

# RIDIN' HERD

**CHARGE IT** to a vacation hang-over—but Ridin' Herd's author shoves his chin out to all second-guessers today on two fistic attractions.

One puts Middleweight Champion Ray Robinson against Joe Maxim, good-looking, unmarked king of the light-heavyweights, tonight.

The other in July has been having birth pangs now for many months. Harry (Kid) Matthews and Rocky Marciano are finally signed in a bout that promises to be the best brawl in a decade.

My choices are Robinson and Matthews.

**ODDS WHEN** this was written (Tuesday morning) are 7 to 5 on Robinson.

Monday—the scheduled time for the fight, postponed because of inclement weather—the odds were even money, take your choice.

The betting now swung toward Robinson because most of the boys who handle the green stuff feel Maxim will be harmed most by the postponement.

Barely under the 175-pound limit at 174½, observers felt that Maxim was edgy and would suffer in keeping under the weight limit.

The Sugar Boy has no around worries. He'll come in weight 160.

**THOSE WHO** lean toward Maxim point out an old sports adage: "A good big man can beat a good small man."

I don't think the left edge will make that much difference.

This much is admitted: both are superb boxers.

But Robinson is the harder puncher.

This, in my book, will be enough to give the Harlem Dandy the edge.

I look for the fight to go the distance.

Maxim is one year younger, 30 to Robinson's 31. But at this late date in a boxer's career, the chronological advantage shouldn't count for much.

**I HAVE LONG** been a Matthews fan.

Pound for pound, I don't think there's a better boxing man in the business today.

Marciano, the Brockton (Mass.) Blockbuster, a tough, brawling workman, in my opinion stands the best chance of beating The Athlete, as Manager Jack Hurley calls his boy Matthews.

Irish Bob Murphy is a good deal like Marciano, certainly not in ability, but in style. Murphy is a crowd-pleaser whose fists are always busy, although more attention is paid to quantity rather than quality of punches.

The Kid beat Murphy in convincing style in the bout that first started the "How About Matthews" campaign.

He beat Murphy because he's a stylist, one who believes in throwing punches ONLY when there's a target.

Over the 16-round distance, it's my belief Marciano will give Matthews one too many openings.

Bouncing back isn't easy when Matthews lands his explosive bombs.

**MARCIANO** is a great fighter. There's no doubt of that.

The 27-year-old ex-GI has won 40 straight bouts since his professional start in 1948.

He ballooned his reputation with a knockout win over Joe Louis.

This is one of oldest strategy tricks in boxing circles. It never fails to work.

Beat an ex-great and the wales to the money league are open.

But stopping the Joe Louis of 1961, whose resemblance to the Joe Louis of 1941 was just birthright, was a foregone conclusion.

It was bound to happen the first time the combing-tired Bomber met a GOOD MAN WITH A GOOD WALLOP.

Marciano got Louis when one of the greatest fighting men in ring history was running his luck too far.

If Marciano is to beat Matthews he'll have to do it quickly. Because it's my guess his style is made to order for Matthews.

If this one sees ten bells it will go down as the fistic surprise of the year.

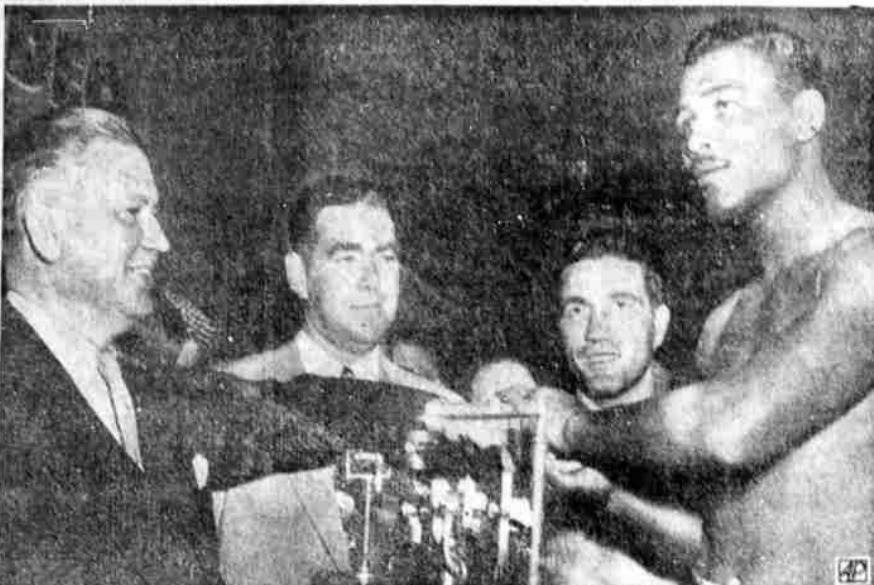
I don't think it will.

My prediction is Matthews in six rounds.

**Knox Wins**

**SPOKANE** (AP) — Top-seeded Clyde Knox of Portland breezed through the first round of the Inland Empire tennis matches Tuesday, defeating Jack Emore, 6-1, 6-1.

In other men's singles matches, Doyle Perkins of Seattle downed Tom Fike, 6-2, 6-1, and Bill Medin, also Seattle, defeated Martin Cramer, 6-1, 6-1.



**WEIGH-IN**—New York State Athletic Commission Chairman Bob Christenberry (left) in a three-way handshake with Middleweight Champion Sugar Ray Robinson (right) and Light-heavyweight King Joe Maxim as the fighters weighed in for tonight's scheduled bout at Yankee Stadium.

# Sugar Picked

## Showers Threaten Title Go

**NEW YORK** (AP) — Sugar Ray Robinson remains a solid 13 to 10 favorite to win his third boxing crown Wednesday night in the once-postponed light-heavyweight title bout with champion Joey Maxim of Cleveland.

Another hot-sooty day, with a possibility of thundershowers toward night, was forecast for Yankee Stadium where the 16-round match is scheduled. If it should rain, the fight would be shoved back to Thursday.

Despite many refunds, Tuesday's net receipts ran about \$10,000 ahead of cancellations, bringing the advance sale to \$270,000. Jim Norris, International Boxing Club president, predicted a gate of over \$350,000 and 35,000 people.

**ODDS SOAR**

How much will a second weight-making take out of Joey Maxim? That is the question boxing men have tossed around since the Monday rainout. The professionals think it will hurt the 175-pound champ for the odds jumped from 6 to 5 and "pick 'em" to make Robinson the betting choice. They must weigh in again at noon in the Madison Square Garden lobby.

**ROADWORK**

Maxim did four miles roadwork in Central Park and sweated freely as he loosened up with five pounds of shadow boxing, bare punching and rope jumping at Stillman's gym. For one round he wore a heavy bathrobe.

They didn't weigh Pal Joey after the work but he scaled 174½ in the morning. He says he'll come in under the 175½ he weighed Monday.

## FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

By The Associated Press

Daytona Beach, Fla. — Danny Nardico, 172, Tampa, knocked out Ted Gorie, 172, Washington, 2.

Los Angeles — Tommy Umeda, 118, Honolulu, knocked out Keeny Teran, 117½, Los Angeles, 7.

Newark, N.J. — Reggie Albott, 152, New York, outpointed Joe Tomassello, 154, Matawan, N.J.,

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# SPORTS

## Caps Rattle 17 Hits Off Lorino, Win 9-2

By The Associated Press

The Vancouver Capitanos, runner-up in the 1951 Western International League pennant race and rated as the team to beat in 1952, seemed to have found their hitting power after a slow start.

The Caps handed league-leading Victoria its fourth straight defeat Tuesday night, rolling up a 9-2 margin with a 17-hit attack on Ben Lorino, the Trees top hurler. The win boosted the Caps, who bared into second place ahead of Spokane Monday night, within ½ game of the Trees.

Tuesday night's assault on Lorino included two triples and a pair of singles by Edo Vanni, three singles by John Ritchey, a double and two singles by Gordie Brunewick, and two doubles by Jesse Williams.

Yakima's last place Bears found their batting eye in the ninth inning at Wenatchee. A seven-run rally wiped out the Chiefs' four-run lead and gave the Bears a 9-7 victory in the opener of a three-game stand.

Wenatchee's Charlie Oubre who had held the Bears scoreless for seven innings weakened in the eighth and came apart in the ninth.

**No-Hitter**

**LAWTON, Okla.** (AP) — Charles Rabe, who was released recently by the Ada Herefords of the Class D Sooner State League for wildness, pitched a no-hitter for the Lawton Reds Tuesday night.

Rabe registered his second victory for the Reds, a 2-0 win over Ardmore. He struck out 11 and walked only one.

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## Favorites Stick In OGA Play

**PORTLAND** (AP) — Most of the favorites were still in the running Wednesday in the second round of match play in the 24th annual Oregon Golf Association championships.

Defending champion Bob Atkinson of Portland, medalist Dick Hansen of Coos Bay, and Harold

**DONNA WINS**

In fourth flight play yesterday in the Oregon Golf Association tournament, Mrs. Robert (Donna) Sprout, Reames Country Club champion here, defeated Mrs. E. M. Johnson, Oswego 5 and 4.

Weston, Dick Yost and Bruce Cudd, all of Portland, were among the leaders in the third day of competition at the Columbia Edge-water Country Club.

Co-medalist Pat Lesser of Seattle and Mrs. R. L. Borst of Portland led the field in the women's tournament at Alderwood Country Club.

Weston scored the major upset of Tuesday's round, eliminating George Beecher of Ontario, Ore., in 21 holes. The two were tied at the end of 18.

Atkinson ousted Jim West, Portland, 6 and 5. Hansen defeated E. R. Jones, Portland, 5 and 4. Yost tied 2-under-par to eliminate Barney Lucas, Astoria, 7 and 6, and Cudd downed John Frey, Portland, 4 and 3.

Fred Mueller of the University of Oregon carded six birdies for a 6 and 4 victory over Don Krieger, also of the university.

In women's play, Miss Lesser turned back Mrs. Naomi Kidd, Portland 2 and 1. Mrs. Borst defeated Mrs. Charles Kindred, Corvallis, 6 and 5.

### MINOR LEAGUE Results

American Association  
**INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE**

Buffalo 10-3 Baltimore 3-2, (2nd game 11 innings)  
Rochester 5-11 Springfield 4-3 Only game

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Columbus 13-5 Indianapolis 6-12 Louisville 2 Toledo-Charleston 1-10 (11 innings)  
St. Paul 3 Milwaukee 2  
Kansas City 5 Minneapolis 3

**TEXAS LEAGUE**

Beaumont 2 Houston 1  
Fort Worth 8 Dallas 0  
Oklahoma City 1 Tulsa 4  
San Antonio 6 Shreveport 2

**PIONEER LEAGUE**

Boise 3 Great Falls 1  
Other games postponed.

## TIME OUT!



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## Turnesa, Harbert Reach PGA Finals

**LOUISVILLE** (AP) — Ten years ago Jim Turnesa, then an Army sergeant, knocked off four of the biggest names in professional golf only to lose out to Sam Snead in the final of the PGA championship at Atlantic City.

Five years ago Chick Harbert, playing before the home folks in Detroit, survived a similar slaughter of favorites at Plum Hollow.



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