

Billings Fight Fans Strong for Gibbons

Billings fans who saw the fight at Shelby, July 4, were well pleased with their trip and satisfied that they had seen a real fight between two top-notchers. They were enthusiastic in their praise of Gibbons and his remarkable staying power but all agreed that the decision in the champion's favor was correct. Gibbons was not given the credit that he deserved by the press reports, James F. Kelly asserted. Gibbons was noticeable good in the close in-fighting which Dempsey likes, and fought the champion on his own ground. "I do not believe that Gibbons will ever have the punch to knock out Dempsey, but I don't think that the champion can land a blow that will put Gibbons on the mat," Mr. Kelly said.

"It is remarkable when you think of it that Gibbons, 12 1-2 pounds lighter than Dempsey, could take the punishment he did and be on his feet at the end of 15 rounds," O. K. Grimstad said. "It was a remarkable fight because of the amount of punishment that Gibbons took." Mr. Grimstad said that the Billings men who made the trip in the special car thoroughly enjoyed it.

Their car was parked directly opposite the arena and the Billings bunch was seated together during the fight. They arrived in Billings Thursday morning.

William P. Schneider, police captain, thought that Dempsey fouled Gibbons two or three times during the fight, striking too low. He mentioned one blow which Dempsey delivered after Gibbons had slipped and his foot had slid outside the ropes. Mr. Schneider said that there was lots of in-fighting and that the challenger looked much faster in the open fighting. **

"Remarkable Fight" Says Grimstad

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