

Champs Reluctant to Risk Ring Titles in '49 Bouts

By FRANK ECK
(AP News Features Sports Editor)

New York — What boxing needs is a shot in the arm, preferably a fighting champion like the old Joe Louis.

Although 12 championship fights were held, the champions appeared more willing to engage in non-title bouts, being very cautious about laying their crowns on the line.

Louis retired officially as heavyweight champion in March but after Ezzard Charles out-pouted Jersey Joe Walcott in Chicago for the National Boxing association title, Louis returned for a series of some 20 exhibition bouts.

"I ain't rich and I ain't poor," was Louis' best reason for returning to the ring. It led boxing experts to believe the Brown member, who had been champion since 1937, needed ready cash. He denied any intentions of again fighting for the title.

Charles was accepted as the new champion except in New York state where the boxing commission felt that a series of heavyweight bouts would be the best way to get a new heavyweight ruler. Oddly enough, Charles defended his title here by stopping Gus Lesnevich, ex-light heavy



EZZARD CHARLES
Won Heavy Title

in partnership with Madison Square Garden. The IBC had five outdoor fights, including the Charles-Walcott battle in Chicago, a middleweight title bout in Detroit and three bouts in New York ballparks. The outdoor fights showed only a small profit. The Jacobs touch and the magnetic name of Louis were missing.

The light heavyweight division is best described as stagnant. Champion Freddie Mills of England failed to defend his title.

Jake LaMotta of the Bronx, who beat France's Robert Volain in Madison Square Garden on a disputed decision which led to the suspension of a judge and the referee, Harry Ebbs, later won the middleweight crown. He took the title when Marcel Cerdan of France sustained a shoulder injury in their Detroit bout. The end came after nine rounds.

Just when the middleweight division had aroused boxing interest, Cerdan, the most popular foreign fighter since Georges Carpentier, died with 47 others in an Azores plane crash. Cerdan was on his way here to face LaMotta in a return bout.

New York reinstated Rocky Graziano, former champion, and the two-fisted middleweight rallied to knock out a lightweight, Charley Fusari, in the last 56 seconds of a 10-rounder.

Welterweight champion Ray Robinson made only one title defense, beating Kid Gavilan of Cuba in Philadelphia. Sugar Ray, however, fought 12 non-title bouts, scoring eight knockouts, winning three on decisions and fighting a draw with Henry Brim in Buffalo. Robinson drew suspensions in Texas and Massachusetts for failing to fulfill engagements in those states.

Lightweight ruler Ike Williams successfully defended the 135-pound crown twice, stopping Enrique Bolanos in four rounds in Los Angeles and beating Freddie Dawson in 15 at Philadelphia. The latter bout, in which Williams yelled "fix," cost him a \$500 fine. The champ said "a friend" telephoned him, saying Williams would lose if the Dawson fight went the limit. Williams failed to identify the "friend."

In non-title bouts, Williams won six decisions, scored one knockout and lost two bouts to welterweight Gavilan in the Garden. Williams also drew a suspension from the NBA for failing to go through with a California fight.

Willie Pep of Hartford, Conn., regained the featherweight title by outpointing Sandy Saddler in a blistering 15-round Garden fight. Pep later stopped Eddie Compo in seven rounds in a title bout.

Manuel Ortiz of California made one bantamweight title defense, defeating Dado Marino in Honolulu. In non-title bouts he lost to Jimmy Coop-

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Alley and Miklia Team Nabs Lead In Slicker Loop

Cleaning up their portion of the Winter Slicker league, the Laurence Alley-Pat Miklia team virtually placed a strangle hold on the Three I division of the affair. They made clean sweeps of all but one of their five sets of opponents for a total of 14½ points out of a possible 15.

In recent competition Alley and Miklia downed Waterman-Hoffman 3-0, Wadman-Hara, 3-0, and McCallister-Wolfe 3-0. Other Three I results included: Putnam-Martin 2½, J. Thomas-Sinan ½; Waterman-Hoffman 0, McCallister-Wolfe 2; Grava-Hay-Hicks 2½; Miller-Potts ½; Herzberger-Kline 0, English-Erickson 3; W. T. L.: Hauk-Bonestele 2, Johnson-Pinkham 3.

Texas: Hendrie-Larson 2, Gurney-Zeller 1; Toombs-Jones 0, Walter-Johnson 3. Coast: Hazel-Dufas 2, Wicklund-Goppock 2; Kimmell-Gustafson 0, Thompson-Price 3.

American: Goodwin-Kay 2, Piller-Pish 1; Pekar-Gadwa 2, Shafer-Manning 1.

National: Ingram-Schafer 3, Humphreys-Basley 0; Ingram-Schafer 3, Ritter-Eyre 0; Victor-Arheart 3, Dyer-Emich 0.

Sport Shorts

John Scalzi of Stamford, Conn., one of the National Basketball association officials, is president of the Class B Colonial baseball league in the summer.

Although the Cincinnati Reds won the National league pennant in 1939, they finished a full 16 points behind St. Louis in team batting.

Johnny Mize and Enos Slaughter, who finished among the top ten National league batters in 1939, still were active last season.

John Gilman, Michigan State's regular left end, scored the first touchdown of his college career against Temple this season.

Of the ten leading pitchers in the National league in 1939 only Hugh Casey was still active last season.

In Washington, Henry Davis in Honolulu and Ronnie Clayton in England.

Rinty Monaghan of Ireland lost a non-title bout to Terry Allen of England in London, but later, in defense of his title, he and Allen fought a draw in Belfast. In between these clashes, Monaghan defeated Maurice Sandeyron of France in a title fight.

Beavers in Coast Cage Dogfight

By BOB MYERS
(AP Newswire)

Los Angeles — Defending champion Oregon State may be hard pressed to score a repeat triumph in the 1950 Pacific Coast Conference basketball campaign.

Oregon State captured the title in the annual playoff between the northern and southern divisions of the far flung conference, defeating UCLA, southern champs, in a two out of three series.



DICK BALLENTYNE (right)
Sparks Beavers

As usual, the race shapes up as a dog fight, with Oregon State heading for a battle with Washington State, and Idaho a possible spoiler for both in the north.

In the south, UCLA and the always strong Trojans of Southern California figure to be the leading teams, with Stanford the dark horse.

Oregon State lost two regulars from last year, and lack of height may hamper its chances. But the Beavers, who won 12 and lost four in conference play and finished second in the western NCAA tournament at Kansas City, have a pair of veterans at forward in Glen Kinney and Ray Snyder and a smooth-passing guard in Dick Ballentyne, Bob Payne from San Francisco junior college also is bringing joy to Coach Slats Gill.

In the south Coach Johnny Woodens UCLA team has an all-lettermen team, sparked by all-conference guard George Stanich, one of the all-time greats at Westwood, and two all-division players in Forward Alan Sawyer and Center Carl Kraushaar.

Wooden's fast-break caught opponents short last season and such cannot be expected this time. But the ex-Purdue hero probably will come up with some other surprise tactic.

Across town, veteran Coach Sam Barry at USC has seven lettermen back, headed by a standout candidate for All-American honors, Forward Capt. Bill Sharman.

Sharman led the division scorers last season with 203

points and was the only player to pass the 200-mark besides Stanford's great Hank Luisetti.

At Stanford, Everett Dean has five lettermen, with six lost from a third place team. For the first time since the war, Dean has the fast break he prefers, good height and at least one good sophomore. That's Jim Walsh, 6-foot-3 forward from San Francisco.

California's Golden Bears, inconsistent last season, should be steadier, with potential high scorers in Bill Hagler and Bob Walker.

Best guess is that the winner between USC and UCLA in the south will meet the Oregon State-Washington State northern division winner.

Coach Jack Friel at WSC has one of the great players in the conference in Ed Gayda, now a guard. Even though Friel has three sophomores slated for first team duty, his title chances appear good.

At Idaho, Coach Chuck Finley's methodical, set-play style in a speed happy league proved a headache last season. He lost only one regular and has an out-

fit sharp on defense and dangerous in hitting the hoop.

Washington, which won the 1948 championship and hit the cellar in 1949, will be a tremendous surprise if it climbs. Inexperience is the main problem.

Oregon's prospects are somewhat better for a team that won seven and lost nine.



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Nichols' Insurance (1)—Gannon 479, Wilson (3), Gardner 544, Brown 535, McClellan 531, Mettler-Sumpter (1)—Kilmer 523, Stetler 472, Hendrie 484, Herderson 512, Valdez 491.
Walton Brown (3)—Perry 486, Singer 512, Aderton 485, Zimmerman 439, Silke 573, Goidale's of Silverton (1)—Frank 452, J. Herr 464, Howell 461, G. Herr 502, Bentz 485.
Master Bread (2)—Mutton 518, Priesen 492, Coomer 540, M. Powell 479, Farmer 510, Orval's Beer Cafe (1)—Lama 484, McClellan 492, Chab 524, Ross 332, Boyce 644.
Marion Creamery (2)—Orsbalino 555, Park 572, Davoport 534, Kenyon 508, King 522, Starr Fords (1)—Arbhart 604, Allen 590, Lenzon 498, B. Powell 524, Kocis 594.
Senator Radic & Phis (2)—Cady 487, Duffin 496, Wiley 428, Bolton 486, Dierler 583, Knights of Columbus (1)—Link 469, Althoff 490, Blocker 462, M. Miller 405, J. Miller 498.
High individual game: Dale Arhart of Starr Fords, 236.
High individual series: Dale Arhart of Starr Fords, 604.
High team game: Marion Creamery, 1064.
High team series: Marion Creamery, 3959.

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE NO. 2
Hoffman Construction (1)—Karn 267, Emberton 356, Miller 406, Hanson 565, Clark 490, Sound Construction (1)—Bud Straw 459, Rayler 248, Ockert 216, Williams 217, Stimmons 510, Bob Straw 133, J. Miller 313.
Woodburn (3)—Hiele 402, Perd 460, Austin 393, Deagen 550, Hicks 498, Valley Oil (1)—Deik 303, Boon 368, F. Zeeb 468, Luis 307, Warner 448.
Rod & Gun (2)—Miller 306, Futrell 490, McIlroy 419, Kay 603, J. Dellow 545, The Jewel Box (1)—Curtis 440, Pachita 440, White 412, Grant 501, Walla 491.
Nalley's Potato Chips (2)—Thompson 601, Johnson 595, Foss 528, Boyce 615, McCune 509, Dick Meyer Lumber (1)—Harber 498, Hagen 532, Shipman 531, Quince 512, Lucy 462.
High individual game: Eric Kay of Rod & Gun 312. High individual series, Eric Kay of Rod & Gun 603. High team game, Dick Meyer Lumber Co. 975. High team series, Dick Meyer Lumber Co. 2548.

Duckpin Bowling
LADIES LEAGUE
Ladd & Bash Bank (1)—Peggy Short 379, Jo Anne Vovos 264, Theresa Aulair 290, Doula Green 289, Pauline Cabrine 292, Hobbs Neal Selata (4)—Velma White 394, Lucille Allen 387, Mary Polinski 432, Wilma Lishart 342, Beryl 362.
Richard Market (1)—Eva Schroyer 386, June Moore 258, Ruth Hanson 311, Cleo De Hut 256, Gerrie Carr 486, Master Bread (1)—Vida Flood 328, Bonnie Matsum 311, Shirley Studebaker 356, Gerrie Cox 496, Charlotte Hughes 218.
New Ur Self Laundry (1)—Lorena Hanson 358, Ella Schaif 379, Martina Jelen 378, Ruth Powell 291, Alma Penny 307, Dick Meyer Lumber Co. (4)—Rita Hanson 370, Helen Nolan 348, Evelyn Thompson 319, Margaret Holmes 331, Gladys Cliff 358.
Handle Oil (1)—Gladys Ansel 391, Helen Handle 392, Jo Hill 373, Gladys Wood 369, Des Gauthier 431, Memorial Hospital (2)—Dorothy Dennison 444, Alma Crosswell 357, Dorothy Walker 209, Florence Jones 253, Bys 281.
High team series: Dick Meyer, 2879.
High team game: Handle Oil, 406.
High individual series and game: Gerrie Cox (Richard Market) 460 and 211.

University Alleys
LADIES OFFICE LEAGUE
Step-Lite Coffee Shop (1)—Locken 454, Munk 355, McWain 411, Frederickson 284, Kuntz 439, Oregon Statesman (1)—Tammase 356, Kittmiller 363, Dordier 420, White 418, Bower 389.
Chuck's Steak House (1)—Keenan 420, Curtis 297, Lewis 378, Bennett 443, Roadrunner 355, Brown's Jewelers (2)—Purser 308, Hansen 255, Heineke 311, Smith 414, Housham 431.
MacFlower Milk (2)—Bettlemir 319, Merrit 395, Green 428, Platts 309, Gardner 403, Top Hat (1)—Welch 339, Delaney 281, Orend 412, Hamilton 421, Cheney 394, Metropolitan (2)—Hick 259, Green 364, Jones 293, Hay 240, Dow 273, Curly's Dairy (1)—Owens 353, Rath 397, Vibbert 359, Carter 312.
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