

PSYCHO vs. STORMER

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VS

Psycho (Irish staff) Stormer (English bull terrier * APBT)

A match that took place in the mid 80's in Ireland

The agreed weight was 43lbs. Some £6,000.00 is claimed to have been staked on the match; being at the time the [largest sum gambled](#) on such an event anywhere in the U.K.

The match was reported in both publications covering such events; THE SPORTING [DOG](#) JOURNAL/U.S.A and PIT BULL NEWS/U.K. Psycho was the first to weigh in; at forty one and a quarter lbs, followed by Stormer at forty two and a half lbs.

Psycho was the slightly taller of the two ... ten minutes later handlers are in the pit, with their dogs ready-to go the referee called "pit", and when released Psycho shot straight across to meet Stormer who turned away ... when Psycho hit him he went into battle in earnest! The turn had been called and soon as the dogs were out of holds, a pick-up was allowed. The atmosphere was electric ... the Irish supporters were convinced they were seeing a cur ... that Stormer would quit ... five minutes gone and both dogs were working hard, trying to gain the upper hand ; Psycho looking for the legs and chest, Stormer holding him out.

At eleven minutes the dogs came loose; Psycho's handler got a handle on Psycho ... Stormer was to run his scratch, and he shot across the pit knocking the white dog into the corner. The English crowd cheered and on went the match ... another handle a few minutes later, and across went Psycho in fine style. Twenty minutes gone and Stormer is looking the stronger dog. He had taken a chest hold and was shaking it out, while Psycho was working hard to get him off. By the half-hour mark it had become a scratching match ... both dogs had run three each at the 33 minute mark Stormer ran his fourth, this time taking Psycho straight out of his handlers hands - straight into the pit wall; not doing too badly for a cur . Stormer was getting on top by the 40 minute mark, scratching harder than ever ... Psycho doing his best to even things up, coming to the top occasionally, but Stormer was doing the damage. At 48 minutes both dogs had run 6 each, Stormer had a muzzle hold and was working it hard ... Psycho had him off at 54 minutes and his handler got in for a handle with Psycho to go; On the command "Pit" Psycho hesitated momentarily before taking the fight straight to Stormer. There was a rousing cheer from his supporters, but the fight was now slipping away from him. Stormer had stepped up a gear and seemed to sense the end was near.

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From 55 minutes to the hour mark Stormer did it all, but Psycho never quit. At an hour and one minute Stormer ran his 8th scratch and was on a down dog as he hit and folded Psycho into his corner. At 1.03 a handle for Psycho to go is made, looking very tired his owner very sportingly picked him up, thereby conceding the match; it was won and lost in a very sporting manner, a shame that in the end one of these fine animals had to lose . After the match the referee, American Pit Bull breeder Boston Blackie, is reported to have said about Psycho "If I was to have one of these, I'd have one out of him."