



RIDIN' HERD

With Red Hurd

THEY'VE ADDED a snarl to Roland La Starza to build up steam for his Sept. 24 fight with Champion Rocky Marciano.

And boxing writers, finding it tough working up back-tips for this title brawl, have the champion working harder for defense of boxing's highest crown than he did as a challenger.

Those stringing with the Brooklyn Block Buster—and that includes almost everyone but La Starza and his manager—say the champ will cave in the ex-college lad before the echo of the first bell is history.

DESPITE THE fact that we're picking Marciano to sideline La Starza in the late rounds, we still can't play a rhapsody on the typewriter for the heavyweight ruler.

Just to keep the records straight, it's our opinion Marciano is the most over-rated pugilist since ponderous, clumsy, and out of control There's no doubt the big guy is the best punching for pay today in the heavyweight ranks. But that's like waxing over-enthusiastic over one good apple in a tub of bad ones.

Adding the fact that the International Boxing Club is running the boxing game like a union closed shop, it's very likely there's a youngster hid among the unknowns somewhere who could knock Marciano from here to there.

BUT UNLESS a ring warrior today plays house with the monopolistic IBC he'll remain a yokel who entertains first fans in tank towns.

La Starza, of course, is the logical challenger on the records and his close finish with Marciano three and a half years ago, and the collegiate cloutier richly deserves the title shot.

Edward Charles, ex-champ, has been in and out too long to be taken seriously despite his recent displays of tiger.

We think La Starza will give a good account of himself while he's in there—and it's our guess it will be somewhere between 16 and 18 rounds.

MARCIANO'S glossy reputation is based on freeze jobs on Joe Louis, Rex Layne, Harry Matthews and Joe Walcott.

Brooklyn's boy did a thorough job on all four. Certainly his punch and ability to absorb healthy licks can't be taken away from him.

But who will argue that the only resemblance to Louis the night he met Marciano and the night he won the title was the color of his eyes?

Ditto for Walcott.

Layne is a good club fighter—and that's all.

Mathews is too light—and on the other side of the hill—to be swopping socks with the big boys.

La Starza is admittedly a good boxer. He's young, confident and won't go into the ring with his knees doing chopsticks.

A flock of good judges—including Nat Fleischer, editor of Ring Magazine and one of the best students of the game today—thought La Starza deserved the decision that went to Marciano three and a half years ago.

MARCIANO'S straight men fill the air with fancy descriptions of how the champion has improved since his scrape with La Starza.

Of course he has or he would never have won the championship. But there's no reason to believe La Starza—now just 26—has stood still.

Billy Brown, IBC's New York matchmaker, may have something when he predicts the biggest upset since Max Schmeling broke the bubble around Louis the first time they met.

But Mr. Brown is somewhat more optimistic than we are.

Our pick is Marciano—but the champion won't be in bed early.

BRIEFS FROM the sports file:

Baseball fans who still mention Hub Kittle, ex-Klamath Falls Gems manager, will be glad to know The Chaw's Terre Haute team is leading in the Three-I League. This information comes from Floyd Shipman, although checking over a box score we fail to see any ex-Gems on the TH team.

Bill Hall, Klamath Falls rifle, is aiming for the big prize in the National Rifle Championships at Camp Perry, Ohio.

Fort Ord asked Rex Hunsaker, Oregon Tech football coach, for a grid date.

It would be a great drawing card here but the game is too big for the Owls who have a schedule to go through.

Big Jawn Witte, ex-Pelican and Oregon Stater, is drawing cheers from sportswriters for his play with the Ors.

Witte paves the way for boys like Don Heinrich, Oille Matson, et al.

See-Saw WIL Lead To Lewiston Again

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Western International League see-saw tilted again Thursday night, lifting the Lewiston Broncos back atop the standings and dropping Spokane into the run-up slot.

After 24 hours in the No. 2 berth, the Broncos regained first place with a 9-7 triumph over Victoria, scored while Spokane was bowing 5-1 at Yakima.

The night's activities left Lewiston 18 percentage points ahead of the Indians. It was the widest lead either club has had since Lewiston moved up to challenge the Indians late last week.

SLIDING

The faltering Salem Senators meanwhile lost a doubleheader to Edmonton 6-3 and 3-1 and fell three games back of the leaders.

Tri-City shut out Calgary 4-0 in the league's other scheduled game.

Lewiston scored twice in the ninth inning to win the opener of the four-game series at Victoria.

Ken Richardson opened the rally with a single. He scored on a double by Al Heist who was doubled home by Artie Wilson. Victoria tied the game with a pair of runs in the eighth.

Yakima snapped a five-game losing streak with its victory over Spokane. Home runs by John Albini and Herman Lewis were key blows. Albini homered in the first to even the count with the Indians, who brought in their only tally in the top of the inning, and Lewis

led a round-tripper in the sixth with Albini on base.

HOME RUNS

Home runs decided both games at Salem. Sam Kanelos' three-run homer in the third inning of the abbreviated opener started the Eskimos' scoring parade. Andy Skurski and Clint Weaver contributed runs with consecutive homers in the fifth.

Salem got only two hits off winning pitcher Pat Utley in the nightcap. Joe Nichols, who took the loss, spaced four Edmonton safeties, but one was Skurski's three-run homer in the fifth.

Tri-City's Bob Snyder pitched his second shutout of the season, setting Calgary down with six hits.

Hendrickson To Start

Jack Hendrickson will start on offense for the East team in the Class B high school Shrine game in Pendleton Saturday night.

The big Merrill lineman is down for full-line offensive duty and possibly some action on defense.

Announcement was made by Shrine officials that trophies for outstanding player, blocking back, offensive and defensive linemen would be made immediately after the game at the Round-Up Stadium.

West won last year, 12-0.

Hardtops Race Saturday

Clobber Rematch Billed

Hardtop drivers get in their last practice licks Saturday night at Gems Speedway before the Labor Day double bill when prize money will be thrown around like confetti.

Track Manager Sam Neslin was busy today arranging for another Destruction Derby.

This special event returns by popular demand after Wednesday's show had the fans taxing their vocal cords.

Neslin said five of the eight cars that entered Wednesday have been fixed and will enter the clobber contest. More are expected.

Meanwhile, Russ Newell's attempt at his second three-straight win in the Main Event takes part of the spotlight.

Time trials open 6:45, the regular program at 7:30.

A Sunday-Monday Labor Day holiday speed menu is on the docket, with the management tossing \$1,000 into the Monday prize pot.

Entries must have raced at least four times this season on the local track to be eligible for the Labor Day show.

Neslin said a Powder Puff Derby is also being lined up. That's when women drivers slip behind the wheels.

Vic Seixas Favors Knee

RYE, N. Y. (AP) — The tennis fathers might well view with alarm the whipping given the United States Davis Cup hopes by the young Australians except for two things — Tony Trabert was not among those present and Wimbledon champion Vic Seixas still favored an injured knee.

The Aussies defeated the U. S. four matches to one at the Westchester Country Club in a prelude to the Nationals which open at Forest Hills Saturday.

The lone American win came in the doubles where veterans Bill Talbert and Budge Patty turned back the highly regarded Australian 18-year-olds, Ken Rosewall and Lewis Hoad. The scores were 6-4, 6-4.

Seixas, playing for the first time minus a protective brace on his knee and forsaking the net, bowed to Rosewall 6-4, 6-4 while Hoad turned back Patty 11-9, 6-2.

In the other singles match, Clive Wilderspin beat Tom Brown of San Francisco 6-1, 6-4 and the Aussies doubles team of Rex Hartwig and Mervyn Rose defeated Brown and Straight Clark of Pasadena, Calif., 6-3, 6-4.

SPORTS

Stuhldreher Predicts Grid Platoon Return

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Harry Stuhldreher, one of the immortal Four Horsemen in the Notre Dame backfield, says the two-platoon system of the modern gridiron game will return in a few years.

The free substitution rule was abolished by the National Collegiate Athletic Association last winter. The move signaled the return of the double-duty era in football where a player must stand out on offense and defense instead of specializing in one phase of the game.

But Stuhldreher, quarterback in the Knute Rockne backfield of 1924, doesn't think the new rule will stand for long.

PREDICT

"Just as they once ruled out the fair catch and put it back again, so they will permit the double platoons in the future," he predicted.

The one-time Wisconsin University coach was in town on one stop of a tour he's making for a steel company as a human relations expert.

"Despite the change in the rule

we are bound to see this season a much improved game," he continued.

"The reason is the men entering colleges are better than in the old days. They are more intelligent, they travel more and see more. They learn from movies and from television, and schools today are better. In my day, we entered school after following a plow."

"In the old days we had to remember hardly more than two plays. Today a football player has to have the intelligence to keep in mind from 15 to 25 plays. And they do it well, even in high schools."

MORE PLAY

"I prefer the use of more than one platoon because it enables more players to see action. Even in the good old days of the 'iron players' no man could play 60 minutes at full blast. He had to rest in the game."

"Under the present rule, coaches will have a lot of teaching to do. Since high schools are continuing to use free substitution, most of the players entering college will have to learn to play both ways."

The father of four sons, Stuhldreher said only one of those has enrolled at Notre Dame. He said Coach Frank Leahy at Notre Dame was "quite pleased" to hear that one would be coming to South Bend.

"What position does he play?" Stuhldreher quoted Leahy as asking.

"Tennis," was the reply.

"But we have too many tennis players on our football team already," Leahy said.

talk things over with good friends and a glass of draft Olympia Beer at your neighborhood tavern.

TIME OUT!



"Okay, Foley, c'mon! You said you could lick ten guys like me all at once!"

21,440 Customers See Stars Lose to Angels

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

If the Pacific Coast League is dying, as some of its critics insist, a lot of people are getting in early for the wake.

There were 21,440 fans at Wrigley Field Thursday night when Los Angeles thumped Hollywood, 5-2. It was the largest crowd of the season on the Pacific slope, surpassing that of 18,940 on Memorial Day between these same clubs.

This series between the Stars and Angels hasn't produced a single scrap among players nor one verbal beef by either manager against the umpires.

But the fans apparently are still hoping, and since the series doesn't end until Sunday, they may not be disappointed.

Second-place Seattle failed to gain on the Stars, dropping a 5-4 decision to Sacramento as Bob Dillinger scored the winning run in the last of the ninth. Milo Candini, who relieved Bud Watkins in the seventh, was the winner, and Art DelDuca, who succored Al Widmar in the seventh, the loser.

Bill Thomason of San Diego

limited Portland to two hits as the Padres took the opener of their doubleheader, 6-1, in seven innings. Tom Alston's two-run homer in the 10th gave San Diego the second game, with Bob Kerrigan besting Jay Heard, 7-4. The double loss dropped the Beavers into fifth place, only a half game ahead of the Padres.

San Francisco moved back into fourth place, a half game ahead of Portland in the hot first division battle.

The Seals rallied for four singles and two runs in the eighth to beat Oakland, 8-6, and dropped the A's back into the PCL basement.

Sesslers Cancel McCloud Game

The baseball game between Sesslers of the local junior baseball league and McCloud tomorrow has been canceled.

Due to the weather prospects and other commitments it was decided that it would be best to call it off.

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