

Johnny Nelson gets fighting mad when he finds out that Frank Kline has fixed three of his fights!

SLAVE OF THE RING



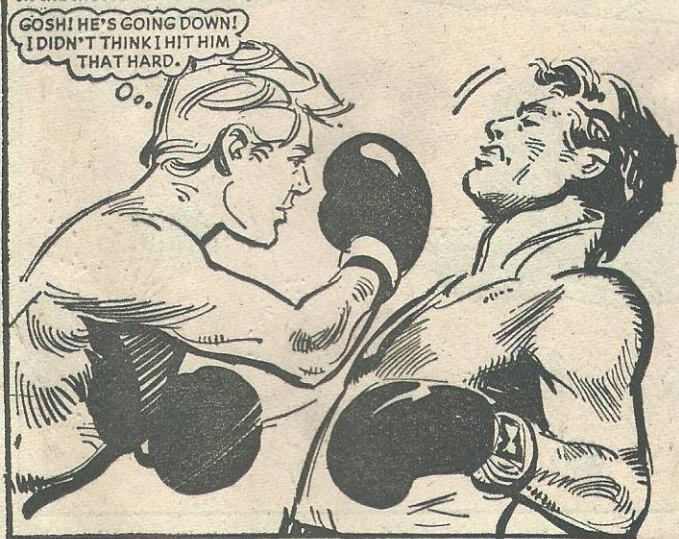
MY RIBS HAVE HEALED, CHARLIE. I HARDLY FELT THAT PUNCH.

THE BOY'LL SOON BE FIT TO FIGHT AGAIN, BUT THE BEATING WACKO GAVE HIM HAS AFFECTED HIS CONFIDENCE.

HE WON'T LOSE CONFIDENCE, JAKE. I'VE FIXED UP THREE FIGHTERS WHO WILL ALL LIE DOWN IN THE FIRST ROUND.

Johnny Nelson's greedy stepfather, Frank Kline, had forged the boy's birth certificate to make it appear that Johnny was eighteen when he was really only seventeen. Kline, who meant to make a fortune out of Johnny's boxing skills, had made him turn professional and in only his third pro fight Johnny had been badly beaten by a dirty fighter, the veteran Wally Wacko. Now Johnny was sparring with his pal, Charlie Endels, in Jake Jones' gym.

In the first round of Johnny's next bout—



GOSHI HE'S GOING DOWN! I DIDN'T THINK I HIT HIM THAT HARD.



HE'S NOT ONLY DOWN, HE'S OUT! MY RIGHT'S BETTER THAN I THOUGHT.

HEE-HEE! IT'S WORKING, FRANK.

After two more first round k.o.'s—



WHAT'S HAPPENING, CHARLIE? I ONLY TAP THEM AND THEY'RE KNOCKED OUT.

I RECKON THEY'VE BEEN FIXED! KLINE MIGHT HAVE PAID THEM TO TAKE A DIVE.

THOSE FIGHTS WERE FIXED! YOU CAN CANCEL ANY OTHER SET-UPS. I'LL FIGHT WALLY WACKO AGAIN INSTEAD.



ALL RIGHT, I'LL ARRANGE A STRAIGHT FIGHT AGAINST WACKO. I'LL PHONE HIS MANAGER.

The return bout with Wally Wacko—



WATCH OUT FOR HIS FOUL TACTICS AGAIN. AND DON'T LOSE YOUR TEMPER, JOHNNY.

OKAY, CHARLIE, BUT I CAN'T WAIT TO GET AT HIM.