

COCKELL BEATS FARR

At Nottingham, Tommy Farr (once Britain's greatest heavyweight hope) takes on young Don Cockell in a twelve round eliminator contest for the Heavyweight Championship of Great Britain. Tommy shows some of his old evasive craft in the opening rounds.

Bruce Woodcock, the champion a few years ago, and Johnny Williams, the present title holder, see Cockell take command. Cockell is fourteen years younger than Farr, but if he's got the speed, the Welsh veteran's certainly got all the pluck in the world.

Ex-champ Jack Petersen sees Cockell throw a left - and Farr goes down. But he's soon back in battle again. Here's another old-timer Jimmy Wilde. The fight enters the seventh round. Now it's Cockell's turn to hit the canvas - but only for a second.

As Cockell slams away, Tommy covers up. He's been taking quite a beating. His left eye's badly cut and he's pretty groggy on his feet as the bell goes for the end of the round.

Promoter Reg King watches the ref. end the fight and declare Cockell the winner. Farr protests that he can go on - but it's to no avail. He's in no fit state to continue. Tommy Farr, the man who nearly toppled Joe Louis off his throne fifteen years ago, proves the old maxim that they never come back. But he's game to the last and still refuses to retire.