

# OLD-TIMER HAS USUAL CONTEMPT FOR MODERN FIGHTERS

**Choynski, Greatest Jewish Heavyweight, Respects Only Louis; Tunney Just 'Fair'**

Aging Veteran Isn't All Praise for Contemporaries, Either; 'Fitzsimmons Was a Cur,' He Tells Williams; Whipped Many Famous Scrappers in His Day.

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CINCINNATI, May 22.—Everything about the gentleman suggested a Shakespearean ham. He was tall, gray and sparse. He wore a flowing silk bow tie. A heavy gold chain dangled from his waistcoat. He walked with conscious dignity and there was the roll of thunder in his voice, as he spoke of the days when he fought Corbett, Fitzsimmons, Jeffries and Johnson.

For this gentleman was no relic of the ancient drama; he was Joe Choynski, first and last of the great Jewish heavyweights. His rising 70 now and is out here doing the best he can. He has a vague connection with one of the local athletic clubs. He has a hacking cough, is not altogether well, but is mentally alert.

Like most of the old-timers he hasn't much respect for the moderns, though he admits Joe Louis, the young Negro, may be good. He has never seen him in action. Jack Dempsey is the only modern fighter he would give you a quarter for. He insists Gene Tunney was no better than fair, says he couldn't come up to a card, couldn't feint and knew nothing about weaving with his head.

Williams But if Mr. Choynski is critical of the moderns, he sings no lasting rhapsodies to the old-timers. Not to all of them anyway. To him Fitzsimmons was a cur. That's the word he used. And he didn't smile when he used it. "Yes, he's a man," he repeated. "Fitzsimmons was a cur." I asked him to explain. "It is something that needs no explanation," he snapped.

It was evident that for some reason Mr. Choynski did not hold the freckled walloper in high esteem, and my suspicion was his bitterness stemmed from a personal matter. Certainly there is nothing in Fitzsimmons' record to suggest he lacked a fighter's heart. He came off the floor, or from behind to score some of his most notable victories. No better yardstick for measuring human courage in the ring exists.

Let's make a brief study of Fitzsimmons' record. When he beat Gus Ruhlin in the fifteenth round he was so battered and dazed he thought it was the sixth round. The bell saved him in the first round of his match with Tom Sharkey at Coney Island. He came back and stiffened the sailor in the next round. Jim Corbett had him on the floor at Carson City before he finally scored with the historic solar plexus punch. And Mr. Choynski—ah! That's it.

Mr. Choynski had him out, dead to the world in a Boston ring when the bell rang and the cops stormed the arena. There is no record of the two ever having met again and this may explain why the Jewish gentleman still carries an active enmity for him. But I'm sure it will take more than his testimony alone to convince followers of prize fighting old Ruby Robert had a faint ticker.

STARTING as an amateur in his home city of San Francisco, Mr. Choynski went along to battle all the great fighters of his generation, and while he never weighed more than 165 pounds, frequently less, he compiled a flattering record. He was that rare combination of the ring, a clever boxer and a tremendous hitter. He undoubtedly would have won the championship if he had been a bigger man. He was a middleweight mingling with heavyweights.

As I have already related, he flattened Fitzsimmons, he had Kid McCoy on the floor, knocked out Peter Maher, Jim Hall and Jack Johnson, held Tom Sharkey and Jim Jeffries even. Jeffries had always said Choynski hit him harder than any man he ever faced. "As a matter of fact, I beat Jeffries," insists Mr. Choynski. A baseball umpire by the name of A. G. Tarn's Rushaway, Louisiana Derby winner, was a 4 to 1 choice, with Dnieper and Reelon next in the field.

**KLICK TESTS MONTANEZ**  
NEW YORK, May 22.—Pedro Montanez, who has won 15 straight lightweight battles, is to tangle with Frankie Klick at Dyckman Oval here on June 8.

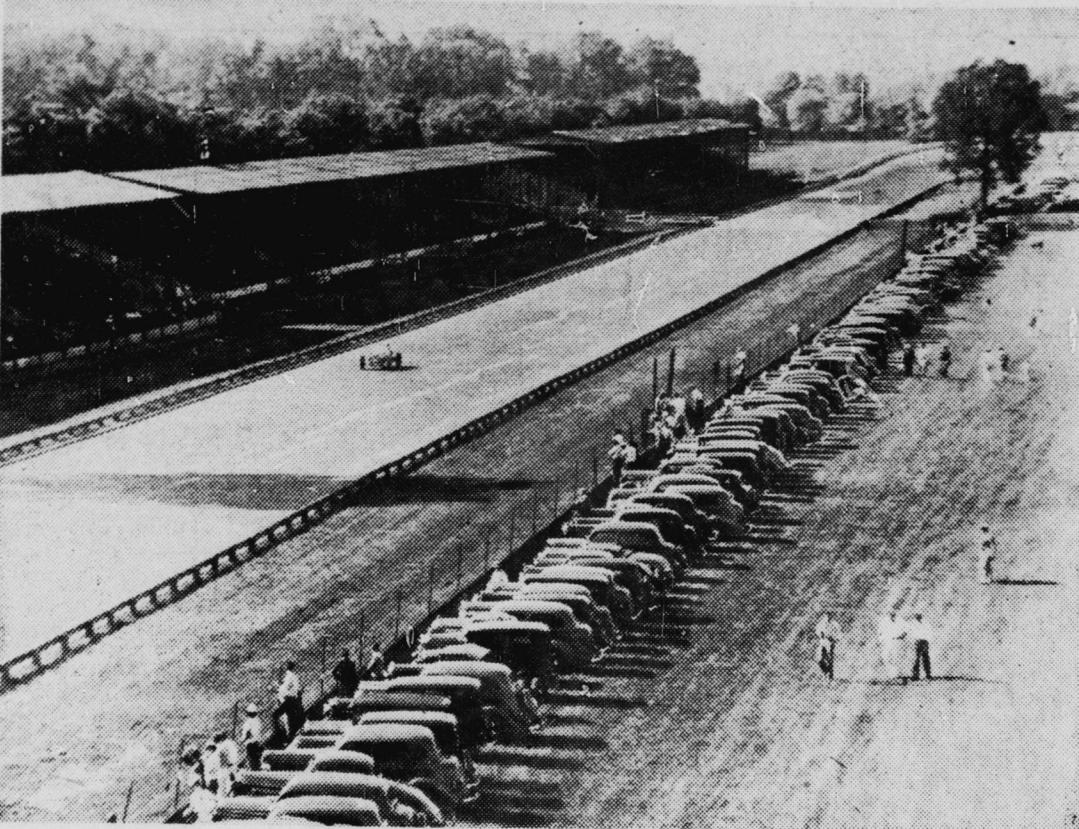
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## Standings and Results

### AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

St. Paul	W. L. Pct.	St. Paul	W. L. Pct.
Milwaukee	23 11 .657	21 11 .656	
Minneapolis	20 10 .645	20 10 .645	
Minneapolis	19 10 .636	19 10 .636	
Louisville	14 21 .400	14 21 .400	
CINCINNATI	12 22 .393	12 22 .393	
Columbus	10 22 .385	10 22 .385	
Toledo	9 22 .390	9 22 .390	

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

W. L. Pct.	W. L. Pct.
New York	22 10 .650
Baltimore	22 10 .650
Detroit	18 14 .563
Cleveland	18 14 .563

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

W. L. Pct.	W. L. Pct.
St. Louis	19 10 .653
New York	19 10 .653
Pittsburgh	18 13 .552
Chicago	15 15 .500

### GAMES TODAY

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION	(Fourteen Innings)
Kansas City	203 001 400—10 13 1
Minneapolis	201 100 110—6 12 2
Vance, Marrow, Southard, McKain, Grabowski, Baker and George.	

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

W. L. Pct.	W. L. Pct.
St. Paul	100 001 010—4 15 2
Toledo	001 030 000 000 000—2 7 2
Schaefer, Marrow, Southard, Bass and Thompson; Hare and Linton.	

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

W. L. Pct.	W. L. Pct.
St. Louis	001 000 000 000 000—2 7 2
Philadelphia	001 000 000 000 000—2 7 2
Chicago	001 000 000 000 000—2 7 2
Kelley and Hayes; Whitehead and Sewell.	

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### NATIONAL LEAGUE

W. L. Pct.	W. L. Pct.
Cincinnati	100 000 010—2 4 1
Boston	001 011 011—3 2 3
Stine and Campbell; Lanning and Lopez.	

### LEADING BATTERS

Player-Club	G AB R H Pet.
Terry, Giants	20 55 10 25 .455
Slivian, Cardinals	20 60 8 26 .433
Dinner, Yankees	20 58 9 26 .433
Medwick, Cardinals	22 125 19 51 .508
Stone, Senators	21 61 16 23 .377

### RUNS BATTED IN

Dickey, Yankees	43	Trotsky, Cleveland	30
Black, Yankees	35	Foxx, Red Sox	28
Medwick, Cardinals	30	Clyde, Yankees	28
Stone, Senators	21	Dean and M. Davis	28

### RUNS

Gehringer, Yankees	43	Camilli, Philadelphia	29
Black, Yankees	35	Foxx, Red Sox	28
Medwick, Cardinals	30	Clyde, Yankees	28
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### HITS

Gehringer, Tigers	52	Moore, Giants	48
Medwick, Cardinals	51	Demaree, Cubs	47
Stone, Senators	49	Lewis, Senators	47
Black, Yankees	35	Jordan, Bees	47

### ON COLLEGE DIAMONDS

Notre Dame	8	Indiana	5


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