

Louis Heavily Favored to Defeat Conn

Challenger to be Finished Quickly, Popular Opinion

By GAYLE TALBOT
NEW YORK, June 18.—(AP)—The biggest, richest prizefight crowd since the second Louis-Schmeling battle three summers ago will surge into the Polo grounds tonight to watch Joe Louis defend his heavyweight championship against Billy Conn of Pittsburgh.

The negro's 18th defense of his title promised to draw more than 40,000 and to gross approximately \$100,000, as compared with the \$1,000,000 that flowed into Promoter Mike Jacobs' treasury the night Louis crushed Max Schmeling, the man he hated, in less than a round.

The most popular opinion was that something very much like that was due to happen tonight to Conn, though the 23-year-old challenger had plenty of supporters. The odds against the former light-heavyweight king were lengthening steadily in the Broadway marts. Last night it was possible to get odds of 7 to 2 against his winning, and one commission man estimated he would be offering a solid 4-to-1 against Billy by nightfall.

Influx of Fans Heavy

Five special trains from Pittsburgh and a half-dozen others from scattered cities poured fans into town this morning. Boston fans were known to have chartered 20 planes. The fight regulars and the big spenders from every section of the country will be at the ringside. The battle of the little man against the big man has captured the public fancy to an astonishing extent.

Joe and Billy will square off for their 15-round bout at about 6 p. m. (Pacific standard time). In the outside event of rain they will put it off until tomorrow night. The best information is that the referee will not be Arthur Donovan. A good guess is that Billy Cavanaugh, West Point boxing instructor, will be the third man.



Joe Louis and Billy Conn . . . thumping thoughts.

The pattern of tonight's scrap is not difficult to imagine. Conn will try desperately to elude Louis' rushes in the opening rounds and then gradually to take command and pile up enough points in the latter rounds to win the title. Billy has said that he doesn't care how much the crowd claps and whistles, that he's going to adhere to his plan of battle. So it might become a little dull along toward the last if Billy does escape the lightning.

CONN FACES OPPOSITION FROM SWEETIE'S FATHER

PITTSBURGH, June 10.—(AP)—Disclosure that Billy Conn and his sweetheart have applied for a marriage license threatened today to break up any plans they might have had to elope soon after his battle tonight in New York with Joe Louis for the heavyweight championship.

Register Walter Evans in the

Tale of Tape

By NEA Service
NEW YORK, June 18.—Here are the figures on Joe Louis and Billy Conn:

Louis	Conn
27	23
201	174
76	72
41	40
44	43
17	17
14	15
12	12
8	7
11	11
34	32
22	20
15	14
10	9

little town of Brookville, about 70 miles northeast of Pittsburgh, said Conn and Mary Louise Smith applied for a license there

last week. Conn gave his name as William David Conn, age 23, and Miss Smith said she was 21.

Jimmy Smith, former major league baseball player and husky father of the girl, quickly registered his opposition to the union, declaring:

"Champion or no champion, I'll punch hell out of that fellow and he'd probably be the first one to say I could do it. I hope he wins, but I want him to stay away from my family."

Miss Smith disappeared. Her father said she was with him and "there won't be any marriage because she's only 18."

Conn first denied his engagement at his training camp. Then when a friend got him in his New York hotel and broke the news, he said:

"Now how the heck do you suppose that got out? It puts me on the spot."

Steers Sets New High Jump Record Of 6 Ft. 11 Inches

LOS ANGELES, June 18.—(AP)—Two new world records were offered for official recognition today as another chapter was written in the annual dual track and field competition between picked teams of the Pacific coast conference and the Big Ten.

California's four-man team surpassed the world mark in the mile relay, barely nosing out the University of Southern California; Oregon's Les Steers soared to new heights in the high jump with a leap of 6 feet, 11 inches, and the coast routed the midwestern forces in team points, 80 to 56.

High point of the meet came in the final event when the Golden Bear quartet of John Reese, Fay Fromm, Clarence Barnes and Grover Klemmer captured the mile relay in record time of 3 minutes, 9.4 seconds.

Klemmer, unaware that his father had died a few hours before, gave the event to his mates by inches.

The time beat the world record of 3 minutes, 10.5 set by a Stanford team last year.

Next in the thrill department was Steers' leap. Proving once again that he is unequalled in this event, Steers made the jump on his second try and broke his previous high mark of 6 feet, 10.78 inches. He tried to go over at an even seven feet but missed.

Cleveland's Lead Upped to 2 Games As Yankees Lose

By JUDSON BAILEY

Associated Press Sports Writer
The Cleveland Indians, after losing three straight to the New York Yankees, shaving their American league lead to a single game, got a breathing spell last night against the Athletics. They came out with a 3-2 victory and gained another full game on the Yankees, whose eight-game winning streak was snapped.

The Indians worked their way to victory when Marchildon wild-pitched the winning run across in the eighth. Trosky hit a homer for one of Cleveland's other runs.

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League Standings

National	W	L	Pct.
St. Louis	40	18	.690
Brooklyn	37	19	.661
Cincinnati	30	27	.526
New York	28	27	.509
Chicago	27	29	.482
Pittsburgh	21	27	.438
Boston	18	33	.353
Philadelphia	17	33	.340
American	W	L	Pct.
Cleveland	37	23	.617
New York	33	23	.589
Boston	30	23	.566
Chicago	30	26	.536
Detroit	31	28	.525
Philadelphia	26	30	.464
St. Louis	18	34	.349
Washington	19	37	.339
Pacific Coast	W	L	Pct.
Sacramento	50	20	.714
San Diego	38	24	.613
Seattle	35	24	.597
San Francisco	35	27	.565
Los Angeles	33	29	.535
Hollywood	30	38	.441
Portland	30	39	.435
Oakland	30	40	.429

Geyselman's Bat, Hal Turpin's Arm Win for Seattle

(By the Associated Press)
Geyselman, Seattle third baseman, rapped out three doubles and a single for a perfect night

at bat in pacing Seattle to a 4-to-2 victory over Los Angeles in the series opener.

The victory was the eighth in 11 games for Hal Turpin, Yoncalla, Oregon, farmer, who held the Angels to six hits.

In the league's other Pacific northwest game, Portland defeated San Francisco 10 to 9 with seven runs in the last two innings.

Cellar-dwelling Oakland stepped into the spotlight by trouncing league-leading Sacramento 7 to 1.

The Acorns' mighty effort

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before being inducted into the army Friday. He made three hits himself and held the Yankees to three in the first six innings, but fell apart to give up five runs in the seventh and eighth. Finally he had to be removed with the score tied and Hallett received credit for the victory.

There were 20 hits in the game and all of them except a homer by Charley Keller were singles. Joe Dimaggio extended his hitting streak to 30 games.

The Boston Red Sox and Detroit Tigers divided a doubleheader. The Red Sox scored eight runs in the seventh to take the first game, 14-6, and Detroit re-

tallated with two four-run frames in the nightcap to win, 8-5. York homered with the bases loaded in the first encounter and with one on in the nightcap.

The St. Louis Cardinals pummeled the Phillies, 11-3, thus maintaining the Redbirds' firm hold on the National league lead despite a 7-6 10-inning victory by the Brooklyn Dodgers over the Chicago Cubs.

Hubbell coasted to a 6-3 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

The Cincinnati Reds hopped on Art Johnson for four runs in the first inning and gave Derringer easy sailing to a 5-3 verdict over the Boston Braves.

Lady Lions of Oregon Elect New Officers

BAKER, June 18.—(AP)—Mrs. Oscar Shepherd, Grants Pass, was elected president of the Oregon Lions club auxiliary at a closing convention session here yesterday.

Other officers: Mrs. George Leslie, Tigard, first vice-president; Mrs. Wilbur Jones, Albany, second vice-president; Mrs. O. L. Adey, enterprise, third vice-president; Mrs. L. L. Colville, Grants Pass, secretary-treasurer. All were installed.

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