

Clay Beats Cooper In Fifth; Accepts Liston Bout



CLAY ON LOUD-MOUTHED SEAT — Cassius Clay hits canvas after Henry Cooper's left hook exploded on his chin at the end of the fourth round of heavyweight battle in London Tuesday. There was no count as the bell sounded as Clay fell. He was down for about three seconds, rose and walked to his corner. Clay won by a TKO in the fifth round before a crowd of 55,000.

LONDON (UPI)—Unbeaten and unmuzzled Cassius Clay, waving between anger and jubilation over his 10th straight professional victory, tentatively accepted a September world championship fight today.

The "Louisville Lip," who climbed off the canvas Tuesday night before 55,000 screaming fans and fulfilled his forecast of a fifth-round kayo victory over England's Henry Cooper, told and wealthy Nino, of Chester, Pa., was based upon their unmentioned conclusion that champion Liston will keep his crown in the return title fight with ex-champion Floyd Patterson at Las Vegas, Nev., July 22.

Clay was elated today because he had achieved his technical knockout in the round he had predicted.

Referee Tommy Little, 35, stopped the bout at 1:15 of the fifth round because British Empire champion Cooper, 29, was a bloody mess — bleeding from a one and one-half inch gash across his left brow and from three smaller cuts beneath the swollen left eye. The butchery had begun with a small nick over the left eye in the first round.

When the bout was halted — partially because the huge crowd had been screaming "stop it! stop it!" — Cassius proudly held up five fingers and waved them at the fans.

"Mighty Mouth" Clay has scored so many of his 16 kayeos in a predicted round that he already is rated the ring's foremost all-time prophet.

Cooper, receiving a guarantee of \$40,000, suffered his ninth defeat in 37 fights and his sixth knockout — the fourth on face — in the fifth round.

Clay, guaranteed \$75,000 with the alternate privilege of taking 27 1/2 per cent of the net gate, planned to fly back to the United States late today.

MAJOR LEAGUE standings

By United Press International National League

	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	39	27	.591	
San Francisco	39	28	.582	1/2
Los Angeles	37	28	.569	1 1/2
Cincinnati	34	30	.531	4
Chicago	35	31	.530	4
Milwaukee	31	33	.484	7
Pittsburgh	30	34	.469	8
Philadelphia	30	35	.462	8 1/2
Houston	27	39	.409	12
New York	25	42	.373	14 1/2

Tuesday's Results
Chicago 3 Houston 1
Cin. 2 Phil. 1 (night)
Mil. 7 Pitt. 5 (10 inns, night)
St. Louis 6 New York 2 (night)
San Fran. 9 Los Ang. 3 (night)

Wednesday's Probable Pitchers
Houston at Chicago — Brown (1-1) vs. Hobbie (2-5)
New York at St. Louis — Stalard (2-3) vs. Sadecki (4-4)
Los Angeles at San Francisco — Drysdale (8-7) vs. Marichal (10-3)
Pittsburgh at Milwaukee (night) — Francis (2-2) vs. Sadowski (9-0)

Thursday's Games
Houston at Chicago
Pittsburgh at Milwaukee
Phil. at Cincinnati (night)
(Only games scheduled)

American League

	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
New York	35	23	.603	
Chicago	37	27	.578	1
Boston	32	26	.552	3
Cleveland	33	27	.550	3
Minnesota	33	29	.532	4
Baltimore	34	30	.531	4
Los Angeles	33	34	.493	6 1/2
Kansas City	30	32	.484	7
Detroit	34	37	.478	12 1/2
Washington	21	47	.309	19

Thursday's Games
Chicago at Minnesota
Washington at New York
Detroit at Boston
Baltimore at Cleveland (night)

Jack Nicklaus Predicts He Will Be Ready For Open

BROOKLINE, Mass. (UPI)—Defending champion Jack Nicklaus complained today that he was "driving the worst ever and putting horribly" but in the next breath predicted he'd "be hitting the ball all right" by Thursday when they tee off for the U.S. Open golf championship.

"Honestly, I can't remember when I've played so poorly before a major tournament," said the 29-year-old Brookline resident who is shooting for the golfing grand slam—the U.S. and British Opens, the Masters and the PGA.

"At least there's one thing going for me—I'm the only golfer who can do it this year."

That's because of his Masters victory, but he agreed that this was a tournament of a different color.

"There are a lot of guys who have a chance in this," he replied to a golf writer who asked him for his first three picks.

Wouldn't Answer Question
"I won't answer that question," he replied, implying that he did not think that golfing's big three of Arnold Palmer, Gary Player and himself had a lock on the championship.

"It's always nice to win money," observed Nicklaus, who really doesn't need it that badly because he already has banked nearly \$60,000 in official tournament earnings this year.

The odds are against the strong young belter from Ohio repeating the triumph he scored last year. No one ever has won the Open back to back since Ben Hogan in 1950 and 1951.

In addition to refusing to predict the winner, Nicklaus also refused to go along with those who criticized the 4,879-yard Country Club of Brookline course with its par of 35-36-71.

"It's tough all right, but that's the way it should be," said Nicklaus who played this course back in 1957 as an amateur. He agreed with Palmer that the 12th hole was a tough one, but didn't go along with his fellow golfers on their comments on the course.

Not Up to Date
Their consensus was that it's like "an old lady in high button shoes wearing a bikini."

Player complained there were "too many blind holes," Sam Snead didn't like the "postage stamp greens" and former Masters champion Art Wall pointed out that they had toughened up the course to such an extent that it left him wondering "why they don't tear up the infield for a world series."

But despite their complaints, all of them—150 to be exact—will tee off Thursday morning for the first of four rounds for golf's greatest title. They will play the second round on Friday with the low 36 and ties qualifying for the final two rounds of play on Saturday.

The betting was that the "big three" — Nicklaus, Palmer and Player—will be among them.

Dressen's Return Greeted Roughly

BOSTON (UPI)—"That's a helluva way to treat a guy on his first time out. Well, I guess it will take a few days to get straightened out."

Thus Charley Dressen, for 10 years a manager of four different major league clubs, marked his return to the big top when he took over the diving Detroit Tigers Tuesday night.

Dressen, with less than 24 hours warning on his shift from a special scout for the Los Angeles Dodgers to successor of the departed Bob Schefling, saw the Tigers lose, 9-0, in his first game back.

"They just didn't treat me, very well," the 44-year-old Dressen said. "No, we haven't had a clubhouse meeting yet. But we'll have one pretty quick now. Just give us a few days and we'll get straightened away."

Dressen and a three man coaching staff flew here Tuesday after Tiger General Manager James A. Campbell made the surprise announcement that Schefling and his coaches were being replaced "in the best interests" of the club. The coaches all were promoted from the Detroit organization but Dressen was operating as a manager in the American League for the first time since he directed the Washington Senators early in 1958.

The Schefling firing came as a shock to the ball club but only mildly surprised Dressen. He left Boston by plane for Detroit Tuesday.

SIGN TWO VETERANS
SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—The team backs J. D. Smith and Jim Johnson, since signed their contracts with the San Francisco Giants, have the 1963 season. They played for the 1963 season.

Coburn Top Shooter At Gun Club

The Klamath Gun Club met last Sunday at the Wocus Flats clubground for its weekly shoot with Joe Coburn winning a leg on the E. H. Balsiger Memorial Trophy.

Coburn fired a total of 85 good for the trophy leg. He also took a leg of the Nelson Reed Douglas Trophy with a tally of 48 out of 50. The scores were as follows:

Name	Score
J. H. Coburn	85
E. H. Coburn	75
W. H. Coburn	70
W. H. Coburn	65
W. H. Coburn	60
W. H. Coburn	55
W. H. Coburn	50
W. H. Coburn	45
W. H. Coburn	40
W. H. Coburn	35
W. H. Coburn	30
W. H. Coburn	25
W. H. Coburn	20
W. H. Coburn	15
W. H. Coburn	10
W. H. Coburn	5

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