

Note- more research is necessary to call this a "complete" record. Paycheck really should not have matched with Joe Louis in March 1940; he should have been given more bouts with increasingly better foes, before being literally thrown to the wolves. Perhaps a few more bouts for Paycheck will be revealed when the year 1936 results from the Chicago Tribune are researched.

The Chicago Tribune obituary for Paycheck follows (copy):

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Ex-boxer Johnny Paychek

Johnny Paychek, 74, of Lyons, a former boxer who once fought Joe Louis for the heavyweight championship of the world, died Saturday in La Grange Memorial Hospital, La Grange.

Mr. Paychek, who fought under the names Paycheck and Pacek, began his boxing career on Chicago's South Side and won the Golden Gloves heavyweight championship in 1933.

He went on to knock out Paddy Mulligan of Ireland in the International Matches held in Soldier Field.

After a 5-year professional career capped by his knockout of Lou Le Page in Washington, D.C., in 1936, Mr. Paychek retired from the ring, saying the purse from the Le Page fight was not enough to cover expenses.

He moved to Des Moines, where he resumed his boxing career in 1938. He hired a new manager and by 1940 had earned a title fight with Louis, another former Golden Gloves Champion. Louis knocked him out in the sec-



Johnny Paychek in 1940

ond round on March 29, 1940, in Madison Square Garden.

After another boxing defeat 9 months later, Mr. Paychek retired from the ring.

In recent years, he has held several coaching positions in Lyons Township.

He is survived by his wife, Alfreda; a daughter, Pam Levien; a son, John Jr.; four grandchildren; a sister; and a brother.

Mass will be said at 11 a.m. Tuesday in St. Hugh Catholic Church, 4315 Joliet Ave., Lyons.