



Clay vs Liston 1964

Sonny Liston

World Heavyweight Champion

In 1964 Sonny Liston was the World Heavyweight Champion since defeating the reigning champion twice in 1962.

Heavyweight boxers are heavy and powerful, their punches can be incredibly strong.

Sonny Liston was a powerful fighter, considered to be one of the best heavyweight fighters ever.

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Cassius Clay

Challenger

Clay was light and fast, and full of confidence.

He was much less experienced than Liston and had been beaten by lesser heavyweights than Liston in previous years.

Clay's light weight and fast style were considered unsuited to heavyweight boxing.

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