



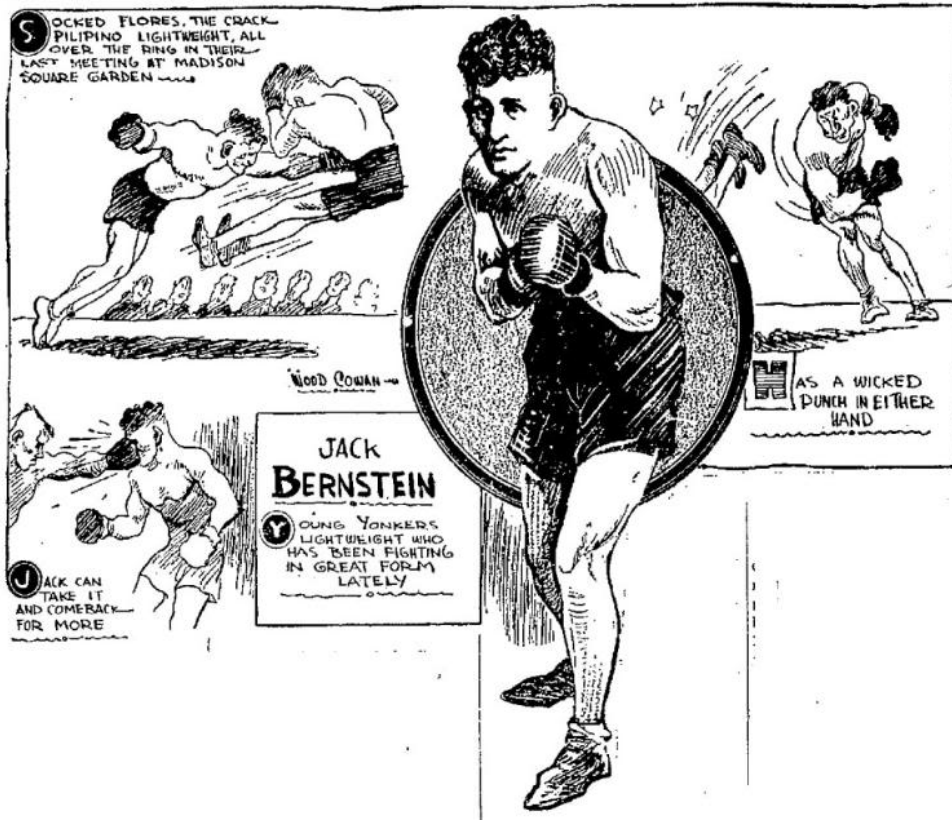
Name: Jack Bernstein
Alias: Kid Murphy
Birth Name: John Dodick
Born: 1899-11-05
Birthplace: New York, New York, USA
Died: 1945-12-26 (Age:46)
Nationality: US American
Hometown: Yonkers, New York, USA
Boxing Record: [click](#)
Stance: Orthodox
Height: 5' 4" / 163cm
Reach: 64" / 163cm
Manager: [Doc Hirsch](#)

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT OF SPORT

By Wood Cowan



Leonard has proved the past year that he stands supreme among the present-day lightweights who are at the top of their ring careers Tendler, White, Mitchell, and one or two others who have met defeat at the hands of the champion, can give him a mighty close call, but we doubt whether Benny will ever be uncrowned by any one of them, for the champion of this division still young enough to keep pace and retain his youth with them.

Yet the lightweight crown is the only one that is in line for a change. And it will be a youngster who will turn the trick, to our way of thinking. There are a number of mighty fine prospects coming up fast. One of the best among these is — Jack Bernstein of Yonkers.

This boy has been fighting in great form lately. By knocking Jimmy Carroll he administered the first defeat of that youngster's career. Then, in turn, he scored victories over Tony Cuponi, Jimmy Coone and Joe Mandel, and he made Babe Herman look like a third rater. Jack's fight against Flores, the crack Filipino lightweight, was one of the fastest bouts we have seen at the Garden this year. Bernstein socked Flores all over the ring. Pal Moore of New Orleans is another victim who lost a decision to the Yonkers thumper. And Kid Wagner, the tough Quaker boy, lost a hard fought battle to the Yonkers youth at Madison Square Garden just last month.

Bernstein is not an overly clever boxer but he carries a punch in either hand and has a jaw of steel – and the pug that can't take it and come back for more will never gain the heights of pugilism. He is a two fisted fighter who gives his opponent every second of every round. After all, that's what the fans like, so around the East Bernstein is a very popular mauler. When he is on the bill the fan gets his money's worth of action.

Of 75 ring battles Jack has won 45 by knockouts and there are but two defeats chalked up against him. Benny Valger and Archie Walker have both won decisions over him.

But in a return bout Bernstein thumped Walker plenty. Bernstein's real name is John. Dodick. In turn he has taken the names "Battling Kiddy," "Kid Murphy" and, finally, "Jack Bernstein" because he wished to honor Joe Bernstein, the old fighter whom he greatly admired.

This lightweight comer is 23 years old. He is 5 ft., 4 ½ ins., tall and weighs around 130 in fighting trim. Has an ideal build for a fighter - slim waist, narrow hips, slender legs, broad, thick chest with most of his weight above the waist. With well-muscled back and stout arms, whose reach is consistent with his height, Jack has all the earmarks of a hard hitter, and is sturdy enough to take a lot of punishment.

Bernstein is a native New Yorker, he was born next door to Benny Leonard, the present lightweight king, and the two ran in the same gang as kids.