

# KEEPS BELT.

## Jeffries Gets Decision After Twenty-five Rounds.

### FIGHT TO THE LIMIT.

After Being Knocked Down in the Second Round the Sailor Sets a Terrific Pace, but is Unable to Hold Out.

New York, Nov. 4.—James J. Jeffries is still the champion heavyweight pugilist of the world. After twenty-five rounds of fierce fighting between the boiler-maker and Thomas Sharkey last night, Jeffries got the decision on points. For a moment the crowd that thronged the Coney Island Sporting Clubhouse could not believe that Referee George Siler had so decided, but when it realized that the big boiler-maker had won it went wild with delight, for Jeffries was easily the favorite. He had Sharkey very weak and tired in the last round and was trying hard to finish him when his left glove came off. As the glove fell to the floor he punched the sailor with his right just as the gong ended the terrific battle between the two greatest glants that ever met in an American prize fight. So fierce was the struggle that Tom O'Rourke announced that two of Sharkey's ribs were broken.

Sharkey was the aggressor from the start. He opened up the fighting in each round without ceremony and kept bustling on fighting every inch of the way. Jeffries let him have his way for the most part superbly defending himself, and after the sailor had tired himself out took the initiative and was after his man hammer and tongs at the finish. He freshened at the last and was strong and fast, while the sailor had hard work to go the distance.

Jeffries wins a fortune. The gate is very large, few vacant seats appearing in a house that sells out at something over \$100,000. Of this amount the fighters get 66-2-3 per cent; 75 per cent of this goes to Jeffries, 25 to Sharkey, the loser.

At 9:45, after the close of the preliminary, Sharkey followed by Jeffries, entered the building, and the crowd arose as one man to yell for the winners. Several minutes elapsed before any movement was made to get the men into the ring, and the crowd showed its impatience. It had not long to wait, however, but the glare from the microscope picture light was bad and proved to be doubly hard on the fighters.

In spite of the storm there was hardly a vacant seat in the enormous barn when, on the stroke of 10, Sharkey entered the ring. The Irish sailor was greeted with wild cheers long prolonged and he elbowed quickly under the fierce white heat that beat down upon the ring. He wore the green checked trunks made by his mother in old Ireland and a belt of red, white and blue. Sharkey's seconds, Tom O'Rourke (his manager), Tim McGrath (his trainer) and George Dixon, followed him and stood behind him when he took his seat in the southwest corner.

The cheers that greeted the sailor were surpassed in intensity and duration when the favorite, Jeffries, clambered through the ropes three minutes later. The big boiler-maker was met half way by Sharkey and the two men shook hands. Jeffries then going to his corner, the same with him as he came when he was whipped. His seconds were his brother, Jack, Tommy Ryan and Ernest Roeder, the wrestler, Delaney being conspicuously absent. Jeffries wore dark trunks belted with an American flag. His appearance surprised his admirers, for his body was covered with red blotches.

All the fighters noticed the terrific heat, and McGrath put a wet sponge on Sharkey's head to protect him. Timekeeper Riley Madden and George Siler had entered the ring, and they, too, felt the heat. While the men were waiting Jim Corbett and Bob Fitzsimmons each challenged the winner. At 10:12 O'Rourke fastened a pair of bright orange-colored gloves on the sailor, and Tommy Ryan at the same time was putting on a pair of dull ceru-shaded ones on the hands of the boiler-maker. Three minutes later the men received their instructions from Referee Siler, and at 10:16 the clang of the sonorous gong started the great fight.

### Story of the Fight.

The detail of the fight follows: Round 1—Sharkey rushed in, swinging his left and landed on Jeff's jaw. They broke away and sparred cautiously until Tom rushed again with a left swing, but Jeff sent him back with a left jab to the face. Sharkey, after some sparring, essayed a left swing and followed it up with a right which landed back of the head. Then in another rush he forced Jeff to the ropes without doing any damage, but a moment later he sent a right to Jeff's cheek and Jeff clinched. They came to the center and Jeff feinted with his left. Sharkey broke ground, but came right back only to get a stiff left hook from Jeff which landed on face. Jeff seemed a trifle slow, while Sharkey was all action, and Jeff sent his right to the neck and Tom tried to rip his right across the body, but failed to land. They went to a clinch, from which they were separated by the bell.

Round 2—They met in the center of the ring, with Sharkey doing the rushing, swinging his right for the head, but Jeff got inside of it, and Sharkey rushed again, but at close quarters got his left to the face. Jeff returned the blow, landing his left squarely on the chin, and Tom went down in a neutral corner, where he stayed for six sec-

onds. Sharkey rushed again, but Jeff side-stepped and Sharkey slipped to the floor on his hands. He was up again with another rush, only to be driven back with a right jolt in the body. Jeff got in another right jolt and in the breakaway from a clinch which followed Tom hooked his right over to the head. Sharkey rushed once more and landed right and left on face in the breakaway. Jeff then rushed Sharkey to the latter's corner, and Tom slipped to the floor in dodging a swing. When he got up they clinched and were hooked together when the bell rang. Siler walked over and cautioned Sharkey for holding.

Round 3—They came together and Tom sent a left swing which went round the back of Jeff's head. They came to a clinch and Sharkey was again cautioned for holding. Sharkey rushed, but Jim met him with a right jolt on the body. Tom's next attempt was more successful, as he landed on the ear. Jeff drove him back with left and right to the body. After a little sparring Jeff stepped in with right jolt under Tom's head. Jeff then led a left which fell short and Sharkey rushed in a right to the head, but he was driven back with a hard right on the body. Twice more was Sharkey repulsed with similar blows and the round ended with both men interlocked.

The fourth and fifth rounds were practically the same. In latter both wrestled for a moment in the center of the ring. After they broke Sharkey rushed in with a terrific left on the body, but he missed on his next try and got a left in the face. In the sixth round, Sharkey was the quicker, coming like a flash with a hard left on the chest. Both fought fiercely without a let-up. Sharkey having the better of the in-fighting, Jeff's lip was severely cut. This was Sharkey's round. The seventh was another round for Sharkey. In the eighth Jeff assumed the defensive near the ropes. They after wards got into a close wrangle, Jeff driving blood from Sharkey's eye. They then mixed things up with fearful force, both landing heavily on neck and body. Both men were fighting as if their lives depended on it, and dealt blow after blow in a clinch, in which Jeff was on the defensive.

Both Try to Reach the Wind. Round 9—Tom rushed again, with Jeff on the defensive, and Jeff tripped, but steadied himself and met Sharkey's rush with a left hook on the ear. Tom rushed again and Jeff met him in a terrific right drive under the heart. Jeff drove his right to the body, and Sharkey clinched and hung on. After the break Tom hooked two lefts to the jaw. They clinched hard, and the referee forced them apart. Both men sent lefts to the head, but they were glancing blows. Then they got to close quarters, in which they had a wrestling match, each trying to land a telling blow on the wind. Jeff rushed Sharkey to the ropes, but latter came back with a right prod on the wind as bell rang. Sharkey retired to his corner laughing.

In the tenth round the fighting continued hard, but with little of special note. In the eleventh round honors were practically even. In the twelfth round every blow seemed heavy enough to fall an ox, but both men went to their corners smiling. In the thirteenth round Sharkey was the aggressor, with Jeff blocking. In the fourteenth round Sharkey opened with a rush and Jeff was largely on the defensive. Sharkey outgaited his man in this round.

Blood From Jeffries' Nose. Round 15—Jeff came up very cautiously, crouching along the ropes, and the sailor cut out the work. Sharkey bored in and swung his left up to the chin, and a moment later sent it home with great force on the body. Jeff tried to get to the face, but Tom got inside of the blow and swung his left twice with fearful effect on Jeff's head and face. Tom kept plugging away with right and left, Jeff still acting on the defensive. Jeff got in a good left to the face, almost putting Sharkey to the floor, but the latter sent back left and right on face, splitting Jeff's nose, from which blood came in streams. The sight of blood on Jeff's face seemed to make a demon of Sharkey, who fought fiercely and rushed continually, swinging left and right wildly, while Jeff planted well-directed left and right jolts to the sailor's body. It was fierce going when the bell rang.

In the sixteenth round they rushed to a clinch twice without doing anything, and fought fiercely at close quarters during the rounds. In the seventeenth round clinch followed. They exchanged lefts on the head and they fought at close quarters till the bell rang. Sharkey again landed one over after the gong sounded. Brady called Siler over and complained of Sharkey's tactics, and when Siler refused to interfere a look of disgust spread over Brady's features.

Another Round for Sharkey. Round 18—Tom opened with a left swing for the head, but Jeff blocked him. Then they got to close quarters and clinched. After they broke Jeff landed a right swing on Tom's ear, but the sailor was right back with three left-hand jabs hard to the face. Jeff clinched and Tom hooked his right to neck and then they swung on each other viciously. In a clinch Sharkey hung on to Jeff's neck with his left arm, dragging Jeff across the ring. They broke clean and Tom swung his left with fearful force to jaw and Jeff shook off top of his head to the soles of his feet. Jeff was more careful after this and kept on defensive until end of round, which was decidedly Sharkey's without points, barring the hugging.

The nineteenth round was practically without results. In the twentieth round, Sharkey was first and quickest to his feet, and forced Jeff to a neutral corner. In the twenty-first round there was little of special note. In the twenty-second Sharkey wobbled perceptibly as he went back to his corner. In the twenty-third the men came together with a rush in the center of the ring. Sharkey clinched, and after the bell rang sent his right over the head, and the referee was forcing them apart. Jeffries was stronger at the end. Round 24—Jeff was quicker this time

and met Sharkey's rush. They clinched and after the break Tom sent his right over to neck. Jeff stabbed his left lightly to face. Sharkey tried his left, but fell short and received a right smash on ear. Jeff seemed to be improving steadily, and as Tom came close to him Jeff shot right to Tom's chin. Sharkey clinched again and after they broke Jim reached the sailor with right swing on ear. Sharkey still kept boring in, but Jim met him every time with a left or right hook on the head and these soon made Sharkey groggy. Sharkey clinched frequently, but Jim kept pushing him off. Tom rushed back swinging left and right wildly for head, but failed to land and Jim caught him with a right on jaw. They were clinched at left, with Jeff decidedly the better man.

Round 25—They shook hands good naturedly. Jeff led for head, but Sharkey ducked. Again Jeff led, but once more Tom was clever, and ducked away from him. Both swung rights, Tom's were blocked, but Jim's were landed quite frequently. They clinched, and in the break Jim hooked right on Tom's ear, the sailor returning with right on body. Tom kept coming to his man, but was met with uppercut on chest and a clinch followed. Jeff sent his right to head and body, with Tom hooking three rights back of head. Tom swung right viciously for the head but fell short, and Jim hooked left hard to jaw, staggering the sailor. In a clinch Tom slipped to the floor, pulling Jim's left glove with him as he fell. Referee picked up the glove and tried to adjust it. Meanwhile Sharkey tried to get at the Californian. Jeff broke away from referee blocking in the Atlantic exports of wheat for five weeks have been, flour included, 15,656,599 bushels, against 18,152,631 bushels last year, and Pacific exports 2,713,551 bushels, against 3,917,434 bushels last year. Western receipts of wheat have continued heavy, but have not rivaled last year's extraordinary outpouring, amounting to only 36,958,087 bushels in five weeks, against 49,640,791 bushels last year, but western corn receipts run ahead of last year's in the same weeks, and the exports have been 18,648,044 bushels, against 11,558,158 bushels last year.

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Train	Destination	Time
No. 7	Chicago, Peoria & Rockford	12:30 am
No. 8	Chicago, St. Louis & Quincy	7:00 pm
No. 9	Chicago, St. Louis & Quincy	2:00 pm
No. 10	Chicago, Peoria & Rockford	12:30 am
No. 11	Chicago, Peoria & Rockford	12:30 am
No. 12	Chicago, Peoria & Rockford	12:30 am
No. 13	Chicago, Peoria & Rockford	12:30 am
No. 14	Chicago, Peoria & Rockford	12:30 am
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No. 26	Chicago, Peoria & Rockford	12:30 am
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