:—J. T. Lithgow, who did so much for sport in Halifax is just as active as ever in this line in Dawson City,

and presided at the meeting held there recently to send the Klondike hockey team to the East. C. B. Burns, another Haligonian, was among those present, and he was appointed one of the committee for the big dance to be given by the Hockey Association.

The colors of the Klondike Hockey Club will be as before, black and gold, but the uniform decided upon will be unique. The jerseys will be of black, with the word Klondike in gold letters across the front. The knicker-bockers will be of white, and the stockings of black.

The Hockey Club is selecting its players under a good system. Four matches are being played and the men who make the best showing in these games will be chosen. Pull does not count, merit does, and every hockey player in the city has been invited to try for a place on the touring septette.

#### Rockefeller Interested.

John D. Rockefeller has become sufficiently interested in Pueblo, Colorado, the "Pittsburg of the West," to invest more than \$125,000 in real estate, in that city. It is said that he will build homes near Lake Minnequa for the employes of the great steel works of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company, in which he is now largely interested.

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