

Rocky Delays Decision on Retirement

Atlanta, Ga.—(U.P.)—Heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano pondered the important question of whether to yield to family pressure and retire or to boxing associates who want him to defend his title.

No announcement on what decision he has made or will make is expected until the champion gets back to New York. He said he would not come to any decision before a couple of weeks, at the earliest.

After meeting Friday in Macon, Ga., with his manager, Al Weill, Marciano back-pedaled from earlier statements that strongly indicated he was about to retire.

More than one reporter heard Marciano say here before he traveled the 90 miles to Macon to meet with Weill that it made sense for him to retire.

But after the meeting, Marciano denied he had committed himself so positively. Marciano said after arriving in Atlanta from a South American tour that, "As for myself, I want to retire."

"I have come as far as I can in boxing," he told Atlanta reporters. "From now on, all I can do is decline. I can get no better, nor can I reach any higher goal."

"I'm thinking of retirement for many reasons. My mother and father want me to — my wife would like it. Everyone seems to be behind me. But I've made no definite decision."

Casey Says Mick Should Cut Swing

New York—(U.P.)—Mickey Mantle, the Yankees' "tape measure" slugger, can break Babe Ruth's record of 60 homers in one season if he "will only not swing so hard."

That was the analysis issued today by "Professor" Casey Stengel as Mantle, the American League home run champion last year with 37 circuit clouts, got off in front of the major league pack with three in his first four games.

Mantle's first two came on opening day at Washington and carried at least 450 feet each. His third, a more modest 330-footer, came Friday at Yankee Stadium and helped beat Boston, 7-1.

"There is no doubt that maybe he is the greatest distance hitter in baseball history," declared Yankee Manager Stengel. "Only trouble is, what's the difference whether a homer goes 500 feet or only 300 feet. It's a homer either way."

Another obvious question—although Stengel didn't mention it—concerns Mickey's chronic physical ailments. Mickey couldn't finish yesterday's game, for example, because he aggravated an old muscle pull in his right leg and there was a possibility that he'd see limited service for a few days.

Stengel, however, explained his seemingly backward theory of "les power, more homers."

"Mantle has got so much natural power that even when he don't hit the ball so good, he still gets a measly 350 foot homer," Casey pointed out. "So figure it this way: If he cuts down on his swing and just tries to meet the ball, he will get lots more hits and in those hits will be more homers."

ELSTON OPTIONED Pittsburgh — (U.P.) — Right-hander Don Elston, a throw-in in the deal that brought Randy Jackson to the Brooklyn Dodgers last fall, has been optioned to the St. Paul farm club in the American association. Elston posted a 17-7 won-lost record with the Chicago Cubs' Los Angeles farm club in 1955.

GRANTS PASS GETS 3-2 NOD OVER CRATER HIGH

Central Point—A single by Pete Proctor enabled Chuck Lasher to cross home with the winning run in the extra eighth inning yesterday as Grants Pass nudged Crater high 3 to 2 in a non-league baseball skirmish here.

Freddie Herrmann of the Comets had the edge over Jim Smith of Grants Pass in the pitching department but errors proved the undoing of the Crater nine.

The two clubs mix again Tuesday at Grants Pass.

In the eighth canto Lasher safetied to get on base. He went to second when Dennis Eckstein's ground ball was mishandled. Then Proctor cracked the game-winning hit. Crater threatened to knot the fray in its eighth batting turn when John Shama singled and went to second on a passed ball.

Both clubs scored for the first time in the fifth inning. Chuck Nevi's single and stolen base and Smith's hit got the GP marker.

The Comets combined a rap by Eddie Koch, a sacrifice by

Wayne Allen and a safe blow by Harold Lefler.

Cavemen Tally

The Cavemen picked up their second run in the sixth inning. Allen Drews hit and went to second on an error on the same play. Larry Coehell sacrificed to put Drews on third base. The runner came home on an error on Proctor's ground ball.

Crater sent the tussle into the extra session with a seventh inning run. Allen got to first base on the Cavemen's lone miscue. He stole second and went to third base on a ground out by Bill Reaves. Herrmann's one-baser drove Allen home.

Smith struck out four Comets while Herrmann sent down eight GP batters swinging. Four bases on ball were issued Smith and none by Herrmann. Smith was the only batter getting more than one hit. He had two for three. Eckstein's triple was the only extra base clout.

LINESCORE: Grants Pass 000 011 01-3 7 1 Crater 000 010 10-2 7 3 Smith and Tibbitts; Herrmann and Lefler.

Bowling Athletics Avenge 1955 Massacre

INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE There was little change in the standings in the Industrial league Friday night. Richfield Oil took over fourth place as a result of the Snoobys three-game defeat by the V. A. Engineers. Otherwise the top five places remained the same. Gale Culy rolled a 548 for high series, and Dave Kreer had high game of 214.

Table with columns: Standings, W., L., Industrial League, I.E.A.A., R.C. Foresters, Richfield Oil Co., Snoobys, City Appliance, V. A. Engineers, Local 9208, V.F.W. Central Point, Donna Timber Products, Medford Steel Co., Jaycees.

Table with columns: Results, City Appliance 1, Am. Legion 3, P. Patterson 472, G. Stewart 416, E. Epps 430, F. Fuller 422, C. Tennant 481, Handicap 102.

Table with columns: V.A. Engineers 3, B. Findley 408, B. Cody 425, J. Walsh 470, R. Pettit 470, M. Ament 480, Handicap 2240.

Table with columns: Jaycees 0, A. Holmes 478, M. Deffert 435, J. Walsh 454, G. Piazza 485, B. Bernardi 436, Handicap 2321.

Table with columns: Donna Timber 0, L. Swinney 421, E. Harris 425, L. Dawson 228, Absentee 360, Handicap 2008.

Table with columns: I.O.F. 4, H. Vessie Jr. 546, B. Simmonds 482, C. Morrison 381, Absentee 378, J. D. Lubbers 506, Handicap 2380.

Table with columns: Richfield Oil Co. 3, G. Culy 548, E. Kennedy 457, R. Anderson 438, Absentee 378, D. Kreer 545, Handicap 2364.

Table with columns: City League, Ross Lumber Co. of City Bowling league managed to stay in the lead this week even with its loss of 3 to 1 to Lampport team. Fred Anderson of Norton Lumber co. took high individual game with a 257 followed close by Sam Van Ryhe of Lampport's with a 231 John Keener of Central Market came in third with a 224, helping his teammates to take high team game with a 901.

Table with columns: Standings, Ross Lumber Co., Lampports Sporting Goods, Norton Lumber Co., Central Market, Mogan Lumber Co., Crater Electric, Ed's Barber Shop, First National Bank, MacCartney Clark & Laden, Water and Olson, Tru-Mix Construction Co., California Oregon Power Co.

Table with columns: Results, Ross Lbr., G. Culy, A. Schatz, D. Culy, F. Martin, B. Forrest, Handicap 2499.

Table with columns: Mogan Lbr., V. Allen, N. Hanson, D. Barker, C. Minger, C. Chapman, Handicap 2422.

Table with columns: Central Mkt., B. Hayman, H. Sullivan, E. Sommer, J. Keener, G. Schulz, Handicap 2635.

Table with columns: Ed's, E. Paschke, F. Couch, D. Lambert, H. Allen, J. Kantor, Handicap 2448.

Table with columns: Tru-Mix, C. Snedden, J. Cummings, C. Lees, J. Balze, M. Bell, Handicap 2435.

Table with columns: Copco, B. Schroeder, H. Hansen, C. Thompson, D. Ross, E. Barry, Handicap 2322.

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By CARL LUNDQUIST United Press Sports Writer

The Kansas City Athletics, waiting just a year for revenge, took it out on the Chicago White Sox Saturday with a 13-run record-breaking second inning rally and went on to win 15-1 behind the one-hit pitching of Art Ditmar.

A year ago on this corresponding Saturday, the White Sox massacred the Athletics, 29-6 at Kansas City and today the A's got even in the same park.

What made the rally all the more remarkable was that it occurred with two men out. The A's batted around twice and knocked out three pitchers. Spook Jacobs and Harry Simpson each got two hits in the big inning and Gus Zernial drew a walk and a single. Joe Ginsberg hit a triple.

Ditmar yielded his lone hit to Catcher Earl Battey in the fourth inning. No other American league club in history ever had scored 13 runs in the second

inning. There were wild ball games all over the American league. At New York the Yankees took an 8-0 lead against Boston, blew it and trailed 10-9, then finally won 14-10 with a five run rally in the eighth. The Tigers gained their first victory of the season, 7-6, at Cleveland in a game in which 12 Indians and 11 Detroiters drew walks. Washington smacked down Baltimore, 8-1.

In the National league, Bob Friend pitched a three-hitter to give the Pirates a 3-1 victory over the Dodgers at Pittsburgh, the Cubs edged Cincinnati, 3-2 in 11 innings on Jim King's bases-laden single, and the Cardinals handed Milwaukee its first defeat, 6-5. The Giants and Phillies were idle.

There were seven homers in the Yankee-Red Sox fracas, Yogi Berra's blast in the eighth inning tying the score at 10-10. Hank Bauer and Mickey Mantle also homered for New York while Faye Throneberry, Mick-

STANDINGS

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE By United Press (Saturday Afternoon) Table with columns: W., L., Pct., GB. San Diego, Seattle, Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Francisco, Hollywood, Portland, Vancouver.

HUSKIES DOWN OSC Seattle—(U.P.)—Washington's golf team downed Oregon State 22½-4½ here Friday at the Inglewood course. Len Perry of the Huskies took medalist honors with a 71.

ey Vernon, Jim Piersall and Pete Dailey hit Boston homers. The Tigers put on a three hour and 16 minute marathon while the Indians, piling up a 7-1 margin which their starter, bonus boy Bob Miller couldn't hold.

There were 77 individual entries, 15 from Medford, and 13 teams.

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Margaret Taylor Sectional Champ

Margaret Taylor, Central Point, member of Medford Junior Rifle club, won the national junior sectional small-bore rifle shoot yesterday at Roseburg and the Medford team was third.

Miss Taylor fired 96 prone and 92 standing for 188. Jerry Crumpton, Roseburg shot 97 and 91 also for 188 but the Central Point girl got the top honors with her 92 offhand mark. Victor Hansen, Yreka, Calif., took third with 89 and 88 for 187.

Grants Pass was top team with 703 and Roseburg came next with 700. Medford's total was 699.

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ROGUE LEAGUE STANDINGS Table with columns: W., L., Pct. Crater, Eagle Point, Phoenix, Illinois Valley.

Eagle Point—Eagle Point high broke even with Phoenix in its week Rogue League baseball series by drubbing the Pirates 13 to 1 here Saturday afternoon. Phoenix won 4 to 2 Friday on its home field.

The Eagles got three hit chucking from Dennis Boren and had two big innings at bat yesterday to top the Phoenix nine. They collected six runs in the third inning and five more in the fifth. Two runs on three hits in the fourth stanza provided the winning margin for the Pirates on Friday.

A double by Dean Tibbets, singles by Dick Brown and Errol Tresham, a catcher's interference, a base on balls and two errors accomplished the Eagle Point-making in the third inning. In the fifth Jack Bunker and Boren socked back to back triples and Ron Hanson and Gary Foran singled. There were two walks in the frame.

Boren gave up two hits to Wye and one to Campbell of Phoenix. He whiffed eight bat-

ters and allowed no bases on balls. Blunt, the Pirate flinger, struck out three and walked four.

Wye, Campbell and Clark collected the important Phoenix fourth frame singles on Friday. The Pirates got one run in the second inning on three miscues and a hit by Haggard. Two miscues and a stolen base got a tally in the third frame.

Eagle Point pushed over both its runs in the second panel on raps by Brown, Ron Nelson and Larry Clement.

Nelson and Clement each hit two for three for the Eagles. Foran, pitching for EP, struck out seven batters and walked two. Jack Thompson, the Phoenix moundsman, kayoed six batsmen and gave four walks.

The split strengthened the command of the Crater high Comets in the circuit. Crater is sure of at least a tie for the mantle. Final frames of the six-game loop slate are next week end.

LINESCORES: Eagle Point 000 000 0-2 5 6 Phoenix 011 200 x-1 7 1 Foran and Tresham; Thompson and McCarty. Saturday Game Phoenix 000 000 1-1 3 4 Eagle Point 006 052 x-13 8 3 Blunt and McCarty; Boren and Tresham.

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