

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.

By Joe Williams
Times Special Writer

CINCINNATI, May 22.—Everything about the gentleman suggested a Shakespearean ham. He was tall, gray and spare. 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. He's 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 quarter for. He insists Gene Tunney was no better than fair, says he couldn't come forward a r d, couldn't faint and knew nothing about weaving with his head.

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, young 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 wallop in high esteem, and my suspicion was that 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 far 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 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 not sure it was more than his testimony alone to convince followers of prize fighting that old Ruby Robert had a faint tucker.

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 has 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 Jim McDonnell refereed the fight. I thought I had won easily on points. When McDonnell raised Jeffries' hand I said, 'What's the matter with you. Does a fellow have to hit nothing but some runs to win with you?' Mr. Choynski laughed reminiscently. It was evident he considered this a very neat crack.

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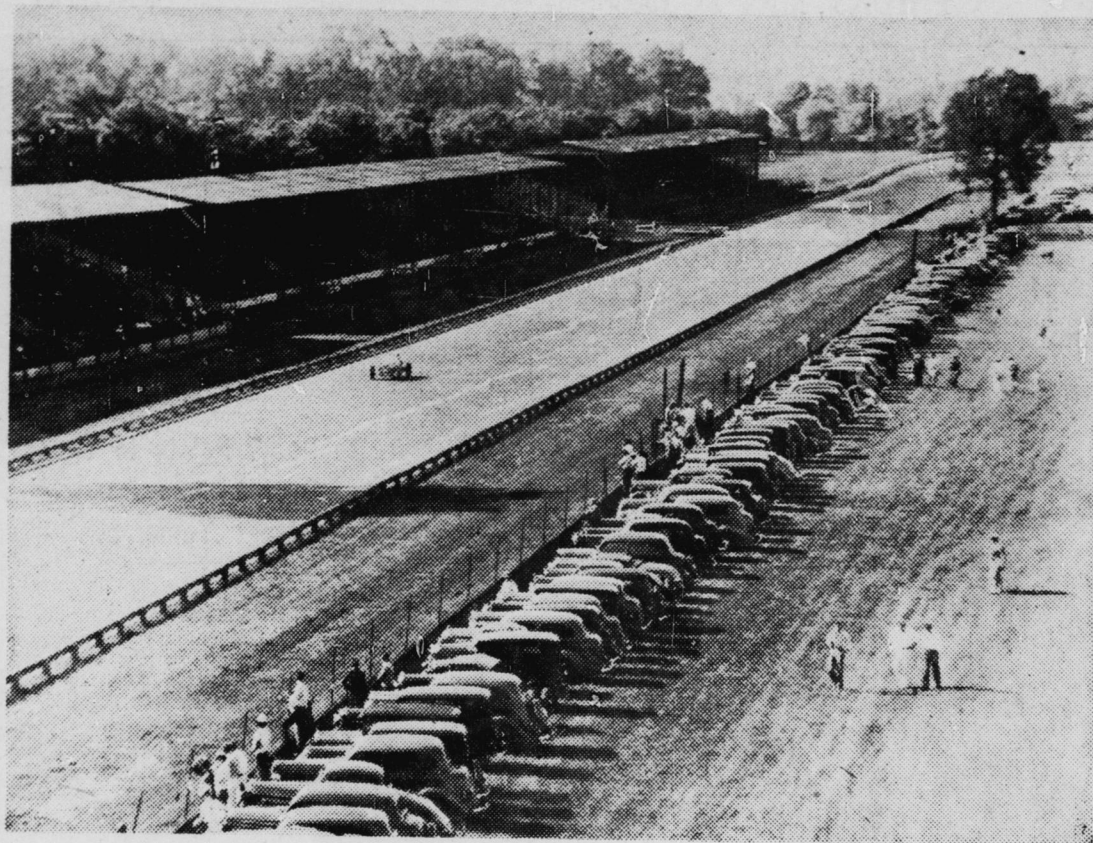
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Factory Loop to Open New Softball Park

Industrial Teams Billed for Inaugural Games in Stadium Here.

A new project is to be inaugurated in Indianapolis this Monday night with dedication of the Indianapolis Softball Stadium at English-av and La Salle-st.

It is the first enclosed softball park to be built in the city and is expected to equal the popularity of similar parks in several larger cities. Many of the city's strongest teams will play in night leagues in the park, starting next week.

Room for 1200 Spectators

The park has a full 60-foot in-door diamond and is equipped with a complete lighting system. The bleachers will accommodate 1200 persons. R. C. Anderson is president of the stadium. W. E. Fry is vice president and R. D. Fink, secretary-treasurer.

The Industrial Softball League, organized by Carl Callahan of Em-Roe's Sporting Goods store, has the honor of playing opening games Monday night. The league is to play two games Monday night and two Tuesday night. Monday, Prest-O-Lite and U. S. Tires are to tangle at 8 p. m., with Crown Products and Real Silk Hosiery Mills clashing in the second fray. These teams are rated among the top-notchers in the city.

Middleworth First Tosses
Wally Middleworth, city recreational director, is to throw the first ball to C. E. Stoutenburg, vice president of the U. S. Rubber Co. of Indianapolis. Other teams in the Industrial loop are Schwitzer Cummings, Eli Lilly Co., Kingan Co. and Armour & Co.

The Inter-fraternity League takes over the stadium Wednesday night, and the All-Star League Thursday and Friday nights.

Chicago Takes Six Straight Matches

CHICAGO, May 22.—The University of Chicago, victor in six straight matches yesterday was a heavy favorite today to win both the singles and team championships in the annual Big Ten tennis tournament.

The Maroons' well balanced team of Norman Bickel, Norbert Burgess, Herbert Mertz and John Shostrom won all its singles and two doubles matches without loss of a set. Northwestern, another favorite, won five matches and Wisconsin captured four as the meet opened yesterday.

I. U. Errors Give Irish Victory, 8-5

Hoosiers Out-Hit Visitors but Are Beaten.

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., May 22.—Indiana University out-hit the Notre Dame baseball team here yesterday but tossed away a victory with five errors at inopportune times, and lost to the Irish, 8 to 5.

Babe Hosier gave the Irish eight hits, but costly errors enabled the visitors to tally four times in the fourth and three more in the eighth. The Hoosiers collected 11 safeties, but Rydell and Thernes kept them scattered. Score:

Notre Dame 000 400 031—8 8 3
Indiana 110 020 100—5 11 3
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