

Boxing Suspended 90 Days in Pennsylvania; Agencies Investigate 'Doping' of Johnson

By RUSS GREEN
Philadelphia — (U.P.) — Given an ultimatum to clean up boxing or shut it down for good in Pennsylvania, the State Athletic commission and local police began separate investigations today into the "doping" of light heavyweight Harold Johnson before his television fight last Friday.

Gov. George M. Leader, angered over the "horrible circumstances" of Johnson's collapse after two rounds of his fight with Julio Mederos, suspended professional boxing for 90 days within the state, exempting only five bouts which previously had been scheduled.

The governor stated in Harrisburg that not only was it established "without a doubt" that Johnson had been drugged from a doped orange given him before the bout by a total stranger who asked for his autograph, but his handlers "deliberately withheld the knowledge from ring commissioners."

High Time for Inquiry

"If there are individuals or groups of individuals involved in boxing who would not hesitate to endanger human life for whatever nefarious purposes they might have in mind, it is indeed high time to have a most searching investigation of the entire sport," Leader said.

Johnson, who easily outpointed Mederos in a previous bout, lost the rematch on a technical knockout when he collapsed on his ring stool at the end of the second round. He told the commission that a stranger asked him for an autograph on the street before the fight and gave him an orange which "tasted bitter." He has been under police guard at Hahnemann hospital since the bout.

While the commission will open hearings into all aspects of the bout next Friday, city police Inspector John F. Driscoll planned to question Johnson's owners, manager and handlers at city hall today.

Fluctuating Gambling Odds

Driscoll said he wanted to investigate fluctuating gambling odds and "other mysterious circumstances" surrounding the bout.

"I'm not at all satisfied with the explanations, and the betting odds on the fight reflect my doubts," Driscoll said.

"In his first bout with Mederos, Johnson won 9 out of 10 rounds," the inspector said. "In this fight he had just come in fresh from knocking out another contender. Yet the betting odds on Johnson started at 9-2 and dropped all the way down to even money. Even there, at even money, the bookies wouldn't take any bets."

Driscoll said he planned to quiz Pete Moran, who has an interest in Johnson; Tommy Loughrey, the fighter's manager, and Skinny Davidson, Joe Rowland and Lou Gross, Johnson's seconds. He said he would talk to everyone who was in Johnson's dressing room prior to the bout.

Eugene Clobbers Spokane Indians

By UNITED PRESS
That old home atmosphere must be just what the doctor ordered for the Eugene Emeralds of the Northwest Baseball League.

The Emeralds clobbered Spokane 15-0 at Eugene last night to take over third place in the loop as lefty Berly Hodges tossed a nifty three-hitter.

Tri-City scored twice in the sixth to edge Yakima 3-2 with pitcher Dale Bloom quelling a ninth-inning Yakima rally in which the Bears got one run and almost pulled it out of the fire.

Tom Agosta was the hitting star as Salem scuttled Lewiston 4-2. His single in the fourth sent two runs across and his sixth-inning single plated the final Salem run.

Oregon Ducklings Outslug Rooks

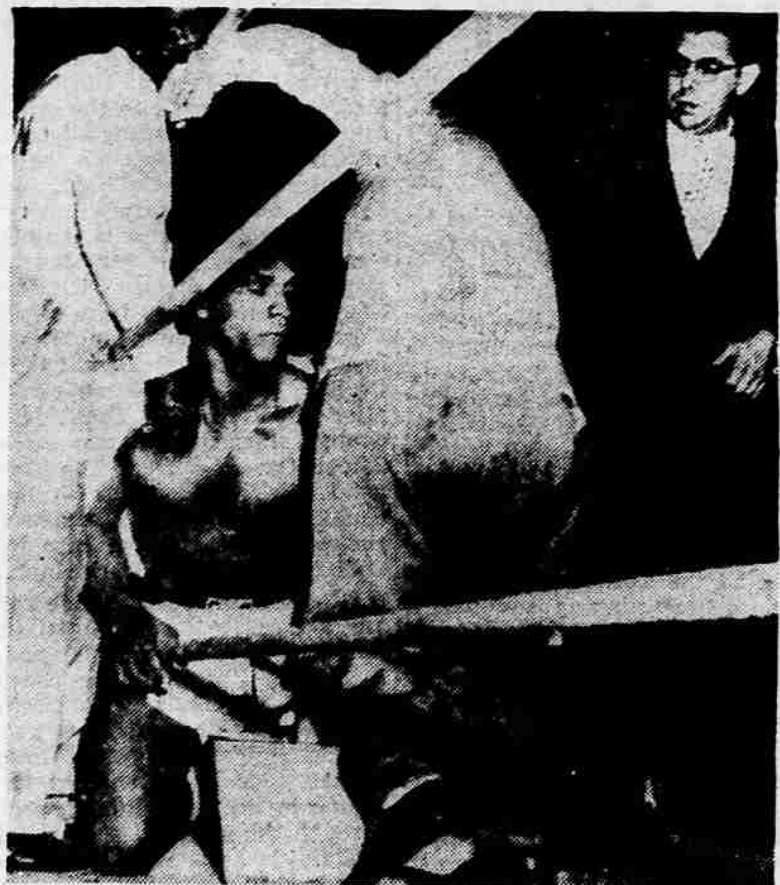
Corvallis — (U.P.) — The Oregon Frosh outslugged the Oregon State Rooks 16-13 in a wild baseball game yesterday that saw 11 errors. Don Lane, Frosh pitcher, hurled until two were out in the ninth and Ron Whitaker finished up by striking out the final Rook batter.

Promoter Anticipates \$500,000 Gate for Bout

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Co-promoter Jimmy Murray smilingly declared today "this fine weather practically puts a \$500,000 gate in the bag for Monday's fight."

Murray made that statement as 45 workmen were setting up the ring and field seats in Kezar Stadium, where Don Cockell of England will try to take the heavyweight crown from Rocky Marciano at 11 p.m. EDT Monday.

The co-promoter said he was "practically certain" that more than 40,000 fans would swarm into the concrete and stucco oval, where the football Forty-Niners play.



FIGHTER APPEARS TO BE DOPED—As handlers tend to light-heavyweight Harold Johnson (on knees), Dr. Joseph Ayella (right) moves into ring to examine the fighter. Ayella, who stopped the fight between Johnson and heavy-weight Julio Mederos of Cuba in Philadelphia, says that Johnson "appeared to have been doped." Mederos was given a TKO victory and Johnson was sent to hospital for tests to determine if anyone "tampered" with an orange he ate before the bout.

SPORTS

San Diego Cops 8th In Row; Bevos Lose

By PETER HAYES
United Press Sports Writer
Rookie John Carmichael fired a four-hitter at Hollywood last night for a 5-1 San Diego victory that lifted the flying Padres into second place in the Pacific Coast League and ran their win streak to eight straight.

It was the longest victory record for any team this season and hoisted last year's champions past Los Angeles to within one game of the league-leading Seattle Rainiers who downed the Angels, 4-1.

In other games, San Francisco took two from Sacramento, 2-1 and 1-0, and Oakland outslugged Portland, 9-8, to drop the Bevos from fourth place to sixth place.

Carmichael's victory tended to substantiate his pre-season notices. Reputed as slow to reach top form, the 25-year-old right-hander won his first game after one defeat last week when he hurled a three-hitter against Portland.

His cracking curve ball won him 20 games with Yakima of the Western International league last year and, except for one lapse, he had it well under control last night. That was in the sixth when Gail Henley socked his first homer of the year.

Carmichael fanned seven and walked two. The Pads collected eight hits off Cholly Naranjo 2-5 and Cal Hogue and won it with a three-run rally in the bottom of the sixth.

Joe Brovia's seventh homer in the eighth with Billy Consolo and George Metkovich aboard gave the Oaks their comeback victory in Portland. Oakland collected 14 hits, the Beavers 13 with relievers Bud Black 1-0 the winner and Earl Mossor 0-1 the loser.

Metkovich had the best night at the plate with a homer, two doubles and a single. Portland's Don Eggert drove in five runs with a single and a double.

LINE SCORES:
(1st game—7 innings)
Sacramento . . . 010 000 0-1 4 1

Death Takes Tom Burns

Vancouver, B.C. — (U.P.) — Tommy Burns, the only Canadian to hold the heavyweight boxing championship of the world, died here yesterday at the age of 74.

Burns, whose real name was Noah Brusso, held the world's title from 1906 until 1908 when he lost the championship to Jack Johnson after successfully defending his title 11 times.

The famous Canadian fighter was ordained a minister in Coal- inga, Calif., on Christmas Day, 1948, and made his home there. He was in Vancouver on a visit to confer with a religious group here and collapsed at the home of John Westaway and died at the Vancouver General hospital.

Burns was born in Hanover, Ontario, and was the idol of Canada during the two years he held the championship.

He won the title, which had been vacated by Jim Jeffries, by defeating Marvin Hart in a bloody 20 round bout in Los Angeles, Feb. 23, 1906.

McBride, Satterfield Have Hassle Tonight

Chicago — (U.P.) — Archie McBride and Bob Satterfield, two fighters with questionable fistic futures, meet for 10 rounds in the Chicago Stadium tonight, chiefly to fill the television commitment of the International Boxing club.

McBride originally signed to scrap with a former Olympic champion, Floyd Patterson, rated a solid light heavyweight title contender, but when the latter was attacked by ptomaine poisoning, Satterfield, beaten 19 times in 58 fights, agreed to be a last minute substitute.

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Jones (0-2) and Baich; Bearden (3-0) and Ritchey.

(2nd game)
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San Francisco 000 010 00x-1 3 0
Briggs (3-2) and Baich; Nagy (2-4) and Ritchey.

Hollywood . . . 000 010 000-1 4 3
San Diego . . . 000 003 11x-5 8 0
Naranjo, Hogue (2) and Mangan; Carmichael (2-1) and Aylward.

Seattle . . . 020 000 002-4 8 1
Los Angeles . . . 100 000 000-1 9 0
Jansen 3-0 and Ginsberg; Zick, Kuncil (9) and Frames.

Oakland . . . 013 002 030-9 14 2
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