

FIGHT NEWS:

British and Empire middleweight champion Johnny Sullivan, under his father's critical eye gets in fighting trim, to defend his title against Pat McAteer of Birkenhead. For many months fight fans have been eager to see if this lad McAteer, unbeaten in all his 36 bouts, can seize the middleweight crown from the Preston boy. Manager Campbell sees no reason why he shouldn't.

Now for the heavyweights. Jack Gardner (in striped trunks) and Johnny Williams battle for the right to challenge Ben Cockell for his British and Empire titles. Three years ago nimble-footed Williams took the British title from Gardner, later losing it to Cockell. Now it looks as though Jack's learned a trick or two from his old rival.

Johnny's wife, sitting with promoter Mike Jacobs, can see that Johnny's getting the worst of it. A clinch, then Gardner misses with a slashing hook. He comes back with a left which floors Williams, but Johnny's saved by the bell!

Both these boys are farmers, and built like it. But Gardner's 25-pound advantage is beginning to tell on the Welshman from Rugby.

Once Williams was the quicksilver fighter who could dodge blows like a featherweight, but the Market Harborough ex-guardian seems to have got the measure of him at last. Round Five sees Gardner pounding at the Welshman for a quick decision. He forces Williams to the corner, but the sheer will to fight keeps Johnny on the go.

A crashing left to the face brings Williams to the canvas. The referee orders Gardner away. Can the Welshman beat the count?

He's up! This boy certainly has courage. But Gardner's ready and waiting, striding round the ring after his man, still looking for that opening which will finish the fight. And that was nearly it! Williams still knows how to dodge, but he needs more than dodging to save himself. He needs the punch which just isn't there.

Now Gardner knows he can't lose. He slams a right to Williams' head, and the Welshman's down.

The referee's there, but Johnny's too dazed by the battering he's received to know what's happening. At the end of the count he's struggling doggedly to his feet - but it's too late.

So Jack Gardner becomes the Number One contender for Ben Cockell's

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British and Empire heavyweight titles. And when these two giants meet -  
what a battle that will be!!