

# McCoy Bests Peter Maher

### "KID" VICTOR AFTER FIVE ROUNDS OF HARD AND CLOSE RING WORK

### WRANGLE AT THE OPENING

### MCCOY INSISTED UPON USING HIS OWN GLOVES, BUT WAS OVERRULED

### KNOCKDOWN IN THE FIRST

### Maher Sent to the Floor in the Opening Round, While Later McCoy Slipped and Measured His Length—Fourth Round in Maher's Favor, but in the Fifth McCoy Had Things His Own Way and Put the Big Fellow Out With a Blow on the Jaw—The Battle Witnessed by a Big Crowd.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—"Kid" McCoy again placed himself in the championship class by defeating Peter Maher in a brisk, well fought battle of five rounds before the Coney Island Athletic club this afternoon. The fight was scheduled to last twenty-five rounds and the purse was to have been \$20,000, but the attendance was not as large as had been expected and before the fight was begun the principals agreed that the winner should receive the gross gate receipts. The battle was hard fought from start to finish, but McCoy was far the cleverer man in ring tactics, dodging, sidestepping and hitting powers. He showed himself to be a good ring general, ever watching for an opening and never failing to take advantage of one. Maher, although credited, with being a heavy hitter, did not get in many effective blows. His foot work was poor and at times he did not appear to have perfect control of himself.

CROWD IMPATIENT. It was announced from the ring that Charley White would act as referee. The long delay in deciding the question of a referee excited the spectators, who were impatient. Rumors of all kinds were rife and in the meantime the McCoy stock went up to an alarming extent, so much in fact that several Maher men hedged their bets as soon as McCoy became favorite. McCoy arrived at 4:20, and at that hour announcer Fred Burns informed the assemblage that the men had agreed to go on for the gross receipts of the house, a little over \$16,000.

McCoy was the first to enter the ring. He was enveloped in a big drab-colored bath robe. Maher entered a couple of seconds later. He wore a blue sweater and dark trousers, supported by white suspenders. McCoy gave his weight at 163 and Maher 172. As Maher entered the ring he was presented with a floral horseshoe.

While the men were being prepared for the fray, Terry McGovern, who is to meet George Dixon for the featherweight championship, was introduced. The little fellow received a rousing round of applause and shook hands with both the principals, shaking Maher's hand last. Before the men were called up the following ring officials were named: Timekeeper for club, Martin Julian; for Maher, Bill Smith, of Pittsburg; for McCoy, John F. Conaside, of New York. The seconds for the men were as follows: For Maher—Peter Burns, Peter Lowrey, Spike Sullivan and Jimmy Maher; for McCoy—Homer Selby, Jimmy DeForest, Mike Sullivan and Frank Hart.

When the men entered the ring and stripped for the battle both looked to be in perfect condition and they were greeted with tumultuous applause. Under Marquis of Queensberry rules, new gloves, provided by the club, were handed to the referee and he, in turn, gave them to the boxers' seconds. Maher donned his quickly, but McCoy claimed

### BATTLE IN DETAIL.

The men shook hands at 5:17. The Kid immediately took the offensive. Peter going round. The Kid feinted with his left hand and then sent a left hook to the jaw, flooring Maher. Maher went up in two seconds. The Kid tried to cross, but missed. Maher tried a left jab, but the Kid stepped neatly. Maher again tried a left, but the Kid again stepped. McCoy sent a left to the body, and Peter in an attempt to return the blow, slipped and fell, but regained his feet quickly. Maher forced the Kid to the ropes, where he put a right on the Kid's body. The Kid broke away nicely, and after a little sparring, put a left to Maher's stomach.

Both came up laughing. Each sparring for an opening. McCoy feinted with his left. Peter made a vicious right and left jab, but the Kid stepped neatly. Maher again tried a left, but the Kid again stepped. McCoy sent a left to the body, and Peter in an attempt to return the blow, slipped and fell, but regained his feet quickly. Maher forced the Kid to the ropes, where he put a right on the Kid's body. The Kid broke away nicely, and after a little sparring, put a left to Maher's stomach.

McCoy came up more confident than ever, while Peter wore an anxious look, but was very determined. The Kid feinted without a blow being struck. Maher forced the left and Peter tried to mix it up, but the Kid hooked a left to the jaw and escaped a return. Twice the Kid landed a right on the stomach. Maher became more wary. They came to a clinch, each landing light rights to the chest. The Kid landed a right on the jaw, which sent Maher back and forward, while another knocked the big fellow over. McCoy blocked a right return. They came to a clinch, but in the break the Kid sent a straight right to the face, which sent McCoy up in the air, and forced the Kid to the ropes, but the Kid fought back and got back to the center of the ring, where he sent a straight left to the face just as the bell sounded.

McCoy was quicker on his feet. Both sparred carefully, with Maher forcing the Kid to the ropes. The Kid tried a left landing light rights to the head. Maher forced McCoy to a neutral corner, and then landed a left on the face, jarring McCoy. McCoy stepped to the right, but Maher struck out with left, but fell short. In a mix up Peter got a right to the head, and McCoy was cautioned for holding. McCoy hooked a left to the face, and Peter followed with left to the body. Maher jabbed his left straight in the face at close quarters without a return. The Kid broke ground repeatedly, Peter chasing him. The Kid sent a left to the face, but Peter hooked two lefts to the head, and then used his left twice more to the Kid's head. Peter sent a head in the wind. They came to a clinch, in which Peter was cautioned for holding, but at the same time he sent a left hook to McCoy's face. This was Maher's round.

Peter forced the pace. The Kid tapped with his left lightly to the face, shifting to the left side, which is unusual in McCoy's ring tactics. Both landed lefts to the head. Then Peter sent another left to the face, the Kid countering. Peter shot a left to the throat and McCoy countered with a right, but missed. Maher led and McCoy landed two hard lefts on the jaw. McCoy crossed his right over the left, and then was forced to clinch. McCoy dropped the big fellow with left swing on the jaw. The referee counted ten. Time of round, 2 minutes 22 seconds.

off, forcing Maher to break ground. The Kid feinted cleverly with the right and left, Maher sparring with an anxious look on his face. Then the Kid sent a left hook to the jaw, flooring the Irishman. Maher then began rushing tactics, forcing the Kid to the ropes, landing a hard left on the body. The Irishman had McCoy in a tight place at this early stage of the game, but the Kid broke away nimbly and sent a hard left to Maher's stomach before the first round had ended.

McCoy tantalized the big fellow with his feinting. The next round and induced Peter to make vicious swings with both hands. The Kid got into close quarters, much to the surprise of Maher's friends, and while he received blows back of the shoulders he put his right and left hard to the body. On the break away McCoy landed a staggering left to the jaw. When they mixed things up, Maher landed heavily on the body with a right and left. The Kid stepped back after this. When they came together again he measured the Irishman nicely, and with a right on the jaw sent Peter to his hands and knees, where the Irishman remained four seconds.

MAHER RATTLED. When Maher got up he seemed to lose his head and rushed at McCoy, sending his right to the body, but received three left jabs in the face from the Kid. In a rush to the ropes the Kid slipped to the floor, but was up in a jiffy, sending his left to Maher's face, throwing the Irishman's head back. Then two lefts to the jaw and a right over from the Kid made the gong a welcome sound for Maher.

By this time McCoy was more confident than ever. He feinted, but was rushed to the ropes, where he hooked his left to the jaw and escaped from Peter's return. Then he began playing his long

left into Peter's stomach, and the Irishman began sparring at long range. With a well timed feint the Kid brought his big fellow to him and sent him back with two left hooks on the jaw. Maher essayed a return and McCoy ducked and they came to a clinch, breaking from which the Kid sent a straight right to the face and another to the stomach. Maher then tried to mix it up, and forced the Kid to the ropes, but the latter got back to the center of the ring, where he landed a straight left to the face just as the gong sounded.

PETER CAUTIOUS. McCoy assumed the aggressive in the next round, but Peter sparred carefully. The Irishman began forcing and feinted the Kid into a left, which landed lightly on the wind. Then Maher forced McCoy into a neutral corner, planting a terrific left on the face, which jarred McCoy's head. McCoy side-stepped in an unusual direction and Peter tried another left, which fell short. In a mix-up which followed Maher was about even, but McCoy was cautioned by the referee for holding. Maher, outpocketed the Kid by his count in this round, sending rights and lefts to the head, while the Kid retaliated with lefts on the wind. Toward the close of the round Maher was cautioned for holding, and continued to hold on the wind. Then Maher sent a left hook to McCoy's face which did the Kid no good.

At this stage of the game Maher's friends became very confident that the Irishman would get the better of the Hoosier lad, but McCoy had a great deal more left in him than the sports bargained for. He waited for the big fellow, who had the better of the previous rounds, and tapped him with left lightly on the face, all the time shifting to the left side, then both landed lefts to the head. Peter sent a hard left to the face, which the Kid countered. Then he sent a left to the throat, and tried to cross with his right, but the Kid ducked, and then McCoy landed left and right on the head. Then Peter wavered, and McCoy sent another right which sent McCoy short. He then dropped his left to the body, and Peter side-stepped.

MAHER OUT. The Kid met him with a straight left, which landed on the point of the jaw, and the Irishman went down, resting on his right elbow, and was counted out in this position. It was a terrible blow, and landing right on the spot, an ox could scarcely have withstood its force. It was the cleanest knockout ever seen in a ring fight, and when Peter could have gotten up again, those who were nearest to the fighters and saw the force of the blow were of the opinion that Sullivan, in his palmer days, could not have withstood it.

Probably in the history of ring fights in this vicinity there has never been such a quick change in the betting as that which occurred during the two rounds preceding this fight. For some days past Maher had been the favorite, as good as 100 to 60 being bet on his chances. One hundred to 70 on Maher was the lowest price in the club house door opened this afternoon, and in the different sporting centers this price was maintained until within an hour of the beginning of the contest. Then a change came, and Maher's odds occurred, and for no apparent reason Maher's stock was beared while the Kid's was bulled, and when the men got into the ring their positions in the betting market were reversed, with the Kid the favorite.

MCCOY'S VERSION. Kid McCoy tonight, describing the last round of the fight, said: "Peter looked and felt fresher than he felt when we came out the last time. I landed on his face, then put in a left hook on his neck. I then rushed on and left-hooked him on the neck again, but he bored right in on me like a runaway horse and hurled me upon the ropes. As I got off I missed a left hook at his neck and banged his short ribs with a right corkscrew. Talk about a game man, Peter had already taken enough to settle half a dozen big strong fellows, yet he kept right after me, coming and sending a right to the head, and then I landed my left hook on his neck, jarring him a good deal. Then I jabbed the left in straight on the belly. Peter grew tired all of a sudden. He chopped his right arm and swung. Was he really played out? No. He rallied and rushed again, and I stopped him with a left hook on the chin. He ran over me and shoved me back to my own corner. On the way there I felt there was little strength left in him. At the breakaway I made a left hook for the jaw, but missed it. The moment I straightened up I banged him in the belly with a right hook and threw him in a corkscrew on the chin. Down went Peter once more. He fell in a sitting position. His eyes were glazed. He tried to rise, but he was all gone below the waist and there was no life in him. He fell back and lay there, resting on his left elbow."

Peter Maher said tonight: "I have no excuse to make for being defeated. The fight was fair and square in every particular. All that I have to say is that up to the time I was knocked out by a shade the better of the fight. Those who witness the battle may wonder why the third round, when I hit the Kid a right hook on the jaw and sent him up against the ropes, he was completely dazed. I had him going in that round, but he belled away."

RACING ON ICE. ALBERT LEA, Minn., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—C. P. Johnson's sorrel gelding Charley won a race, the best two in three, on the ice here tonight. The race was run on the property of J. P. Johnson, both pacers, while Fred Hart, a trotter, Slippery Bill on the second heat, and was only a length behind in the third and final one. There was an immense crowd of interested spectators.

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