

Sport Graphs

Billy Hulen Says:

Conn Shows Lack Of Intelligence In Louis Battle

It can't be denied that Billy Conn was dead game, that he fought a great fight and that he probably showed Joe Louis more leather than the champion thought existed outside a shoe factory. But, after listening to that brawl and reading about it, we wonder whether the handsome Pittsburgh boy is as smart a fellow in the ring as he has been given credit for.

Conn, who makes his living in a sport not top-heavy with brains except in managerial and promotional ranks, has long been considered one of the more intelligent creatures of clout. He has been endowed with plenty of ring savvy by writers who have watched him climb up through the lighter-weight divisions to a position as a heavyweight contender, and even people who have forgotten more about the mitt industry than most scribes will ever know have been almost unanimous in declaring his I. Q. far above the pugilistic average.

It was principally because of this alleged Conn intellect that many experts picked him to defeat Louis, who has never been considered smart in a ring sense. The boys who were on Billy's bandwagon figured he would out-speed and out-fox the heavyweight king to win the decision, and they were half-way right. Conn did out-speed Louis; in fact, he simply dazzled the Bomber with his clever foot-work and fast punching.

Conn even out-foxed the champ for 12 rounds, just as many called the turn, but in the 13th stanza he apparently forgot all about his carefully laid plans and decided he could punch with Louis. That, of course, proved disastrous, just as it will to anybody who elects to slug it out with the Negro.

What we are getting at is that Conn, in our opinion, has been highly overrated in the matter of gray matter. Sure, he was overcome with confidence in that 13th round, after piling up a big lead on points, but we say that he wouldn't have let that confidence get the better of him to the extent of deciding to trade punches with Louis, if he had been really smart. Conn has eyes, and he has seen Louis punch other guys into oblivion. He should have realized that no man can stand up against those Louis wallopers when the colored boy is throwing his Sunday best.

It goes without saying that Conn, at the start of that 13th round, was the new heavyweight champion. He had made Louis look utterly helpless through most of the fight, and all he had to do was keep peppering the big boy with those left hands and making Joe miss. All he had to do was stay only three more rounds to win that coveted title, but he just couldn't resist the urge to stand toe to toe.

In failing to submerge his desire to match Louis blow for blow, Conn indicated to this column that he lacks the mentality with which he has been so generously credited. If he had had Gene Tunney's brains, the world today would have a new heavyweight titleholder. Tunney, remember, wouldn't risk getting kissed by one of Jack Dempsey's thunderbolts, and because he stayed his distance in that Philadelphia fray he won the most cherished fight bauble of them all. Conn could have done the same thing, if only he had been smart enough to play out the string he started. Now that that is off our chest, if Bill Newland will call at this office Saturday we will caress his palm with one (1) tomato.

Richmond, Va. — Jimmy Webb, 174, St. Louis, knocked out Johnny Romero, 173, Los Angeles (3); Georgia Abrams, 153, U. S. navy, outpointed Joe Spangler, 153, Richmond (10).

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Eugene Athletics Face Craters Twice This Week-End

LOCALS ACQUIRE DUTCH LIEBER TO PITCH ON SUNDAY

Bob Fox Slated to Hurl Saturday Eve Tilt; Smith, Brown Also Available

With one of their strongest Oregon State league clubs in years, the Eugene Athletics will invade Medford this week-end for a two-game series with the improved Craters Saturday night and Sunday afternoon. The Saturday eve exhibition affair will start at 9 o'clock; the Sunday afternoon league tussle at 2:30. Both games will be played at the fairgrounds park.

Loop tilts Sunday will wind up the first-half pennant race, and in an attempt to complete the initial half with a victory the Craters have signed Dutch Lieber, former Pacific Coast league pitcher, to work the Sunday game. Lieber is the ace of the mound staff of the Redding, (Cal.) Tigers of the Northern California league, and will arrive in Medford Saturday night.

Bob Fox will probably start on the Crater mound Saturday night, with Willard Smith and Jack Brown in reserve.

Roelandt to Catch
Frankie Roelandt, the kid catcher from Portland, will do the receiving in the Saturday night struggle, with Billy Calvert taking over Sunday. Manager Lou Sauer said. The remainder of the Crater lineup will be the same, with Spike Johnson on first, Bobby Volk on second, Del Schroer on short, Harold Martenson or Bob Churchill on third, Al Lightner in left, Sauer in center and Joe Gray in right.

Manager Andy Hurney of the Athletics will bring a strong hurling corps to Medford, with Pete Igoe, Joe Spencer, Al Linn and Bob Wiltshire available for work. Igoe was the top pitcher in the northern division, Pacific Coast conference race this spring, his excellent slab jobs helping the University of Oregon win the pennant. He will probably pitch the Sunday game.

Eugene Has Stars
Dick Bishop, one of the best hitters in the league, will do the catching for the A's, with Nig Mebusius on first, Barney Koch on second, Don Kirsch on short, Bill Hamel on third and Hurney, Lloyd Mattison and Chuck DeAutremont in the outfield. Kirsch and Hamel, like Igoe, were members of the Webfoot champions this spring.

The Craters are especially anxious to sweep the two-game series in order to erase from the minds of local fans the memory of last week's two losses to Klamath Falls. The kids are fired up and straining at the leash, and Manager Sauer believes they will turn in two well-played contests.

WHITE SOX PITCHER REJECTED IN DRAFT

Chicago, June 20.—(AP)—John Rungan Rigney, 26 year old star pitcher for the Chicago White Sox, was rejected today for service in Uncle Sam's selective service army on the ground that a perforation of the right ear drum made him unfit physically for service.

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JOHN, COME HOME...

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Crooner Crosby Denied Right to Play Incognito

Hollywood, June 20.—(AP)—Bing Crosby, with an eye on his score card, tried to enter the northwest amateur golf tournament at Spokane, Wash., as Harry Lillis. But tourney officials, possibly with an eye on the gate receipts, said Bing must compete under his full name, Harry Lillis Crosby. Bing shoots a neat low 70 if unmolested. Autograph hunters ruined his game in last year's national open. So Bing sought to enter next week's event incognito.

HOW THEY STAND

American League			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Cleveland	39	23	.629
New York	34	24	.588
Boston	31	24	.564
Chicago	31	27	.534
Detroit	32	29	.525
Philadelphia	26	32	.448
St. Louis	19	35	.352
Washington	20	28	.415
National League			
	W.	L.	Pct.
St. Louis	42	18	.700
Brooklyn	38	20	.655
New York	29	27	.518
Cincinnati	30	28	.517
Chicago	28	30	.483
Pittsburgh	21	28	.429
Boston	19	33	.365
Philadelphia	17	40	.298
Pacific Coast League			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Sacramento	51	21	.708
San Diego	39	35	.527
Seattle	37	34	.521
San Francisco	37	37	.500
Los Angeles	33	41	.446
Hollywood	31	39	.443
Oakland	31	41	.431
Portland	30	41	.423

Scores Yesterday

American League			
Cleveland 12, Philadelphia 1.			
Chicago 2, New York 7.			
Detroit 4, Boston 6.			
St. Louis 0, Washington 12.			
National League			
New York 9, Pittsburgh 6.			
Brooklyn 9, Chicago 4.			
St. Louis 7, Philadelphia 6.			
(11 innings).			
Pacific Coast League			
Los Angeles 1-1, Seattle 4-4.			
Sacramento 7, Oakland 5.			
San Francisco 3, Portland 1.			
Hollywood 8, San Diego 4.			
Western International			
Spokane 4, Yakima 9.			
Wenatchee 0, Tacoma 8.			
Salem 5, Vancouver 2.			
Oakland, Calif.—Tony Olvera, 116, San Francisco, outpointed Kenny Lindsay, 121, Vancouver, B. C. (10).			

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Catholic Men vs. Rogue River Chevrolet, 8 p. m.
Jennings Tire vs. Coca Cola, 9 p. m.

Fluhrer's Bakery and Bear Creek Orchards waltzed into the victory column of the young softball season last night, Fluhrer's coming fast in the last two innings to defeat Gasco, 8 to 5, and Bear Creek nosing out Medco, 6 to 5.

Trailing by a 5 to 1 score in the fifth frame, the Breadeaters suddenly came to life to pound over seven tallies in the last two innings and win their first 1941 start.

Catcher Cook hit a homer and a triple to lead Bear Creek in its narrow victory over Medco, while Virgil Swanson swatted a round-tripper for the losers.

Scores:
Gasco..... 5 5 6
Fluhrer's..... 8 7 2
Rout and D. Watson; Walker and Newland.

Bear Creek..... 6 7 2
Medco..... 5 8 1
Wright and Cook; J. Gitzen and Adams.

NO SHOOT AT MEDFORD GUN CLUB THIS WEEK

Because the State Trapshooting tournament will extend over the week-end at Seaside, Oregon, the Medford Gun club will not hold the usual practice shoot Sunday but will shoot on the following Sunday.

During the summer, shooting will continue at least twice each month.

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Lou Nova Next in Line for Bomber; Champ Plans Rest

By Gale Talbot

New York, June 20.—(AP)—Barring the unforeseen, Joe Louis will make the next defense of his heavyweight championship here in September against Lou Nova, the California husky who recently forced Max Baer to quit for the second time.

They wrangled about it all day yesterday in Promoter Mike Jacobs' office, with Mike trying to talk Nova into fighting Abe Simon first, but Nova's manager, Ray Carlen, was obdurate.

One thing is certain: Louis intends to loaf with all his might during the next two months. His 13th-round victory over Billy Conn Wednesday night left him worn out and tired of fighting. The champ has been in almost constant training for the past seven months.

"Joe admits he made an almost fatal mistake in not laying off training for a couple of days last week like his trainer wanted him to," said Julian Black, a co-manager. "Joe says he knows now how he'll feel when he loses the title. He still can't quit talking about how a little fellow like Conn can take punishment."

Joe's admiration for Conn is sincere. The big negro was over in Billy's corner to congratulate the little man almost before they had finished bringing Billy around with smelling salts. Billy's manager, Johnny Ray, though near to crying, told Louis "I didn't think you could do it, Joe. You're a great fighter." Joe said: "Thanks, Johnny. Billy is a great fighter, too."

All these things were told as the fight crowd hashed over the battle. It was agreed generally that Ray had proved himself almost as great a hero as his fighter by refusing to lay the blame on Billy for trying to slug with Louis and getting knocked out when sensible discretion would have won the title.

"It was what I wanted him to do," Johnny insisted stoutly. "I

wouldn't have wanted him to win dancing around. It would have been tinsel. I told him to fight the way he wanted."

Everybody within earshot knew Johnny was lying gallantly; that he had implored his hot-headed fighter to play it smart right to the end, but that Conn was flushed with battle and wouldn't listen.

New York—Frankie Martin (Chief Crazy Horse 3rd) 135, Pasadena, Calif., outpointed George Zengaras, 135, New York (8).

Harrisburg, Pa. — Louis Brooks, 176, Wilmington, Del., knocked out Sammy Slatko, 181, Johnstown, Pa. (2).

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