

Rocky Heavy Favorite Over Cockell Tonight

Rich 'Gate' Foreseen For Title Battle

San Francisco—(U.P.)—Here are the pre-battle statements before tonight's world heavyweight championship fight:

Don Cockell—I have trained long and faithfully. I'm in the best condition of my career. I'm confident I will win. I'm trained to go 15 rounds, but I'll do my best to end it before then. The betting odds do not bother me. I've been an underdog before, and won. I won't let the folks at home down.

Rocky Marciano—I'll do my best to keep the title here in the United States. I expect a hard fight and I'm trained for one. I won't go rushing out at him, but I'll try to knock him out as soon as possible. My nose doesn't worry me. I never predict how or when a fight will end, but I'm confident I'll win.

By JACK CUDDY

San Francisco—(U.P.)—Rocky Marciano, a terrific slugger with a tender nose, will defend his world heavyweight crown tonight against England's Don Cockell, the awkwardly plump but fast-punching champion of the British Empire.

This first Anglo-American battle for the heavy title in 18 years is expected to attract about 28,000 to Kezar stadium, an oval

San Francisco—(U.P.)—Challenger Don Cockell of England weighed in twice today — at 205 and 205 pounds — for his heavyweight title clash with Rocky Marciano at Kezar Stadium tonight.

Marciano scaled 189 pounds, which was two more than he registered last September for his latest title defense against Ezzard Charles.

football bowl on the south fringe of Golden Gate park.

From the weather man came an encouraging forecast of "fair, cool and slightly windy." He said temperatures would be in the low 50's when the stocky "Brooklyn Blockbuster" and the roly-poly "Battersea Blimp" square off at 11 p.m. EDT. Apparently top coats will be popular.

Since the international "classic" will not be televised to homes, the promoters expect the richest gate ever drawn by a fight west of the Mississippi, approximately \$350,000.

Tommy Farr of Wales, the last British challenger, failed to take the crown from Joe Louis in 1937, but he lasted the distance. Rocky Lopsided Favorite

Marciano, the ring's first perfect-record heavyweight champion, is favored at the lopsided odds of 10-1 to register his 48th straight professional victory tonight as he makes his fifth title defense.

But should underdog Don provide an upset—possibly by reopening the split in Rocky's nose—he would be the first native-born English citizen to win the royal crown. Bob Fitzsimmons, though born in England, was a naturalized United States citizen when he took the title from James J. Corbett in 1897.

In case of a Cockell victory they are contracted for a return title bout somewhere in the United States within 90 days.

Thirty-year-old Marciano, of Brockton, Mass., a plodding, bob-weave slugger, is heavily favored over the upright, 26-year-old boxer because of his punch, ruggedness and stamina. Also because the challenger was unimpressive in training.

Rocky, who wrestled the crown from Jersey Joe Walcott in 1932, has knocked out 41 of his 47 opponents. Cockell, an "in-and-out" during most of his career, stopped 26 of 72, or one-half of his opponents. His 61-10-1 record discloses he was stopped five times.

Against four mutual opponents, Rocky stopped Harry Matthews (2), Roland LaStarza (1), Freddie Beshore (4) and outpointed Tom Mogard. Cockell beat Matthews three times, once by a kayo (8), and outpointed the other three men. His latest two bouts with Matthews at Seattle marked Don's only American appearances.

Neither champion nor challenger fought this year. Cockell's last engagement was with Matthews on July 30. Rocky's was the second title brawl with Ezzard Charles, Sept. 17. The champion kayoed Ezzard in the eighth round. But earlier in the bout Rocky suffered an inch split in his left nostril. Whether the split will be reopened tonight is a major question.

There will be no home television, but the bout will be carried on the largest closed-circuit theater—TV network ever assembled. Approximately 250,000 may see it in 83 theaters in 59 cities. The promoters will get at least one dollar for each theatre ticket sold.

It will be broadcast in the

Standings

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE	Club	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
	San Diego	23	18	.561	1 1/2
	Los Angeles	23	18	.561	2
	Portland	18	19	.485	3 1/2
	Sacramento	18	21	.459	5 1/2
	Oakland	18	21	.462	6
	San Francisco	18	22	.450	6 1/2
	Hollywood	15	23	.395	9 1/2

Sunday's Results:

San Francisco 11-2 Sacramento 1-3
Portland 5-2 Oakland 4-5
Los Angeles 7-0 Seattle 3-5
San Diego 7-0 Hollywood 1-2

(How Series Ended)

Portland 4, Oakland 3
San Diego 7, Hollywood 1
San Francisco 4, Sacramento 4
Los Angeles 4, Seattle 4

(Next Series)

Los Angeles at San Francisco
San Diego at Sacramento
Sacramento at Hollywood
Portland at Seattle

AMERICAN LEAGUE	Club	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
	Cleveland	20	9	.690	
	Chicago	18	9	.667	1
	New York	17	11	.607	2 1/2
	Detroit	16	14	.533	4 1/2
	Boston	16	15	.516	5 1/2
	Washington	11	18	.383	8 1/2
	Kansas City	11	18	.379	9
	Baltimore	9	20	.310	11

Sunday's Results:

Kansas City 4, New York 3 (1st)
New York 6, Kansas City 4 (2nd)
Chicago 3, Washington 0 (1st)
Chicago 3, Washington 4 (2nd)
Baltimore 4, Cleveland 1 (1st)
Cleveland 5, Baltimore 0 (2nd)
Boston 10, Detroit 4 (1st)
Detroit 9, Boston 3 (2nd)

(Tuesday's Games)

Chicago at New York, night
Kansas City at Washington, night
Detroit at Baltimore, night
Cleveland at Boston

NATIONAL LEAGUE	Club	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
	Brooklyn	23	5	.820	
	New York	15	13	.538	9
	Milwaukee	16	14	.533	9
	Chicago	16	15	.516	9 1/2
	St. Louis	12	13	.480	10 1/2
	Pittsburgh	11	17	.393	13
	Cincinnati	10	18	.357	14
	Philadelphia	9	19	.321	15

Sunday's Results:

Brooklyn 7, Cincinnati 1 (1st)
Cincinnati 11, Brooklyn 4 (2nd)
Chicago 5, New York 2 (1st)
New York 9, Chicago 4 (2nd)
Milwaukee 6, Philadelphia 5 (1st)
Philadelphia 9, Milwaukee 1 (2nd)
St. Louis 5, Pittsburgh 1

(Monday's Probable Pitchers)

Pittsburgh at St. Louis, night—Kline (2-3), Arroyo (2-0).
Only game scheduled.

(Tuesday's Games)

Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, night
New York at Milwaukee, night
Brooklyn at St. Louis, night
Philadelphia at Chicago

P. Getchell Medalist in SD Tourney

Los Angeles — Phil Getchell, senior from Medford, Ore., paced the Stanford university golf team to triumph Friday and Saturday in the Pacific Coast Conference southern division tournament at Los Angeles Country club.

Getchell was medalist with 75-70-73-73—291 for the 72-hole fracas. Par on the course is 71.

Team scores were Stanford 1218, USC, 1297, California 1309 and UCLA 1321. Tallies of other Stanford players were Warren Dailey 306, Chuck Van Linge 310 and Fred Brown 311. Van Linge had one 73 round.

Fishermen Can Reach Fish Lake; Big Trout Caught

Anglers can get into Fish Lake, Mrs. Lloyd Morris of the resort management said this morning. Rumors to the contrary were spread yesterday, she said, and the resort owners are trying to run the false report down.

Numerous anglers have been coming and going to the lake, she said. They came in yesterday and other anglers were at the lake today. Mrs. Morris stressed that the lake was accessible by road and that the resort was open despite some snow on the ground.

Catches average 14 and 15 inches, she said. Biggest trout caught so far was a 24-inch, 5 1/2-pounder by O. J. Brenner, Medford. He also brought in 18 and 19-inch fish.

Cockell Victory Would Be Costly to Londoner

San Francisco —(U.P.)—An upset victory by Don Cockell over Rocky Marciano tonight would cost a London bookmaker \$280,000, but he says it would be a "pleasure" to pay.

William Hill of London, Britain's foremost betting commissioner, bet promoter Jack Solomons of London \$280,000 to \$28 — at 10,000 to 1 — three years ago that England would not produce a world heavyweight champion within five years.

Today, Solomons in San Francisco received the following cable from Hill: "Please convey my best wishes to Don. It will be a pleasure to pay."

Sports Broadcasts

Radio station KMED, Medford, will broadcast the Rocky Marciano-Don Cockell heavyweight title boxing at 7 o'clock tonight. The bout is at Kezar stadium, San Francisco.

United States and Canada by NBC, for a \$35,000 fee. Marciano will receive 40 per cent of all net proceeds; Cockell, 20. One referee and two judges will score by dividing 11 points for each round between the two fighters.

They'll Do It Every Time

THE OFFICE SPACE WAS BEING REARRANGED, SO THE POOR DRAFTSMEN GOT THE UNWANTED BACK ROOM



By Jimmy Hatlo

NOBODY ELSE WOULD TAKE 'ER-UP-I MEAN-UP-I KNOW DRAFTSMEN GOTTA HAVE LIGHT-SO-UP-IN THE SHUFFLE WE MOVED YOU BOYS IN HERE-ER-UP-EXCELLENT LIGHT INDEED-VERY!



Tornado 2nd In Upstate Links Tussle

Medford high golfers with a total of 820 strokes placed second Friday and Saturday in the Upstate Golf tournament at Albany and Corvallis. There were 10 participating schools.

Eugene was winner with 784. Other scores included Corvallis 863, Albany 875, North Salem 917 and Cottage Grove 938. Other participants were South Salem, Roseburg, Sutherlin and Marshfield.

Larry Cople with 73-87—160 and Dick Shepherd with 80-80—160 paced the Medford team. Other Medford scores were Dick Cople 76-86—162, Warren Deakins 83-86—169 and Jim Materie 80-89—169. The Black Tornado had a 392 count for the Friday action at Albany and 428 for Saturday at Corvallis.

Next rivalry for Medford will be the state tournament Monday and Tuesday, May 23 and 24, at Glendover course in Portland. A four-man team will play.

Paddy Fights Libby Manzo

New York —(U.P.)—Former lightweight champion Paddy DeMarco of Brooklyn will get another crack at Libby Manzo, "the belting baritone" from New York, in a return 10-round grudge match tonight at St. Nicholas arena.

The bout will be widely-televised over the Dumont Network starting at 10 p.m. EDT. In another televised ABC bout tonight at Brooklyn's Eastern Parkway arena, middleweight Hardy Smallwood of Brooklyn is an 8-5 favorite to defeat Bob Proviizzi of Freehold, Pa., in 10 rounds or less.

Home Run Gives Camp White Nod

Camp White — Bill Caldwell's home run in the extra 10th inning gave Camp White a 4 to 3 edge over Eagle Point on Sunday in a semi-pro baseball encounter.

It was the second home run of the game for Caldwell. The practice tangle was the first hassle of the season for both clubs.

LINESCORES: Eagle Point — 001 101 000 0—3 8 3 Camp White — 010 100 100 1—4 7 3 Copleland, Boren (5) and Erickson, Mintz and Gillaspay.

Paul Pavlat Shines Although Knights Lose

The batting of Paul Pavlat was the bright spot for the St. Mary's of Medford Knights as they took a 15 to 7 trimming Saturday from Yreka in a grade school baseball mix at Yreka, Calif.

Pavlat smashed two triples and an inside-the-park home run in three turns at the plate. Gary Miksche, pitching for St. Mary's, gave eight hits and five bases on balls. Five errors

Solons Grab Twin Bill

The Salem Senators moved up a couple of notches in Northwest league standings Sunday by taking both ends of the only baseball doubleheader the weather allowed to the league.

The Senators showed hitting power and strong relief pitching to beat Spokane, 13-6, in the first game and then follow-up with a 2-1 win over the Indians in the nightcap. An eight-run first inning for Salem in the opener decided that game early.

In the second game, league-leading hitters Gene Tanselli and Don Frailey teamed up to get the two fourth-inning runs that won for Salem.

Tri-City's Braves won a rain-shortened six-inning game from Wenatchee, 9-1, at Kennewick. The second game of the scheduled doubleheader was called off because of the downpour.

The weather also postponed the scheduled doubleheader between the Eugene Emeralds and Lewiston Broncs.

McGrath Heads Qualifying Field At Indianapolis

Indianapolis—(U.P.)—A speed-dizzy field headed by record-smasher Jack McGrath was in the making today for the Memorial Day 500-mile auto race as nearly 50 cars and drivers prepared to battle it out for 25 remaining berths.

Eight cars and drivers passed the stiff 10-mile sprints during the week end, six yesterday when gusty winds and then an even keener competition held qualifiers to a minimum.

McGrath, 35-year-old Inglewood, Calif., speedster, the only driver here who doubles as his chief mechanic, also dashed around the oval at a clip of 143.793 mph on his first lap to retake records wrested from him less than three hours before by two-time winner Bill Vukovich.

McGrath, Vukovich and Freddie Agabashian, all Californians, bested McGrath's 1954 one and four lap records of 141,287 and 141,033 mph respectively in the speedway's biggest burst of speed in history.

Vukovich, the 36-year-old Fresno filling station operator, did 141,309 on his first lap and averaged 141,071 mph overall. Agabashian, a long-time favorite here but like McGrath never in the winner's circle, averaged 141,933 mph.

MOSCOW, Ida.—(U.P.)—Washington took an 87-44 decision over Idaho in a Northern Division track meet Saturday.

Seattle—(U.P.)—Seattle university downed Portland university by the same 4-2 score yesterday in two seven-inning baseball games here.

hurt the Knights while the California club played errorless ball. St. Mary's collected seven hits.

Greenbrier Open Nabbed By Harrison

White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.—(U.P.)—Easy-going Dutch Harrison of St. Louis headed home today with his first golf title of the year and the \$2,000 first prize money that goes with the Greenbrier Open golf championship.

The veteran campaigner bagged the title by conquering a case of jitters that knocked out a dozen other top-flight golfers in the final round of the eighth annual Greenbrier tournament.

Harrison, who has been touring the pro circuit for 19 years, fired an even par 70 over the old white course to give him a winning total of 269 strokes for the 72-hole championship. His margin of victory was one stroke over four others who found the last-day pressure too much — Jackie Burke Jr., of Kiamesha Lake, N.Y., Mike Souchak of Durham, N.C., Peter Thomson of Melbourne, Australia, and Ed (Porky) Oliver, of Wilmington, Del.

Earl Colson Top Gunner

Spokane —(U.P.)—Earl Colson Jr., of Toppish took top honors in the Spokane Gun Club's 44th annual Inland Empire trapshoot which ended here yesterday.

Colson scored the highest total in the Inland Empire handicap and preliminary handicap combined with 91 on the Inland Empire and 95 on the preliminary.

W. P. Greenwell of Richland shot high in the Inland Empire handicap with a 97 and Ken Skoglund of Spokane was runner-up with 95.

In the singles championship, Colson placed high with a 200 straight.

J. O. Colant of Pocatello, Ida., won the class AA championship and J. R. Hays of Idaho Falls took the class A title, each with 196.

In doubles, Ralph Miller, Southwick, Ida., shot 94 to take the class A title.

GETS RAMS POST Seattle—(U.P.)—Bert Rose, manager of the University of Washington Athletic News service, will leave the job June 1 to accept a post as public relations director for the Los Angeles Rams professional football team, the university announced yesterday.

The polar bear is such a good swimmer that it has been seen over 200 miles from land in the open ocean.

American Farms Larger and Fewer

(Editor's Note: Throughout the nation, the number of farms has decreased while the size of farm units has expanded. U. S. Department of Agriculture figures show there are 1,389,000 fewer farms today than in 1935. The United Press made a survey to determine reasons for this trend. This is the first of two dispatches on the survey.)

By FRANK L. SPENCER United Press Correspondent Chicago — (U.P.) — American farms are getting larger and fewer.

The number of farms in Illinois is the lowest since the Civil War period. But the present land area of Illinois farms is nearly half again larger.

The average Nebraska farm advanced from 157 acres in 1880 to 451 acres in 1933, a growth of nearly 300 per cent.

Missouri has lost 39,000 farms in the past 20 years, Minnesota 28,000 and Texas 171,000.

A rural revolution seems to be erasing steadily from the national scene the picture of the American farm as most of us remember it.

Farm authorities queried by the United Press generally agreed the revolution was touched off by a combination of mechanical and economic factors.

Harold Hutton, president of the Oklahoma's Agricultural board, explained it this way: "The ability of one man to farm more acres is the principal reason for the reduction in the number of farms. The trend toward grassland and the fact that land is so costly are other factors. A young man who wants to be a farmer these days has to have considerable capital in order to get started."

This was reflected in a report on Texas agriculture. There were 170,450 fewer farms in Texas in 1930 than in 1935. But while the value of the 501,017 farms in 1935 was set at \$2,573,704,000, the 331,567 farms in 1930 were valued at \$6,720,531,000.

The year 1935 apparently was the high point of U.S. agriculture in total number of farms. The U.S. Department of Agriculture reported there were 6,814,000 farms that year, 1,389,000 more than in 1935. New York state's 1935 farm population was 784,483. In 1950 it was 577,654.

Not Much Money There was an abundance of farms and farmers in 1935 but not much money. A Washington agriculture observer said the 1935 farm total—343,000 higher than 1925—was a reflection of the depression. People, he said, couldn't make a living in town, so they went back to the farm. Then, as the nation's economy improved, the flow reversed.

Math Dahl, North Dakota's commissioner of agriculture, said that following World War II "the more successful farmers bought up more property. 'Nobod quits an occupation if there's money in it,' Dahl added.

The New England state in 1935 had a total of 158,241 farms. In 1940 that total was 135,190. In 1945 it was 150,311 and in 1950 there were 103,225 farms—a loss of 55,016 in 15 years.

Roy J. Freeland, secretary of Kansas' board of agriculture, said that about 13 1/2 per cent of the U.S. population is producing agricultural needs for the entire nation. A hundred years ago, Freeland said, 80 per cent of the population was required to do the same job.

"This means," Freeland said, "that 60 per cent of our population has been released to devote their time to other activities which increase the standard of living of the nation."

Freeland said that some countries still need 80 per cent of their population to supply food.

The decrease in the number of farms means an increase in the size of farms. The average farm in New York in 1935 was 105 acres. In 1950 it was 128 acres. The average South Dakota acreage was 446 in 1935 and 677 in 1952. Pennsylvania's average farm last year was 91 acres after growing at the rate of an acre a year.

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