

BOMBER JOE LOUIS RETIRES FROM BOXING

Heavy Champ Says 'Fightin' Days Over'

Move Stuns Ring World; Titlist May Return if Army Changes Fight Plans

By SID FEDER
NEW YORK, Oct. 12 (AP)—Unless Joe Louis changes his mind—or Uncle Sam changes it for him—the greatest fighter of this era is ended.

The quiet, simple colored boy who skyrocketed out of an Alabama cotton patch into such fistic fame that many experts rank him as the greatest fighter of all time, paused in Omaha yesterday to say casually that his "fightin' days are over."

He said it in the typical Louis way, without frills or drum-beating; the same way in which he dropped all the glory and financial success that goes with the heavyweight championship to enlist in the United States army as a private last January.

"By the time this war is over," he reckoned, "I'll be in my 30's, and that's too old for a fighter. I'm too old for it now."

"I know, I really don't care much any more about going back into the ring."

Of course, it would all change if the war department decides to let Joe—he's a sergeant now—out to toss his bombs again. But the army already has turned thumbs down on one fight for the bomber—his eagerly looked-for return go with Corporal Billy Conn.

"I'll do anything the army asks," Joe said. "I'm in the army now and they're taking care of my plans."

Naturally, Joe could change his mind. He wouldn't be the first champion who couldn't get the "resin out of his blood." But as matters stand now, the bomber, at 28, is giving up a reign that already has netted purses of more than \$2,000,000 and has broken all records for successful defenses of the fight game's most prized bauble. He has turned back 21 challenges since he won the crown from old Rough-and-Ready Jim Braddock back in 1937, and no champ ever came within shouting distance of that mark.

Louis' statement, which he made to Associated Press Staff Reporter David Kaufman after marching with the Fort Riley (Kansas) precision drill team in an exhibition, left the fight world gasping in astonishment.

"Joe may think he's through with fighting," said Abe J. Greene, president of the National Boxing association, "but fighting will never be through with Joe."

Greene added that when the NBA receives official word of Joe's retirement, it will tab with "champion emeritus" and will name Bob Pastor and Tami Mauriello, New York heavyweights, and Lee Savold of Des Moines to fight it out for ranking as "championship pretender," at least until the war is over.

"With Conn also in the army," Greene said, "those three are the top men in action today."

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Never Again?



Cor. Joe Louis Barrow, called by many the greatest heavy-weight fighter in history, may never again assume the fighting pose he shows above. He said in Omaha yesterday that his "fightin' days are over."

Fans Holding Heads As Upsets Hit Grid

Iowa Seahawks Undefeated, Collide With Irish Next; Illinois Touted

By AUSTIN BEALMEAR
NEW YORK, Oct. 12 (AP)—With freshmen holding first team berths and strangers holding coaching jobs, it's little wonder that this unprecedented wartime football season, rapidly approaching the halfway mark, has the fans holding their heads.

Chopped up like a jigsaw puzzle, because of the presence of service teams, the campaign already has produced more surprises than a Christmas stocking, but others aren't far away.

If the season has proved nothing else, it has shown that the navy can produce teams from among its pre-flight trainees that are better than the best collegiate squads, but even this convincing demonstration may strike a snag before another week.

Lieut. Col. Bernie Bierman's Iowa Seahawks, whose 28-14 victory over Michigan last week added the Wolverines to a list of victims that already included Northwestern and Minnesota, are due for another stern test Saturday against a Notre Dame team that finally has found itself.

With accurate Angelo Bertelli passing to all four touchdowns, the Irish whipped Stanford last Saturday, 27-0.

Illinois, fresh from its surprising 20-13 triumph over Minnesota, stakes its clean record against Iowa in another Midwest headliner and Wisconsin, 17-9 conqueror of Missouri, meets Great Lakes Naval.

Ohio State, 28-12 victor over Southern California, meets Purdue, which tripped Northwestern, 7-6. Michigan and Northwestern collide in another Big Ten game.

One of the east's principal attractions will find Pennsylvania, which walloped Yale, 35-6, bumping into Princeton, the team that surprised Navy, 10-0.

Other Ivy-clad struggles will match Yale against Navy and Harvard, tied 7-7 by William and Mary, against Dartmouth.

Jim Crowley's North Carolina Pre-flighters travel to Boston college; Colgate, conqueror of Dartmouth Saturday, has an inter-sectional date with Duke, and Pitt entertains an Indiana team that shut out Nebraska, 12-0.

Georgia and Frankie Sinkwich, fresh from a 48-13 win over Mississippi for the fourth in a row, stake an unblemished record against Tulane, which again is winning on alternate Saturdays and stopped Rice, 18-7, on its last outing.

Another southern thriller might be the tussle between Alabama and Tennessee. Elsewhere in the south, Louisiana State meets Mississippi, North Carolina State plays Wake Forest, Vanderbilt tangles with

Mississippi State, Georgia Tech takes on Davidson, and the Georgia Pre-flight team engages the Pensacola Flyers.

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OSC Trouncing Muddles Coast Football Picture

UCLA Established as Hot Contender For Title; Washington State Tops

By RUSSELL NEULAND
SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 12 (AP)—One weekend doesn't make a football season but the University of California at Los Angeles Bruins crowded a lot of coast conference history into the records on a single Saturday.

They whipped the burly Oregon State Beavers, 30-7, last week to add these new phases to the league championship race:

1—Knocked the defending champion and Rose Bowl winner out of the title picture, at least temporarily.

2—Scored the biggest upset to date.

3—Established themselves as red hot contenders for the crown.

Of the ten conference members, UCLA and Washington State college only have neither defeat nor tie to mar their records. Washington State tops the list with three league wins. The UCLA victory followed its initial bid in the championship scramble. Its two previous appearances on the gridiron had no bearing on the title, luckily, because defeats were posted on the scoreboard. When the Bruins were nosed out by Texas Christian, 7 to 6, and by the St. Mary's navy pre-flight team, 18 to 7, the few if any experts who had been riding on their handwagon hopped off in a hurry.

They are back on today. Warned up chow is better than none.

Off the one-sided contest with Oregon State, the Bruins rate in the same bracket with the big WSC Cougars. The latter stopped Stanford and Oregon by 6-0 and 7-0 scores respectively and last week put on a track meet at Montana's expense, 68-16. Washington State's three-sided competition was less formidable than the single batch of opposition wrapped up by UCLA. Let it be forgotten Oregon State was the pre-season choice of many to retain the championship.

California, which lost to Oregon State and Santa Clara in its last two outings, put up a terrific struggle in each case. Southern California gained a scoreless tie with Washington two weeks ago and last Saturday dropped a 28-12 count to Ohio State in the middle west.

Stanford returns from its 27-0 walloping from Notre Dame to meet Idaho while Washington, heartened by a 15-7 win over Oregon, will hold a workout in Seattle at the expense of Montana. Neither Idaho nor Montana stack up with the rest of the conference teams.

Seattle Pros Top Spokane Eleven, 33-0

SEATTLE, Oct. 12 (AP)—The Seattle Shipbuilders played their first home game yesterday and treated local rooters to a fine example of aerial work and taking advantage of the breaks to defeat the Spokane Manlowes, 33-0, in northwest war industries league football.

The Shipbuilders opened scoring with a first quarter touchdown after Quarterback Inky Boe returned a Spokane punt from his own 47-yard line to the Manlowes' 29. Two quick line plays took the ball to the 10 and two lateral passes, Boe to Joe Tomich to Mince Mayde accounted for the tally.

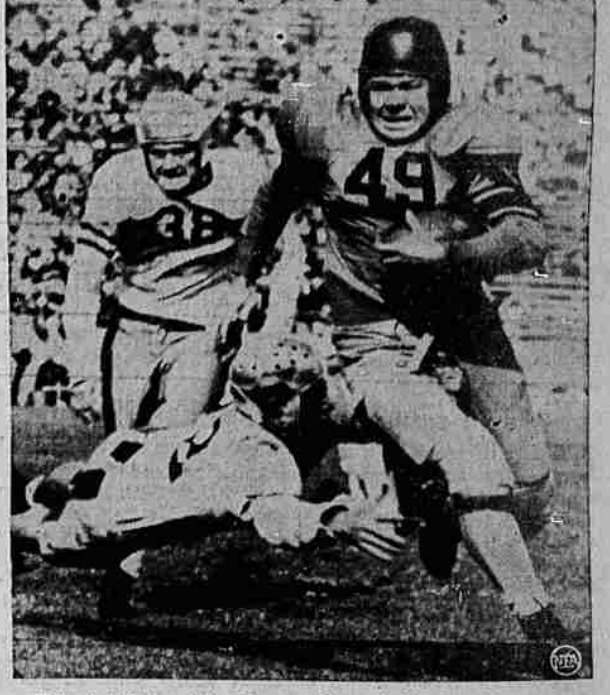
Coach Leon Brigham substituted a complete new lineup to start the second quarter and five plays after taking the ball the Seattle squad ran up a second tally.

Fort Flagler Grid Squad Overwhelmed By Commandos, 40-0

PORT ANGELES, Oct. 12 (AP) The all-services Port Angeles Commandos, who held Pacific Lutheran college football team to a lone touchdown last week, crushed Fort Flagler's eleven 40-0 at Civic field here yesterday.

Brilliant running and passing by Coast Guardsman Bobby Barrett, ex-University of Washington halfback, and six straight conversions by Coast Guardsman Wallace Blare, helped build the overwhelming score.

UCLA Blasts OSC Rose Bowl Hopes



Robert Libbee (49), Oregon State halfback, sidesteps two UCLA tacklers, Roxie Griswold (foreground) and Burr Baldwin (38), for a first down in the first quarter of the game at Los Angeles. This was one of the few bright spots of the game for Oregon State, as UCLA went on to win 30 to 7, over the team widely figured to go to the Rose Bowl again.

Bob Pastor Claims Joe Louis' Title

NEW YORK, Oct. 12 (AP)—Bob Pastor, who made two unsuccessful attempts to knock the heavyweight crown off Joe Louis' head, put in another bid for the title today after Louis announced that his fighting days are over.

"I'm claiming the title for Pastor," proclaimed James J. Johnston, Bob's manager.

"Boxing lost one of its greatest attractions when Louis quit. In and out of the ring he was a good workman and a courageous American gentleman. But now that he is giving up the title, who is better qualified for the job than Pastor?"

Although Pastor is a few months older than Louis, Johnston doesn't agree that he's too old to be a fighter. "Listen," he said, "Age begins from the shoulders down. You win fights with your head."

Loyola Eleven Upsets USF Dons, 7-2

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 12 (AP) Add another upset to a football season loaded with surprises: Loyola university of Los Angeles, a clever and spirited little team, outclassed the heavily-favored University of San Francisco Dons to win, 7 to 2, before a Sunday crowd of 12,000.

A U.S.F. outfit which had rolled over the Tempe teachers from Arizona and the University of Nevada by big scores found more than their match in the light but hard-charging Lions, and finally succumbed to superior play and just plain heads-up football.

PORTLAND, Oct. 12 (AP)—A military funeral service was held here today for Dean Alexander Donason, 56, coach at Mill Military academy from 1919 to 1931 and supervisor of cadets since. He died after a heart attack Friday.

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