

Charles Beats Walcott For Heavy Title



CHICAGO, June 22 — Ezzard Charles, the new world heavyweight boxing champion (NBA version) lands a stiff left on Jersey Joe Walcott in the second round (upper photo) of their title fight here last night. In the lower photo Walcott has a right socked to let fly at the new champ. Charles was declared winner via close decision after 15 rounds. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

Senators Drop Second in Row To Tacoma Tigers in 4-1 Game



Add one more hope to the list of local fistie prospects being handled by two different stables. The newcomer is Pete Collins, a lightweight easily Collins is being handled by Duke Morrell and Phil Bayes, the latter the popular Fighting Phil of these parts years ago. Bayes is highly elated over the possibilities shown by Collins and both he and Morrell tab the lad as a real comer. . . . The other Salem stable (Dean Abney, Keller Wagner, etc.) is operated by George Masters and Jack Rainwater. . . . Speaking of Morrell, he figures he now has in tow the next world heavyweight champ, a brand new 9 1/2-pound boy. . . . Morrell viewed that Roseburg mess Joe Kan-but got himself into last week, and figures the very worst the thing could have been called was a draw, even against the ringer the Woodburn Walloper fought. . . . Sudden thought: The Salems socked 13 home runs in six games on their swing 1 rough Vancouver and Victoria, but managed only one, by Mel Wasley, in the next eight games here at home. . . . Those dang and distant Waters fences anyway. . . . Homer production in the local area has totaled nine so far this season (three by Dick Greco in one series), which is just 30 short of the all-time high of 48 produced in one season, 1940. . . . Bill Bevins hasn't yet made his mark in the Texas League with Houston (his arm continues to trouble him), but for the luckless gent he is, a near-miracle occurred the other night. Each week on the Houston club some of the merchants in town hand out a wrist watch and a \$75 suit to the player who is voted as being outstanding for the week. But no player can win two weeks in a row. If he does, players' names are put into a hat and a drawing is held, the winner of which gets the watch and suit. So presto, when one Houston player was voted the honor a second straight week, Bevins' name was pulled from the bonnet and he took home the two prizes.

Gil Leiser, the WU grad who tried his hand in a little of most everything here before leaving for greener pastures, has wound up in Yakima and is broadcasting the Bears baseball games for Station KYAK up there. Listeners have told us Gil does okay but gets into excited when the Yaks score a run. We'd say he's therefore excited most of the time.

D'Biase Should Be Steady Winner Now

Take it for what it's worth, but we're told Vince DiBiase will now be a regular winner for the parent Portlands, after a recent chat with Mgr. Bill Sweeney. It seems lanky Vince, one of the best curve-ballers in the PCL, had a hankering to go on the Oakland club in his home town and was "jacking," as the term is applied to those who aren't putting out full sail in baseball on the Bevo club. Sweeney got wind of it, told Vince he'd do his pitching for Portland or nobody else and DiBiase is said to have responded with that snappy three-hitter last Sunday.

Haven't seen where the guy has reported yet, and hope he never does just because of the damage he would inflict with his big bat. But Oakland didn't release Les Scarcella recently. The Oaks instead sold him outright to Bremerton. . . . He did it again: Hollywood's hottest week at the gate for the PCL season so far was when San Diego was there, with Luke Easter. The guy's worth a year's mint to the Coast owners. . . . Chuck Cronin, the pitching wizard, skipper last season in new bossing the Raleigh Caps of the Class B Carolina loop, and has a 5-3 pitching record. . . . Bremerton's Johnny Marshall has 13 victories (through Tuesday). Just a down off the WIL record.

Auto Races Booked for Portland Meadows Also

Bald Bill Klepper, the former Portland-Seaside baseball wizard who now looks a lot of place running the dining room at Portland Meadows as a preacher who in a likker store, tells us the PM strip will be the scene of big auto racing doings later on, after the boss season closes down. The track operators hope to lure the Pacific Coast auto racing championship there, with its \$20,000 in purses, and other lesser speed parties for vehicles. Which should make Jimmy Ryan right pegged, for the back stretch at PM nestles right up against the grandstand of Ryan's Portland Speedway track. . . . Klepper hasn't been converted into a solid horseman yet, however, despite his tieup with the Meadows. He can't pick a winner any better than we, and admits he doesn't know a brown gelding from a hippopotamus. The guy still likes to sit and talk baseball by the hour, his one great sports love.

LIMIT CATCHES
JEFFERSON, June 22—Clarence Miller, St-Ney Miller, Glenn Cochran and party returned from a recent fishing trip to Crane Lake reservoir with full limit catches for all. . . . In a baseball game here Sunday the Scio team downed Jefferson 15-13. Jefferson plays at Marion next Sunday.

SHOOT MEET SET
LA GRANDE, June 22 —(AP)—The La Grande Rifle club will host the State Rifle and Pistol association shoot here July 9-10. More than 100 shooters are expected to enter.

Charles Captures Title Via Decision; Tribe Tops A's in 14th; Bosox Stopped

Athletics Get Only One Hit

Cincy Beats Brooks; Yanks, Browns Split

NEW YORK, June 22 —(AP)—Gene Bearden and Bob Lemon of the Cleveland Indians turned in a brilliant combined mound effort tonight as they held the Philadelphia Athletics to only one hit over 14 innings, the Indians winning out, 7-3. The odd contest saw the Tribe pock 15 blows off four A's hurlers only to be extended to the 14th before winning out.

The loss dropped the Athletics down into third place in the American League as the Detroit Tigers took over second-place by whipping the Boston Red Sox, 13-4. The defeat ended the Bosox' six-game victory streak. The Tigers blasted 18 hits but lost their star third-sacker, George Kell who broke a bone in his right foot. He'll be out about three weeks.

Underdogs had their day in other major games. Cincinnati upset the Brooklyn Dodgers, 4-3, for their second win over the National League leaders in 10 games. The cellar-dwelling Chicago Cubs made it two in a row over Boston, 9-8. Pittsburgh after losing two to Philadelphia, came back to tie the Phils, 12-3.

The St. Louis Browns handed the first place New York Yankees a scare, winning the first game of a doubleheader, 5-1, but losing in a slugging nightcap, 10-8. It took a sixth inning home run with one on by Tommy Henrich to give the Yanks a split. The Browns knocked out Yankee Ace Vic Raschi with 13 hits, sending him to the showers in the sixth. Red Embree, a former Yankee, gave a great demonstration of clutch pitching in the opener. He was clipped for 11 hits and walked seven, but left 17 runners stranded, one short of the major league record.

Three successive singles by Peanut Lowrey, Grady Hatton and Walker Cooper, after two out in the 11th inning, enabled the Reds to defeat Brooklyn and hand Don Newcombe his first major league loss against four triumphs. Ewell Blackwell won his first game of the season, pitching two and one third innings of scoreless ball. Homers accounted for six of the Chicago Cubs' nine runs against Boston. Herman Reich, Hank Sauer and Dewey Adkins each hit one for the Bruins. Dino Restelli celebrated his first week in the majors by cracking his fourth and fifth homers to help Pittsburgh whip the Phils. Vic Lombardi went all the way for the winners. Chicago's White Sox topped Washington, 4-1, behind the tight hurling of Bill Wigitt.

Salem tallied her only run in the second inning when Bob Hedington singled and both Roy Carlson and Marty Krug walked. The run came in on Gene Peterson's infield out.

Other than that there was no further scoring for Salem. The Tigers tallied twice in the fifth on two walks and singles by Dick Greco and Eddie Barr. Two more runs in the sixth came on a single by Jerry Ballard, a double by Joe Kanev and a single by new shortstop Al Cohen.

Tacoma had 11 hits, three by Greco and three more by Kanev. The final game of the series will be played tomorrow night.

Favorites Win In OGA Action

ASTORIA, Ore., June 22 —(AP)—Defending champion Lou Jennings and co-medalists Ron Clark and Ted Westling advanced through opening matches today in the annual Oregon Golf association tournament.

Jennings, from Portland, had to go the full route to subdue George Cameron, Portland, 2 up. Westling, another Portlander, managed to down young Bud Sower, Jensenber, Blackwell (9) and Cooper.

New York, 300 200 000—8 11 1
St. Louis, 100 302 50—11 13 2
Jones, Kennedy (4), Webb (6), Janzen (7), Hilde (7), Hansen (8) and Brecheen, Hearn (3), Reeder (15), Staley (8) and Rice, Garagiola (4).

Congdon Wins Midget Racing Starter

Russ Congdon, driving the silver No. 77 Offenhauser special that Lou Sherman piloted last year, but at the same time not considered a major threat among the midget racing flock this season, won the Class A main event last night as the roaring runt season opened at Hollywood Bowl. A crowd estimated at over 4000—easily the largest ever in the bowl inasmuch as many were without seats and standing up—watched the inaugural.

Congdon started tenth in the field of 12 for the "reverse handicap" mainer, and with some expert as well as daring driving took over the lead at the 10th lap. He held it from there, although both Lou Sherman and

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Mix Ends in 7th Round

Sullivan Nabs TKO Over Tacoma Rival

An aroused John L. Sullivan, his face streaming blood and his left eye nearly closed after a beating in the earlier rounds, caught up with King Henry Lee in the seventh round last night at the armory and pounded out a TKO win in the scheduled 10-round main event of the Vets of Foreign Wars card.

Sullivan came in at 168 pounds, Lee's weight was 162 1/2. For six rounds Lee, the squat Tacoma negro, middleweight, had things pretty much his own way. The Statesman tally card gave him four of that initial six heats as he continually dangled a dandy left jab in Sullivan's features and supplemented that weapons with jolting rights and lefts to the head and body.

Sullivan was unable to land a solid blow in the early stages as Lee stymied him repeatedly with a leather barricade. In the fourth round Lee caught the Portland ringster with his ropes and ripping a snorting right which put John L.'s left eye in a bad way.

After Lee had taken the fifth by a narrow margin, Sullivan finally discarded his retreating tactics and began to reverse the trend. In the first exchange of the seventh canto Sullivan shook the Tacoma boy with a right cross and followed up with a savage rain of punches which floored Lee for a nine count. Lee got to his feet, eyes glassy, and Referee Packy McFarland raised Sullivan's arm 2:25 into the round with Lee obviously helpless.

The six-round semi-final saw Davy Ball, the 154 1/2-pound Portlander, rack a third-round KO over Danny Forrest of Redding, Calif. Ball was on top all the way with some potent body blows and had Forrest down for a nine-count in the second.

Dick Collie, Salem, snared a TKO win over Raphael Lorea, Eugene, in the third round of the scheduled four-round curtain-raiser. Collie used a nice left jab effectively.

Another four-rounder saw Larry Reagan, 127 1/2, of Hermiston, battle to a draw with Jimmy Ogden, 126 1/2-pound Portlander. The scheduled prelim between Pat Kelly, Oakland and Al Cliff, Portland, was cancelled when Kelly couldn't pass a boxing commission physical exam.

A fair-sized house sat in on the first mitt card in a number of weeks.

Walcott Says Rival 'Dirty'

CHICAGO, June 22 —(AP)—Wearry, worn and bitterly disappointed, 35-year-old Jersey Joe Walcott asserted he was beaten by a "sneaky puncher" for the NBA world heavyweight title tonight.

"I thought I won at least nine rounds," Walcott declared with head bowed on his exhausted chest in his dressing room at Comiskey park.

"Charles is not a great fighter," declared Walcott. Then he flashed his only anger, snapping: "He's a sneaky puncher. He hit me coming out of the clinch all of the time. When the referee broke us, I stopped punching, but that dirty fighter kept banging away."

Walcott waved a swollen right hand.

"I hurt this in the fourth round and I couldn't use it handy-like after that."

Stayton Wins Junior Clash

STAYTON, June 22 —(Special)—Stayton's American Legion junior baseball team blanked Woodburn, 4-0, today in a district two class which opened the second round. Eldon Russell of Stayton let the Woodburn crew down with only one hit while the winners were poking four off Dick Hall.

Russell whiffed men Stayton plays host to Silverton Sunday. Woodburn . . . 000 000 0-1 1 Stayton . . . 101 200 x-4 4 0 Hall and Henderson; Russell and T. Hightberger.

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Soaked One Ezzard Handed Unanimous Nod

Age Catches Jersey Joe in Late Rounds

By Jack Hand
CHICAGO, June 22 —(AP)—Ezzard Charles, a lean, hungry negro from Cincinnati, won the NBA share of Joe Louis' vacated heavy-weight boxing championship tonight by a unanimous 15 round decision over 35 year old Jersey Joe Walcott, the ambling fighting pappy from Camden, N. J.

Frizzle-topped Charles failed to flatten his ancient foe after having him on the way to a knockout in three different rounds. The last three rounds were fought to the accompaniment of boos from the crowd.

Judges Frank (Spike) McAdams and Harold Maroutz scored the fight the same way, voting for Charles by a 78-72 count. Referee Dave Miller found for the 27 year old new champion, 77-73. The Associated Press card had it even more lopsided with an 82-68 point margin for Charles and a 9-4 edge in rounds with two even.

Nearly an hour after the end of the fight the attendance was officially announced as 25,932. The gross receipts were not immediately available as the box office had not finished their count. The weather was ideal for the Comiskey park crowd with the temperature in the 70s.

In the same ring where Joe Louis wrested the crown from Jimmy Braddock, just 12 years ago tonight, Charles gave Jersey Joe a savage beating in the seventh, tenth and eleventh rounds of a grueling battle. The body bombs that young Charles threw with his violent fists took the steam and hustle out of Walcott who went 25 rounds with Louis in two fights before he was knocked out.

Giving way 13 1/2 pounds to his older opponent Charles at 183 1/2 disappointed only in his failure to stiffen the tired old Jersey Joe, who weighed 195 1/2. Old age and a fierce young man with blazing eyes and a cool, relentless attack caught up with Walcott at the same time. From the first two rounds he was busy heaving wild rights and in a desperate attempt to escape the searing body punches of Charles.

Louis' whose retirement last March paved the way for this bout, was the first to congratulate Charles. . . . Jake Mintz, one of Charles' four managers, was so overcome by the triumph that he collapsed in the corner when Ezzzy was proclaimed the new champion. He recovered and left under his own power, after a stretcher had been hustled from under the stands.

Charles won recognition as new titleholder in 61 bodies that are affiliated with the NBA (National Boxing Association). New York and Massachusetts are not members.

There will be a mixup on who gets the real crown because the British board of boxing control recently voted to recognize its winner of the Sept. 6 Lee Savold-Bruce Woodcock as the new king. Charles may be matched with the winner at a later date, but that is still vague.

Walcott's cagey style of a two-step jugging retreat to set up an off balance opponent for a sneak overhand right, failed to bother Charles. This was no bloated Louis with timing off and old eye creeping up in his bones. This was a young man who moved inside and whaled away desperately to the body.

No shadow of doubt about the gameness of Jersey Joe he can be cast after this battle. He gave it all he had which turned out to be not enough. But he just would not go down. That was the story in a nutshell.

From the 12th on through the last three rounds the crowd in the upper stands in left and right fields gave out with a roar of boos. They were disappointed that Charles, their favorite and a 10 to 13 betting choice, was not able to end it.

Oregonians - In the Majors-

Total	28	4	6	3	6	3
Oregon City	400	000	0-4	6	3	0
Salem	102	1010	-5	6	3	0
Winning pitcher: Rock; losing pitcher: Tuderbaugh.						
Pitcher	IP	AB	R	ER	SO	BB
Tuderbaugh	6	32	5	4	4	4
Walker	15	71	1	0	1	0
Rock	6 1/2	26	5	0	4	2
Left on bases: Oregon City 7, Salem 9. Three-base hit: Rock. Two-base hit: Stewart. Runs batted in: Jones, Stewart. Stolen bases: Jacobson, Jones, Parsons, Nelson. Double play: Hopp-Hendig. Umpires: Howell and Fitzgerald.						

MAYFLOWER DRILL TONIGHT
All members of the Mayflower League club of the Junior "B" league are asked to turn out at 6:15 tonight at Olinger for a practice session.

Robinson, Dodgers . . . 6 ABRH Pct.
Kell, Tigers . . . 50 242 47 29 369
Schwendienst, Cards . . . 35 235 36 22 349
Kiner, Pirates . . . 38 214 41 72 326
DiMaggio, Red Sox . . . 55 223 47 32 325
Williams, Red Sox . . . 60 221 57 69 313
Home runs - American League: Will-iams, Red Sox 17. National League: Kiner, Pirates 15. Burns batted in - American League - Williams, Red Sox 23. National League - Robinson, Dod-gers 26.