

Here it was - the battle all-Lancashire, and indeed, all-Britain, had been waiting for - Johnny Sullivan of Preston, defending his British and Empire Middleweight title against Pat McAteer of Birkenhead (in striped trunks) at the Liverpool Stadium.

Champion Sullivan -(already a ring veteran at twenty-two) opens with his typical non-stop aggression - throwing heavy, power-laden blows.

But the challenger, McAteer has skill on his side. In less than three years - he has built up the incredible record of thirty-six fights without defeat. Now, he proves a slippery-elusive target for the champion.

Round Nine - McAteer's defensive skill has looked like carrying the day..

But now, Sullivan forces his man into a corner and cuts loose. Then, ~~and~~ ~~shows offence~~ - Referee ~~Sullivan~~ Henderson disqualifies Sullivan for hitting low..

The champion stands stunned and bewildered. ~~In~~ With a kindly gesture - the Birkenhead boy consoles his rival.

Then pandemonium breaks loose. The local boy, Pat McAteer is the new champion. Sporting congratulations from Sullivan...then the Lonsdale Belt girdles the waist of a worthy champion.