

SPORTS

BATTLE TONIGHT IS 'CROSSROAD' FOR JOE LOUIS

Go With Baer Expected to Show Whether Negro One of Greatest of Prize Ring History, or Just Lucky

By EDWARD J. NEIL
(Associated Press Sports Writer)
POMPTON LAKES, N. J.—(AP)—Joe Louis is either the greatest fighter in all the history of heavyweights—greater than Dempsey, Tunney, Johnson, Jeffries, Fitzsimmons, Corbett—or the victim of courage without sense direction, curse of most fine young prize fighters.



Joe Louis.

professional prize fighting behind him, is as good as he looked to be knocking out 20 of the 24 men who have faced him, from the rank of peewees up through Primo Carners and King Levinsky, then he is a composite of all the great heavyweights of the past. It just doesn't seem possible that a boy so young, so comparatively inexperienced, could wade through that field with the terrific punching power the negro has shown, without being the greatest of them all.

Louis Has Had It Easy.
Even Dempsey couldn't whip boxers, which Willie Meahan, Billy Mike once, Bill Brennan, and finally Gene Tunney, proved beyond question.

Tunney was many credited moments and was whipped soundly by a middleweight, Harry Greb, before he found himself against Dempsey. All great fighters of the past have encountered stumbling blocks. But Louis, up to his duel with Max Baer tonight in New York, has never met a man who pressed him, forced him to put on pressure, and Louis has fought boxers, sluggers, glants, every type the ring knows, without turning a hair.

He comes up to this battle with the free-swinging Californian shy of just one thing—experience. Last March 28, less than six months ago, he was working his way steadily up the heavyweight scale against Pete Brown, tough fellow, but nothing to shout about. He knocked Brown down in the first round, failed to finish him in ten, but he was making progress.

Now he's battling Baer, the roughest, toughest all-around fighting man in the heavyweight division, and that goes even though Max did cream-puff his way out of the title in a skinning duel with Jimmy Braddock. Baer proved he could take it, then turn around and murder the dealer, when he demolished Max Schmeling. He crushed Primo Carners and King Levinsky before Louis did, and Louis may have done it all the easier for having had Baer as his predecessor.

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OREGON THREATS ON GRIDIRON



Coach "PRINK" CALLISON



FRANK MICHEK

Starting his fourth year as head coach, "Prink" Callison of the University of Oregon faces the task of building an eleven for a long, long schedule. Among the veterans he has to call on are Frank Michek, veteran line-smashing fullback who can also do the punting, and Stanley Riordan, pass-catching end from Pasadena, Calif. (Associated Press Photos)

ON THE FOOTBALL FRONT

CORVALLIS Ore., Sept. 24.—(AP)—Speed and lots of it was being sought among Oregon State college grid candidates today by Coach Lou Stiner and his assistants. Some of the practice sessions were secret.

Stiner is anticipating a tough battle against Willamette university here Saturday afternoon and has called for intensive scrimmages to iron out weak spots uncovered in last week's 31 to 0 win over Linfield.

EUGENE, Ore., Sept. 24.—(AP)—Coach "Prink" Callison's proteges will have to forget about Gonzaga's defeat by Cheney Normal last Saturday, they were told yesterday.

Gene Shields, veteran line coach, who coached the Gonzaga-Cheney game, said despite the score he rated the Bulldogs a better team than that which represented the Spokane school when it was defeated, 13 to 0, by the University of Oregon last year.

The U. of O. meets Gonzaga in Portland Saturday night.

SPOKANE, Wash., Sept. 24.—(AP)—Coach Mike Pecarovich bemoaned today the loss by graduation of Ike Peterson, fleet-footed halfback of 1934, as he drove his Gonzaga Bulldog.

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LOCAL EXPERTS PICK LOUIS FOR EARLY VICTORY

(By John W. Snider.)
When dusky Joe Louis crawls into the ring at the huge Yankee stadium in New York tonight, for his 15-round go with Max Baer, he'll have a solid block of Medford fans behind him.

In a "pick the winner" contest, conducted by the Golden West Brewing company in this territory, which closes at 5 o'clock this evening, Joe Louis is a strong leader.

Of the 1200 entries, 818 cast their votes for a Louis win. According to this pre-fight poll, Louis will knock Baer into ring eternity in the sixth. Baer is a slight favorite in the event of a decision, but few favor him to win if the battle ends before the tenth.

Can Baer take it? Well, if W. L. Vawter has predicted correctly, Butcher Boy Baer will take his dive in the first round. On the other hand Ralph Palmer of Portland predicts that Louis will be a pushover early in the second round.

O. H. Thompson, local negro, and an ardent fan of young Joe Louis, says that he has the "inside dope" on the outcome. "Louis in the fourth, or I'll eat my hat," he proudly boasts. "Toots" Estes, wrestler, who gives his address as Hawaii, picks a Baer to be an easy winner, and would almost stake his championship belt on it.

JOE'S 'GIRL' TO WITNESS BATTLE

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—(AP)—A feminine heart will flutter at the ring-side tonight as Joe Louis and Max Baer sock out an answer as to which is the better man.

Maybe it'll be Joe Louis' bride. "It's up to Joe," said Marva Trotter. That was the nearest she could come to giving the precise hour at which she and the bustling brown bomber will be married.

The ceremony, win, lose or draw, and whether before or after the fight, will take place in an apartment in Harlem's Sugar Hill.

Miss Trotter rather hoped it would be before the fight.

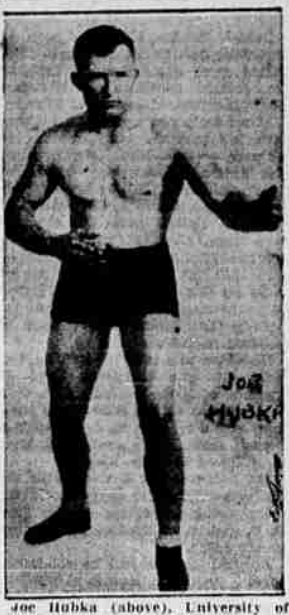
She said she wasn't much of a cook. "I guess I could keep a person from starting to death, but I think Joe would rather eat in restaurants," she said.

Regue River

ROGUE RIVER, Sept. 23.—(Sp.)—Live Oak Grange met in regular session Monday night, with Master Perry L. Wall in charge. Twenty-two members were in attendance. The usual business was taken care of and two new members taken in. Plans were discussed and completed for the fair, and a quilt sewed, which the ladies will sell at the fair. Mrs. E. T. Hall treated all to peaches from their home orchard. The grangers are all busy this week, getting their canned goods and farm produce ready for their booth at the fair.

The Rogue River Townsend club met at the Community hall Tuesday night with a fair attendance. President J. A. Daniels had charge of the

Meets Marine



Joe Hukba (above), University of Nebraska, ex-footballer and now one of the best drawing cards in the wrestling game on the coast, who will be pitted against Bob Kennaston, the challenging marine, on Thursday night's wrestling card at the Armory.

For several months now Kennaston has doggedly challenged each heavyweight at the beginning of each hour, and Hukba doesn't like it any better than the rest. He intends to convince the challenger that challenging should be done judiciously, not haphazardly.

meeting. Much unfinished business was attended to. Mrs. Myrtle Whipple was elected secretary in place of Shirley Hug, who resigned. Mr. Johnson of Wimer gave a short talk and promised to return at a later date for a real lecture. Four new members joined, bringing the total membership to 144.

Mrs. I. T. Galligan left Monday night for a visit with her three sisters at Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wiley, Mr. and Mrs. Reed Carter, Charlotte and Edward, attended the wedding of Mr. Wiley's nephew, Homer Culbertson, at Ashland, Thursday evening, September 12.

The Ladies' Civic Improvement club met Friday afternoon, September 13, at Mrs. Elizabeth Fowler's, with 22 ladies present. The ladies voted unanimously to sponsor the Girl Scouts.

Mr. and Mrs. Rollin Taylor returned Monday from a three-day trip to Crescent City.

Rev. Joe Baeudon of the Presbyterian church left Sunday evening to attend the Albany college. On Saturday evening the young folks of the church gave a party in his honor. He was a dinner guest Sunday at the Fowler home.

The sound of hammers is heard in Rogue River these days. Tom Smith has purchased two acres on Cedar street and is building a home there. Ray Moore is building a large store house and woodshed. Charles Totten is having a cellar built at his home. Another new house is being built on Pine street. Harold Nourse has just completed a large screen porch on the rear of his house and a new front porch has been added also.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dengler were dinner guests Sunday at the A. A. Mathis home in Grants Pass. Mr. and Mrs. Mathis and Mrs. Minera Dengler recently returned from a motor trip to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

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FANDOM AT RANDOM

By Dick Applegate

Line up and take your choice. Tonight is the end of arguments as to who will take the Baer-Louis fight. This department has a sneaking suspicion that Louis will take the fracas, but bullheadedly remains in the Baer camp. Like practically everyone else in town, we want to see Baer win, and our opinion is possibly colored by that fact. But if one of those whistling, looping rights of Max's ever lands on that black konk, the colored problem will decrease, for a while anyway.

We still see something fishy in that Braddock fight of Baer's. If his hands were hurt, they haven't healed yet. By if he let Braddock stop him in anticipation of the big fight tonight, his hands are probably all right. That may be shooting too much sagacity to the Livermore lad, but he spent some time running around Hollywood and may have picked up some of their characteristics.

Surely, at any rate, there is more interest in this fight than in any since the Dempsey-Tunney affairs. That is more the result of the low caliber of fighters since then than the superiority of the present crop, however. Baer has taken some good men, and has looked pretty slick against some mediocre ones. The Brown Bomber hasn't looked anyone very tough yet. But the ones he's taken, he's taken rather decisively.

In a pick-the-winner contest being conducted by Snider's dairy, there have been 1200 entries so far, and 800 of them like Louis to win by the K. O. route. Those anticipating a decision also favor the colored Detroit.

Mack Lillard has announced that an effort will be made to bring Davich Bayich back to Medford. Bayich likes Medford, and Medford, apparently, likes Davich. His butchering Sonnenbergs are the nearest trick of the night any time he wrestles here, even if he did miss Joe Hukba a couple of weeks ago and either out onto the floor and into unconsciousness. That match with Toots Estes is still drawing comment.

It will be a long time before a more nearly perfect physique is seen than that worn by Estes. For perfect symmetry, his build would be hard to beat. And his flashing speed arouses the thought that he'd make a swell adagio dancer. One of these kinds where he is supposed to pick up a girl and toss her around like chaff. His good looks should make him a favorite in the field.

While Toy Aho will have the weight advantage in the coming middleweight battle royal, many are picking Roland Warren to win. Warren is somewhat older than the others and his ring experience is expected to stand him in good stead. But try to remember what happened to Al Karasick in the heavyweight dog fight. Knowing him to be particularly dangerous, the others pitted him at the start, and he hadn't much chance. If Johnny Soos hadn't sneaked up on Pete Belcastro's blind side and cold knocked him in the opening minute, the Russian Goli would have been the first to leave. And he knows as much wrestling as the rest of them put together.

Woods and Wolfgang, both local grapplers, may team together against the field. Someone has to or they'd all get killed. In that case, the finishing bout, with just those two, should be fast and furious.

Coach Bowerman can't get a game for Saturday. He says he's called all over southern, central, northern and eastern Oregon, as well as California.

BULLDOG GIVEN FURIOUS BATTLE

PORTLAND, Sept. 24.—(AP)—Bulldog Jackson had to fight back furiously last night to gain two out of three falls from Ernie Piliuso of Portland, in a middleweight bout.

The slippery Italian opened the attack with a series of rough headlocks and then gained the first fall from Jackson in 48 seconds with the Bulldog's pet hold, the hammerlock.

Jackson used low punches to double Piliuso and gain the second fall in 11 minutes, 48 seconds. Piliuso's injured arm was the target for another hammerlock which ended the match shortly.

Herb Parks, Sanadian middleweight, gained two out of three falls from Jim Lamb, rough Greek.

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HOW THEY STAND

(By the Associated Press)

National	W.	L.	Pct.
Chicago	97	82	551
St. Louis	93	88	528
New York	87	88	500
Pittsburgh	85	85	507
Cincinnati	87	84	444
Brooklyn	84	83	435
Philadelphia	84	85	432
Boston	85	111	341

American	W.	L.	Pct.
Detroit	92	53	634
New York	86	59	593
Cleveland	77	70	524
Boston	74	75	500
Chicago	66	82	445
Washington	65	82	445
St. Louis	61	84	421
Philadelphia	56	87	392

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 24.—(AP)—Governor Martin and State Treasurer Holman, after an inspection of the state penitentiary yesterday, reported the "institution in splendid condition, most of the convicts employed and the morale excellent."

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T. E. Daniels	54 34 48
George Porter	54 33 47
John Tomlin	53 34 46
Al Rielt (Pro.)	53 33 46
Charles Monaghan	52 34 46
Bill Young	50 33 43
Chas. Woods	49 32 43
E. Feldenheimer	46 18 34
Sid Newton	25
Clarence Eads	25
Jack Porter	18
Frank Peri	18
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