

Rain Postpones Louis-Schmeling Battle

FIGHT RESET FRIDAY NIGHT

Bomber Has Six-Pound Advantage Over German.

NEW YORK, June 18. (AP)—Rain, today caused postponement of Joe Louis' 15-round heavyweight bout with Max Schmeling at the Yankee stadium until tomorrow night.

The postponement followed the weighing in of the fighters, which showed Louis outweighed Schmeling by six pounds. Louis weighed 195, Schmeling 192.

NEW YORK, June 18. (AP)—Adverse weather conditions threatened to cause postponement of the 15-round heavyweight match between Joe Louis and Max Schmeling in the Yankee stadium tonight.

Rain was falling late this morning and the weather bureau predicted showers would continue throughout the day and night.

NEW YORK, June 18. (AP)—The weather man forecast showers for today, the experts predict taps for Max Schmeling tonight, while fight fans served notice that million dollar gates no longer can be swung by the soft warbling of the ballyhoo birds.

Joe Louis, still the No. 1 magnet of pugilism, his punching artillery worth watching under any circumstances, lured the fight faithful to the big town today from all parts of the country.

But at the box offices, thousands of tickets remained unsold at all prices, up to and including \$40 top, for tonight's proceedings in Yankee stadium.

Early End Visioned In heavyweight history there have been upsets of such startling character as to make one and all a bit wary, including the experts but there has not been an occasion in this writer's memory when such complete, unqualified unanimity prevailed on the day of a big fight with so much at stake.

Presumably the entire press section will collapse from the recoil if Max Schmeling so much as lays a forcible glove on Joe Louis. We shudder to think of the reaction if Schmeling, the 19 to 1 shot, beats the Brown Bomber.

The weather, it appeared, might take a sufficiently sour turn to force postponement for a night.

Max will collect around \$200,000 for a few clouds to the chin and probably will be glad to get it all over with.

All signs point to a quick ending. The consensus of pre-fight views was that the Bomber will win, by acclamation and a knockout, within four or five rounds.

It is this writer's opinion he can name the round and punch, either right or left.

The day of the fight leaves no doubt that the drawing power of Schmeling was over-estimated in making this match and that the promoters over-estimated the demand for tickets scaled from \$3.50 for general admission to \$40 for ringside planks.

Promoter Jacobs ascribed the failure of Schmeling to respond adequately to the "buildup" process as the main factor in checking advance sales.

He also conceded the effect of a Jewish boycott, due to anti-Nazi sentiments, likewise contributed to absence of another million-dollar gate.

Not even a sudden rush for cut price tickets, it seemed, would develop a crowd of more than 60,000 and gross receipts in excess of \$700,000.

Speculators who had loaded themselves up with "pastboards" in anticipation of eleventh-hour demands were "holding the bag."

MAX MAY RETIRE

They Mean that for his three big fights in New York within a year, each against a former world heavyweight champion, Louis will have attracted more than \$2,000,000 in gate receipts.

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Klamath Netmen Tackle Medford This Week-End

Klamath Falls' tennis team will play Medford in the valley Sunday in the second match of the season between the two teams. Three weeks ago Medford was defeated seven to four.

The Klamath team has been strengthened by the return from school of several players, and on paper looms as strong as last year's outfit, which was undefeated.

Efforts are being made to line up matches with Grants Pass and Bend. The latter has already tentatively agreed to a home and home series, but nothing definite has been arranged.

Standings

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CARD CATCHER NOW INFIELDER

Frankie Frisch Sticks Big Virgil Davis on Third.

(By the Associated Press) While Frankie Frisch and the St. Louis Cardinal ivory department has been hunting here, there and everywhere for a spare infielder to stand up under the strain of the National league pace, the answer to his problems may have been hiding on the roster all the time.

Behind a catcher's mask and body protector, Frisch has found out through the simple expedient of inserting big Virgil Davis into the infield lineup that the six-foot husky, whose entire ten-league career in organized baseball has been at backstop, can take over the third basing job as if he had been born to it.

Cubs Win No. 13 An umpire's exile order for Frisch and "Lippy Red" Duracher after an argument over-ruled Davis as a potential hot corner guardian late in the first game of yesterday's double header, which the Cardinals split with the Boston Bees, taking the second game 10-2 after dropping the opener 9-6.

Ordered over the game, Frisch looked over the few possibilities, then called on Davis, and the big fellow wound up the afternoon at third by accepting five chances without a flaw, and in addition, helping himself to three hits in the nightcap, driving in four runs.

The Chicago Cubs found the going tough against the Phillies, but pulled out a 5-3 decision nevertheless, chiefly through the stickwork of young Ken O'Dea, for their 13th straight victory.

Yanks Take Two New York Yankees belted the Cleveland Indians 15-4 and 12-2 in a twin bill, while the second place Boston Red Sox were taking their one game, 2-4, over the Chicago White Sox, with Jimmy Foxx clubbing his 17th homer.

The double defeat sank the Indians to a fourth place tie with the injury-ridden Tigers, as the Washington Senators turned back the world champions 2-1 in a game called in eight innings because of darkness, to advance to third place in the standings.

For sheer dizziness, however, the St. Louis Browns' 14-13 victory over the Athletics had them all stopped. On the short end of a 13-3 count going into the seventh, the Browns suddenly came to life and piled 11 runs across the plate in three innings.

The Pittsburgh Pirates found the Brooklyn Dodgers easy for the second straight day, as Bill Swift pitched seven-hit ball for a 14-5 victory, while the still slipping New York Giants were unable to hit with any consistency, and fell before the Cincinnati Reds 4-2.

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Red Sox, Pelicans Resume Baseball Battle Sunday

The Klamath Pelicans and Red Sox resume their feud on Sunday, when they meet on Modoc field at 2:30 p. m. A large crowd is expected, as this will be the last game of the Pelican-Red Sox series until the latter part of the league schedule.

The Pelican manager, Jack Gove, is making several changes in his line-up, strengthening up a weak spot or two, changing the batting order, and, in other words, making every effort to stop the winning streak of the fast Sox combination.

Manager Gove has switched fiery little Hersherberg to the catching position. Donaldson, dependable infielder and outfielder, will be brought over to the third base, hot spot of the diamond, and Welch will take position in the outfield.

In a practice game Wednesday evening at Modoc field, Field Captain Orio Oakes had a chance to try out this new combination in a short game against the Pelican Bay Lumber company team, winning by a score of 11 to 1. Bishop, new boy from W. S. C., and all-star in the Northwest Collegiate league, is expected to play a much better game on second than he did last Sunday. Just which pitcher Gove will start is as yet undecided.

The Sox team has been busy all week in practice, and feel they will be ready for any new surprises the Pelicans might spring. Vern Francis, manager of the team, stated yesterday that his club was on its way to win the pennant again this year, and would take the Pelicans out of the way Sunday just like the week before. This remains to be seen, however, as the Pelicans may surprise everyone and upset the "dope bucket."

dale, have all hit one home run. Batting averages for 200 or better hitting regulars follow:

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Ticket holders from the past two weeks are urged to bring their tickets with them. Rainy weather June 7, and a 35-mile-an-hour gale on June 14 halted the show.

Red Sox Player Runs Up Lead in Bat Averages

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BEAVERS NICK SEALS AGAIN

Ducks Strengthen Hold on Fourth Position; Seattle Beaten.

(By the Associated Press) Fourth of July is nearing and the Coast league baseball race is still as wide open as a western mining camp on payday.

The baseball wisecracks say the leader on July 4 is practically "in" as far as the season is concerned, but unless one of the leading clubs stages a terrific spurt, the odds are a failure to hold true this year.

Wednesday's games were no help in cleaning the situation, for the league-leading Oaks took their second trimming from San Diego, 8-5. Seattle lost a chance to move into first by losing to Los Angeles 1-4, and the Missions strengthened their hold on third by a 9-7 triumph over Sacramento.

The up-and-coming Portland Beavers downed San Francisco, 5-4, to solidify their fourth place position.

San Francisco again lost a tough luck game, Pete Coscarart's double scoring the winning run for Portland in the ninth. It was Portland's second straight over the Seals.

The fifth-place Seals are only 3 1/2 games out of first, while Los Angeles, occupying seventh place, is only 7 1/2 games behind. This is significant, since the Angels are potentially powerful, and of late have begun to show their true power.

Last week they took five from the Missions, and to date have split with Seattle, so they are definitely in the pennant race.

Oakland's lead was only saved by the Angels, who hit well behind Jack Salveson to tomahawk the striving Indians.

The Missions had to use three pitchers to subdue the pestiferous Senators. Eddie Joost combed two Sacramento pitchers for three hits, including a home run and a double. The second straight win put Willie Kamm's boys only a game and a half out of first place.

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Lillard Signs Champion Britt Against Christy

Embarrassed no end by his unexpected loss to Dudo Chick last Tuesday night, Alvin Britt, junior heavyweight champion of the National Wrestling association, will make another stand in Klamath Falls.

Mack Lillard, promoter, Thursday morning signed the title-holder against Ted Christy of California.

Pete Belcastro, recognized as the Pacific coast junior heavyweight champion, will go on in the semi-windup against Prince Mihalik. Belcastro lost to the prince last Tuesday when he was disqualified for fouling.

The opening match will feature Bobby Chick, Dudo's older brother, against Alex Stack, German heavyweight.

The Christy-Britt match should be a duplication of the battle that brought the Kansas farmer the championship in the final round of the recent Los Angeles tournament. Britt stopped the Los Angeles ruffian in two out of three falls.

Britt's defeat last Tuesday night makes the coming match a little difficult to figure. Christy defeated Dudo Chick in the tournament and then several weeks later in Klamath Falls, the cowboy made short work of the Californian. In turn, Chick upset the champion in a non-title affair. The result of these previous matches indicates that the three heavyweights are on pretty even terms.

Oregon Runner Off for Trials

EUGENE, Ore., June 18. (AP)—George Scharpf, University of Oregon miler, went to Los Angeles today to join three other

Webfoot stars training for the far-western regional Olympic track and field tryouts there June 26 and 27.

He will enter the 1500 meter race. Other Oregon men already on the scene are Frank "Squawk" Lloyd, broad jumper; Francis Sinnette, hurdler, and Leonard Holland, discus thrower.

Bob Parke, javelin thrower, and George Varoff, pole vaulter, both previous Webfoot performers, also will compete in the meet.

Lewis Victor Against Shucco

ST. LOUIS, June 18. (AP)—John Henry Lewis, Phoenix, Ariz., negro light heavyweight champion, won by a technical knockout over Tony Shucco in the eighth round of a scheduled 10-rounder here last night. Lewis' title was not at stake.

A looping right bowled Shucco over, and as he fell he injured his ankle so badly he was unable to continue. He regained his feet at the count of five, but dropped to his knees before Lewis hit him again.

Lewis was ahead by a clear margin when the referee stopped the battle, but had been warned by the referee about hitting low.

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