

RIDIN' HERD

by Red Hurd

TWO DYNAMITE left hooks made a fistie also-ram and a believer.

The also-ram is highly-publicized Harry (Kid) Matthews. The believer is me—a Matthews fan for many months now and one of the blokes that picked the Idaho Hot Potato to win by a knockout Monday night.

In case you don't know, the guy in the business end of the two left hooks was Rocky Marciano, the Brockton Blockbuster.

By any other name, he gets my unqualified vote now as the world's best heavyweight, the next champion.

WHAT IS Marciano's main claim to fame as a ringman, besides his lullaby wallops?

Here's what I gather from stories I've read on the ex-GI—and emphasized by his two-round knockout of Matthews Monday night in Yankee Stadium.

Marciano is the type of fighter that comes along once in a long time—a savage workman who swings until something gives.

The ringwise call it "killer's instinct."

Not a nice phrase perhaps but the fight business isn't a nice business.

The most notable owner of this killer ingredient was Jack Dempsey, who came at foes with a blue-black beard and mayhem in mind.

A nice guy outside the ring—generous with his friends and good to his mother—but a snarling savage when facing a foe across the squared circle.

"KILLER'S INSTINCT" is a boxing phrase you don't hear as much as you used to.

For the simple reason that it isn't seen as often.

Joe Louis, as great as he was, didn't have it except for one fight—when he unknocked Max Schmeling in a rematch because the scowling German directed uncomplimentary pre-fight remarks toward Americans in general and Negroes in particular.

Strangely enough, the closest thing I've seen to "killer's instinct" since I was a small lad attending fights with my dad, was last Friday night at the Armory.

Ralph Weiser had it when he hit Jerry Renaud with everything but the ring posts.

Sparring partners were looking for other employment in Marciano's drills for the Matthews fight.

He was mean, leveling as if the chips were down.

It's a sure mark of a fighter that is somewhat better than good.

It's the reason Marciano will bat aged Joe Walcott out in September.

BECAUSE THE Finns are nice people, the Russians have been permitted to pull off the greatest

in the history of the Olympic Games.

What should have been an easy win for the United States and an ordinary showing by the Russians was turned into a farce by receding—of "gymnastics" as a series of individual events rather than as simple team competition.

The Russians, men and women, scored 187 points to America's 1 point via dumb bells, long horses and such.

The main event of every Olympiad since renewal of the Games in 1896 has been the track and field championships, where the Americans won hands down as expected.

Although team scoring is unofficial, the Russian newspaper Pravda has come up with this: "The Soviets, as usual, lead all other nations."

WHILE MINORITIES were interested in such entertainment as two cars with cox, greco-Roman wrestling, the epee finals and gymnastics, 70,000 fans filled the stadium each day for track and field.

Sportswriter Deke Houlgate asks logically: How could anyone—even a Russian—reason that six women bouncing around in a gym was more important than an American 1-2-3 in the shot put?

A case in point on this query: Six Soviet girls grabbed all six places and the 25 points that went with them in the horse vault. O'Brien, Hooper and Fuchs collected 19.

It's very likely the United States could have scored even more heavily in track and field events but for the traditional agreement that no nation could enter more than three athletes in a single event.

For some strange reason, this universal understanding was waived in gymnastics and up to eight competitors took part in both the men's and women's tests.

LET'S AT LEAST be consistent. I second Houlgate's suggestion that points scored by America and other nations in the Winter Olympics be added retroactively to those scored in Finland.

That would boost our total 89½ and give winner Norway an extra 125½.

The Russians, who had "cased" the Winter Olympics, didn't enter. Instead they rode to a propaganda-tinged victory at Helsinki on gymnastics.

Over the years, host nations have expanded the schedule to a ridiculous point. Germany did it in 1936 and won, a gimmick just a little less comical than the one just put over by the Russians.

If the trend continues, look for hop scotch, mumbly peg and horse shoes as recognized competition in 1956.

Another Splash Record Smashed

American Gals Crack Mark in Trial Relay

HELSINKI (AP) — Continuing the record-a-day (or better) pace of the 1952 Olympic swimming competition, the United States women's 400 meter relay team shattered the Olympic record in winning its trial heat today.

The American quartet of Evelyn Kawamoto of Hawaii and Jacqueline Lavine, Marilee Stepan and Joan Alderson, all of Chicago, was timed in 4:28.1 in beating Holland in its heat.

This broke the Olympic mark of 4:29.2 set by another American team in the 1948 Olympics at London and was more than four seconds faster than Hungary's time in winning the other qualifying heat.

Three United States men swimmers had little trouble qualifying for the second round of the men's 100 meter backstroke and, in rather unexpected performances, the American water polo team won its first game of the semi-final round competition.

American fencers marked up a decisive victory in a semi-final competition in the team sabre event.

Argentina's basketball team, regarded as the most serious threat to the U. S., suffered its first defeat of the tournament.

Yoshihisa Oyakawa of Honolulu and Ohio State University turned in the best time in the men's backstroke swim, one minute and six seconds.

Jack Taylor of Akron, O., another Ohio State swimmer, also won his heat but Allen Stack of Hingham, Mass., and Yale, finished second.

America's hopes in the women's springboard diving competition received a setback when an international jury over-ruled the judges who granted Mrs. Zoe Ann Olsen Jensen a second chance to perform one dive after she had complained the mechanism controlling the board had not functioned properly.

Sweden, Japan and France all had protested and the governing jury ruled that Mrs. Jensen's score on the first attempt would have to stand.

That reduced her total by nine points and put her in eighth place among the qualifiers for this afternoon's free diving competition.

Mrs. Patricia McCormick of Long Beach, Calif., leads the divers.

Uruguay, the team that almost knocked itself out of the tournament two days ago when some of its players attacked Referee Vincent Farrell of Newark, N. J., turned in the biggest upset of the basketball tournament by beating Argentina, 68-65, in an overtime game.

Bulgaria also produced an upset by whipping France, 67-58.

The American water polo team from El Segundo, Calif., which reached the semi-final eight-team bracket with difficulty, surprised Belgium, 4 to 2. The sabre fencers handed Poland a 10 to 6 setback.

The Russians added 12 points to their overall team total Tuesday against 15 for America, leaving them 74½ points ahead of the second place United States. The overall totals are 514½ to 440.

Frenchman Swims To New Record

HELSINKI (AP) — Jean Boiteux of France won the Olympic championship in the men's 400-meter free style swimming Wednesday setting a new Olympic record.

Ford Konno, Ohio State University star from Hawaii was second and Per-Olaf Strand of Sweden was third.

Jimmy McLane and Wayne Moore of the United States were out of the running.

They swam an almost neck-and-neck fourth until the final scramble. Japan's celebrated Hironobu Furuhashi was a bad last in the field of eight.

The fabulous Frenchman, who broke the previous Olympic record in a trial heat Tuesday was timed in four minutes, 30.7 seconds in the final Wednesday.

His mark Tuesday was 4:33.1.

The listed Olympic record, set in 1948 at the London Olympics, was 4:41 by Bill Smith of the United States.

MINOR LEAGUE Results

By The Associated Press INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE
 Montreal 3-3, Syracuse 0-7
 Buffalo 6-5, Ottawa 5-5
 Toronto 7-9, Springfield 2-8
 Rochester 10, Baltimore 3

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
 Indianapolis 4-2, St. Paul 2-6
 Louisville 7-3, Minneapolis 5-12
 Kansas City 2, Charleston 0
 Columbus 7, Milwaukee 4

TEXAS LEAGUE
 San Antonio 6, Fort Worth 2, 10 innings
 Beaumont 9, Oklahoma City 4
 Dallas 6, Houston 2
 Tulsa 5, Shreveport 4

PIONEER LEAGUE
 Idaho Falls 10, Great Falls 2
 Magic Valley 5, Salf Lake 4
 Pocatello 6, Billings 9
 Boise 6, Ogden 5

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TIME OUT!



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J. H. Atkinson was the first track coach at the University of Florida. That was in 1923 when the Gators won the only meet in which they participated.

Dove Season Established

WASHINGTON (AP) — The 1952-53 hunting regulations for shooting doves, band-tailed pigeons, rails, gallinules, scoter, eider and oldsquaw ducks in the United States and waterfowl in Alaska were announced by the Interior Department Tuesday.

Interior Secretary Oscar Chapman said regulations for hunting waterfowl and woodcock migratory will be announced late next month.

The new regulations provide a Sept. 1-15 open season on mourning doves in Washington, Oregon and all but 12 counties in Idaho.

Sept. 1-30 is set as the season for band-tailed pigeons in Washington and Oregon.

The daily bag and possession limit for the doves was set at 10 birds and for the pigeons at six birds.

Daily shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset.

Jack Dittmer, rookie infielder for the Boston Braves, was a former star athlete at the University of Iowa. He is one of six men in the school's history to have earned nine letters.

First Division Teams Sweep WIL Schedule

By The Associated Press

The Western International League's first division teams lowered the boom on the second division Tuesday night.

Front-running Victoria clipped seventh-place Wenatchee 4-2; second-place Spokane edged tail-end Tri-City 3-2; Vancouver, the No. 3 club, whipped sixth-place Yakima 6-3 and Salem protected its No. 4 berth with 3-1 and 6-3 wins over fifth place Lewiston.

Vancouver and Yakima battled for two extra innings at Yakima after the Caps' Len Traa had tied the game in the ninth with a bases-empty homer. Vancouver won it in the top of the 11th scoring three times on a walk, three hits, a sacrifice and an outfield fly.

Granny Gladstone's one-on-homer put Victoria out in front in the first inning at Wenatchee and provided what proved to be the margin of victory. Cal Gunderson came in in the ninth to relieve Victoria's Ben Lorino and end a Wenatchee threat. The bases were loaded with Chiets, who received passes from Lorino but Gunderson put out the fire after Bill Stites scored on a fielder's choice.

Spokane's Indians were outlit 11-5 by Tri-City but their hits came at the right time. The Indians sewed up the game in the fifth on Sam Kanelos' double scoring two runners.

Salem opened its margin over the Lewiston Broncs to three full games with the double victory at Lewiston.

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SPORTS

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Cagers Rally to Whip Brazilians, 57 to 33

HELSINKI (AP) — The United States Olympic basketball team came from behind in the second half to defeat Brazil, 57 to 53 Wednesday and remain undefeated in Olympic competition.

Brazil led 26-24 at half time. It was the sixth straight Olympic victory for the United States, which now enters the final round-robin competition.

The American players seemed dead on their feet and, despite their height advantage were not getting the ball off the backboards. They also were off on their shooting and missed frequently on very easy chances.

Brazil gained control midway in the first half, as Angelo Bonfietti, a Brazilian fireball, sent his team into the lead with three one-handed field goals from behind the foul line.

Bonfietti and Alfredo Rodrigues da Motta continued hitting and early in the second half Brazil led 30 to 26.

With Brazil leading 31-30, several Brazilians protested the referee's decision on a jump ball. The referee, a Czech, called a technical foul.

Clyde Lovellette made the gift lead and followed it a few seconds later with a tip-in to put the United States ahead.

Brazil drew even again at 34-34, but Mark Frelburger of the Peoria, Ill., Caterpillars, put America ahead again with a left hand hook shot and the U.S. never was headed.

Coach Warren Womble again mixed up his AAU and University of Kansas players in the lineup. The team did not look as sharp, however, as it did in beating Chile 103-55.

Womble rested big Bob Kurland, Dean Kelley and Bob Kenney. All the other American players saw action.

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