

## LOUIS-NOVA FIGHT

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that had his whole body behind it. As the bell rings Louis jabs two hard lefts to Lou's nose and the challenger is bleeding freely. Louis' round.

### Round Six

Both come out cautiously. Nova shoots out three or four lefts which are short. Louis not attempting to box his opponent but seems to be waiting for a chance to use his right. They circle around and the crowd are calling for more action. Nova lashes out with a hard right. Both miss with cautious rights and again the crowd howls. Nova stands his ground and moves his head from side to side. Louis feints a left and Nova takes a half step back and a smashing right by Louis catches Nova flush on the chin and the challenger is down. 1, 2, 3, 4—the place is in an uproar, 7, 8, 9—he gets to his feet but he's badly hurt, and Louis is in for the kill but Donovan pushes him away while he wipes the resin off Nova's gloves. Louis is at Nova now. Left to the jaw, right to the body, left to the jaw, left hook, right cross, I can't follow them. Louis is the killer of old. Lefts and rights are hammering on Nova's head and body. It looks like the end. The fickle crowd are crying out to Donovan to stop it. Louis is pummelling Nova unmercifully and a terrific left hook has torn Nova's eye. The uproar is terrific and Donovan is between the fighters and he's taking Nova to his corner. The bell has gone and Donovan has called Dr. Walker to the ring. It is the finish. Donovan has signalled Louis the winner on a t.k.o. in the sixth round. Everyone is going crazy. Joe was never in any trouble and Nova had no chance once that right had landed on his jaw. The t.k.o was timed at 2 minutes 59 seconds in the sixth round.

### The Fighters Speak

**Nova at the mike:** "I feel fine, I was very surprised when the referee stopped the fight. I could have continued. I wish the referee had let me continue."

**Louis at the mike:** "Lou fought well but he ain't the fighter Billy Conn was. I saw the opening in the fifth round. I threw a punch then but it missed. I knew I'd get the opening again so I just waited until it came. I was a bit slow in getting under way, but it was very cold. Then too, Lou fooled me the way he fought. I just had to wait for an opening to come. When it came I threw the hardest right hand punch I ever landed."

**Nova at the mike:** "I wasn't expecting Joe to hit me then. It probably was the hardest punch and the quickest punch anybody ever threw at me, and the lights went out. When I gathered my senses I was able to get up but I couldn't protect myself much then I guess. Maybe I could have rallied in the next round, but we can't tell. You know. Joe, if you retire I think I'll claim your title."

**Louis at the mike:** "I go into the Army late next month, and maybe tonight was my last title fight. I dunno. Mike Jacobs and my managers, Julian Black and John Roxborough, would best be able to tell you that. They have the say and I guess at present they ain't saying nothing. But I am glad I can go into the Army as the heavy-weight champion."



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