

# Rocky Solid Favorite in Title Mix

## Champ Backed By 4-1 Odds

### Most Think LaStarza Won't Go 15 Rounds

**BY JACK HAND**  
NEW YORK (AP) — Heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano and challenger Roland LaStarza breezed through final training sessions Tuesday with the Brockton blockbuster a solid 4 to 1 favorite to retain his title Thursday night at the Polo Grounds.

## Blackout!

NEW YORK (AP) — With no home television or radio for the Rocky Marciano-Roland LaStarza heavyweight title fight Thursday at the Polo Grounds, the International Boxing Club said Tuesday blow-by-blow descriptions from ringside would be limited to newspaper publication only.

Jim Norris, IBC president, said these restrictions had to be enforced out of fairness to Theater Network Television, which is offering the fight on theater screens simultaneously in 45 theaters in 35 cities from coast to coast.

close call with Carmen Basilio, frow of the experts gave the 26-year-old New Yorker much chance to escape the numbing punches of the swarthy champion.

According to odds quoted by one source, it was 12 to 5 that LaStarza would not go the 15 rounds and even money he wouldn't survive eight. They made it 8 to 1 that Marciano would not be knocked out.

Jim Norris, International Boxing Club president, reported an advance sale of \$225,000. He said the sales should reach \$300,000 before the office is moved to the ball park Thursday.

The 15-round match will not be carried on radio, or home television.

Norris said theater-TV carried a guarantee of \$100,000 with a privilege of \$1.00 per admission if more than 100,000 turn out.

Both fighters will share in the theater-TV receipts and the gate with Marciano getting 42 1/2 per cent and LaStarza 17 1/2.

## Tom Fool Slated For Saturday Go

NEW YORK (AP) — John Gaver, trainer for the Greentree Stable, said Tuesday Tom Fool would start in the \$50,000 Synovon Mile Saturday at Belmont Park "under any kind of track conditions."

Gaver said recently the handicapper champion would not run on a sloppy or muddy track, as the 4 year old son of Menow is not at his best under those conditions.

## BRUINS EYE KANSAS

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Practice aimed at improving a spotty passing attack and the defense occupied the UCLA football squad Tuesday, with the trio of Brian left halfbacks on the firing line.

## Look and Learn

By A. C. GORDON

1. During U. S. President's administration was the Panama Canal built?
2. How much does a cubic foot of water weigh?
3. Which is the most important of the Hawaiian Islands?
4. Who said, "Nothing is certain but death and taxes"?
5. What language furnishes nearly all the expressions used in music?

## ANSWERS

1. Theodore Roosevelt.
2. It weighs 62 1/2 pounds.
3. Oahu.
4. Benjamin Franklin.
5. Italian.

## Tide Table

Tides for Taft, Oregon, September, 1953 (compiled by U.S. Coast & Geodetic Survey, Portland, Ore.)

Sept.	Time	Ht.	Time	Ht.
23	12:14 p.m.	7.0	6:27 a.m.	0.3
24	12:49 a.m.	6.3	6:46 a.m.	0.7
	12:51 p.m.	7.5	7:01 p.m.	0.8
	1:29 p.m.	7.4	8:22 p.m.	0.9
25	1:44 a.m.	6.0	7:28 a.m.	1.2
26	2:41 a.m.	5.6	8:07 a.m.	1.8
	2:09 p.m.	7.3	9:15 p.m.	0.9
27	3:42 a.m.	5.2	8:15 a.m.	2.3
	2:54 p.m.	7.1	10:12 p.m.	0.7
28	4:47 a.m.	3.8	9:43 a.m.	3.8
	3:44 p.m.	6.7	11:13 p.m.	0.4
29	5:01 a.m.	4.7	10:48 a.m.	3.1
	4:43 p.m.	6.2		

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## Bears, Indians to Be Foes... Beavers, Webfeet Grid For Weekend Contests

CORVALLIS (AP) — The Oregon State football team drilled on defense plays Tuesday for the clash with California in Portland next Saturday.

Reserve fullback Ron Siegrist injured his knee and probably won't be able to play, coach Kip Taylor reported.

Right half Ken Brown, OSC's leading grounding gainer against UCLA last weekend, continued to shine in Tuesday's practice. Taylor said he might use him as a regular ahead of veteran Ralph Carr and Jack Pinion.

## Hutch Handed New One-Year Detroit Pact

DETROIT (AP) — Freddie Hutchinson, who guided the Detroit Tigers out of the American League cellar this year, signed a one-year contract Tuesday to manage the club again next season.

No salary terms were announced but his signing must be considered a vote of confidence. Earlier in the season, when the Tigers floundered in last place, there were rumors that this would be Hutch's last season.

After a dismal start, the team pulled itself together and moved out of the cellar and into sixth place.

The 34-year-old Hutchinson, who got his baseball start in his native Seattle, took over the Tiger reins July 5, 1952, from Fred Rolfe, who was fired. The Tigers finished last that season for the first time in history.

It looked as though Detroit would finish last again this year. But after acquiring third baseman Ray Boone from the Cleveland Indians the club perked up and passed both the St. Louis Browns and the Philadelphia A's to take sixth place.

With only four games of the season to go, Detroit is six full games ahead of the Browns.

Hutch, in an effort to help his team, reinstated himself on the active player list in the middle of the season and pitched relief ball on several occasions.

## Vikings Play Albany Friday

(Continued from preceding page) guard, Jack Scott at tackle, Blaine Faulkner at center and Dennis Ranta, Ray Derrah and Dave Cox at the halfback spots.

Albany was out in front of Lebanon in the game of last weekend, but finally succumbed 25-18 to Warriors rally.

In their first two trips post-war this season the Salems have blanked Cleveland of Portland 21-0, and Astoria 40-0.

While Albany and Salem are getting in their District 8 licks here Friday, other district teams will be occupied as follows the same night: Corvallis at Lebanon.

## Rollin' Along

(Continued from preceding page) humiliation at the hands of COP... It is doubtful that the Webfoots can be as high for this one as for the Nebraska mix...

Cal's Bears were not the only ones to look silly as Baylor tackled 'em with that 25-0 upset... A Bay Area sports section, in a pre-game story, cautioned the fans against leaving before the game was over, adding that these Texas teams are noted for their last-ditch rallies... The fans probably left early anyway—but for reasons the reverse of what the scribe anticipated...

Blackest villains of the week (of many weeks): The International Boxing Club for its complete blackout of the Marciano-LaStarza, Thursday title fight, other than for special TV in picked theaters... What do those guys want, gold dust on top the frosting?... A mass of folk in the outlands are downright mad about this shenanigan, and they're wondering, too, how in heck throttling 'casts to these extreme parts could in any way harm the gate at the Polo Grounds Thursday night...

IBC Tactics Discourage Ring Interest

Since TV came in, the policy in many instances has been to blackout the immediate area at the fight scene and permit the rest of the land's citizenry to cozy up to their sets for a half hour of parlor pugilistics... The logical answer, but no, the IBC thinks otherwise—and in the process does no great good for the build up of further and much-needed boxing interest out in the provinces...

Still on that Thursday night crown bout, when the confident LaStarza gets in all those nasty verbal digs at Marciano, he might take a lesson from the experience of Max Schmeling... Back in 1938 Nazi-nourished Max said some uncomplimentary things about Joe Louis on the eve of the pair's return bout. The German had a confidence stemming from the knockout win over Joe in the first scrap between the two, just as LaStarza is oozing optimism in his belief that he should have had a decision win over Rocky three years ago...

Schmeling, with his remarks, made the sad mistake of getting the usually taciturn Louis mad—mad as blazes. And Joe came close to literally killing Max in that second bout. It would seem less than wise for LaStarza to have Marciano at the boiling point Thursday night...

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## Hard Tops Set Final Program Here Saturday

The stock cars having buttoned up their 1953 programs in Salem last weekend, the hard tops move in next Saturday night at Hollywood Bowl for their final 1953 appearance. They'll roll in a special program being arranged by the Valley Sports racing officials.

The track directors hope to run off the hard top championship finale with a pair of 50-lap elimination races, followed by a 20-lap contest featuring the top finishers in the two "fifties."

If eked by the Oregon Hard Top Racing Association, this would provide bowl fans with 120 laps of championship racing, on a survival of the fittest basis. Valley Sports officials are seeking that okeh.

Time trials for the Saturday card will get under way at 7:30 p. m. Saturday. Driving rosters and text of the racing program itself will be announced later in the week, after final arrangements have been made.

The stock cars closed out their bowl meetings last Saturday night with Pat Diviny upsetting the favorites to win the 100-lap championship finale in a 1952 Oldsmobile.

## Brooks Equal Home Record

Continued from Preceding Page) coasting to a 9-3 decision over the New York Giants. The Phils blasted out Larry Jansen in the first game 4-1 on a three-run attack and continued to pound Dave Koslo, Hoyt Wilhelm and Sal Maglie for a total of 13 hits.

The Cleveland Indians moved a game closer to clinching second place in the American League by whipping Chicago, 8-3. Al Rosen hit his 41st homer for the Indians and Bobby Feller registered his 10th victory.

Satchel Paige gave only one hit in seven innings as the St. Louis Browns trimmed Detroit, 7-3. Paige celebrating what he said was his 46th birthday, weakened slightly in the eighth and got help from Don Larsen.

## Huskies Sweat

SEATTLE (AP) — The Washington football squad had its hardest workout of the season Tuesday as it concentrated on defense against Michigan plays.

Coach John Cherberg put his charges through several hours of slam-bang work, then shifted to defense against punt returns — one of the weakest spots in the Husky game when it went down to a 21-20 defeat last Saturday against Colorado.

SUSPENSION FOR TRACK

ALBANY, N. Y. (AP) — The State Harness Racing Commission suspended the license of Yonkers Raceway Tuesday and Gov. Dewey took steps to wipe out what he called "racketeering" at all harness racing tracks in the state.

DECKER HURT

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Sophomore halfback Jim Decker continued to limp on an injured leg Tuesday and is a doubtful participant for Southern California against Minnesota here Saturday.

IRISH PLAYER SWITCHED

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — Dick Szymanski, 225-pound regular line-backer last season, was switched to center Tuesday as Notre Dame's footballers began polishing off their season opener at Oklahoma Saturday.

BANTSARI TO MARINES

AMITY (Special) — Vernon Matthew Bantsari, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac S. Bantsari, Box 118, Amity, and former Amity High School football star who played in the recent East-West Shrine Hospital benefit football game at Pendleton, has enlisted in the Marine Corps and will report for enlistment next Monday. His brother, Herman Dean Bantsari, is a former marine.

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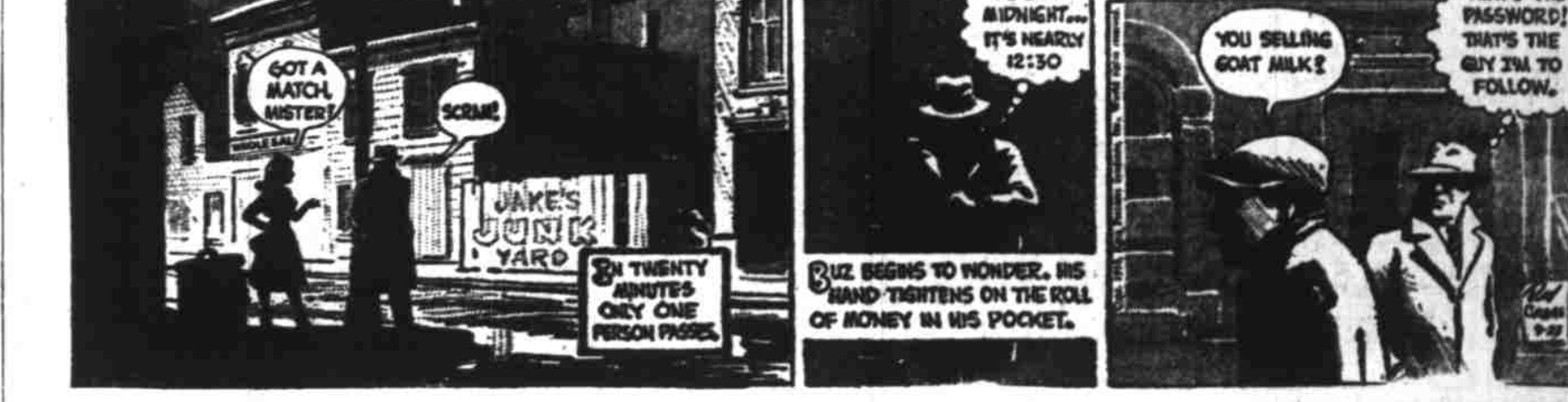
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