



It Happened in June: Classic Heavyweight Championship Broadcasts

In the seven years before Joe Louis began his 12 year reign as heavyweight boxing champion, the heavyweight title changed hands six times, always in the month of June! Join us for a thrilling tribute to boxing's golden era on the radio. We'll hear exciting excerpts from championship bouts featuring Max Schmeling, Primo Carnera, Max Baer, James J. Braddock (the real life "Cinderella Man") and Joe Louis, including Braddock's upset win over Baer in 1935, Schmeling's shocking knockout of Louis in 1936, Louis' knockout of Braddock in 1937 for the heavyweight crown, and finally, complete NBC coverage of Louis' epochal destruction of Max Schmeling before a crowd of 80,000 at Yankee Stadium.

All of these fights were announced by the great Clem McCarthy, America's most exciting (and often it's most excited) sports announcer. His vivid descriptions of boxing matches and horse races thrilled millions in the years before television.

We'll also hear excerpts of pre-fight predictions and interviews, including Max Baer's salty post-fight comments from 1935, a pop record that Schmeling made with actress wife Anny Ondra, a Trinidadian calypso describing the first Louis-Schmeling fight and more!

This is the second program in an occasional ARSC series in which important archival recordings are played for the public.

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