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WATERMAN KEEPS TITLE.

British Welterweight champion Peter Waterman (in striped trunks) defends his title against Frank Johnson at Birmingham. Promoter Lew Phillips sitting with Tommy Farr watch the two boys mixing it from the start in as fierce a battle as the British ring has seen for many a month. 28-year-old Johnson knows this is probably his last chance to win the title, and he must down the champion early if he's to win.

By the third round, the challenger is gaining the upper hand and piling up the points in a flurry of telling blows. But Waterman is a tough customer; he takes the punishment well and fights back.

Waterman lands a right to the jaw - but Johnson covers up.

And there's the end of round three. Neither boxer is showing much sign of damage yet.

Round four - and the two boys are trading punch for punch right up against the ropes. Johnson's watching for an opening - and yes, he's found it! Waterman's on his knees!

The champion's shaken, but he's not beaten yet. He waits for the count of nine. Then he's up and after Johnson again. Round by Round Johnson batters at Waterman - but it's too late. Johnson's left eye is damaged and closing fast, and by the end of round ten his seconds decide he can't carry on. He's still game, but he's half blind. So the referee gives the verdict to the reigning champion, Peter Waterman. Hard luck for the plucky challenger - but it was a great fight, a credit to both boxers!