

# Marciano Announces His Retirement As Unbeaten Heavyweight Champion

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New York — (U.P.) — Heavyweight boxing champion Rocky Marciano announced today he is retiring undefeated "because I want to start living for my family."

"I am comfortably fixed and I am not afraid of the future," the tanned and fit looking champion said as he became the fourth man in ring history to retire without suffering a single defeat.

Marciano, who had won all 49 of his bouts and successfully defended the heavyweight championship six times, said he finally succumbed yesterday to his family's pleadings.

"We want to have more children and the way you have to live as a fighter has made me a poor father to my three and one-half-year-old daughter, Mary Ann," Marciano added. "You've got to go home and get introduced to your family. It's a funny feeling after a while."

**Only Two Weeks**  
Marciano said that to be a boxer and "to stay in tip top shape," he had been able to spend only two weeks at a time with his family.

"When I started I was single," he said. "But my mother and my wife have been pleading with me to retire and I told them last night that I would do what they wanted."

"I took a vacation with my wife, and I enjoyed it so thoroughly that I realized what I was missing," the champion added.

Marciano, wearing a dark blue suit and checkered cravat, looked extremely well conditioned despite reports that he was terrifically overweight.

"My physical condition has nothing to do with my retirement," he said as he opened his coat and patted a flat stomach.

"In my last fight, I weighed 187½ pounds and right this second I weigh only 210," he said.

"Three months ago, before we went to South America," said Mrs. Marciano, "I begged and pleaded with him to quit while he was whole, for me and the baby Mary Ann."

Mary Ann, she said, will be

three years old in December. "Late last night and again this morning Rocky called to say he was quitting," she said.

The son of a Brockton shoe worker, Rocky will be 32 on Sept. 1.

Marciano, nicknamed the "Brockton Block Buster," in his

early ring career, broke into the professional ranks July 12, 1948 with a one-round knockout victory. He fought nine more times in 1948 winning by knockouts each time. He never has been defeated in the ring.

Marciano won the heavyweight championship in 1952

from the aging Jersey Joe Walcott and has reigned supreme in the heavyweight class since.

An aggressive, hard hitting fighter, Marciano's early style was branded "crude" by boxing writers but his impressive knockout power soon brought him into the spotlight of top boxers.

## Trout Prospects Appear Good For Season Opening in Oregon

Portland — Rainbows, cutthroats, brookies, browns, kokanee, or the big lunger lake trout—take your pick, for they are all available in Oregon's lakes and streams come April 28.

And from all reports the prospects for the opening week end appear to be excellent throughout most of the state. Game Commission crews have been working overtime the past few weeks liberating legal fish into many of the more popular fishing waters, and by Saturday morning some 300,000 new resident trout will be there for the taking.

Only in the far eastern part of the state are the angling prospects dim, for most of the rivers in the Blue and Wallowa mountains and in southeastern Oregon are swollen and muddy from the spring run-off. Anglers' best bet in these areas will be the smaller streams or the lakes if they wish to trudge in over the snow. Go deep, fellows, with night crawlers and spinner.

**Outlook Excellent**  
In central Oregon the outlook is excellent with the upper Deschutes, Wickiup reservoir, Suttle and Odell lakes, and the ever faithful Metolius the probable hot spots.

Tackle busting browns and rainbows are available on the Deschutes and Wickiup. Last year, three of the top five browns in the nation were taken from this area, and anglers will be sure to try and break that record this year. The Little Deschutes is out of its banks, but the water has fair color.

In addition to rainbows, Suttle lake produces some excellent early kokanee angling with the fish running to 15 inches. Small flashing lures are killers.

If you want a real knock-down drag-out fight, you might try for the big mackinaws in Odell lake. You'll have to go deep for these fish—from 100 to 150 feet—for the big lakers prefer the cold depths and are seldom taken near the surface. The lakers in Odell have been running up to 20 pounds with the average around six pounds.

Flashing wobblers and plugs are the antagonizers. Good kokanee fishing is also available at Odell running up to 18 inches in length.

The lower Deschutes is muddy below Squaw creek and Crooked river, and the best bet in this area will be on the White river or Fifteenmile creek.

Take your pick in the Willamette basin for most of the streams are in fine condition. Several are a little cloudy from snow water but should be no deterrent to bait dunkers. Rainbows, cutthroats, salmon and steelhead and the spiny rays are the main dish here. If you want some real fishing, try dragging the bottom of the Willamette river with a big gob of night crawlers or small wobbling plugs in the Harrisburg vicinity. You'll be surprised at the big cutthroats, some going to 20 inches. They're fat and sassy and

real tackle busters.

You can also take your pick along the north coast for all the streams are in good shape—low and clear. Your favorite lure or bait will usually entice the cutthroats in this area. If you're not having much luck with the big lunkers, try holding your bait or lure stationary for several minutes—if you have the patience—in a likely looking chute or in fast water near the edge of a pool. Many times the big wise ones will let a drifting or swinging lure go by without touching it but will sock a bait held stationary in the current just out of pure cussedness.

Most of the streams in the southwest region are expected to be in fine shape. Logging operations and melting snow may kick up a little mud on some of the Umpqua and Rogue tributaries, but not enough to hinder trout and salmon angling. A good hot-spot looks like the Chetco which normally produces some of the best early trout angling. Don't pass up the Smith, Elk, and Millicoma rivers either. Excellent shape and excellent producers.

## Suit Against IBC Resumed Today

New York — (U.P.)—The government was expected to resume its anti-trust suit against the International Boxing Club today with the calling of more witnesses in Federal Court.

The case, being heard without a jury by Judge Sylvester J. Ryan, has been in recess since Wednesday because counsel for the defendants had prior commitments Thursday. The hearing opened one week ago.

**Charges Monopoly**  
The government suit charges the IBC and its officers operated a monopoly in violation of federal anti-trust laws in the way they promoted championship fights in professional boxing. It alleges that the IBC or its affiliates promoted or participated in 36 of the 44 championship bouts held in this country from June, 1949, until May, 1953.

Defendants are the International Boxing Clubs of New York and Chicago; Madison Square Garden; James D. Norris, president of the Garden and the two clubs; and Arthur M. Wirtz, Norris' partner.

## Logart Favored Over Joe Miceli

Syracuse, N.Y. — (U.P.) — Speedy Isaacs Logart, who hopes to be the "new Kid Gavilan," rules a 3-1 favorite today for his nationally televised and broadcast bout at War Memorial Auditorium tonight against left-hooking Joe Miceli of New York.

Logart who hails from Gavilan's home town of Camaguey, Cuba, now is rated the No. 3 contender for the welterweight crown once worn by "The Keed."

What's more, the 23-year-old Logart will be carrying a six-bout winning streak into the ring tonight, while Miceli, who is ranked No. 9 in the 147-pound division, has won one and lost one this year. Logart also boasts a more impressive overall record, although the 27-year-old Miceli has much more experience.

# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS

## Medford Nine Scraps Yreka High Saturday

Medford high baseballers who weren't quite ready when they opened their baseball season with a trip to California in March, hope to even the score with the Yreka Miners on Saturday.

The two clubs collide on the Medford diamond at 2 p.m. Yreka won the March encounter 9 to 5. Medford went into the shut with several of its men fust on practice because of a late basketball season. It is hoped that better preparation, along with the recent improvement of the club, will carry it through on Saturday.

Coach Johnny Kovenz stated that Duane Sides may get the starting pitcher assignment for Medford. The choice depended on how the Ashland game slated for today went. The coach indicated that Henry Putney was to have today's opening mound assignment.

Kovenz said that it is possible

that Dick McLaughlin may do some of the pitching against the Miners. The Tornado has a three game trip to Eugene to play the University of Oregon freshmen and Eugene high next week end and the mentor wants to strengthen his hurling staff for that jaunt.

McLaughlin tossed three innings of fine ball Wednesday in a five-canto junior varsity fracas with the St. Mary's varsity on Wednesday at the fairgrounds. Medford won 7 to 3. Dick yielded one hit, and one walk, hit one batter and whiffed five. Tom Alley, who hurled the last two innings allowed SM its other two hits, walked six and struck out one. McLaughlin, varsity regular and junior class member, is capable at a number of positions for Medford.

Medford slammed six hits in the short mix but several of them were hard hit. In the third inning Medford produced four runs on three baggers by Ron Perry and McLaughlin, singles by Larry Perkins and Dennis King, a walk and an error. Steve Shorey tripled and singled in the game.

## Roger Harmon Takes Beaverton High Job

Beaverton—(U.P.)—Roger Harmon, wrestling coach at Sweet Home, has been signed to coach the Beaverton high wrestling team and assist in football.

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McLaughlin, Alley (4) and Knight; G. Miksche and G. Garland.

## Terry Socks Duck Homer

Eugene — (U.P.) — The Eugene Emeralds of the Northwest League defeated University of Oregon 15 to 9 in a free-hitting baseball game here yesterday. Dick Schlosstein and Terry Maddox hit homers for Oregon. Oregon meets Idaho here today and Saturday.

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