

Joe Louis Retains Heavyweight Title By Kayo

Puts Jersey Joe Away In 11th After Slow Fight

By Fred Kerner

YANKEE STADIUM, New York, June 25—(CP)—An older, but still savage Joe Louis tonight knocked out Jersey Joe Walcott in 2:56 of the 11th round of his 25th defence of the world heavyweight championship.

The Brown Bomber, title-holder longer than any other man, waited till the 11th round. Then, with his old killer instinct, he nailed Jersey Joe with a fast series of hard, two-handed punches that left Walcott limp and barely able to rise from the canvas.

Immediately after his victory was proclaimed, Louis stepped to a microphone and broadcast over a radio network:

"For my mother—this is for her—tonight was my last fight."

The crowd of 42,668, which had boomed intermittently through slow action, paid a gross gate of \$841,739.

The announcer's voice could barely be heard over the blasting loud-speaker system as he proclaimed Louis "the winner and still world champion." It was Louis' 25th defence of the title.

Walcott's annoying jig-jawed, backstep had Louis worried for round after round and his usual calm exterior showed it. But in typical Louis fashion he stalked his back-peddling adversary until the over-confident Walcott tried to slug it out.

Up to the 11th round, it was an uninteresting, light-jab show with the Camden, N.J., challenger definitely holding the upper hand on the New York State point-scoring system. Louis' narrow-eyed grimace of the first round disappeared and became an almost worried look as Jersey Joe kept on flicking his left mitt into Louis' left eye.

To that point it looked as if, were the fight to go the limit, Walcott might win — by an eye.

The champion's eye was red, puffy and closing fast. But his timing came back to him in the fateful 11th round.

He took Walcott's wide-swinging left and rights to the face and blasted a hard right to the challenger's head that left Walcott with his mouth open.

It was a matter of only 15 seconds after that before Louis crushed Walcott's head between his pounding fists and the challenger crumpled to the ground, rolled on his back, rolled forward to his knees on the count of seven, and attempting to rise by the nine-count—collapsed face down on the floor.

Wobbling and dazed, Jersey Joe tried vainly to scrape himself off the canvas but could not beat the count of referee Frank Fullam.

Twice earlier, Louis had caught Walcott and let him get away after refusing to chase him in the first part of the scrap. In the early stages Louis was concentrating on the body, sticking left hands to the tummy of Jersey Joe who has known 34 lean and hungry years as a run-of-the-mill battler.

Then he started to go upstairs with the left jab he has been sharpening at Pompton Lakes, N. J. There was no question about the power of those jabs as compared to Walcott's flicking slaps.

Louis was trailing.

At the time of the knockout, just as in the first Billy Conn fight, Louis was trailing on the score cards of two of the three officials.

Fullam had the champion out front by a 5-2 margin with three even. Judge Jack O'Sullivan had Walcott ahead 5-4 with one even. Judge Harold Barnes gave the challenger a wide edge, 6-3, with one even. The Associated Press score card had it all even, five rounds for each. The Canadian Press score card gave Walcott five rounds, Louis three and two even.

If Joe sticks with his announced retirement intentions, he becomes the first heavyweight king to retire unbeaten since Gene Tunney in 1928 and the third in all ring history.

Walcott, oddly enough, said he thought Louis was better in December.

The Referee Beat Me Walcott Says

YANKEE STADIUM, New York, June 25—(AP)—"The referee beat me, that's what happened out there," Joe Walcott complained after being knocked out by Joe Louis in their heavyweight championship fight tonight.

Meanwhile, across the hall, a weary Joe Louis pushed his way through a milling crowd to his dressing room for the last night.

Joe announced over the radio following his fight that he was retiring.

In Walcott's room, Jersey Joe explained:

"It got so I was fighting the referee instead of Joe Louis." Jersey Joe moaned. "The ref kept hounding me, telling me to fight. 'Come on, make a fight of it,' he kept repeating. 'Let's have some action.' The ref kept yelling 'come on Walcott, fight!' he never said 'come on Louis, fight!'"

"His hounding bothered me. It caused me to change my plans, my style of fighting."

When informed about Louis' retirement announcement, Walcott shook his head and muttered "I hope it's not true. I'd like to meet him again. I hope Joe changes his mind about retiring and gives me another chance. I know I can beat him."

Louis said he was satisfied with his fight, and also intimated he still thought very little of Jersey Joe as a fighter, while his seconds patched up a slightly puffed eye.

"Five years ago I would have come out in the first round and got it over with in a hurry," Louis said, then added sadly, "but I'm not the fighter I was five years ago."

"I was determined to fight Walcott's fight and not be tricked into any moves by his hokey-pokey stuff. I would have been satisfied with a decision if I hadn't caught with a decision if I could outpoint him, as I thought I could outpoint him. I thought I lost only two rounds—the third and the sixth."

The champion's trainer, Manny Seamon, wasn't so sure, however.

"I told Joe at the end of the 10th round that it was an even fight and he'd better get in there or he'd lose his title, as anything could happen," Seamon said.

"I thought I had him licked," he said, "until I made a mistake. I don't know what it was but he caught me with a powerful punch. I don't know what happened after that."

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DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

Tonight at 9:15 the second of a series of night races will be held over the Charlottetown Driving Park track. There will be eight dashes featuring a Free For All with two dashes and six classified events. The inaugural night race meeting held last week drew a very large attendance including some 500 Rotarians and friends. Despite the fact that it was a cold evening most of the spectators stayed to see the final event. The new gate looked wonderful and its performance was excellent until the last heat when there was an accident—not serious—to a horse and the gate. The final heat was then raced with Dr. Dougan starting in the usual manner.

Some weeks ago an advertisement appeared in The Canadian Sportsman offering the trotter Lee Watts by Lee Winans, for sale priced at \$400. It looked like a good buy and George B. Gay of Moncton telephoned the party and was assured the horse was all that he was represented, so Mr. Gay wired the money. He has since been notified by the United States Trotting Association that Lee Watts is Jackie C. 211, by Jack the Ripper, and being a ringer he is barred from all tracks in the U.S.T.A. membership. The former owner will also be barred for life from these tracks. Jackie C. raced through the Ohio circuit in 1946 and is eligible to the 2:19 trot.

Mr. Gay had previously bought such horses as McKlo Cash 2:02 from a similar advertisement. Of course there is no blame attached to him and all will regret that such a good sportsman should be subjected to the machinations of a crook. Mr. Gay is putting on a big three afternoons meet the third week in July and entry blanks are being sent out to owners throughout the Maritimes. It will be featured by a \$3,000.00 Free For All. There is also a Junior Free-for-All and classes to suit almost any type of trotter or pacer. Mr. Gay's three afternoons meet in July last year is still talked about and he promises that this one will be equally as good.

Following Moncton will be the Fredericton Centennial races sponsored by the Fredericton, N.B. Exhibition Association. There will be eight classes raced on the two afternoons of Wednesday and Thursday, July 28-29. The Free For All will have a purse of \$500.00. All the Junior Free For All \$500.00. All the races except the Free For All will be two-dash affairs. The secretary is Dr. G. C. McCoy, Fredericton, N. B.

Well McNeill has purchased the four-year-old gelding Plucky Budlong from Emmett Burke of this city. Plucky is a very attractive pacer by Calumet Budlong 2:02 1/2. Dam All Biff by All Worthy. The dam is a full sister to Bitty Worthy, the sire of Chuck Worthy 2:02 1/2 and other good performers, and the great-granddam is by Toddington. Plucky was bred by Frank McKay, East Royalty, and purchased as a yearling by Mr. Burke. A few mornings ago he stepped an eighth in better than 16 seconds in company with Kavola and True Hal.

Last Sunday afternoon 7,000 people attended the races at Richelieu Park, Montreal, and witnessed one of the fastest miles ever stepped over a Quebec track, together with a very fine program of events. But it was the Richelieu Pace Derby that really caught the people's fancy. In it were such star free-for-allers as Princelike, Time Table, Highland Frisco, Adage and Scott Volo. The result was a big upset. Princelike, that had been a very erratic performer in the past, behaved perfectly. He won the first heat in the 9/16 of a mile in 1:08 2/5; Time Table won the second heat of one mile in 2:07, with Princelike second. In the third heat, Princelike was unbeatable, stepping the mile in 2:04 2/5 with

Highland Frisco second, Time Table third, Adage fourth and Scott Volo fifth.

Princelike is a chestnut stallion by Spencer. He was purchased in 1946 and had a record of 2:06 1/4. He started three times that year and did not win a heat. Last year he won one race and heats in three others. Now he is hailed as the greatest pacer in Canada. Owner Gerald Bouvrette of St. Jerome bought him last fall for \$1,200.00 when he looked to be through, but the new owner used that great remedy—kindness—and it paid off so well that an offer of \$8,000 was refused this week.

The Montreal Herald in its sports column claimed that the 2:04 2/5 was the fastest mile ever stepped in the Province of Quebec. This is incorrect. On September 8th, 1938, Simcoe Harvester won the Free For All Trot and Pace at Quebec City track in three straight heats, the third heat being in 2:04 1/4—the fastest mile ever trotted or paced in the Province of Quebec. The above afternoon's sport at Richelieu Park was marred by a cloudburst which followed just after the Free For All. The thousands of spectators were doused and the track turned into a sea of mud.

While Citation is perhaps the best known name in thoroughbred racing this year, there is no question but that Dr. Stanton has the call among the trotters and pacers, so something more of his history will probably be interesting to our readers. His sire is Bonnycastle, formerly owned by the Coco-Cola king, William Candler. At the dispersal sale Bonnycastle was acquired by a midwestern breeder and has been a fairly successful sire, and now of course owners of good brood mares will make a beaten path to his door.

Dr. Stanton was bred by Russell, Tanguy, a dairy farmer of Logansport, Indiana. Until three years ago his grazing ground was a rich alfalfa bed that grew from lime stone soil. The spring-fews were also rich in lime. As a result Dr. Stanton grew heavy boned and big feet. His hoofs are like platters and he has shoulders like a Clydesdale and very heavy hind quarters. He is short coupled and big but his speed is phenomenal and his endurance as shown by his record of 2:31 in the 1 1/4 mile pace at Santa Anita, exceptional. Many are predicting that he will break the world's pacing record of 1:55 set up by Billy Direct, while others go as far as to say that he will wipe out all existing records for half-mile and mile tracks. In taking his record at 1 1/4 mile of 2:31 while Billy Direct in his record mile of 1:55 went to the half in 58 seconds. The good luck that has come to owner "Lindy" Fraser of Forest, Ontario, is deserved. He has been training race horses for almost forty years and away back in 1925 had the pacer Norman Grattan, that set up a world's record for a fraction of a mile in his first start on the Grand Circuit.

Our friend Dick Hegan, New York, sends a clipping of which this is an extract: "Dr. Stanton, driven by W. L. 'Lindy' Fraser, won the Massachusetts Free For All Pace at Roosevelt Raceway before 21,467 fans. He covered the distance in 2:04 to head Little Judy and April Star. Fractional times were 31 1-5, 1:02 2-5, 1:33 3-5 and 2:04." In the write-up we notice where the judges have been penalizing drivers for interfering with others during the races. Driver Lowden who crowded Del Miller driving Judge Moore through half the race, was suspended for fifteen days, while others were suspended for five days.

We note in one of the clippings that a sports writer has the following: "Bowman Brown, Evans Shipman and Al Saunders, and even the Mighty Mite of the driving clan, Joe O'Brien, are all free to admit that Dr. Stanton is one of the greatest they have ever seen. O'Brien put it to us this way: 'I don't know if he is so good, and little Joe of the Castleton Farm Stable should know for he pitted a good pacer, Indian Land, against the new king repeatedly on the coast, winning the Golden West Pace after a recall which eliminated Dr. Stanton.'"

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IN THE CORNER

The second night harness racing meet of the season is scheduled for tonight at the Exhibition track and so well that the offer of \$8,000 was refused this week.

The classification committee have again come up with splendid selections on each dash and it is quite likely that before the final event has been raced the upset will have again stolen the show. 34 horses, trotters and pacers will face the starting gate with the free for all headlining the card.

One of the features of the above race will be the debut of Tennessee Sue Jimmy Power's fast pacer mare that was purchased in the United States last fall. The handsome looking animal has been closely scanned in workout miles and the consensus of opinion is that she will be tough to head. But there are several other bearcats in the racing ovals in with her in tonight's free for all that will not only give her a battle all the way but could very well pace off with top honors.

The other seven classes will furnish just as much excitement as the free for all. Winners should be difficult to pick all the way through so evenly do the horses appear to have been matched and as we said before a great night's racing program is in store for the big crowd that is expected to be on hand when No. 1 Classified event is sent on its mile course.

In baseball Sunday afternoon local fans will have the chance of watching Summerside All Stars in action against the pick of the local City League players. Winners last year of the Island title the All Stars of this season are said to be an even stronger outfit than the one that won the crown last year and it will be interesting to see how the locals will fare off against them.

While the lineups of the local team had to be divulged at the time of writing nevertheless there is a wealth of material performing in the league that can be banded into a strong club. In addition to the veterans that will be picked on the squad there is reserve power in the ranks of the juniors that could suitably fill in should the occasion warrant and although tomorrow's game is only an exhibition affair, fans should be able to obtain a good idea of just what chances the locals have this season of recapturing the crown they held previous to 1947 for a good many seasons.

Pointing out that within two months last winter, four fighters died of injuries received in the ring and several others had close calls, Dan Parker, writing in the current issue of Sport Magazine, says: "How much longer will the boxing racket be allowed to get away with murder?"

The deaths of Sam Baroudo, Leroy Decatur, Joe Munez and a Brooklyn school-boy amateur last winter threw a real scare into boxing, Parker states in his blistering Sport article, and "reforms" were hastily adopted.

But no real reform is possible until boxing commissions and examining physicians cease filling their proverbial roles as stooges for promoters and managers, charges Parker.

Indian Land Wins Victory Over Dr. Stanton At N. Y.

(By The Associated Press) WESTBURY, N. Y., June 25—Indian Land, bay horse of Castle Farm stables, tonight burst the bubble of Dr. Stanton's invincibility, defeating the great Canadian pacer at Roosevelt Raceway in the \$5,000 Nebraska free for all pace.

With Joe O'Brien of New Glasgow, N. S., and Alberton, P. E. I., driving a perfect race, Indian Land led the field over the wire by a length.

Time of the race was 2:02.1, fastest of the year at Roosevelt Raceway.

O'Brien also drove War Master to victory in the fourth race. There were four races on the card. Following are the summaries of the two in which O'Brien drove:

Fourth Race, Classified Pace, One Mile, Purse \$1,500

War Master (O'Brien) Mr. Peter Mite (Thomas) Royal Chief (Don Miller) Time: 2:04 4-5

Also started: Nottingham Chuck, Quick Trick, So Long, Never Worry.

Sixth Race, the Nebraska Free For All Pace, One Mile, Purse \$5,000

Indian Land (O'Brien) Little Judy (Beattie) Dr. Stanton (Fraser) Time: 2:02.1

Also started: Forbes Chief, April Star, Grattan McKlo, His Lady.

WHITE-HOT SURFACE

Photosephers is the name given to the white-hot radiating surface of the sun, which is mottled or "rice-grain" in appearance.

Free For All Features Tonight's Racing Program

Eight dashes, all at one mile, are scheduled for tonight's night racing program at "Canada's Finest Race Track" with a free-for-all with five entries headlining a card that should produce many exciting moments as the trotters and pacers battle it out from wire to wire in stirring duels of the racing oval.

The free for all will feature the first start here of Tennessee Sue, the fast pacer bought by Jimmy Power last season. Jimmy after a year's absence from the game seems to have made a "ten-strike" in the purchase of this fast mare who has been impressive in workouts. Railbirds who have been clocking the different trotters and pacers ever since the season opened are looking for exceptionally

keen racing in every class tonight with the winners being very difficult to pick.

Chilly weather kept down the attendance Tuesday but with much warmer weather expected tonight the fans are expected to come out in doubly large numbers to watch the cream of the Island horse flesh put some over the flood-lighted, lightning like race track.

The first event will be called at 9:15 sharp.

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HUNTERS' CORNER

This columnist has always held a warm spot in his heart for the red fox. Maybe pleasurable memories of younger days spent in quest of his handsome pet have something to do with how I feel toward him and his kind, but that is not the only reason. I do know that the fox is the greatest and most persistent mousetraps we have. The Marsh Hawk and several species of owls also hunt mice and rats and the weasel is a relentless foe of mice and moles. It is the foxes who really hold the mice in check as they outnumber the other enemies of the mice. Furthermore they are large animals and it takes a lot of food to keep them going and a vixen with a litter of 6 pups is kept busy hunting all night and sometimes during the hours of daylight.

I have also known that at times when the opportunity offers they destroy a considerable variety and number of game, both furred and feathered. Naturally a fox, being a meat eater, does not draw any lines between the destructive rodents and the valuable species of game. If a Hungarian partridge pheasant, duck or ruffed grouse happens to fall into reynard's clutches it means a tasty full course meal with no after effects due to a guilty conscience.

While the fox is first and foremost a meat eater they consume a great variety of injurious insects such as grasshoppers, etc., during the summer and early fall months. In some sections they feed heavily on blue berries. A couple of years ago I examined a "school" of a fox on the Curlew Barrens east of Souris. It was in August and consisted entirely of grasshoppers and 'crow' berries. This a species of berry that grows on the barrens along the north shore of the province. They grow on vines or runners on the ground something after the manner of cranberries. They are more flatfish in shape than blueberries and rather insipid in taste.

My preconceived ideas of the amount of game a fox destroys got a severe setback last week. On Friday evening, June 18th, I was driving along a narrow road across the river. At 7:20 I drew near an slder covered grassy swale in a quiet section of the countryside. To the right was a clover field and the left was a section of bare pasture land. Happening to glance to the right I spied a red fox with patches of black on each shoulder standing belly deep in the clover. I stopped the car and looked her over. She was only about 30 yards distant and apparently was waiting for the car to pass so she could proceed on her way across the road.

I had been interested in what she had in her mouth. To me it looked like a full grown Hun or ruffed grouse that had been chewed up and mangled out of shape. My companion said it reminded him of a couple of gophers. He came here from Western Canada. Her ladyship in the meantime took things quite cool and sat down on her haunches just like a dog while we made up our minds. It was evident that she had a litter in the woods on the off side of the pasture field.

I made up my mind to find out what she was carrying without having to resort to guess work. I said to my companion: "Do you think you are fast enough to make her drop what she has in her mouth?" No sooner said and the car door was open and the chase was on. He is one of those rangy westerners who has had lots of practice rounding up coyotes on the prairie. The old fox breathed the clover for 100 yards before relinquishing her puppets' supper. . . . and what a surprise we both got.

She had been carrying 3 young rabbits about one quarter grown; 2 fledgling song sparrows and a half grown woodcock. I found it hard to believe the evidence of my own eyes. I began to get worried for fear she wouldn't

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