

BRITT GETS THE DECISION

Fight Goes the Full Limit of Twenty Rounds of Fierce Fighting.

NELSON TAKES A WORLD OF PUNISHMENT

In the Aggressor Most of the Journey and at One Time Apparently Had the Californian Going.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—At the twentieth round Jimmy Britt of San Francisco and Battling Nelson of Chicago, fighting like a pair of bulldogs, the crowd sounded the end of the contest and Referee Roche unhesitatingly placed his hand on the California boy as the winner of the contest. In the closing round Britt was punching the Chicago boy all over the ring, but his blows lacked the sufficient force to put a quitter on his opponent.

The fight was an exemplification of how much punishment a human being can endure and not succumb. At several stages of the fight Nelson was badly punished, but always kept gamely coming up to the ring 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 heavy enough to put out an ordinary fighter, he would come up apparently in his early form and bring the fighting to Britt.

Mechanics' Pavilion was crowded to the roof, the gate receipts being over \$25,000. The first preliminary was a four-round bout between Tom Moran and Frank Deillo of the United States army. Deillo got the decision.

In the second preliminary George Aerbud was given a decision over Jim Hayward at the end of the fifth round.

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 neatly blocked by Nelson, as was a right hook for the face. Careful sparring followed and Britt missed another left for the body. Suddenly Britt whipped a terrific right to 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 the left was short and then Britt drove a straight right to the body and ducked a counter for the jaw and they clinched. Britt then hooked his famous right again to the body and they clinched again. Missing it, Britt missed his left for the body. The going rang with both men in a 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 and they clinched. Britt missed left for the body and right for the head and once more they clinched, neither one inclining to break. Both missed left for the body. Nelson forced Britt into a neutral corner, but Jimmy wriggled out without damage. Britt then drove a straight right over the heart and received in return a right hook to the jaw. Nelson blocked a straight left and right for the jaw and the referee separated them from a clinch. They fought carefully at close quarters, neither man landing. Britt continued to back away and Nelson shot his left to Britt's jaw. After a clinch Britt missed a right swing for the body, but the going rang. It appeared that Britt was holding on unnecessarily and there was some hesitating as the men went to their seats. There was not much damage done in this round. Nelson, if anything, having a slight advantage.

Round 3.—Britt missed a left swing for the jaw and Nelson blocked a left for the body. Nelson forced Britt to the ropes, but the Californian got in a good right to the stomach and received eight returns. They mixed it and Britt missed several lefts and rights for the body. Nelson then began the same tactics which he used in his battle with Corbett, and Nelson drove around. Britt drove a left hook to the body and they mixed it. Britt receiving a left jab in the face. Britt staggered Nelson with a right to the stomach and left to the jaw, but Nelson swung left and right to the face. Britt then swung left to head and hooked to the jaw. Nelson forced Britt's head with a terrific right swing as the bell rang. Britt walked coolly to the corner as did Nelson. It was Britt's round.

Round 4.—Britt swung his left twice to the head and missed to close quarters and in the end they broke. Nelson swung a right to Nelson's head and Britt swung a right to the face. Nelson swung left and right to the jaw and they clinched. The crowd yelled "break them away." Britt swung left to the head and danced away from Nelson, who followed him about the ring. Nelson missed left and right swing for the jaw and then a right swing caught Britt in the mouth and a left swing reached him twice in quick succession. Britt missed right and left and the bell rang with the men in a fierce struggle from which the referee separated them. Both men broke very reluctantly as they went to the clinch and the crowd kept up a constant yell of "Break." Honors even.

Round 5.—Britt was short with left hook for the body and they clinched. Britt to the ropes, but failed to connect. Nelson kept boxing and they clinched. The crowd again yelled itself hoarse to break. Britt shot his left to the face and then put a right to the head while Nelson blocked straight left for the face. Britt then hooked his left to the wind and Nelson drove his right and left hard to the jaw and they clinched. Nelson swung a left to the body and missed two similar attempts. A moment later two left hooks found a resting place on the Dane's body, but apparently had no effect. The going changed at this stage. Britt having just a shade the better of the round.

Round 6.—Britt missed two left swings for the head. Then he sent a tremendous left hook to the body and another attempt was equally successful. They stood apart and Britt once more sent his piston-right left to the body and followed it with a left to the jaw and a left hook again to the jaw. Nelson kept boxing in and missed a vicious left for the body. Another attempt succeeded and he landed two lefts to the face for which he was rebuked with two straight right to the body and a tremendous right swing to the jaw. The Dane continued to box in and Britt missed left swing for the jaw. Britt blocked a clumsy attempt with left for the jaw and Britt tried with left for the body. The going rounded. It was Britt's round. Nelson kept boxing in and forcing Britt about, but in nearly every instance the Californian sent Nelson back with well-placed blows.

Round 7.—Britt blocked Nelson's head with vicious right swing to the jaw and a left uppercut for the head and they clinched. A clinch followed and Roche separated the men. Britt caught Nelson again on the jaw with a right hook and in the ring Nelson put left to the body and two left uppercuts to the jaw. They were in a vicious mix, when Britt drove a straight short-arm left to the face and followed it with terrific right and left swing to the jaw. They went to close quarters and Britt missed left for the jaw and blocked two attempts by Nelson for the jaw with rights and lefts. Britt swung his left hand to the jaw and a left hook to the body. However, Nelson kept boxing in, but he seemed unable to find the Brit's vulnerable spots. It was Britt's round.

Round 8.—Britt, as usual, backed away and they fought to close quarters. Britt missed his left for the body and then 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 swing to face. Nelson backed away and tried to land a left hook to the body, but was unsuccessful. 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 with right swing with several straight jabs to the face. Nelson also fought wildly and slipped to the floor from a misdirected swing. The going found both men hammering away desperately at each other. It was a bit Nelson's round.

Britt Looks Worried.

Round 9.—They at once worked to a clinch in which both failed to land a blow. Britt then shot two lefts to the face and followed it with three similar blows with great rapidity, but the Dane kept boxing in and gave Britt no chance to rest. Nelson then put a stiff left under Britt's heart.

Round 10.—Nelson on the left on the left of the head. Then they exchanged lefts to the jaw and a left hook to the body. The landing left on the body and right and left swings to the jaw. Britt kept cool, however, and hooked his left to the body and two lefts to the face. They then fought furiously, Nelson forcing Britt to the ropes as the going rang. Nelson was very aggressive and looked a trifle better as he went to his corner. Nelson's round.

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