

BENJAMIN BEATS EDDIE MAHONEY

Two Pacific Coast Battlers Put Up Lively Bout in Wind-up at Olympic

Joe Benjamin, of California, met an old friend of his last night at the Olympic Club, Eddie Mahoney. It is said that the two boxers fought a draw out on the Coast. Maybe they did, but they didn't last night. Benjamin cuffed Eddie so hard in the first round that he took the count of 8. Then Joe looked scared. He was out to win the fight, which he did easily, but he wasn't determined to knock out his boxing pal from the Golden Gate.

Anyway, it was a good fight, and in the seventh and eighth Mahoney had to do some holding on and use the ring to make a respectable showing, with the blood flowing from the mouth. At no stage of the battle did Benjamin appear to cut loose. He was careful to have the upper hand, but he was also a little careful about his punches.

After Mahoney went down in the first round Benjamin eased up to give him a breathing spell. Neither man is a finished fighter, but Benjamin showed that he knows a lot more about boxing and fighting than does his opponent of last evening. It was Mahoney's Eastern debut. While he gave a good exhibition of gameness he showed that he has still a lot to learn and is not yet a wind-up fighter. He was tried on here in Philly, and the fans bear him no ill will.

Johnny Buff, of Jersey City, had an easy time with Frankie Mason, of Fort Wayne. Johnny is an old boy at the game, but he is rigged and knows something about dealing out punishment. He hit Frankie with about everything he had. He cut him on both sides of the head and beat him in the body, but, strange to say, the longer the bout went the better Mason seemed to get. However, he was given a good lacing.

In the first bout Bud Christiana, of Buffalo, a new-comer, beat Young Lawrence, of Camden, in a bout that went the six-round limit. Lawrence subbed for Puggy Lee, who it was said had a bad hand. Andy Burns and Frankie Conway fought a draw, and Walter Rennie bested Joe Ritchie.

Babe Ruth and his band from Baltimore were present and in the ring. They drew a shower of gold from the fans, who contributed to the rebuilding of the St. Mary's School, where Ruth received his early education.