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McTaggart Defeated!

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Olympic lightweights clash at the Albert Hall. Representing England, Olympic champion Dick McTaggart (in white) relies on boxing-skill. But Ireland's Tony Byrne wants to mix it, and he does; a swinging right puts the champion down in Round Two.

again.
A count of eight, then Byrne comes in. And now McTaggart really shows the skill that won him the "most stylish boxer award" - at Melbourne. Round Three. Gamely McTaggart tries to throw off his Olympic hangover (~~too many celebration parties~~) and get back on top. But Byrne carries dynamite in that swinging right hand.

Both boys tiring now. Yet still Byrne comes in - swinging with both hands. McTaggart is piling up the points - it looks a close thing - *but* Ireland's Byrne was the winner: ~~but the match was drawn.~~

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