

Charles Wins Over Rex Layne in 11th

PITTSBURGH — (U.P.) — Ex-Heavyweight Champion Ezzard Charles launched his comeback tonight by flooring Rex Layne twice and winning a technical knock-out over the clumsy Utah Larruper at 2:32 of the 11th round in frigid Forbes Field.

Layne, who had been saved by the bell at the count of "nine" at the end of the 10th round, was floored again by a hard right to the chin for a count of nine in the 11th. The chunky, fair-skinned westerner was so helpless when he regained his feet that referee Buck McTiernan stopped the bout.

Layne Cut Badly

Most of the disappointing crowd of 6,257 had been yelling for McTiernan to prevent Layne from coming out of his corner to start the 11th. Layne had been bleeding from his nose, mouth and a deep gash at the corner of his left eye when his handlers picked him up from the canvas at the end of the 10th session and carried him to his corner.

Layne had suffered a severe battering on the ropes in the 10th before he finally was driven to the canvas by a left hook to the chin.

Charles, scaling the heaviest of his career at 188 pounds, made an

uncertain showing in his first bout since losing his title on a knock-out to Jersey Joe Walcott in the same Pittsburgh ring last July 18.

Ezzard's Timing Off

His three-months lay-off appeared to have dulled his timing and judgment of distance. Brown-skinned Ezzard of Cincinnati missed more punches tonight than in any previous bout of his 11-year career.

Borcher Issues Call

New Oregon Basketball Coach Bill Borcher announced Wednesday that there will be a meeting today for all men interested in playing Freshman and Varsity basketball this season. The time is 3:15 p.m. at MacArthur Court.

At 30, it seemed he would have considerable difficulty regaining the crown from 37-year-old Walcott in their contracted return bout next summer.

Layne, scaling 195½ pounds—seven and one-half more than taller Charles—suffered his second consecutive kayo. He was stopped by Rocky Marciano at New York last July 12 in the sixth round.

New Mentor



Bill Borcher, new Duck Basketball Coach, as he appeared in his playing days in 1940-41 when he operated at center and forward for Howard Hobson coached clubs. (Courtesy Register-Guard)

Flu Bug Hits Oregon Squad, As Crucial Huskie Game Nears

By Larry Lavelle

Good fortune continues to dodge the University of Oregon footballers. Hopes dwindled for an upset victory over the University of Washington Huskies when Coach Len Casanova announced that 16 players showed up for practice Wednesday with a touch of intestinal flu.

Originally scheduled for the week's most rugged practice session, Casanova was forced to slacken the drill to dummy tackle sessions. Questioned as to the spirit of the Ducks, especially after the walloping handed them by Pacific, Casanova pointed out that had it not been for outright evidence of nausea, the 16 would have continued to work out uncomplainingly, and unnoticed by the coaching staff.

Speculating on the possibility of the source of the sickness, Casanova reported that 15 of the 16 were members of the Stockton traveling squad. Although three gridders will probably have shaken their miseries by Saturday, the Duck mentors are moaning the loss of the day's practice.

Hospital List

Tackle Mike Sikora continues to be plagued with illness. Ray Karnofski will not see action against the Huskies; Tom Lyon is

definitely out of the Portland contest; and it is extremely unlikely that Bob Ashworth, pass catching star of the Stanford opener, will participate.

All the news from the Oregon camp is not somber, however. Tom Novikoff has shaken the effects of a charley horse picked up at Stockton; Dick Davenport, who suffered a dislocated thumb, will play regardless of his handicap; Monte Brethauer, in spite of a fractured rib, may be used against Howie Odell's Seattlites; and scatback Ted Anderson may see his first Pacific Coast Conference game on the Multnomah Stadium green-sward.

Washington, although an overwhelming favorite, is not a shoo-in. Casanova and Gene Harlow, who scouted the Husky-USC titanic at Seattle, will attest to that. In supporting his claim, Casanova referred to the second half play of his defensive Webfoots, who held the high-geared COPs to seven points.

In addition, he complimented their ability to rebound—a tribute to their wavering spirit, a spirit, incidentally, which Casanova had no small part instilling in the youthful Ducks.

Either Way

Harlow, after viewing the early season death struggle for the Rose Bowl favorites' role, could hardly be expected to predict an Oregon win. But he did say that the game, with its traditional rites and background, could go in either direction.

In the Huskies, Harlow envisioned a team that "could be great." He added that "In comparison with last year, they are not quite as good, but are very definitely a fine team." The lone difference in Harlow's opinion is an injured right shoulder—that of Mr. Husky, himself, Don Heinrich.

Odell, who had the foresight to train more than Heinrich for the important role in his version of the Oklahoma split "T" formation, has unearthed a pair of Sophomore sensations, Sam Mitchell and Dean Rockey.

Rockey is slated to get the call over Mitchell, who last week was dropped viciously by a pair of Trojan tacklers and acquired an ankle injury. The third-rate Rockey has completed a trifling 23 passes out of 38 attempts and 256 yards, four touchdowns, and a .605 average.

Receiving End

Chief targets for this passing attack, which Mitchell has thrown 374 yards into the records, is Right Halfback Bill Earley and End Doug McClary. Earley has also manufactured 104 yards rushing, surpassed only by the redoubtable rambling of Hugh McElhenny, Husky fullback, who last week raced 100 yards on a punt return for a Washington touchdown and a PCC record. McElhenny has gained 191 yards from scrimmage, caught 11 passes for 46 yards and scored 39 points for team honors.

The Washington offensive and defensive lines are the life-line of the Seattle eleven. The defending line of Rarold Talley, Clyde Seiler, Captain Ted Holzknicht, Jim O'Brien and Neil Boyd, in Odell's five-four-two formation, backed up with All-American safety Sprague, is perhaps the best on the Pacific Coast.

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