

Title Bout Postponed

Hurricane Blows Out Ring Meet

NEW YORK (U) — The heavy-weight championship fight between titleholder Rocky Marciano and challenger Archie Moore was postponed Tuesday because of Hurricane Ione.

Weather permitting, the 15-round bout will be held Wednesday night in the Yankee Stadium. If weather conditions still are unsuitable, it will be held Thursday.

Postponements are nothing new for Marciano. His second fight with Ernie Charles was set back twice by rain last September. Then Rocky knocked out Charles in the eighth round.

The announcement of the postponement came in a terse statement from Jim Norris, president of the International Boxing Club.

He said the fight was postponed "for 24 hours."

Meanwhile, the New York meteorologist said the hurricane would hit the city only a glancing blow and there should be clearing weather by late afternoon.

Ernest J. Christie said the brunt of the storm would pass well east of the city, with some rain and high winds here but not the full force originally expected.

Harby Markson, managing director of the IBC, said, "the forecast for Wednesday is grand. Tuesday night's expectations were wavering and we felt we couldn't take a chance on waiting it out."

The postponement means that the bout Wednesday night will start 8:45 p.m. (EST), 15 minutes later than originally scheduled.

The reason is that the IBC is committed to another television network fight in Miami between middleweights Bobby Dykes and George Johnson, starting at 9 p.m. (EST).

The over-riding reason for the postponement, despite forecasts of clearing later Tuesday evening, was the matter of the gate.

Markson said the advance sale of tickets already approaches \$670,000 but he expected \$150,000 additional at the gate with good weather.

Norris said also that he felt it would be unfair to out-of-town fans not to make an early decision in view of the uncertain conditions. He said, even in case of clearing, the stadium would be uncomfortable for spectators, with grounds muddy and seats wet.

Hal Wood's Mid-Week Sport Shorts

United Press Sports Writer

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. (UP)—Short shorts:

The talk around the State Amateur golf circles is: How could the Hillcrest Country Club in Los Angeles fire a guy who has just won the world championship. The Hillcrest directors gave the boot to veteran Mortie Dutra, who had just finished winning the U. S. seniors' professional crown.

Then went to England to win the international title for that age group. No explanation...

Only movie celebrity participating in the State Amateur is Dennis O'Keefe, a five-handicapper who plays out of the Bel-Air Country Club in Los Angeles.

Peter Hay, professional at the Pebble Beach course, is rated "dean" of American pros. He has been a professional here for 39 years and admits "I was a professional for quite a few years before that."

First hole-in-one of the 44th annual State Amateur was scored by Harry McKelvey, 31, a "starter" at Griffith Park Golf course in Los Angeles. He used a four iron to tank his tee shot in the par-three 156-yard third hole.

Jack Kramer definitely will return to competitive tennis to help boost the faltering interest in the professional game next season.

That's the word from John Gardner, tennis pro here.

Gardner also tells the story of watching a local high school football game the other night. The star halfback got the ball and swept around end on a long run.

Just as he got past the line of scrimmage, the lights went out. Two minutes later when the power failure was corrected, the lights came on to show 31 men standing in the middle of the field, the halfback in the end zone with the ball under his arm. The officials called the play back and the halfback slammed the ball into the ground. "Just my luck," he screamed. "Make the run of my life and the lights go out."

Hill Reports UCLA Tougher Than '54 Team

LOS ANGELES (UP)—A rival coach says he considers the current UCLA football team to be potentially stronger than the Bruin club which won the 1954 national championship.

Coach Jess Hill of the University of Southern California lavishly praised the Bruins yesterday while addressing a football writers luncheon meeting.

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'55 To Be Last Year For Halas

By ED SAINSBURY

United Press Sports Writer

CHICAGO (UP)—George Halas, the dean of National Football League coaches, would like to mark his last active campaign by guiding his Chicago Bears to the 1955 championship.

But his announced aim is second that's where his Bears finished last year. Halas, who also owns the Bears, says 1955 will be his last season as head coach.

"Let Detroit, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Green Bay play for the (division) championship," Halas said. "We'll just go for second place and if they knock each other out of it and we can win, that's all right, too."

FOUR CLUBS "I'm not declaring Baltimore (the other Western Division club) out of it, because that's a good club. But the other four figure to play for the title."

"I figure us to finish second this year, and I'm going to leave a team that can win the championship."

The 1954 Bears were weakest on defense Halas believes he has improved that platoon. Joe Fortunato a rookie from Mississippi State, has shown up well as a linebacker in exhibitions and Alton Romine of Alabama a Teachers' College player, has been a good defensive end.

The club's new offensive talent includes halfbacks Rick Casares of Florida, Ron Drzewiecki of Marquette and Bobby Watkins of Ohio State. They join such experienced men as fullback Chick Akers, halfback Leon Campbell and quarterback George Blanda and Ed Brown.

GOOD PASSING The passing attack should be a good one. Harlon Hill, an all-league selection offensive end last year as a rookie, will be on one flank. Gene Schroeder, back from the Army, will handle the other end. Bill McColl will alternate with them.

This year, Bob Williams, former Notre Dame star, has returned from military service to help Blanda and Brown with the passing.

Halas also plans some surprises for the club's opponents. Some of the new plays probably will feature Casares and Brown passing from a halfback spot.

The line is big with veterans for every spot. The linemen include Bill Bishop, George Connor, Elmer Giffert, Stan Jones, John Kreamcheck, Bill Wright, Herman Clark, Bill George, Ed Sprinkle, and John Helwig.

PITCHING — Bud Black, Tigers—Hung up his first major league shut out in his third starting assignment, blanking Athletics on six hits 4-0.

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Lane To Quit Sox Position

CHICAGO (U) — Frank Lane says he definitely has made up his mind to quit as general manager of the Chicago White Sox.

He will ask for cancellation of his contract, which has another five years to go, at a meeting with Mrs. Grace Comiskey, club president. The conference is expected within two or three days and Lane has asked that vice-president Charles Comiskey and other Sox directors be present.

Lane, who in the last seven years has pulled some 200 deals involving about 300 players in trying to give the White Sox their first pennant since 1919, says his position with the Sox is untenable because of young Comiskey.

"I told Mrs. Comiskey in a phone conversation yesterday that I had suffered in silence at her son's sniping for five years," Lane said. "But when he publicly tried to discredit me that was different."

The 59-year-old general manager referred to Comiskey's alleged public ridicule of Lane for life in language when he stormed to the box of Will Harridge, American League president, and his umpire supervisor the night of Aug. 26 in Comiskey Park.

Lane protested an umpire's decision. The scene led to Lane being fined \$500 by Commissioner Ford Frick.

"I have put up with a lot of indignities from Chuck, in private, and then in public," Lane said. "I want to leave and I intend to leave."

Game Violation Brings \$25 Fine

Federal game officers reported today that Roy Raymond Howard, 31, of Port Klamath, appeared before District Judge D. E. Van Vactor Monday morning and paid a fine of \$25 for taking grouse during closed season.

Howard pleaded guilty to the charge after being arrested Sunday by game enforcement officers. The grouse were turned over to the Klamath County Nursing Home.

Rocky Sees KO, Arch Ready For Distance

NEW YORK (U) — Here are the pre-battle statements of heavy-weight champion Rocky Marciano and challenger Archie Moore on the eve of their title fight at Yankee Stadium Tuesday night.

By Rocky Marciano
World Heavyweight Champion
I am very confident. I feel I will win either by a decision or a knockout. I hope it will be by a knockout and I am setting my sights on that target.

But don't think I am underestimating Moore. His record speaks for itself. He is a fighter of great experience, a good boxer and a good puncher. If he chooses to swap punches it ought to be an exciting evening. And I am sure with so much at stake, he will do just that.

I would be kidding the public if I said I didn't respect some of the things Moore has said, or had said about me. I have never been a dirty fighter. Nothing, not even the heavy-weight title, would make me stray from the way my parents trained me.

I am in the best condition of my life, win or lose there can be no excuse. But I am going to win and by a knockout if it is humanly possible.

By Archie Moore
World Light-heavy-weight Champion
I'm in excellent condition. I feel better in my life. I have trained longer for this fight than for any in my career.

I'm ready to go one round or fifteen rounds. I've said a lot of things about Rocky and about this fight and I meant every one of them. Just to keep the record straight, I never questioned Rocky's courage or his fighting ability. He is a strong, game fighter.

But I feel I am better and am sure that I can outpoint Rocky Marciano and if the opportunity presented itself, knock him out. I'll be looking for a knockout from the opening bell. It may come in the first or the last round. Rocky won't beat me out of the gate like Nashua did with Swaps. It will be a heads up fight all the way and the better man will win. That's why I'm so sure of victory.

I'm the better boxer, the more experienced fighter and I punch equally as hard with either hand. I have scored most of my knockouts setting up an opponent with a left hand and finishing him with a right cross. I don't promise that will be the blue print for this fight but it might. I'm not holding Rocky cheap. He wouldn't have won 48 straight if he wasn't a great fighter.

MONDAY'S STARS
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
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College Gridiron Briefs

EUGENE, Ore. (U) — Coach Len Casanova said Tuesday his Oregon Ducks will concentrate on defense and passing in drills this week for Saturday's game at Los Angeles with Southern California.

After showing movies of last week's 14-13 win over Utah, Casanova told the team they would have to make fewer mistakes against the Trojans "if we are going to give them a ball game."

SEATTLE (U) — Coach Johnny Chubbert let his Washington regulars off with a light signal drill Monday while players who rode the bench in Saturday's clash with Idaho bumped heads in a rough scrimmage.

Quarterback Sandy Lederman, who missed the Idaho game because of a hip injury, sparked the reserves in the scrimmage.

Washington tackles Minnesota next Saturday.

CORVALLIS, Ore. (U) — The Oregon State football team looked good in its 33-0 shellacking of Brigham Young Saturday but is "far from a finished product," Coach Tommy Prothro said Monday.

The coach scheduled a series of long workouts in preparation for next weekend's game at Portland with Stanford.

Tailback Joe Francis, who gained 85 yards for OSC against Brigham Young, was on the sidelines Monday with a sprained ankle and Prothro said he may miss the Stanford game.

Weed Cougars Open Grid Year

WEED—The Weed Cougar football squad will travel to Corning Friday night, September 23 to tangle with the Corning Cardinals for a non-conference battle for the opening game of the 1955 season.

Originally, the game with the Cardinals had been scheduled for Saturday night, September 24, on the Weed field and would have dedicated the floodlights proposed to go up this season at the Cougar Field. The lighting project, sponsored by the Weed Lions Club, has been held up in waiting for supplies.

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