

Paisley: Battling to regain his British Bantamweight crown, Peter Keenan of Glasgow, pitched into the champion, John Kelly of Belfast (wearing striped trunks) from the opening bell - punishing him with heavy body ~~blows~~ blows.

Last October, the Ulster boy beat Keenan on points; but this time, he goes down for ~~xxxxx~~ a count of three in the third round. And then we really saw a fighting Irishman in action.

But Keenan wins round after round by sheer non-stop aggression - always crowding the skilful Irish boy - throwing punches from all angles.

Then, in Round Six, Keenan gets the champion going with a right to the jaw. A flurry of punches - and Kelly goes down.

The Irish boy takes a long count - a brief respite to marshal that boxing brain....And then - Keenan comes in for the kill. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~

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Gallantly, Johnny Kelly tries to get up....painfully he gets on his feet to carry on....but he just fails to beat the count...

Peter Keenan had come back with a kayo victory - a first notch on his second Lonsdale Belt....