

TIME OUT!



"I hate bowling with men in the next alley—I suppose any minute now they'll start annoying us!"

RIDIN' HERD

HARRY GRAYSON, NEA sports editor, may have dubbed it right when he called the Marciano-Walcott shindig the Battle of Last Look-at Walcott, that is.

The incredible Old Man just ran out of gas against the Italian lad who carries sudden death in his gloves.

This column—although we don't claim any clairvoyant powers—said the Brockton Block Buster would be the next heavyweight champion after he crossed us up and placed a lily in the hand of Harry (Kid) Matthews.

IT'S LUCKY for Marciano he knows how to punch.

Walcott was very definitely on his way to showing the kid how it's done when he ran into a right-hand bomb.

Score cards differed slightly but all of them had the Ancient Camden Cloutier ahead—some by a 7-5 count, some by an 8-4 margin.

If Walcott could have zigged while Marciano's lethal blows were zapping, the Fabulous Father would still be wearing the crown.

You have to beat a champion decisively to earn the title.

If Jersey Joe could have been vertical at the finish of fifteen rounds, the nod would have gone to him.

BUT MARCIANO showed what champions are made of.

He soaked up a Walcott left hook in the first round, sagged to the canvas for a four-count, got up for more mauling—but had enough left after 12 grueling rounds to deliver the pay-off punch.

The ex-GI who became the first champion to win a title while still holding a perfect win record, should be on the throne for some time, despite his promise to be a "fighting champion."

For the simple reason there are no fighters around who could give him much more than a mild workout.

Unless Walcott decides to take advantage of the clause in the contract that gives him a return bout in 90 days.

But, even then, it would be just another payday for the ol' boy.

He made one large and glorious pitch against a younger, and stronger, man and ran out of gas and into a right hand that carried no return ticket.

It's doubtful Walcott needs another pay day. His manager, Felix Boccicchio, says Walcott had made a million dollars in the ring, will go into business with him (Felix) and that's the end of the road for Joe. Joe says what Felix says is Jake with him.

Marciano, the eighteenth champion of the world—under Marquis of Queensberry rules—is a colorful, brawling, savage fighter who deserves ownership of boxing's most coveted prize.

WE'RE IN the middle of this column when the word comes over the wire that Walcott has decided not to retire.

If he goes through with the rematch in 90 days, it should go down as the last fight for the glorious old battler—at the challenger's rate.

BRIEFS FROM the sports file: Chet Ashman, slugger outfielder with the Klamath Gems in the 1950 season, is back in town after a long stay with Uncle Sam in Germany.

His wife and eight-month-old daughter Kathleen Louise will join him here.

Ashman plans to work in Klamath Falls until spring training starts.

My radioman friend, Dick Maguire, tells me KFJI is carrying more football this season than any other station on the West Coast.

Some 27 contests, including 14 involving Oregon Tech and Klamath Union High School, ... others are college and all-star games picked up on Mutual network.

Mantle 'Arrives'

BOSTON (AP) — The Yankees' Mantle of greatness was a perfect fit Thursday.

For the New Yorkers' 20-year-old centerfielder, proved conclusively in yesterday's double win over the Red Sox what had been apparent for some time, Mickey Mantle is a big leaguer in every sense of the word.

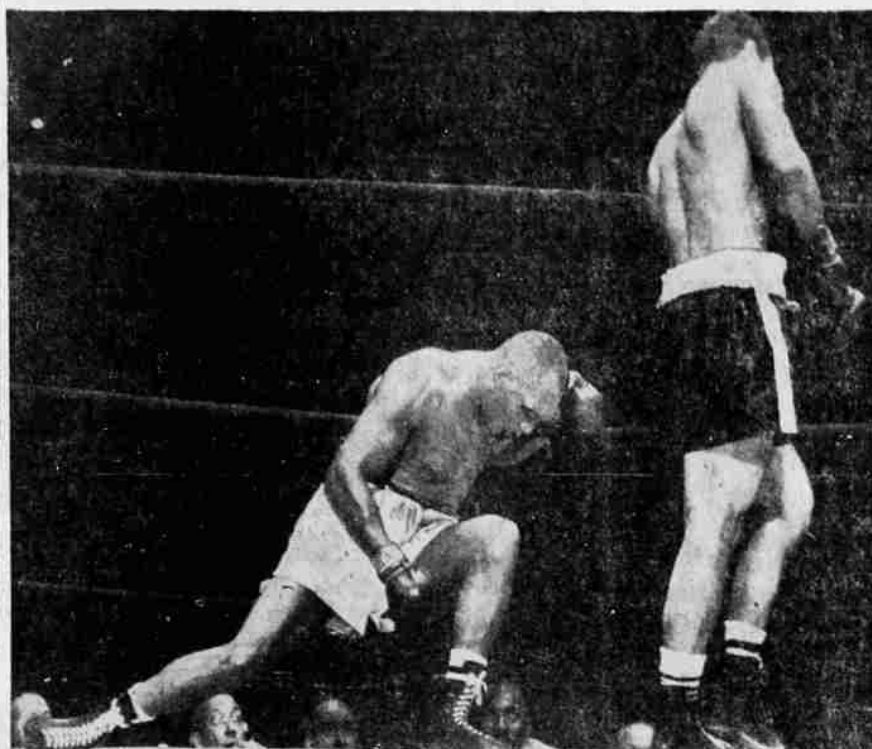
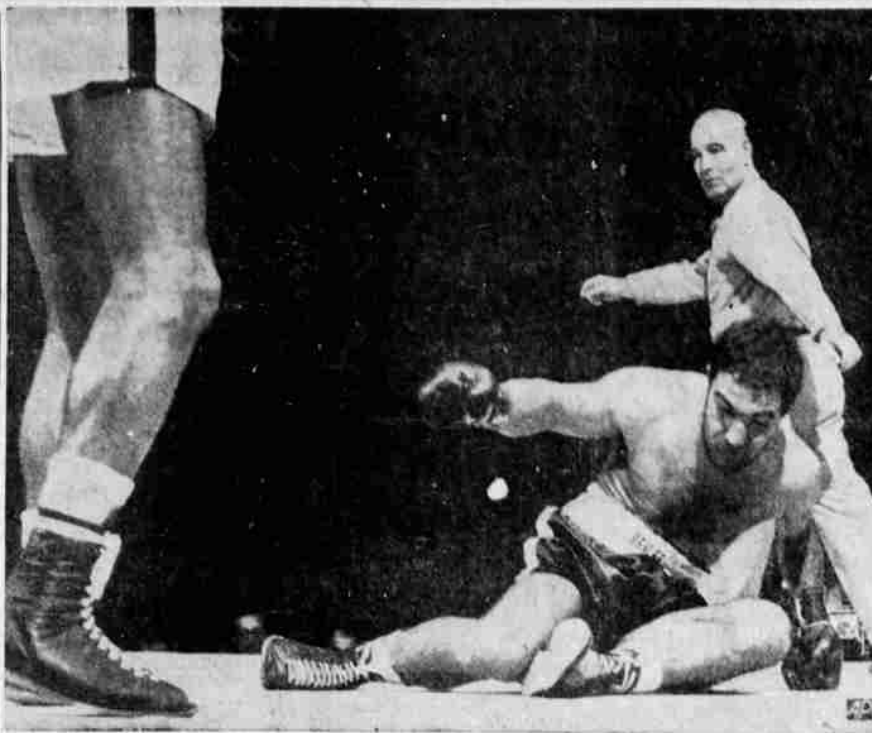
Wednesday was the climax to Mantle's first full season in the big time. His triple in the 10th inning of the opener drove home the winning run in a "must" game for the Yankees. And his single, double and home run in the nightcap paced the champions' attack and made the Bombers' league lead a little more comfortable.

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MARCIANO DOWN IN FIRST—Rocky Marciano down in first round of heavyweight title fight at Philadelphia (top picture) after Jersey Joe Walcott, in a lead-off flurry, downed him for a count of four. Referee Charlie Daggert is shown starting the count. Marciano went on to win in the 13th round by a knockout. Lower picture shows Walcott starting down after catching Marciano's dynamite right. Marciano heads for neutral corner as Walcott hangs on rope.

Return Fight Date Up in Air

By GAYLE TALBOT
NEW YORK (AP) — Jersey Joe Walcott, having returned from the shortest retirement on record, will be given a chance to win back his title from young Rocky Marciano—but there's some question about the date.

Chicago and Miami have been

Polio Cancels Football Game

BURNS P — Because of the polio outbreak, school officials have cancelled the scheduled Friday night football game here between Redmond and Burns High Schools. Two persons from one family in Harney County died recently in the outbreak.



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Yanks Pelt Sox Twice

Bombers Assured Of Tie With Win Today

By ORLO ROBERTSON
AP Sports Writer

Wednesday, Sept. 24, will go into the books as the day the New York Yankees snapped their Fenway Park doubleheader jinx, the day 20-year-old Mickey Mantle battered the stitches off the ball and the day the world champions virtually closed the books on the 1952 season.

The pennant-winning day can't arrive until tomorrow in Philadelphia at the earliest, but a triumph today would assure the champions of at least a tie.

To all intents and purposes the Yankees won their fourth straight pennant yesterday when they whipped the Boston Red Sox, 3-2, in 10 innings, and 8-6.

Sure, the Cleveland Indians also won, whipping the Chicago White Sox, 6-0, behind the three-hit pitching of Bob Lemon. But it will take a real blow-up by the champions to move the title to Cleveland on Sunday.

The triumphs over Boston—the first Yankee sweep of a Fenway Park doubleheader in five years—increased the New Yorkers' lead to two games. The Indians have only two games remaining, both against the Tigers at Detroit Saturday and Sunday.

FOUR LEFT

The Yankees have four to play, a season's final against Boston today and then three with the tough Athletics at Philadelphia. The Tribe's chief hope lies in a Red Sox victory today and then at least two out of three wins by the A's—themselves battling for third place.

Allie Reynolds, No. 1 Yankee pitcher with 19 victories and eight defeats, is Manager Casey Stengel's nomination today. He'll be opposed by Sid Hudson, who has a 10 and 12 record.

"We've gotta use our best now," said Stengel after yesterday's sweep. "Those other fellows (Cleveland) are winning too, you know. We gotta take care of ourselves." Lopat (left hander, Ed Lopat) will go in Philadelphia Friday and then we'll see."

OWN STYLE

Mantle, no longer trying to fill Joe DiMaggio's shoes in centerfield but playing his own style, had one of his best days of the year in the Yankees' twin-killing. He provided the payoff punch in the first over-time inning of the opener, powdering the ball for a triple after Irv Noren opened with a double off relief hurler Dizzy Trout.

Then in the second game he pitched in with another big blow—a three-run homer in the fourth. At the end of the day the books showed he had five hits in nine times at bat and had driven in

Archers Find Things Tough

LAKEVIEW (AP) — There has been a lot of hunting but little killing in the Hart Mountain area set aside for archers.

Newell Morgan, manager of the Hart Mountain Antelope Refuge, said the total so far is 319 archers, who have killed only 33 deer. The hunting is getting tougher, too, for the deer have moved from aspen thickets into open sagebrush country, he said.

There have been few wounded deer to get away from the hunters. Only six carcasses have been found unclaimed with arrows in their sides.

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