

Eager fans packed the Ice Stadium, Nottingham, for this clash of former heavyweight champions - Jack Gardner (in striped trunks) and Johnny Williams - who lost his title to Don Cockell.

Battling for the right to meet Cockell, Jack Gardner, the Market Harborough farmer, pins his elusive rival in round two - and Williams goes down... But the Welsh boy is saved by the bell. (2)

In the following rounds, Williams was fighting for time, summoning all his defensive skill to keep out of trouble. Then, in the fifth, came more heavy punishment.

Williams goes down again - for a count of nine.

Gallantly, he struggles to his feet...and ~~again~~ this new Jack Gardner comes in for the kill.

And this time, Williams is counted out. So Farmer Jack Gardner reaps his reward - a hay-making session with Farmer Don Cockell.

Meanwhile, a champion who has brought new distinction to a name famous in boxing history, Johnny Sullivan of Preston, is training to defend his British Middleweight crown, at Liverpool.

~~Johnny reached the top the hard way~~

A former boxing booth fighter, Johnny reached the top the hard way, and it certainly looks as if he intends to stay there.

But his challenger, Pat McAteer of Birkenhead has other ideas. Unbeaten in 36 contents, Pat shows no sign of the injured finger that caused the postponement of the contest.

The stage is set for this battle of Lancashire rivals. So Good Luck, boys, and come out fighting.

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