

Odds Favor Bomber Tonight In Polo Grounds Clash For Title

Conn Scales 174, Joe Weighs 199½ for Fight

By GAYLE TALBOT

NEW YORK, June 18 (AP)—The biggest, richest prizefight crowd since the second Louis-Schmeling battle three summers ago will surge into the Polo Grounds tonight to watch Joe Louis defend his heavyweight championship against clever Billy Conn of Pittsburgh.

The big negro's 18th defense of his title promised to draw more than 40,000 and to gross approximately \$400,000, as compared with the \$1,000,000 that flowed into Promoter Mike Jacobs' treasury the night Louis crushed Max Schmeling, the man he hated, in less than a round.

The most popular opinion was that something very much like that was due to happen tonight to Conn, though the 23-year-old challenger had plenty of supporters. The odds against the former light-heavyweight king were lengthening steadily in the Broadway marts. Last night it was possible to get odds of 7 to 2 against his winning, and one commission man estimated he would be offering a solid 4-to-1 against Billy by nightfall.

Five special trains from Pittsburgh and a half dozen others from scattered cities poured fans into town this morning. Boston fans were known to have chartered 20 planes. The fight regulars and the big spenders from every section of the country will be at the ringside. The battle of the little man against the big man has captured the public fancy to an astonishing extent.

NEW YORK, June 18 (AP)—Champion Joe Louis will have a 251 pound advantage in weight over Billy Conn tonight in the 18th defense of his heavyweight crown. Louis weighed in at 199½ pounds for their match at the Polo grounds while Conn, former light heavyweight champion, balanced the weights at 174.

By DUKE MORAN
PITTSBURGH, June 18 (AP)—Far from the ringside where

Billy Conn's Shell Game



This is the shell of elbows, forearms and fists which Billy Conn, known in the fight trade as a "punch blocker" rather than a "punch slipper" throws up when the going gets tough.

Billy Conn meets Joe Louis for the heavyweight title tonight, a sweet-faced woman will be undergoing a more cruel ordeal than any the explosive fists of the brown bomber can pose for Billy-boy, her son.

Mrs. Margaret Conn, 41-year-old mother of the Pittsburgh challenger is too ill to listen to the radio broadcast of the fight in the Conn's comfortable Fifth avenue home here. But as soon as the fight is over—win or lose for Billy—she's to be told what happened.

PITTSBURGH, June 18 (AP)—Disclosure that Billy Conn and his pretty blonde sweetheart have applied for a marriage license threatened today to break up any plans they might have had to elope soon after his battle tonight in New York with Joe Louis for the heavyweight championship.

Registrar Walter Evans in the little town of Brookville, about 70 miles northeast of Pittsburgh, said Conn and Mary Louise Smith applied for a license there last week. Conn gave his name as William David Conn, age 23, and Miss Smith said she was 21.

Jimmy Smith, former major league baseball player and husky father of the girl, quickly registered his opposition to the union, declaring: "Champion or no champion, I'll punch hell out of that fellow and he'd probably be the first one to say I could do it. I hope he wins, but I want him to stay away from my family."

Ex-Yank Beats New Yorkers For Chisox Triumph, 8-7

NATIONAL LEAGUE		W. L. Pct.
St. Louis	40 18 .688	Chicago 37 20 .645
Brooklyn	37 19 .661	Pittsburgh 31 27 .533
Cincinnati	30 27 .526	Boston 19 33 .362
New York	29 27 .517	Philadelphia 17 34 .333

AMERICAN LEAGUE		W. L. Pct.
Cleveland	7 23 .234	Detroit 21 28 .429
New York	33 18 .646	Philadelphia 28 20 .583
Boston	30 23 .566	St. Louis 18 24 .429
Chicago	20 25 .444	Washington 19 27 .359

to the New York Yankees Tuesday. Hoag, a former outfielder with the Yankees, contributed the single that drove in the winning run and gave the White Sox an 8-7 triumph over the fast-moving New Yorkers.

Joe DiMaggio collected one single in four trips to set a new Yankee record for hitting safely in 30 consecutive games. The former mark was shared by Roger Peckinpaugh and Earle Combs. The major league mark is 41 straight contests set by George Sisler.

The Boston Red Sox and Detroit Tigers divided a doubleheader. The Red Sox went on an eight-run scoring spree in the seventh inning to win the opener, 14-6. Rudy York and Ted Williams hit homers in this game, York's 14th coming with the bases loaded in the second inning and Williams' 13th starting the seventh-inning fireworks with one on. Bruce Campbell's double with the bases loaded sparked a four-run rally in the ninth inning of the nightcap that gave Detroit an 8-5 victory. York connected for his 15th homer in this game.

The St. Louis Cardinals maintained their two-game National league lead by walloping the Philadelphia Phillies, 11-3 while the runner-up Brooklyn Dodgers shaded the Chicago Cubs in 10 innings, 7-6.

The Cincinnati Reds trimmed the Boston Braves, 5-3 and the New York Giants halted the Pittsburgh Pirates, 6-3.

St. Louis at Washington was rained out.

The Cleveland Indians increased their American league lead over the runner-up New York Yankees to two games tonight by defeating the Philadelphia Athletics, 3-2 before 20,000 fans at Shibe park.

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Racing Under Stars Opens Final Week With Ladies' Night Program

Six previous winners go to the post tonight in the banner five and one-half furlong fourth race as racing under the stars opens its second and final week at the Klamath county fairgrounds.

The morning line showed little choice between Bogota, Little Seth, Lady High, Warrior Lyons, Dark Amber and Azusa, all sprinters which topped five and five and one-half furlong dashes last week. This evening's first line may show a nod to Bogota, if to any, mainly on the strength of H. Conley's jockey ability.

Three newcomers are slated to tangle in the Woodbury fifth for 3-year-olds and older with My Impulse, Don Schunk up, favored in noontime form charts. The Caliente pony has been working fast in morning runs. Not being overlooked is Charlotte Ann, second of the new ponies. Bronze Saint, the third, is rated an outside chance.

A substitute sprint has been arranged by Presiding Judge L.

J. Giles if a muddy track forces cancellation of any of the seven scheduled contests. The field is rife with place and show horses but there's not a winner in the lot. Iddina is favored.

Tonight's program, opening the last week of the Jockey club's thus far successful meeting, will be followed by racing Thursday and Friday nights beginning at 7:45 and winding up with an eight-race card Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

If present weather conditions continue, dope sheets based on last week performances will be a nickel a ream. The prediction is for rain through today and tonight.

Racing officials have announced tonight's program as ladies' night.

Rain Puts Off Tuesday Tilts; 4 Set Tonight

Tonight's Games
7 p. m.—Weyerhaeuser vs. Conwhit.
8 p. m.—Big Lakes vs. Long Bell.

Barring inclement weather conditions four teams of the Klamath Softball association will endeavor to open the second week of night action this evening following last night's postponement of the Elk-Algoma and Kalpine-Lamm's Mill contests because of rain.

Bill Borchert, Weyerhaeuser speed merchant who shut out the Kalpine club, 3-0, with only one hit last week, is expected to have little trouble with the Conwhit batters in tonight's first game. Long Bell and Big Lakes are rated about even in the second encounter of the night.

Estin Kiger, Elk first baseman, remained the only player with a perfect batting average after the first week of play. He had one hit in one official trip to the plate as his team was

trimmed, 17-4, by Webb Kennett last Tuesday.

Five players, Ed Burkland of Weyerhaeuser, Earl Brooks of the Knights of Columbus, Al Parrish of Long Bell and Harold Eittrich and Weston Scott of Webb Kennett, punched out three safe blows in four attempts.

Players with .600 or better averages follow:

	AB.	R.	E.	Pct.
Kiger, Elk	1	1	0	1.000
Burkland, Weyerhaeuser	4	3	2	.750
Eittrich, Webb Kennett	4	3	2	.750
Scott, Webb Kennett	4	3	2	.750
Parrish, Long Bell	4	3	2	.750
Brooks, Knights of Columbus	4	3	2	.750
Johnson, Lowell's	4	3	2	.750
Schly, Turner Chevrolet	3	2	2	.667
Ambers, Algoma	3	2	2	.667
Granger, Weyerhaeuser	3	2	2	.667
J. Sundberg, Long Bell	3	2	2	.667
Ford, Knights of Columbus	3	2	2	.667
Wakeman, Pelican Bay	3	2	2	.667

FIGHT FACTS AND FIGURES

By The Associated Press
Title at stake—world heavyweight championship.
Principals—Joe Louis, Detroit champion, vs. Billy Conn, Pittsburgh challenger.
Place—Polo Grounds, New York City.
Bout—15 rounds to a decision.
Time—First preliminary 4:30 p. m. PST; main bout, 8 p. m. PST.
Betting odds—Louis 3 to 16 to win; 4 to 5 to score a knockout.

Steers Clears Six Feet 11 High Jump

Cal Four-Man Mile Relay Team Beats Former World Record Time

MEMORIAL COLISEUM, Los Angeles, June 18 (UP)—The Pacific coast conference track and field team Tuesday defeated a Big Ten conference all-star team, 80 to 56, in a meet which saw new world records established in the running high jump and the four-man mile relay.

Les Steers, University of Oregon jumper, set the first world mark when he cleared 6 feet 11 inches to better his own world mark of 6 feet 10 7-8 inches. The accepted world mark is held by Cornelius Johnson at 6 feet 9 3-4 inches.

Old Mark Falls
University of California's four man mile relay team shattered the world mark for that event when it won in 3 minutes, 9.4 seconds. The old mark was 3 minutes 10.5 seconds, set by Stanford in 1940.

The California team was composed of John Reese, Fay Froom, Clarence Barnes and Grover Klemmer, running in that order. Although it was a duel meet, relay teams were entered from both California and University of Southern California, as well as from the Big Ten. The Big Ten team trailed badly on the final lap. The Southern California team finishing second by four inches, was clocked unofficially in the same time but will not share in the record.

Tries Twice
Steers, the Oregon jumper, left his competition behind at 6 feet 7 inches and went on to shatter his own mark of 6 feet 10 7-8 inches. Application for recognition of the 11-ter mark as an official world record has been made.

Steers took two jumps to clear 6 feet 10 inches, then had the



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Approximate weights—Louis 190; Conn 175. Estimated crowd and gate—10,000 spectators; \$100,000. Promoter—Twentieth Century Sporting Club, Mike Jacobs, president. Officials—Referee and judges to be selected by the N. Y. State Athletic commission. Weather forecasts—Cloudy and warmer; rain, light, will be held tomorrow night. Mutual Broadcasting system.

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