

Ingemar Johansson Named Heavyweight King

Cus D'Amato Claims Rematch To Be Biggest In Ring History

By HUGH FULLERTON JR.
NEW YORK (AP) — "I think there will be a return bout and I believe it will be the biggest draw in the history of boxing."
The speaker was Cus D'Amato, the mysterious mastermind who dreamed up the fight that cost his fighter, Floyd Patterson, the world heavyweight championship Friday night.
"I think Johansson will want to prove that this was no fluke," D'Amato added. "There's a return bout clause in the contract."
Some 40 minutes before Sweden's Ingemar Johansson had stopped Patterson in 2:03 of the third round of a rain-plagued bout in Yankee Stadium. The disconsolate ex-champion had spent most of the intervening time in an inner room before he came out, fully dressed and showing few battle scars.
He backed into Mickey Mantle's dressing cubicle and the white-haired manager stood in front of him, relaying answers to shouted questions and adding his own opinions.
"I didn't see the punch coming," said the soft-voiced Patterson. "I don't really know where it landed." D'Amato then explained: "I saw it. It landed right here—between the eyes."
The noise, confusion and delay in Patterson's dressing room was nothing compared to the scene in and around Johansson's quarters behind the visitors' dugout at Yankee Stadium.
Ingemar's sister Eva, dabbing at tears in her eyes, his mother and father—the latter still shaking from excitement, and his fiancée, Birgit Lundgren, waited out there with the mob while Ingo leisurely showered, dressed and took time to speak a few words for the Swedish radio. Then he answered questions in a voice almost inaudible to those who weren't close to him.
"You see I fool you," he said gleefully. "You thought my right hand was just a fantasy. I show you—and I also show Patterson."
It was the same right hand that paralyzed Eddie Machen and Johansson's failure to make use of it in training was one of the greatest of many mysteries surrounding this championship fight.
D'Amato has good reason for believing that a great many people will want to see for themselves when and if the return bout takes place.
Johansson said that first right-hand punch of the third round was the hardest blow he struck, but he still had to knock Patterson down six more times before Referee Ruby Goldstein stepped in and halted the bout.
"He kept getting up. I never had a chance to hit him so solidly again. But I knew he could never come back," Johansson said.
Patterson felt the referee's action was completely justified.
"It's natural for me to feel that I could have gone on," Patterson said, "but I think the referee used his best judgment."

Ingemar Weapon "Atomic"

By MURRAY ROSE
NEW YORK (AP) — Ingemar Johansson's "mystery" right hand turned out to be an atomic weapon—an explosive force that propelled him to the world's heavyweight championship.
The "thunder and lightning" that the undefeated Swede had promised was unleashed in a pulsating third round Friday night that saw defending champion Floyd Patterson felled seven times and stripped of his crown in rain-soaked Yankee Stadium.
It was a right hand bomb that burst against the jaw of the 31-year-old American seconds after the third round had started. The power-packed right smashed Patterson to the floor on his back and bereft him of his senses.
Calmly and coldly, as if he were sighting a rifle, the handsome, blue-eyed Viking dropped his bleeding and reeling foe to the canvas until Referee Ruby Goldstein ended the slaughter with a wave of his hands.
It went into the record books as a technical knockout. But this was pure destruction. The seven counts were 9, 9, 6, 6, 7, 9 and 1. All in two minutes and three seconds. It was a massacre.
The mighty right, never displayed in his lackluster training maneuvers here, made the 26-year-old, 196-pounder the first Swede ever to win a world boxing championship.
It was complete atonement for Ingo's humiliating disqualification for not fighting against American Eddie Sanders in the heavyweight championship final of the 1952 Olympics at Helsinki. In these same games, Patterson was one of the shining stars in capturing the 163-pound crown.
The astonishing upset, witnessed by some 30,000 at the ball park and thousands more in theaters coast to coast, must rank with such shocks as Max Schmeling's kayo of Joe Louis in 1936, Jim Braddock's triumph over Max Baer in 1935 and Jersey Walcott's annihilation of Ezzard Charles in 1931.
The great triumph earned Johansson a purse of about \$248,000—most of which will be either attached in law suits or held in escrow for his return bout with Patterson, probably in September. Patterson will collect approximately \$500,000 from the gate, theater-television, radio and movies.
But ahead of the dimpled-chinned Swede, fifth non-American to win boxing's most prized title, lie countless riches. He may earn as much as a million dollars for the projected return with Patterson in the United States.
The punch that sent Patterson, 182, on his way "was a straight right—and flush on the chin," said the unmarked invader. "It was my best shot and I thought the fight was over there. I was surprised when he got up. Usually, when I hit a man like that he stays down. But I had to hit him again and again."
"I couldn't see the punch coming," said Patterson. "The first one hit flush on the forehead. When I got up I didn't know where I was. I didn't feel the second punch, but after that I think I started to come out of it. But I couldn't criticize the referee for stopping the fight."
While Patterson was being interviewed in his dressing room, his conqueror strode in, a gentle grin on his face.
"Are you hurt, Floyd?" he asked.
"No," replied Patterson.
"Patterson will be the first heavyweight champion in history to regain the title," said Floyd's manager, Cus D'Amato.

Refugee Nips Californian In England

WIMBLEDON, England (AP)—Edda Buding, a teen-ager without a home, upset Mrs. Beverly Baker Fleitz of Long Beach, Calif., 8-6, 2-6, 7-5 Saturday and broke the advance of the All-England Tennis Championships.
Miss Buding, a German who is a political refugee, is listed in the tournament as stateless.
The ambidextrous Mrs. Fleitz was seeded No. 3 and was conceded a good chance for the Wimbledon women's crown after the surprise defeat earlier Saturday of Christine Truman of Britain. Miss Truman, No. 1 seeded, lost to Yola Ramirez of Mexico 6-3, 6-2.
Top-seeded Alex Olmedo of Peru, U.S. Davis Cup teammate Barry MacKay and Darlene Hard of Montebello, Calif., led the advance into the round of eight.
Olmedo, making few errors and dominating the match all the way, crushed bearded Torben Ulrich of Denmark 6-3, 6-3, 6-2. MacKay weathered a bit of wildness in the earlier stages of the match for a 6-2, 8-6, 10-8 triumph over Billy Knight of Britain.
Miss Hard, seeded fourth and runner-up in 1957 to Althea Gibson, became the main U.S. hope for the women's crown. She ousted Rita Bentley of Britain 6-2, 6-4.
Barry MacKay of Dayton, Ohio, became the first American to enter the quarter-finals by defeating Billy Knight, left-handed British Davis Cup ace 6-2, 8-6, 10-8. MacKay, a 23-year-old U.S. Air Force man, had his big serve and volley game crackling.
Miss Truman, her powerful drives hampered by gusty winds, went down before Yola Ramirez of Mexico 6-3, 6-2. The six-foot British girl, seeded No. 1, was favored to win the crown which Althea Gibson is not defending.
Olmedo, U.S. Davis Cup hero, was almost flawless against the bearded, left-handed Dane.
The Peruvian drew Ulrich to the forecourt with short chop shots and then sent passing shots streaking down the sidelines. Alex was so effective he lost only two points in the last three games of the opening set.
Olmedo's strong service became erratic in the second and early in the third set. Alex often missed on his first delivery and had to serve the second at three-quarter pace for accuracy.
But the all court wizardry of the 23-year-old Inca Indian kept the match from being a real contest.
Darlene Hard of Montebello, Calif., seeded No. 4 and runner-up in 1957 to Althea Gibson, advanced to the women's quarter-finals by beating Rita Bentley of Britain 6-2, 6-4.
Miss Hard dominated the match with her strong service and her aggressive net attack.
With Miss Truman out, Miss Hard became one of the leading women favorites. Miss Truman's loss to Miss Ramirez came as a complete surprise.

Goldstein Explains Move

NEW YORK (AP)—"It was better for him to be able to walk out than have to be carried out."
This was Referee Ruby Goldstein's explanation of why he stopped the heavyweight championship bout between Floyd Patterson and Ingemar Johansson Friday night.
Ruby, 31-year-old veteran of many title bouts, gave the signal that made Johansson the champion at 2:03 of the third round after Patterson had been felled seven times.
"I didn't have any idea how much time was left in the round," Ruby said, "but it really didn't matter. A man can be injured permanently in two or three seconds."
"Patterson was worn out, completely exhausted. It wasn't a case of his suffering injuries from Johansson's punches, but the idea that he was completely helpless to ward off any more punches."
HARVARD WENT FOR TWO
CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP)—Harvard failed to make a conversion kick last football season mainly because the Crimson didn't try. After each of their 18 touchdowns in 1958, Harvard tried to pass or run for two points instead of getting one via the conventional kick.

HAUGHTON SEEKS BIG WIN

DU QUOIN, Ill. (AP)—Billy Haughton, 36, has won the most money of any harness driver for the last seven years, but one race has escaped him. It's the Hambletonian. Circo and Hickory Pride are two Hambletonian colts who have been showing well and Haughton may have a choice of riding one or the other in the rich Sept. 2 race here.



RIGHT GETS WORKOUT — Ingemar Johansson obligingly punches the bag with the right he "saved for Patterson." The vaunted right hand, so little seen in pre-fight performances, does the work while his left, the "bait" in the title match hangs limply at his side.

Champion's Victory Comes Seven Years After Disgrace

NEW YORK (AP)—It took Ingemar Johansson less than seven years to rise from a pathetic, practically disgraced amateur to the heavyweight champion of the world.
In the 1952 Olympics in Helsinki, Finland, Johansson was paired with American Eddie Sanders in the heavyweight final. But the referee disqualified Ingemar, then 19, for running and refusing to fight.
Ironically, Sanders later died from injuries suffered in a professional bout.
The road was a long one for Johansson. For a time, it appeared that he never would live down the embarrassment of that day in 1952.
But Friday night in the Yankee Stadium, he stopped Floyd Patterson in the third round and became the heavyweight champion of the world. And all his bitter memories were stamped out.
This was rated by experts as one of the most startling upsets in the history of the heavyweight division. Johansson was not supposed to have a chance against the hard-punching Patterson.
Since winning the heavyweight title from Archie Moore, Patterson had gone into the ring five times in defense of his crown. Five opponents were counted out before the bout had gone its full length.
Johansson was to be No. 6. The Swede's training methods had been criticized, even ridiculed. He was too interested in night life, some said. Others complained that he did not work hard enough against his sparring partners.
And, asked others, where is his vaunted right, the punch that he was supposed to earn him his right to climb into the ring against Patterson. Johansson shrugged off all criticism. As for his right, he said he was saving it for Patterson.
That he was. After the fight had run an even course for two rounds, Johansson came out swinging with his right in the third. He hit Patterson with a right to the forehead and the champion went down in a heap. The count reached nine before Patterson got up.
Even then, the 30,000-odd spectators who braved an early evening rain were not too disturbed. Patterson had been knocked down before and had come back to turn the tables on his opponent.
But like a streak of lightning, Johansson's right—the same one that was nowhere to be found in his training camp—flashed, and down went Patterson again.
Six times, the champion tumbled to the canvas. Six times, he rose wearily to his feet. But the end had been in sight from the very first time he was toppled. That was the blow that made him glassy-eyed. The others merely hastened the end.
Again, for the seventh time, Johansson's right caught Patterson on the head. And for the seventh time in the round, Floyd went down. This time, veteran referee Ruby Goldstein—himself a former fighter—droned "one" then decided to end it all. He walked over to Johansson and raised the Swede's hand in victory.
Johansson is 26 years old and wealthy in his own right as the owner of a construction business. He holds the European heavyweight championship. But he really earned his right to meet Patterson when he knocked out Eddie Machen, a highly regarded American challenger, in the first round in Sweden last September.
"Since there is no such thing as a technical knockout in New York, the bout went into the record books as a knockout. Johansson is only the fifth fighter born outside the U.S. to win the world heavyweight title. The others were Max Schmeling, Bob Fitzsimmons, Tommy Burns and Primo Carnera.
Johansson probably will give Patterson a return bout sometime in September.

Sweden Gurgles Aquavit

By KLAUS ULLMAN
STOCKHOLM (UPI) — Sweden toasted its greatest sports hero today in gallons of aquavit—as potent a "punch" as the one which made Ingemar Johansson the heavyweight champion of the world.
An estimated 3,000,000 Swedes stayed up all night to hear a direct Swedish-language broadcast from New York's Yankee Stadium—and it wasn't long after Floyd Patterson went down for the last time that everybody else in Sweden was up.
Crowds paraded through the streets of Stockholm and Göteborg, fireworks soared into the sky from islands in the West Coast Archipelago. Orchestras mounted on trucks toured downtown sections of Göteborg playing rock and roll and Dixieland music. Bakers on their morning runs handed out free buns and cakes to kids. Everywhere utter strangers kissed and hugged each other.
It all added up to the noisiest and biggest celebration within the memory of the Norse Swede.
"Skål...skål...skål to Ingemar," cried crowds in restaurants and bars which were open all night by special police permission. And "down the hatch" went glass after glass of aquavit—the famous Swedish "white lightning"—a 100-proof brandy that Swedes say makes vodka taste like milk.
The state-owned radio network, which frowns on boxing and does not make direct broadcasts of fights on grounds that they promote brutality, even joined the act with an enthusiastic report of Johansson's triumph. It was hardly heard, however, because fans already had heard the direct broadcast via Luxembourg and were in the streets celebrating.
In Johansson's native Göteborg, enthusiasm reached a fever pitch. The city has just completed a 53,000-capacity stadium and hopes to see Ingo fight there sometime after his return-bout with Patterson in the United States.
"This isn't a bad blowout," shouted one celebrant, waving a bottle. "But we're only practicing for the day Ingo comes home."

Tiger Conquers Victor Zalazar

NEW YORK (UPI)—Ralph (Tiger) Jones, using a clever assortment of combinations, slashed his way to a majority 10-round decision Friday night over slugging Argentine middleweight Victor Zalazar.
The seasoned and steady-punching Jones, rated 10th among contenders, drew the approval of both judges. The referee called the bout a draw.
Jones, weighing 161 pounds, opened a cut over Zalazar's left eyebrow in the third round and from that point the Argentine's vision was blurred by blood.

Bill Rosensohn Now The Boss

NEW YORK (AP)—"I am now the boss. I am tired of being dictated to."
Promoter Bill Rosensohn, like the new heavyweight champion Ingemar Johansson, didn't pull any punches Friday night in Yankee Stadium.
"I have Johansson under exclusive contract," Rosensohn said. "I am going to promote the return bout in September."
Rosensohn added that neither Cus D'Amato, manager of the dethroned champion Floyd Patterson, nor Irving Kahn, the theater-TV man, would have anything to say about the TV radio or motion pictures of the return match.
Rosensohn shared only in the receipts at the gate Friday night. Rosensohn predicted the return bout will draw a million dollars and "naturally, it will take place in the United States."
Rosensohn said the contract for a rematch, was iron bound, but the site and date were indefinite.

New Title Holder Has Luck Charm

NEW YORK (AP) — Ingemar Johansson kept fingering an object in his hand while he talked to friends and newspapermen at a midtown hotel after he won the heavyweight boxing championship.
"It's a charm someone sent to me," Ingo said. "I've been carrying it around with me." A silver key chain with a silver boxing glove attached.
"Is that a good luck charm?" he was asked.
"It must be," he grinned.

Tunney Observes 'Real Fighter'

STAMFORD, Conn. (AP)—Gene Tunney, who retired as unbeaten heavyweight champion 30 years ago, was strong in his praise of Ingemar Johansson, the new champion.
"I only met him once before last night's fight and I was highly impressed," said Tunney on his return home from the title fight in New York. "I always considered Patterson a built up novice but this Johansson, he is a real fighter."

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Today's Sport Parade Fearless, Johansson Mutual Admirers

By OSCAR FRALEY
NEW YORK (UPI) — Heavyweight champion Ingemar Johansson and old Fearless Fraley are boxing experts today—and you'll never hear the end of it.
Folks around and about insinuated earlier in the week, when old Fearless picked Johansson to drop Floyd Patterson with the Thor's hammer he carries in his right hand, that your boxing "expert" was a candidate for a rest home. Few people believed us.
All I can say is thank goodness Ingo did.
It's a moot question as to which one of us took the most bows in the steam bath which served as his dressing room.
LIKE RUBBER BALL
"Gut dag, I bane his vadder," old Fearless told the cops guarding the door after that wild, almost unbelievable third round in which Ingo battered Patterson around like a rubber ball.
So they let me in even before they did the champ. And when he finally got into the room—help me—He congratulated me.
"You picked me and we look good, yes?" he grinned, his blue eyes crinkling as he crushed me in a bear hug which from now on will have old Fearless looking like his grandfather. "We smart fellows, yes?"
Modestly I admitted to being a genius. I even admitted he was pretty good, too.
"Yes," he said. "I knew my right hand—and now Patterson, he knows it."
RIGHT HAND WAS CRUX
That right hand was the crux of the fight. Patterson had been called a "cheese champion" because he had beaten a number of nothings and several of them had him on the floor. But he believed that Ingo was his meat and he also believed the propaganda that Ingo failed to use his right in training.
"We use it in the hotel room," Ingo confided. "But just to limber it up against the trainer's open hand. What we do is train to make Patterson back off from my left and then catch him with my right as he come back."
That right hand it never fail me," he added. "It do just that." It did, indeed. Patterson was up and down like a runaway yo-yo. His wife standing near the ring after racing up through the press rows and crying:
"It's all right, baby. It's all right."
In the catacombs under Yankee Stadium, outside the icy Ingo's dressing room, there was more weeping. These were tears of happiness being shed by his mother his fiancée Birgit Lundgren.
"Thank you, thank you," they said to old Fearless.
"It was nothing," I told them. "After all, I couldn't have done it without Ingemar."
It was nice, however, to have him on my side.

Winner Takes \$248,000 Pot

NEW YORK (AP) — Financial facts and figures on Friday night's world heavyweight championship bout between Ingemar Johansson and Floyd Patterson. Compiled from estimates in absence of exact figures.
Attendance—30,000
Gross receipts—\$425,000
Net receipts—\$365,000
Patterson's share—\$110,000
Johansson's share—\$73,000
Closed circuit, TV receipts—\$1,000,000
Patterson's share of the TV—\$200,000
Johansson's share of the TV—\$50,000
Radio rights, U.S. and foreign—\$125,000
Patterson's share of radio—\$50,000
Johansson's share of radio—\$25,000
Potential movie income—\$500,000
Patterson's share of movies—\$200,000
Johansson's share of movies—\$100,000
Patterson's purse—\$550,000
Johansson's purse—\$248,000

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Omaha 11, Louisville 6
Dallas 8, St. Paul 1
Minneapolis at Fort Worth, postponed.

ANGLER IS 99

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—George Wyatt is Oregon's senior angler, reports the state game commission. At 99 he is just one year younger than the state. He and three other over 90 anglers have received Oregon fishing licenses this year.

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