

Charles Blasts Layne, Nears Title Chance

San Francisco (AP) — Former Heavyweight Champion Ezzard Charles entered the ring tonight a four to one favorite over Rex Layne and he definitely lived up to the role.

Charles walloped Layne from pillar to post for the 10-round distance and won a unanimous decision before 7,000 fans at the Winterland Pavillion. The bout was televised nationally.

Layne was game and willing but completely outclassed by the Negro scrapper. Layne hit the canvas four times and seldom gave Charles any really serious moments.

The victory placed Charles squarely in the spotlight again for a crack at the winner of next Friday night's title bout between Champion Rocky Marciano and Challenger Jersey Joe Walcott.

Charles scaled 187 and one-half to Layne's 203. However, the 15 and one-half pound difference didn't appear to bother Charles too much, although Layne's rushing tactics frequently forced the onetime heavyweight ruler against the ropes.

Layne was floored in the first, sixth, seventh and 10th rounds. However, there was no count after the knockdowns in the opener and the sixth. In the sixth, Layne was wobbly and staggered along the ropes. Referee Frankie Carter sent Charles to a neutral corner and the

delay prevented the start of a count.

Charles really gave Layne the works in the seventh. Rex staggered around the ring under the impact of the savage onslaught.

Near the final bell, Charles belted Layne with everything he had but the courageous youngster from Lewiston, Utah refused to quit.

Freshman Upsets Turner, Reiser

A major upset highlighted Wednesday's track time trials as Coach Bill Bowerman tested his thin squad in preparation for the Willamette relays.

Freshman miler, Jim Dellinger, beat veterans Wayne Reiser and Fred Turner in the one and one-half mile run. Dellinger hails from Springfield.

In other events, Jerry Mock edged out Bruce Springbett in the 75 yard dash. The half-milers ran in a 600 yard jaunt. Doug Clement showed well in this. Clement, a quarter-miler last year, may run both the 880 and 440 this season.

Ted Anderson, last year's top quarter-miler and Northern Division dual meet champion, ran well in the 300 yard event, Bowerman reported.

A bad heel limited Al Martin, ace miler, to a three-quarter mile run. The Cottage Grove junior placed third in the Pacific Coast meet last year.

AT HOWE FIELD

Duck Baseballers See First Action Today Against L-C

By Sam Vahey
Emerald Sports Editor

Coach Don Kirsch's 1953 baseball crew opens its season this afternoon at 3 p.m. on Howe field against Lewis and Clark college from Portland. A previously scheduled game for yesterday was cancelled because the field at Portland university was too wet.

Out of Kirsch's last year's 17-man traveling squad only six lettermen return for action. A seventh veteran may be added to the squad, however, if strong armed Don Siegmund is re-admitted to the university. Siegmund was declared scholastically ineligible at the end of the fall term, but is in the process of getting back.

Other "O" winners are Earl Averill, Jim Livesay, Norm Forbes, Jack Pyle, who lettered two years ago, George Shaw, Pete Williams, and Ron Phillips.

In addition to the returning starters, a host of promising junior college transfers and a number of players up from last season's JV team bolster the varsity nine.

Since practice began winter term, the squad has been cut down to 23.

Veteran Catchers

Catching shouldn't offer Kirsch too much trouble as veterans Livesay and Averill are working out at the position. Kirsch stated, however, that both will be in the starting lineup, one in the outfield. Neal Marlett, a JV recruit, is also showing well in behind-the-plate duties.

Six hurlers, besides Siegmund, make up the mound staff. Norm Forbes will be used in a regular roll, as might Jack Pyle, who earned a letter two years ago, but who didn't repeat last spring.

Farrell Albright, right hander, and Bill Blodget are two of the pitchers up from the JV nine. From San Bernardino Junior college come two transfers, Trent



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Returns for Third Year of Duty

Huls and Stan Dmochowsky, the right hander and the latter a southpaw.

Three lanky applicants from the JV team are fighting it out for the first-base position. The starter will be either Don Hedgepeth, Bob Wagner, or Jim Tennyson.

Two on Second

Qualifying for second-base duties are Jim Johnson, with JV experience under his belt, and Lee

Jackson, an impressive infielder from Portland State.

George Shaw will move from the outfield post he held last year to a vacancy at the shortstop slot. Another San Bernardino transfer, Walt Gaffney, is scheduled to also see action in this capacity.

Letterman Pete Williams is presently opening in the third sack position although he will get competition from Duane Allen, who comes to the university via Clark junior college.

Roving the outfield pastures during the '53 season will be Ron Phillips, who led the Duck batters last year, in left field; Al Murray, who turned out for the first time this year, in the center field spot; and Bernie Averill, a brother of last year's letterman who has just returned from the service, in the remaining right field post.

Civil War Tomorrow

Oregon State and Oregon will clash in what should be a top baseball attraction tomorrow afternoon at the local field. The Ducks will play their third game in a row the next day when they meet a squad of highly regarded U of O Alumni.

In addition to the first three practice games, the Duck baseballers will go through four more preseason tilts before opening the Northern Division against Idaho on April 15.

Preseason schedule: April 2, Lewis and Clark at Eugene; April 3, Oregon State at Eugene; April 4, U of O Alums at Eugene; April 7, Linfield at McMinnville; April 9, OSC at Corvallis; April 10, Willamette at Eugene; April 11, Linfield at Eugene.

Manager Sought

Any students interested in helping to manage track this spring are urged to see Coach Bill Bowerman. Freshmen, especially, are wanted because there is a good opportunity to work up, according to Bowerman.

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