

Talbot Hints Al Weill May Be Trying to Bury Ezzard Charles

By GAYLE TALBOT
NEW YORK (AP)—Having given the matter long and serious thought, the only conclusion we have been able to arrive at concerning tonight's heavyweight fight at Madison Square Garden is that Alphonse Weill, the manager of Rocky Marciano, still does a little matchmaking on the side for the International Boxing Club.
Perhaps it would be better to back up and start again. The fight, a 10-rounder, will be between Ezzard Charles, one of many living ex-heavyweight champions, and Cesar Brion, a big, muscle-bound character from the Argentine who has been kicking around this country for several years without great distinction.
The reason we feel the bout merits—shall we say?—interpretation, is that it will be seen in living rooms all around the country.

Ex-Champ Aims For Kayo of Cesar Brion

By MURRAY ROSE
NEW YORK (AP)—Eager to win friends and influence his way into another title shot, Ezzard Charles aims to knock out husky Cesar Brion of Argentina in Madison Square Garden tonight.
The former heavyweight king from Cincinnati is a 3-1 favorite to win the 10 rounder but stopping the 6-2, 196-pound South American is something else again.
Cesar the strong man never has been knocked out. The big 23-year-old invader has a 24-7 record and has scored 18 kayos. The confident Cesar was floored by Bob Dunlop and dropped a decision to the Pacific Coast brawler.

LARGE ORDER
Charles will have to put away Brion to win by acclaim from the Garden cash customers and the unseen millions on the television circuit. Putting away Cesar is a large order.
If confidence means anything, Cesar is a cinch to score an upset. "I can beat Charles. Then I like

Poughskeepsie May Change To Onondaga

NEW YORK (AP)—The International Rowing Championships, once known as the "Poughskeepsie Regatta" may soon bear the title "Onondaga Regatta".
This appeared likely today following Secretary Aaa Bushnell's announcement that the International Rowing Association had selected the Syracuse lake as the site of the 1953 classic for the second straight year. Marietta, O., Seattle and Washington, D.C., also were reported to have put in bids.
Rowing's blue ribbon meet, shifted from Poughskeepsie, N.Y., to Marietta in 1950, experienced rough going on the Ohio course. Flash floods marred the events and following the '51 races, Onondaga was given the nod.
Navy, the Olympic crew champions who also swept all three races over Onondaga in 1952, is expected to be favored again next year. Columbia, Cornell, Penn and Syracuse, the other IRA members, are also certain to compete in the varsity, junior varsity and freshmen crew tests.
Other invitations are likely to be extended to Boston U., California, Marietta, MIT, Princeton, Rutgers, Stanford, U. of Washington and Wisconsin.

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Even if he is getting a free ride, the video fan deserves to know what is going on, and there is likely to be a great deal of puzzle when the home audience sees Brion spring into action.
The South American is, by common consent, one of the most unentertaining fighters yet. He is what the trade knows as a spoiler, to use one of the trade's more delicate terms. This means, broadly speaking, a specimen who can't fight much, himself, and who refuses to let anyone else fight.
"Taking on a guy like that is a well-known manager once told us, 'is like trying to fight a featherbed. A manager has any brains, he doesn't fool with them.'"
The question which arises, then, is why the men who pilot Charles ever let the Cincinnati Negro get drawn into such a match, and more especially when it is to be televised nationally.
RISK
One theory, perhaps the most popular, is that the Charles camp is taking a calculated risk. Ezzard's stock is at a low ebb since he dropped successive disputed decisions to Jersey Joe Walcott and Rex Layne. If he is to fight his way back and ever get a shot at Marciano, he must do something really spectacular.
A knockout of Brion would fill the bill admirably. Nobody has knocked out the lumbering vaquero, and Joe Louis had two tries at it during his so-called comeback campaign. During training, Ezzard has said quite seriously that he intends to stop Cesar abruptly.
LAUGHS
Ezzard's threat has brought only throaty laughs from Brion, as well as from a large number of men who are wise about the ring. The latter do not believe that Charles stands a chance of scoring a kayo. Even a clean cut decision, they say, would not enhance his position appreciably. A bad fight, a tug-and-haul affair such as Brion encourages, would be disastrous.
And that brings us back to the original, or Weill theory. Al has had two new phones installed in his office, since Marciano won the title, and the money is being carried in tubs. Al would like Rocky to remain champion for a long time, and it would not be a healthy situation for such an unpredictable fellow as Charles to become the No. 1 challenger. Leave us see if he can bury Cesar.

Huskies Lose Bergh, Gillis
SEATTLE (AP)—Washington will go into the Stanford game Saturday minus linebacker Arne Bergh and defensive end Phil Gillis.
They were left off the 37-man traveling squad named by Coach Howie Odell to make the flight to Palo Alto Friday.
Bergh, out with a broken thumb, will be replaced by Jack Lindskog, Odell said. Either Jim Houston or Pete Ellich will replace Gillis who dislocated a knee in the Oregon game last week.
Right half Bill Earley, another cripple, is making the trip south, Odell said, but will see only limited action.

Gottlob Leads Small Colleges
NEW YORK (AP)—With the football season only half gone, Don (Gottlob) Gottlob of Sam Houston State seems well on his way towards setting a new small-college offense mark.
Gottlob, the unerring passer of the little Texas school, has accounted for 1,332 yards gained. NCAA statistics revealed Friday to lead the small-college field in that department. The record established by Connie Calahan of Morningside in 1949 is 2,096 yards.
Gottlob also holds the edge in the number of passes attempted, 138; completions 76 and touchdowns via the aerial route, 10.

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Pacific Coast Loop Heads Slice Waivers

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Pacific Coast League directors have reduced the waiver price from \$7,500 to \$5,000 and taken steps to retain players in the league.
They decided late Thursday that waivers must be obtained on any player from a major league club, before he can be sold back to the major club from which he came. The directors also voted that waivers must be obtained on any player signed for a PCL team by a major league scout.
The 1953 schedule provides for 176 games, four less than this year. The season begins March 31 and ends Sept. 13.
Oakland's owner, Brick Lums, declined to say whether Mel Ott will return as manager. Sacramento has offered Gene Desautels the managerial post vacated by Joe Gordon. Desautels managed Indianapolis last season. Seattle is seeking a general manager to succeed the late Earl Shelly.

Romack Pushes Babe Zaharias

FORT WORTH, Tex. (AP)—It was Babe Zaharias against the field as the veteran shot-maker moved into the semi-final round of the Women's Texas Open Friday.
The Babe was forced into two extra holes Thursday before deciding stubborn Barbara Romack, 1 up, on the 20th green.
The 19-year-old Sacramento, Cal. girl squared the match on No. 18 after Babe hooked her drive into an unplayable lie and had to take a penalty stroke.

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