

Time Running Out For Kenny Lane; Looks For Title Bout With Ortiz

MUSKEGON, Mich. (UPI) — Time is running out for Kenny Lane, the Muskegon boxer who has spent the last five years waiting for another shot at the lightweight championship of the world.

Lane, 31-year-old father of three, is spending his time these days fixing machines at the self-service laundromat and dry cleaning establishment he bought three years ago.

"If a guy only knew what was going to happen . . . Lane said

as he pondered the possibility of getting Carlos Ortiz, the recognized lightweight champion everywhere but in Michigan, into the ring soon.

"It's been this way for years, you get tired of waiting and it gets especially tough when you go broke. I had to wait so long for that shot at Joe Brown and now I'm still waiting for another crack at it," Lane said.

"My wife would just as soon have me quit and get a job where you know when you're going to work and how much mon-

ey you'll earn at the end of the week," he added.

Holds Michigan Title
Lane currently holds the Michigan version of the lightweight crown — whatever that means — after pouncing out a unanimous decision over Paulie Armstead of Los Angeles at Saginaw last week.

But it wasn't much of a payday for Lane or for Armstead. The paid gate was only \$200 and more than that number got in free.

In the confused world of pro

boxing, it's hard to tell what will come next for Lane.

The World Boxing Association (WBA), currently feuding with Michigan boxing Commissioner David Gudelsky, stripped Ortiz of his lightweight crown for failing to defend it and then gave it back the day before the Lane-Armstead fight.

The WBA also ordered Ortiz to sign for a fight with the Lane-Armstead winner in 60 days.

"But I haven't heard anything yet," Lane said. "I'm still waiting."

The situation was also confused when the WBA threw Michigan out for "contemptuous attitude." Gudelsky claims Michigan had withdrawn from the organization before the state was kicked out.

Lane, who has never been knocked out and has been knocked off his feet only once, turned pro on his 21st birthday, April 9, 1953.

The stylish southpaw since that time has won 76 fights, lost only 11 and fought in two draws.

Lost To Brown
He's been perennially rated the No. 1 contender, but his only shot at the title came in 1958 in Houston against then champion Brown. Lane lost a unanimous 15-round decision by a razor-thin margin as the referee and one judge gave the fight to Brown by just one point.

The late Jack (Doc) Kearns, thinking Lane was way ahead on points, advised him to coast the final two rounds, which Brown subsequently won.

A rematch seemed likely, but Lane could never get Brown into the ring again.

Since the bout with Brown, Lane has fought Ortiz twice. He gained a decision in 1959, but when they fought for the junior welterweight championship the following year, Ortiz won on a TKO.

"He opened up a 16-stitch gash on my forehead when he butted me," Lane said.

Ortiz then dethroned Brown in April of 1962, but Lane has been unable to get Ortiz in the ring for another shot at the title.

Lane was rated No. 1 until last month when the WBA switched the ratings and dropped him to No. 2 and moved Armstead to No. 1.

But Lane still has ambitions of wearing the crown some day.

"Ortiz is an overrated fighter, first he makes the matches and then they rate his opponents, it's ridiculous."

"If I get the fight, I figure I can beat him and then set up some pretty good paydays as champion," he added.

"That could really set me up in the laundry business. It's a good business."

But before he retires to the laundry business, he wants to wear the crown.

He's waited long enough for it.

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Baltimore Needs Bodyguard For Quarterback J. Unitas

BALTIMORE, Md. (UPI) — What the Baltimore Colts need most is a bodyguard for quarterback Johnny Unitas.

They could also use a few good runners to take a lot of the heat off Johnny's passing efforts.

And the task of finding just the right men is the main preoccupation these days of Don Shula, the bright 33-year-old new head coach who replaces Weeb Ewbank this season.

For the past few years, ever since Alan (The Horse) Ameche retired, Unitas has not received the pass protection he once enjoyed during the Colts' 1958 and 1959 National Football League championship seasons.

Joe Perry has done a good job at fullback in ball-carrying but he has not been the blocker Ameche was. Others have been tried at that position and been found wanting.

So, before the start of this season the Colts acquired 226-pound J. W. Lockett from the Dallas Cowboys with the hopes that he can do the job of keeping enemy rushers off Unitas' back.

In pre-season games Lockett has alternated effectively with Perry and it looks as though J.W. will wind up with the starting job at fullback.

As for the running halfback assignment, Shula will have to depend on the same personnel as last year but he expects to generate more yardage by beefing up the line blocking and by use of more varied backfield formations.

Lenny Moore, starting his eighth NFL season, will get the first call at running halfback. The 190-pound Moore may not be as durable or as elusive as he once was but he remains a two-way threat as a runner and pass-catcher. Behind him is Tom Matte, who executes the Paul Hornung-styled pass-run option play well.

Shula has installed four varied backfield formations and also has made frequent use of men-in-motion plays during the pre-season period.

Two rookie players could improve the line-blocking. They are Bob Vogel, 232-pound Ohio State tackle who was Baltimore's No. 1 draft choice, and John Mackey of Syracuse, making a strong bid for the tight end position.

Vogel's development has enabled the Colts to return 275-

pound Jim Parker to guard,

where he won All-Pro honors.

Parker was shifted to tackle last season in an emergency measure to provide better pass-blocking.

If all these moves work out, the Colts should strike a better balanced attack. Last season they went through the air for two-thirds of their total yardage.

Baltimore has a wealth of pass-receiving talent. Flanker Jimmy Orr and split end Ray Berry are Unitas' old standbys, along with

Moore, B. C. Owens also is available as a spare.

Defensively, the Colts are sound everywhere except perhaps at tackle, where Billy Ray Smith has retired. Gino Marchetti, a perennial All-Pro, and Orrell Braase are fixtures at end; Bill Pellington, Don Shinnick and Jackie Burkett return as line-backers, while Andy Nelson, Jim Welch, Bob Boyd, Lenny Lyles and Wendell Harris man the backfield positions.



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