

IN SIX ROUNDS.

Ruhlin Made Maher Look Like a Raw Recruit.

Gained Decisive Victory Over Irish Champion and Established His Right to Match With Jeffries—Local Sporting News.

Gus Ruhlin made good last night. He established his right to a match with James Jeffries, for the championship of the world by smothering Peter Maher, the Irish champion.

During the brief engagement he made Maher look like a raw recruit. He hit him at will and but for his caution he would have scored a knockout. Gus took no chances of coming in contact with one of Maher's swings.

Dispatches from Philadelphia say that it was the hottest heavyweight fight ever pulled off in that city. At the close there was not a mark on the Akron man. Twice only did Maher score. Neither of the blows had the steam to do any injury. The fight had been taken out of him by Gus' heavy jab.

Several weeks ago it was announced by Champion Jeffries that he would give Gus the first show provided he won a decisive victory over Maher. This depended on Fitz's refusal to meet the boiler-maker. In view of the fact that Fitz has retired Ruhlin will be selected to battle for the championship with Jeffries at Cincinnati next February.

The story of the fight at Philadelphia is told in the following special:

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 18.—(Spt.)—Six thousand devotees of the squared circle saw Gus Ruhlin completely outclass Peter Maher in a six-round fight at the Penn Art club here last night. It was one of the fastest six-round fights between heavyweights ever witnessed in this city. From the tap of the bell announcing the beginning of the bout, until the referee shrieked "Bell" amidst the din at the end of the sixth round, it was one series of exchanges with honors except in two instances, in favor of the Akron Giant. Ruhlin kept poking his left in Maher's face all through the first four rounds, and countered heavily with his right under the Irishman's heart until the latter's body resembled a boiled lobster.

Maher made two ineffectual efforts to stem the tide of defeat, once in the second round and once in the fifth

round. He essayed to land a right hand lead on Ruhlin's jaw and in the second round, came near landing the tick. It fell a trifle short of its intended mark, and the Akron fighter came back in a vicious manner.

In the fifth round Maher made one more desperate effort to turn defeat into victory, but his blows lacked steam, and the round closed without his effort being accomplished. Ruhlin was ever ready to mix it up and although both wobbled around the ring he was the stronger of the two.

Before the fight started the betting was 100 to 80 that Ruhlin would knock Maher out, and he apparently did his level best in the first round to make the wagers good. After that he seemed to be fearful of taking any chances of catching a wild blow himself and appeared to be content to let Maher set the pace, although he was ever



GUS RUHLIN. By Defeating Maher He Earned His Right to a Match With Champion Jeffries.

ready to mix it up. Ruhlin exhibited the best foot work. He towered above Maher and had the advantage of height, weight and reach, which he used apparently to the best of his ability.

Maher seems to have lost much of his punishing power, as Ruhlin came out of this contest without a mark. Despite all the reports of his having trained faithfully and being in superb condition, he began to show the effects of Ruhlin's blows early in the contest and "grunted" every time he received a well directed body blow. Ruhlin's judgment of distance at times was execrable, and had Maher been quick enough to take advantage there might have been a different result.

Sailor Sharkey was on hand and made a brief speech from the ring, challenging the world. Alf Greenwood, a sparring partner of Ruhlin, was knocked out in two rounds, by "Kid" Thomas of New York in one of the preliminaries.

The fight by rounds follows: Round 1—Maher led with left and they clinched. Ruhlin led with right and Maher countered. Ruhlin led with left, Maher landed with right on Ruhlin's jaw and they clinched, followed by an exchange of right and left. Maher landed right on Ruhlin's wind. Gus landed right on Maher's wind and a rapid exchange followed. Gus sends left on Maher's ear, followed by a clinch. Ruhlin forced the Irishman to the ropes. Gus landed right on back of Peter's neck and followed with right and left on Peter's face. Maher landed right on Gus' heart and Gus put one on Peter's jaw as the bell rings.

Round 2—Gus led with short left to body and Peter sends right to Gus' body. Gus landed left on side of the Irishman's head. They mixed things and both went to the ropes. Peter landed left to jaw and Gus right to

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Table with columns: Played, Won, Lost. Lists statistics for Summits, Peerless, Cereals, Police, Akron Fig. Co., and Kirkwood averages.

KIRKWOOD AVERAGES. The following shows the rank and the averages made in the contest just closed at the Kirkwood club:

Table with columns: No. Games, Averages. Lists names like Snyder, W. H., Blackburn, H. J., Anderson, M. F., Marvin, C. A., Hawkins, G. N., Noxon, E. J., Camp, L. W., Smith, P. H., Wallace, S. P., Joy, H. E., Hearty, I. J., Lauffen, E. C., and their respective averages.

two games with each of the Summit and Police teams. The Summits are the leaders in the race, having won six straight games. After the schedule has been completed the two high teams will arrange a series of games to decide the holder of the trophy for the coming year. The standing of the teams at the present time, is as follows:

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wind. Maher fell short and Gus sent another to Peter's wind. Both clinched. Gus sent left to face, and Maher seemed tired. Ruhlin landed right over heart, followed by a clinch. An exchange and Maher sends left to Gus' wind. Gus following with a right on Peter's jaw.

Round 3—Both ducked leads and Peter landed right on jaw. After a rapid exchange Peter sent right to wind and left to ear, followed by another left to same place. Gus sent hard left to jaw, Peter retreating. Gus crossed right to jaw and another right to ear. Ruhlin feints and sent right on ear and left to wind. Gus sent right and left to Maher's ear. Peter swung left to wind, and Gus a hard right as the bell rang.

Round 4—Gus landed left on the wind. Both clinched. Gus crossed right to jaw and jabs left on nose and they clinched. Peter sent left on face and Gus left and right to face, and followed with hard left to jaw and with right to stomach. Peter sent right to wind and Gus landed heavy on jaw and repeated. Peter put right on ribs and Ruhlin sent Maher's head back with blow on jaw, and followed with left and right to face. Peter sent strong left to Gus, face. Gus staggered Maher with left and right on jaw. They clinched and an exchange was followed by two lefts by Gus on the jaw. A clinch, and Maher sent left to jaw.

Round 5—The round opened with a clinch. Gus sent right uppercut to Peter's jaw, which sent him reeling. Peter sent left to jaw and they clinched. Gus landed right on neck and left on jaw and followed with uppercut which staggered Maher. Gus sent left and right to face and straight left on Maher's head as the bell rang.

Round 6—Gus did all the leading in the early part. Maher sending left to head; Gus landed right on heart and right and left to face. A series of exchanges and Gus sent right and left to jaw. Peter landed right on jaw and Gus left and right to face, followed by a left and right to jaw and another similar couple.

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OFFERED A PURSE. Frank Nickens has been offered another match with Young Gibbs at Ashtabula. If he accepts the bout will come off about Jan. 3.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION. It is now proposed to organize a permanent association at Buchtel college. It will be composed of representatives of the students, one member of the faculty and one member of the alumni.

judging from the personnel of the other teams this year Kirkwood ought to be as strong a factor in the inside contests as heretofore; to say the least, those who defeat her will have to strike a warm pace.

The first team is made up as follows: W. H. Snyder, 171.37; Dr. R. B. Carter, 169.96; C. E. Howland, 167.83; G. E. Koplun, 166.58; Harry Williams, 164.46.

Those on the second team are: C. P. Frahn, 163.50; J. W. Chapman, 163.25; G. E. Firestone, 161.66; F. C. Kasch, 161.62; C. R. Wolf, 160.21.

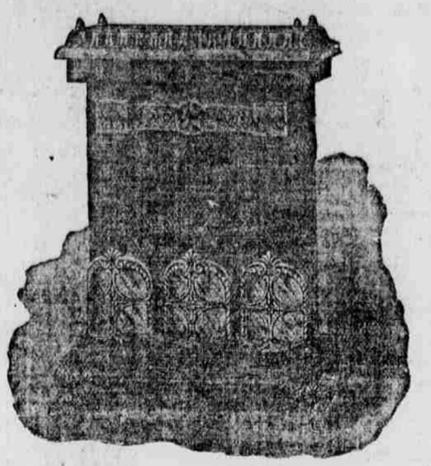
CARROLL COMES BACK. The following has been received from Jack Carroll, of Barberton, who recently challenged Rampanelli to a pool match for \$100. Ramp refused to accept the challenge:

"Sporting Editor Democrat: "I do not wish to enter any newspaper squabble with Rampanelli. All I wish to say is that money talks, and if Rampanelli believes he is my superior, he can't earn \$100 much easier than by defeating me.

"Jack Carroll." FITZ IS POSITIVE. Bob Fitzsimmons formally and definitely notified Champion James J. Jeffries Monday that all consideration of him as a likely antagonist in the ring might as well be dropped. Fitz declared that he had absolutely retired, and under no circumstances could he be lured to enter the ring again. This was the first utterance of the ex-champion directly to the present champion on the subject.

LENNY WAS ROBBED. The 20-round contest between Eddie Lenny and Jack Hamilton last night, before the Youngstown Athletic club,

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