

GARDNER NEW CHAMP

At St. James' Hall Newcastle, Teddy Gardner (in the darker shorts) challenges Terry Allen for his British flyweight title. It's a needle match between two clever fighters. Gardner's doing good work with a clever left, but Allen's coping - and Gardner's down, but he's up again quickly. Over the first half of the bout, Terry Allen's probably just ahead. He's doing the much more spectacular work but Gardner's very clever at slipping punches.

Again Gardner's down - but he's up again and they fight on. Terry recently failed to win back the world title from Dado Marino in Hawaii. Gardner took the European title from Louis Shona. If he wins tonight he'll have three titles to his name. As Allen comes out for the last round there's not a lot in it, with most experts giving Terry a slight lead.

Only seconds to go now. Allen fights off Gardner and forces him onto the ropes.

That's the end. Who won? Ref. Peter Muir has no doubt - it's Teddy Gardner - but Terry Allen can't believe it! It was close enough for Allen to ask for a return. Meantime, Gardner has the Lonsdale belt to prove he won!