

Louis-Conn May Draw Three Million Gate

New York, Chicago, Detroit, Philly All Want Next Championship Bout

NEW YORK, Oct. 16 (AP)—Joe Louis is going to defend his title against Billy Conn next June in a bout that will probably draw a \$3,000,000 gate but where the big fight will be held is a guessing game that involves New York, Chicago, Philadelphia and Detroit.

The Brown Bomber signed to defend his title yesterday in a scene reminiscent of the hoopla and fanfare of pre-war days when a heavyweight championship contract-signing was a great event. Cameras clicked and flash bulbs popped as promoters, managers and plain hangers-on milled around the champion.

Army Eleven Still Leads Pigskin Pack

NEW YORK, Oct. 16 (AP)—The same five teams that dominated last week's associated poll to determine the best college eleven in the country hold sway in the tabulations compiled today with Army retaining first place in the Big Ten.

The Cadets garnered 90 nominations for the top spot on the 105 ballots, allowing only 14 for Navy and one for Ohio State. Army, with 1035 points, was followed by Navy, Notre Dame, Ohio State and Minnesota in that order, duplicating their rankings of last week. Ten points are given for each first place vote, nine for second, etc. All critics who did not place the West Pointers first on their ticket ranked the Cadets second.

Alabama moved up from seventh to sixth place and Pennsylvania, 49 to 0 victor over North Carolina, hopped from 13th place a week ago to eleventh while Indiana and Texas, eighth and 10th respectively, in the first compilation, kept those places in the present counting.

Purdue, whose Boilermakers crushed Iowa, 40 to 0, shot from the 15th slot of seven days ago, to ninth this week.

Michigan, ninth in the previous listing, skidded to 13th, following the defeat by Army, while Southern California, lone west coast power a week ago, spun from sixth to 14th in the 33 to 6 defeat by the San Diego Naval outfit.

Notice Served On Champs To Defend Boxing Crowns

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16 (AP)—Revival of championship competition in all boxing divisions soon was predicted today by President Abe J. Greene of the National Boxing Association as he hailed the return to civilian life of all titleholders.

Revealing the first postwar ratings, compiled by a committee headed by Fred J. Saddy of Milwaukee, Greene announced that notice had been served on all champs that after a "proper conditioning period" they will be expected to defend their crowns against proper contenders.

Joe Louis, Gus Lesnevich and Tony Zale were given a full period of respite from title defense because of their recent discharge from military service but Freddie Cochrane, Ike Williams and Manuel Ortiz were served notice to prepare to take on high-ranking foes.

Most noteworthy change in the quarterly ratings was the meteoric rise of Rocky Graziano,

Givan Will Give Up Tournament Golfing

SEATTLE, Oct. 16 (AP)—Harry Givan, amateur golfer who proved his ability to match strokes with the nation's top professionals this week at Broadmoor, said last night he plans on only one more year of tournament competition.

After that he will play "just for fun." Givan, who tied for second in the 72-hole \$10,250 Seattle Open Sunday, said such competitive golf "takes too much time for practice and I can't keep this up forever."

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

By The Associated Press
NEW YORK—Aaron (Tiger) Wade, 161, San Francisco, stopped Vincent Jones, 155½, Tampa, Fla. (2).

TRAY, N. Y.—Danny Williams, 148½, Albany, N. Y., out-punked Bernie Miller, 145, New York (10).

DETROIT—Charles Riley, 127, Detroit, knocked out Spider Armstrong, 126½, Toronto (7).

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CONN is scheduled to come in tomorrow to scribble his name on the legal document that will enrich him for life. This being the first title bout among the big boys since Louis flattened Abe Simon in March 1942, Promoter Mike Jacobs figured the occasion was worth separate signings to gain the extra ballyhoo.

Jacobs plans to sock a \$100 label on the ringside seats and expects that the fight "will do \$3,000,000 at the gate and I wouldn't want to try to guess what the figure might be if you counted in movies, radio and television."

NEW YORK, Oct. 16 (AP)—Mel Ott, the New York Giants' manager who hunted high and low all season for a slugging first baseman, will have at least two on hand next spring.

Johnny Mize was discharged from the navy recently, and yesterday the coast guard officers here disclosed that Lieut. (jg) Norman (Babe) Young had received his honorable discharge papers at the personnel separation center in Charleston, S. C.

In addition to Mize and Young, both long-ball hitters, Ott has Roy Zimmerman and Mike Scherer for the first-base position. They were brought up from the International league during the '45 campaign.

These Boys Have Postwar Plans



In this corner we have both. But it won't be so peaceful next June when Joe Louis lays his heavyweight title on the line against Challenger Billy Conn. This first bout for the heavy crown is expected to pull in \$3,000,000 at the gate no matter where it's held, and New York, Chicago, Detroit and Philadelphia are all in the market.

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Trippi Declares He Was "Frozen" To Army Football

ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 16 (AP)—Charlie Trippi, discharged from the army Friday with 41 points, told the Atlanta Journal he requested overseas duty last winter but was "frozen" at his Florida base for a "1945 football project."

The ace half-back of Georgia's 1943 Rose Bowl squad, returned to Georgia yesterday to resume his college career.

In an interview with Joe Livingston, sports writer for the Journal, Trippi said "my commanding officer couldn't send me overseas because attached to my file was a card which said 'frozen—hold for 1945 football project.'"

His discharge on a "surplus and hardship" basis brought charges from Tampa newspapers of "political intervention" by Georgia's senators.

Subsequently Georgia's democratic Senators Walter F. George and R. B. Russell issued statements in Washington saying that they had talked to Secretary of War Patterson concerning a release for the football player.

Trippi said 15 of last year's third air force football team were sent overseas and he asked to be sent along.

"I wanted to get the thing over with and quit sitting around," he said.

The Georgia star was in the service two and a half years as a physical instructor and played two full seasons of service football.

New York Gets Glimpse Of America With Spurs

By JACK HAND
NEW YORK, Oct. 16 (AP)—Down in the old corral at 46th street and Eighth avenue there's not a bookmaker in sight these October evenings although 200 assorted cowhands are drawing a \$25,000 gate and slicing up \$145,825 in prize money.

The rodeo is back in town, showing the sharpies off Jacobs beach under a deluge of 10-gallon hats, Texas draws and clanking spurs.

Across the street from Madison Square Garden, where the biggest horse opera in the world is holding forth until November 4, the lounging cowhands sit cross-legged on the marble floor of the Belvedere hotel lobby and spin tall tales about the wild west.

A \$27,500-a-week clerk in a downtown department store might turn up his nose at such a wildcat way of living but this is no ordinary grubstake these men of the west are chasing.

Hank Mills, a former jockey on the "Big Apple" who won the Gold Cup and Brooklyn handicap on Dark Secret 10 or 12 years ago, set you right on that count when he said:

"We boys do pretty good for ourselves. If a boy has a good year he makes himself about \$7500 and there's some who do more than that. Guess the high is about \$15,000. A fellow who don't win \$3000 or more don't stick around this game long."

"What happens when we get hurt? We just take care of ourselves, have to pay our own way. Have to pay our own entry fees too."

Foghorn Clancy, the gravel-throated press agent, explained that cowboys paid fees ranging from \$20 in the wild horse race to \$150 in the steer wrestling and calf roping competition. The Garden put up the major share

BOWLERS PRESENT PLAQUE
NEW YORK—In connection with the 50th anniversary celebration of the American Bowling Congress at Beethoven hall here, the bowlers of Sweden presented the organization with a silver plaque displaying a congratulatory message. The flags of the United States and Sweden, done in colored enamel and silver, make the piece the most artistic ever received by the congress. Secretary Elmer H. Baumgarten of the congress, speaking to the bowlers of Sweden via radio, invited them to send two teams to the ABC tournament in Buffalo, starting next March 14. Beethoven hall is the birthplace of the congress.

FRESH ORANGES
SYRACUSE—Newcomers who have shown the most to date in Syracuse football practice include Johnny Piro, brother of Whitey Piro, crack Orange end of some years back; Bob Ferri, Luke LaPorte, Joe Skurka and Angie Insolito.

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Rufus Meets Herbie Parks In Main Tussle

Rough Rufus Jones is set to clash with Herbie Parks in the second half of a two-way main event on Mack Lillard's grappling menu at the armory Friday night. The other main go will pit the demon Grey Mask against Angelo Martinelli, Castilian clown from south of the border.

Jones has signified his contempt for anything less than first class so Lillard has arranged for the negro mauler to have six full 10-minute periods on the mat with Parks. Jones has yet to be beaten in Klamath Falls, but had to do some powerful scrambling to get an even break with Ernie Piluso a couple of weeks ago.

Parks hasn't appeared in the local garden for several weeks, having been displaying his scientific wares further north. He doesn't go in for too much carnage, preferring rather to put skill over brawn, and that might be just what's needed to topple the unpopular colored boy.

After the Garden run, the show moves to Boston and then the livestock, owned by the World's Championship Rodeo corporation, will be shipped back to the home base at Dublin, Tex.

OSC Grid Star On Sidelines
CORVALLIS, Oct. 16 (AP)—Bob Stevens, Oregon State college's lone letterman who led the Beavers to last Saturday's 19-6 victory over Oregon, is in the infirmary with flu.

The Beaver ace, who hopes to recover for Saturday's game with Washington, was the only man off the practice field today. The other squad members, none seriously injured in Saturday's game, were in full preparation for the coming tilt.

SUCCESS STORY
CLEVELAND, Oct. 16 (AP)—Marine PFC. Richard W. Schulz didn't get his old job when he came back from the wars—he got the boss'.

A former truck driver and dispatcher here for the Middle Atlantic Transportation Co., Inc., Schulz was wounded on Iwo Jima. After he was discharged the company gave him preliminary training in its New York office and yesterday sent him back to his old familiar office here but as Cleveland manager.

PROVIDENCE—Lt. John McIntyre, former Notre Dame assistant in coaching football at Brown, owns four Air Medals, two DFC's and the Silver Star and has been recommended for the Navy Cross.

Writer Booms Northwest Pro Cage League

VANCOUVER, Wash., Oct. 16 (AP)—Ralph Fisher, sports editor of the Vancouver Columbian, and Marshall (Dutch) Shields, former high school coach here, are promoting a new effort to organize a northwest pro basketball league.

An organization meeting has been set for November 3 at Vancouver and if teams are formed the league will operate this coming season. Fisher said cities invited to join include Seattle, Tacoma, Everett, Hoquiam, Longview, Centralia, Yakima, Bremerton, Spokane, Walla Walla, Wenatchee, Vancouver, Salem, Corvallis, Bend, Eugene, Pendleton, Coos Bay, Portland, Astoria, Medford, Klamath Falls, Grants Pass, Roseburg and The Dalles.

ORANGE BOWL ISN'T
MIAMI, Fla.—While the annual Florida New Year's Day football classic is called the "Orange Bowl," the stadium in which it is played is officially the Roddey Burdine Municipal stadium.

ARMY KEEPS REISER
NEW YORK—The Dodgers fear Pete Reiser will not be back until 1947. The outfielder, in the army for three years, is in California, and believes he will be sent to Japan with occupation troops for nine months or longer.

PASSING PERFECTION
NEW YORK, Oct. 16 (AP)—It will take nothing less than perfection for Arnie Herber to maintain his present National football league passing pace against Pittsburgh next Sunday. The veteran New York Giants pitching ace has completed nine out of nine passes, four of them scoring plays, in league tilt against Pittsburgh and Boston.

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