

# Floyd Patterson's tip 'Grow up!' ex-champ tells Mike Tyson

By George Robinson

NEW YORK (NEA) — Mike Tyson and Floyd Patterson have a lot in common. Each had a troubled childhood. Each was taken under the wing of boxing trainer Cus D'Amato. When Tyson became the youngest man ever to win the world heavyweight championship, it was Patterson's mark that he eclipsed.

So, Patterson, who is 54, knows a thing or two about the turmoil surrounding the 22-year-old powerhouse.



Mike Tyson

"The only way I can see Tyson being beaten is if he beats himself," says Patterson. "I can't see anybody out there beating him in the years to come — only Tyson."

Next Tyson (35-0, 31 KOs) will defend his crown on Saturday, Feb. 25, against the No. 1 contender, Frank Bruno (32-2, 31 KOs) of Britain. The scheduled 12-round bout will be telecast live from the Las Vegas Hilton on HBO (10 p.m. EST). Tyson is a heavy favorite in his fifth title defense.

Patterson says the late D'Amato's philosophy is still a key factor.

"Cus taught that the mind controls the body," explains Patterson. "Based on Cus' logic — which I totally believe — the mind can make the body do anything. Tyson's great strengths are his mind and his body."

And Tyson's weakness? "New York," says Patterson, roaring with laughter. "He should stay the hell out of New York."

Patterson understands, of course. After all, who else can boast, "I was the youngest heavyweight champion of the world?"

Says Patterson, ruefully: "Being

young is only an advantage inside the ring. Outside the ring it isn't. You're sort of an amateur in life, and there's so many things to learn."

Unfortunately, Tyson, an unschooled millionaire, has been learning his lessons in love, law and life in public. His divorce battle with actress Robin Givens, his legal strife with manager Bill Cayton and other non-pugilistic distractions have been aired in the tabloid press *ad nauseum*.

Patterson, on the other hand, used to keep to himself. "I lived in training camps," he says. "I stayed away from New York. There's too much temptation, too many things going on. That wasn't my lifestyle, anyway."

In fact, Patterson says he urged Tyson some time ago to follow a similar regimen. "Cus always had him living in training camps," the ex-champ says. "He lived there and trained there. That is what made him such a great fighter. But when Cus passed away, he started living in the city."

Before he began to train in early

January for the Bruno fight, Tyson's weight was, by his own admission, as high as 250 pounds. When he defeated Michael Spinks last June 27 in his most recent bout, the champ weighed 218.

Patterson is appalled by that. "To see Tyson 40 pounds overweight was shocking," he says. "When you are into it, you don't stay away from training long enough for your body to get that overweight. He should be con-

centrating on just boxing, giving his whole self to the sport, as he did when Cus was alive. I would say that with Cus no longer there, Tyson is tied up in other things, which could hurt him eventually."

Yet Patterson says: "I still think he's going to beat Bruno," in spite of the long layoff from training. "His condition and reflexes will take a while to come back, but I don't think it's going to be that much of a problem."

Like Patterson before him, Tyson is a classic D'Amato fighter, a stand-up puncher who comes out and squares up in front of you with his hands held high. "Cus always believed in keeping your hands very high," Patterson notes. "They used to call me a 'peekaboo' (fighter) because I kept my hands very high." But Tyson isn't a peekaboo fighter. He's usually too busy pummeling his opponents.

The only way to fight Tyson effectively is to "do a lot of moving" — like Muhammad Ali used to do, according to Patterson. (Only he still calls Ali by his original name, Cassius Clay.) Patterson points out that Tyson "has difficulty with moving targets. He's proven that with some of the guys he has fought who only moved a little bit and gave him trouble. If you're a manager, you want to get somebody to move the way Clay used to move."

Just how good is Tyson? "I consider him a great fighter," says Patterson. "But that can never be proven, simply because the competition is not there."

What's more, says Patterson, "He's always a tremendous favorite. By beating Bruno, what is he proving? You become a great champion by doing something with the odds against you."

Of course, there's another way to attain the aura of greatness in boxing. As Patterson points out, "Joe Louis held the title for 11 years. Records are made to be broken. Mike Tyson could break Joe Louis' record. Will he? I don't know."

Lately, Patterson has been busy training his son Tracy, a promising featherweight. Would the retired champ like to become Tyson's tutor? "I wouldn't ask," he says. "I have more pride than that. But I would be honored. I would talk to him about some of the things that he's gotten involved in — and remind him of how it used to be. Maybe I could wake him up."

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