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HALIMI BEATS KEENAN.

British and Empire Bantam-champ, Peter Keenan fought the world title holder, Alphonse Halimi, over ten rounds at the Palais des Sport. Keenan was outclassed. His only plan was either to clinch and hold on, or to back away. Halimi, the Algerian Tiger, had a very frustrating evening. But neither at distance nor close range could he land a knock-out blow, but even with a few rabbit punches. Peter clowned it at one stage, hoping to unsettle Halimi into losing his temper.

In Round Seven, a left to the cheekbone put Keenan on the canvas, the nearest to a knock-out in the whole disappointing fight.

Several times Keenan made use of the ropes to get himself out of harm's way. He knew now that he couldn't win. All he wanted was to be still on his feet at the end of Round Ten. And in that round an old cut over the Scot's left eye was well and truly opened. But he lasted out. Halimi was an easy winner.