

Leonard's Coolness and Quick Thinking Give Him Victory Over Tendler by Small Margin

BENNY LEONARD, NEAR KNOCKOUT, BEATS TENDLER

Throng of 60,000 Sees Lightweight Crown Wobble in Torrid Eighth Round

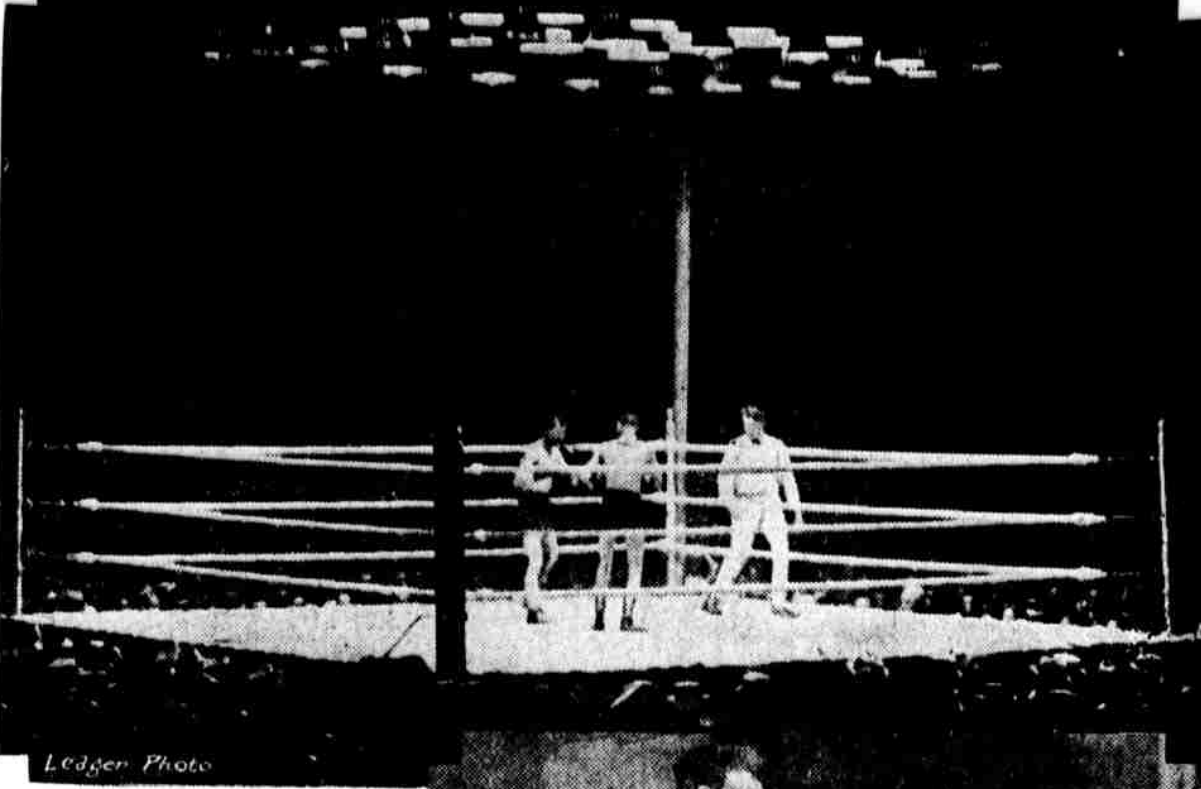
CRAFTINESS OF CHAMPION SAVES HIM FROM DEFEAT

Rally Near Finish Gives New Yorker Edge Over "Pride of Philadelphia"

4 ROUNDS FOR SOUTPAW

Defender Earns Six, With Two Even—Both Punished Severely

LEONARD AND TENDLER IN THE RING

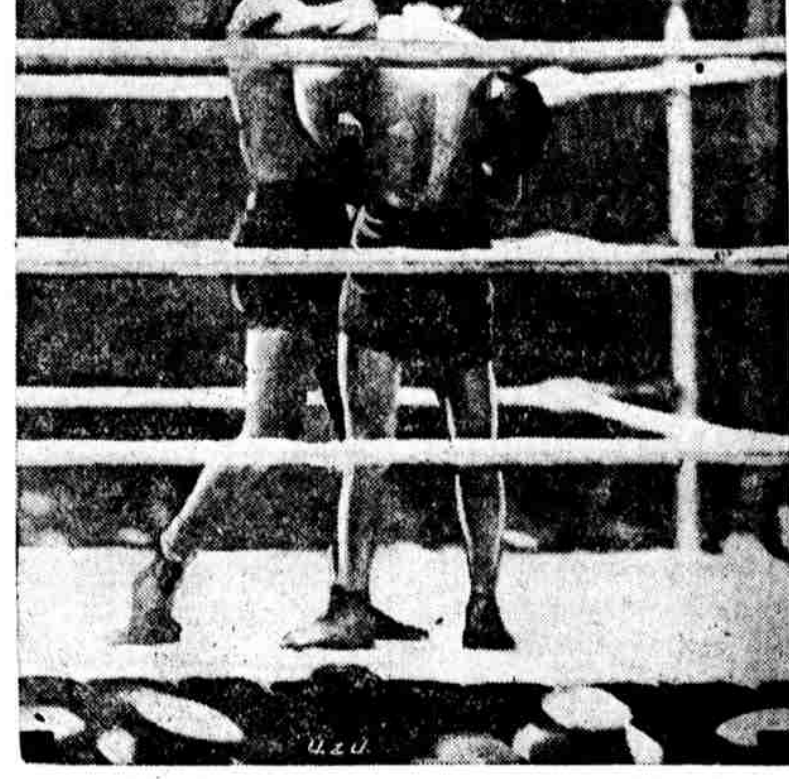


Leonard Received \$180,000, Tendler Richer by \$90,000

Benny Leonard's thirty-six minutes of activity at Boyle's Thirty Acres netted him \$180,000, the largest sum ever received by a lightweight.

The champion's share of the gross receipts was 40 per cent, while Tendler received 22 1/2 per cent.

The former new-boy received approximately \$90,000 in his effort to wrest the title from Leonard.



The upper illustration shows the champion and challenger under the glare of the lights in the Rickard arena last night. Below the boxes are seen in one of their numerous clinches

eral lefts and they engaged in a slug-biting bee with the champion having a slight edge.

At close quarters Leonard pushed several stinging uppercuts to Lew's mouth and a cut in his lower lip began to show blood.

Tendler came out of his corner for the seventh round with his mouth still bleeding. Leonard unworked a series of blows to Lew's head, and for the first time the Philadelphia looked as if he was in danger.

Leonard led with a right to the jaw, but Lew dropped his head slightly and the blow landed flush on his nose.

This enraged him and he tore in with body punches to the head and body. Leonard was forced to duck and evade.

The champion was romping along cleverly and with much speed, making Tendler miss and countering with punches to the head and body.

Leonard shot a right uppercut to the face and Tendler backed away. Then Lew tore after the champion, landing hard to the head and body.

It was in this session that a left uppercut to the mouth separated the two. Leonard showed his first signs of talking.

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STORY OF FIGHT TOLD BY ROUNDS

Summary Shows Close Battle Waged Between Leonard and Tendler

IT WAS A ROUGH FIGHT

First Round—Tendler used a right hook for the head. He missed two more. Leonard missed a right for the jaw. A clinch followed.

Second Round—Leonard's seconds had patched up his eye. He smiled and appeared unconcerned. Leonard made Tendler miss two lefts.

Third Round—Both missed left leads, fell into a clinch, and then both landed to the head. Tendler forced the champion into a corner and Leonard complained when Tendler landed a body blow.

Fourth Round—They fiddled for an opening. Tendler landed to the body. Leonard countered with a right. They exchanged lefts and rights.

Fifth Round—Leonard put two rights to the body and they clinched. Leonard hit a right to jaw on the break. Tendler sent two straight rights to Leonard's body.

Sixth Round—Tendler led with a left that missed. They traded body blows and Leonard hit Tendler on the jaw.

Seventh Round—Tendler forced and hooked Leonard left and left to the jaw. Leonard sent a right to the head.

Eighth Round—Leonard jabbed right to the face and left to the jaw. Tendler missed a right to the head.

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Fighters and Managers Tell Their Angle of Bout

Benny Leonard—Tendler is a tougher fellow than I imagined. He is strong and game. He did not hurt me with his body blows, but he annoyed me by hitting low repeatedly.

Phil Glassman (Tendler's manager)—Benny was not himself by a long way. He went into the bout with a heavy cold. But I am sure every fair-minded fan will agree that the champion was entitled to a decision.

Harry Erlie—I am not permitted to intimate an opinion as to the relative abilities of the principals. Leonard and Tendler fought fairly, and I am sure every spectator must have realized that he had witnessed one of the very finest lightweight bouts of ten years.

George Toussaint—A stand-off. Leonard and Tendler fought evenly. Leonard landed a right to the head. Tendler countered with a right to the body.

Robert M. Drayton—Tendler drove the decision because he forced the fighting and did all the leading. Leonard landed a right to the head.

Walter C. Miller—I think Tendler was the most aggressive and won the fight. Leonard landed a right to the head.

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Philadelphians Give Ringside Fight Opinions

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By LOUIS H. JAFFE
Benny Leonard is still the world's lightweight champion. And, at the same time, Lew Tendler, Philadelphia's pugilistic pride and greatest of southpaw scrappers in the history of fistiana, continues to loom as the New Yorker's most dangerous challenger and foremost contender for the 125-pound diadem.

Only after a savage twelve-round tilt was Leonard able to step from the ring a winner by a narrow margin over "Boffy Louis" in the mammoth pine bowl on Boyle's thirty acres at Jersey City last night before a throng estimated at more than 60,000.

The fans will long remember the valiant, game, although futile effort of the Philadelphia lad to pluck the pugilistic plume from the head of the foxy Gotham gladiator.

Leonard's Experience Factor
Leonard's experience, his long trail in the ring since 1912, went a long way not only to decide the fracas in his favor, but also to save him from what looked like a knockout in the eighth round.

There were other times when Benny found sailing not so smooth, and it was his coolness and quick thinking that brought him through to victory, even though the margin was so slight.

After the contest there were many who believed that the least Tendler deserved was a draw, while there were some fans who thought the Philadelphia was the one entitled to the edge.

Tendler's great advantage in that eighth round, which was his best, and in which Leonard suffered more punishment than he ever was forced to assimilate in a half dozen battles put together before made Lew appear like a sure winner.

However, that was the last session in which the Philadelphia lad showed to advantage, and Benny managed to come through in the lead from the ninth until the final clang of two gongs, so that he succeeded in overcoming the big advantage gained earlier by the contender.

Of the dozen periods Tendler was out in front in four, six belonged to the champion and two were even. Of the first five frames, Lew had the better of three and two were even. Leonard appeared slow, and was the target for many heavy wallops by Tendler that seemed to be a promise of a brand-new champion being crowned through the well-known, much-discussed knockout route.

Crowd Pro-Tender
By the applause accorded the respective boxers when they were introduced by Joe Humphreys, the Philadelphia getting the more notable ovation, there was given the impression that the fans wanted to see the coronation of a titleholder.

The test of the ring was the contest to "knock him out, Lew!" were most evident and clamorous than the rooting for the champion.

It was not until the sixth round gong under way that Leonard started to show any of the form that has made weight boxers. The seventh session again found the champion blushing along in his usually clever style.

That the eighth was a nightmare for the champion. A vicious left-hand uppercut to the chin shook up the titleholder. He wrapped both arms around Lew, but a left before Tendler had switched with a right to the body that almost doubled the crowd.

Leonard Sags
Benny sagged and it looked as if he would go down. But at this juncture Leonard's coolness, even when on the out, came to his rescue. Benny tottered only held on, but he also started to knock Tendler around the ring with him, saying at the same time, "That was a pretty punch. Come on, try again—why don't you keep fighting?"

This conversation worked on Tendler with the effect that Leonard had desired. For Lew slackened up a bit to answer, "Why don't you connect fighting and stop talking so much?"

That was the cue for Leonard, and he continued to chatter until the end of the stormy session, and it might be said that Leonard "talked Tendler out of stopping him."

That eighth round was the last in which Tendler scored heavily and heavily on the titleholder. From the ninth round, on through the tenth, eleventh and twelfth, Leonard, boxing fast and punching hard and often, administered a lesson in the fine points of the art, at the same time serving the challenger a bit of punishment.

Neither boxer escaped unscathed. They were a pair of battle-scarred fighters when they were ready to leave the ring. Each was bleeding profusely from the mouth. Tendler, from the nose as well as from the right eye was gory and swollen.

Leonard Loses Tooth
Part of the damage done by Tendler apparently went unnoticed by the majority. In the second round a left to the mouth by Tendler loosened one of the champion's front teeth. Benny called the attention of Referee Harry Erlie to the fact that Lew was punching after he had been ordered to break. He pulled the loosened tooth from his mouth and tossed it to his handlers.

There was no doubt that Leonard

Physical Comparison of the Principals

	Tendler	Age	Leonard
23 years	23 years	23 years	23 years
5 ft. 7 in.	5 ft. 5 in.	5 ft. 7 in.	5 ft. 5 in.
133 lb.	135 lb.	133 lb.	135 lb.
37 in.	37 in.	37 in.	37 in.
37 in.	37 in.	37 in.	37 in.
14 in.	14 in.	14 in.	14 in.
11 in.	11 in.	11 in.	11 in.
19 in.	19 in.	19 in.	19 in.
12 in.	12 in.	12 in.	12 in.
8 in.	8 in.	8 in.	8 in.
6 1/2 in.	6 1/2 in.	6 1/2 in.	6 1/2 in.

Verbal Battle, Too

"Why don't you fight?" asked Leonard, and Lew waved his right glove at Benny with, "Why don't you?" Tendler missed two right leads and fell against the ropes as Leonard retaliated with two rights to the jaw that shook up the challenger slightly.

Tendler failed to open the fourth as the aggressor and Leonard walked in with a right uppercut that sent Lew's head back. The champion tore after Tendler with both arms flying, but he missed and in his anxiety to connect Benny slipped to the floor.

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