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Doctor Says Louis In Better Condition Than For Last Fight

By WHITNEY MARTIN
POMPTON LAKES, N.J., June 1 (AP) — The mystery concerning the weight and general condition of Joe Louis was solved today.
Disturbed by rumors that the heavyweight champion was overweight and might seek a post-second fight with Billy Conn, Dr. Vincent Nardiello, to give Joe the once-over.
"He's in better condition, mentally and physically, than he was last Nov. 30, just before the first Walcott fight," the doctor reported after making the usual blood pressure, pulse, reflex and other tests. "From a mental standpoint, he obviously is taking this fight much more seriously than he did the last one."
The doctor added that Louis is in better condition than he was when he examined him before the second fight with Billy Conn, and Louis himself verified this by saying "I feel better than I did since I got out of the army."
The champion really looked in fine condition, but the scales told the real story. With newspaper men and the superintendent of the Passaic County Weights and Measures Department as witnesses, Louis stepped on the scales.
They balanced at 216. After the weigh-in Louis said, "I will still weigh 215 pounds for the fight."
When Louis worked out here for the first time May 20, his weight was given as 222, although many persons, getting their opinion from photographs, guessed the poundage at much more.
There was no guesswork today, however, and the leaner flanks and trimmer waist and jaws indicated the scales didn't lie.

O'Brien's Condition Reported Improving

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill., June 1 (CP) — Joe O'Brien, the injured Grand Circuit sulky driver of New Glasgow, N. S., and Alberton, P. E. I., was not feeling "too good" today but his general condition was much improved, hospital authorities reported.
O'Brien was one of three drivers injured Saturday when their sulkies piled up shortly after the start of the fourth race at nearby Fairmount Park. His horse fell, overturning the sulky, and the other drivers were unable to avoid crashing into it. The Maritimer suffered head injuries.
Attendants said they could give no indication when O'Brien would be released from hospital.

Ted Williams Sets Pace in A. L. Batting

CHICAGO, June 1 (AP) — Boston's Ted Williams, 1947 champion, today was back setting the pace in the American League batting race with 374.
Williams, who climbed six points last week with 13 hits in 32 trips, was unable to get over the Cleveland's Lou Boudreau. The Tribe shortstop slipped 37 points during the week to his second-place 359. Boudreau collected only six blows in 27 AB's.
Al Zarilla of St. Louis skidded 29 points, but his 352 through Monday's games was good for third place.
New York's Bob Brown was a newcomer in the top 10 with 349 in 109 AB's. Fifth with 340 each were Walt Evers of Detroit and George McQuinn of New York, another fresh leader. They were followed by Bob Dillinger, St. Louis, 331; Ken Keltner, Cleveland, 326; Vic Wertz, Detroit; 319; and Pat Mullin, Detroit, 317.
Williams also spurred in the specialized department. He grabbed the lead in hits with 52, and runs with 35, and kept ahead in RBI's with 42, picking up seven during the week. Keltner maintained the home run leadership while falling to improve his 13 bag.
Philadelphia's Dick Fowler has a perfect 3-0 pitching record, but most decisions belong to Allie Reynolds of New York and Joe Coleman of Philadelphia with 6-1 each.

Baseball's Big Six

(Associated Press)

(Three leaders in each league)	G	A	B	R	H	P	Pct.
Holmes, Braves	26	99	14	39	394		
Musial, Cards	36	145	34	37	393		
Custine, Pirates	37	146	30	36	386		
Williams, R Sox	38	144	33	35	382		
Boudreau, Indians	34	128	23	46	359		
Zarilla, Browns	33	126	16	44	352		

Runs batted in—American League, Williams, Red Sox, 43; National League—Musial, Cards, 34. Home Runs—American League, Keltner, Indians, 13; National League, Sauer, Reds, 13.

Giants And Dodgers In 11-Inning Tie

BROOKLYN, June 1 (AP) — Whitney Lockman and Gil Hodges drove in four runs apiece today as the first-place New York Giants and the seventh-place Brooklyn Dodgers fought to a 4-4, 11-inning tie. It was the only National League game scheduled.
Lockman belted two homers, one with two on in the fifth inning and the other with the bases empty in the eighth. Hodges drove in Brooklyn's first run with a fly ball in the opening frame and then banged a three-run round-tripper in the fifth to counter Lockman's blow.
The game was called in order to allow both clubs to catch trains for the west where they begin their second invasion of the season tomorrow.
Rex Barney went the route for the Dodgers—his first complete game since 1946—and held the Giants to seven safeties.

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Barbara Ann Scott Turns Professional

BROOKVILLE, Ont., June 1 (CP) — Barbara Ann Scott turned professional today at the peak of her amateur career.
The 20-year-old queen of the figure-skating world will donate an undisclosed percentage of her earnings to charity. The rest will go to her as a salary.
Under terms of an agreement announced by her advisers, she will be represented by Music Corporation of America Artists Ltd., internationally-known booking agency.
M.C.A. also will represent the St. Lawrence Foundation, newly-formed charitable organization which will administer Miss Scott's contributions to the welfare of crippled and underprivileged children.
The announcement of Miss Scott's move into professional ranks was made simultaneously in Brockville and Toronto by prepared statement. Miss Scott is vacationing near here but could not be reached for comment.
H.H. Caldwell of Prescott, Ont., one of the four directors of the Foundation, elaborated on the statement, explaining that M.C.A. will handle Miss Scott's business arrangements as it sees fit, subject to the approval of the Foundation.
The statement said management by M.C.A. is necessary "because of the great number of offers which continue to be forthcoming from the principal Hollywood studios, skating and other entertainment interests."
By turning professional, Miss Scott takes the long-awaited step which most Canadians consider the logical move in a career in which she has won top ranking in the sport world.
The announcement had been expected for weeks. Recently she re-accepted an automobile denied her a year ago because of its possible effect on her amateur status.

44,000. There were eighty thousand to see them play a doubleheader against the Yankees on Sunday. It was raining half an hour before the game, after a very murky morning. The seats were all sold before 10:30 a.m.
Vecek, who had one of his legs amputated because of war wounds received at Guadalcanal, was in hospital in the morning. By the fourth inning they wheeled him into the ball park. He had sneaked away from the hospital, and he landed in the park during the first game.
He had gone there to tell the fans that if rain fell in the fifth or sixth innings of the first game that rain checks would be honored. He had a special microphone in the press box. He had it poised if the umpires called the game in the fifth or sixth inning. He was going to announce in that event: "Attention, please. This is Bill Vecek. It is a legal game, but your rain checks will be honored and fans may have their money refunded if they wish."
That gesture would have cost the club \$80,000. It didn't rain, but Vecek had made all preparations, the umpires had been told about it in advance, as well as the newspaper and radio men.
Vecek has roused a tough baseball city to appreciation of his hustling club. His latest stunt is the day nursery for parents who want to park their children in trained hands in the stadium while they watch a game. Now he is constructing an outdoor stadium for kids to play in while their parents are inside the park.
Indians are now the biggest profit-making team in baseball. He pays Feller \$80,000 a year and Boudreau, his manager, gets \$50,000. Just think of that! Vecek is so far ahead of the rest of the parade that they are round-heeled trying to keep up with him.

Hawley Crockett To Head Jr. Ball League

Hawley Crockett was elected president of the Junior Baseball League at a meeting of team representatives held last night in the Holy Name Hall. Vice president is Ray McDonald, while Maurice Curley was named secretary-treasurer.
In addition to the above named officers the executive is composed of Messrs. Charlie Ryan, Louis Butler and J. Sullivan representing the three teams in the league, Recce, K. of C. and Kinsmen.
Opening game of the league will take place on Friday, June 4th between Recce and Kinsmen, last year's finalists. Games will be played on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
An advisory committee was also named with Bill Boyle, Johnny Williams and Larry Trainor being named.
A further meeting is to be held on June 10th at the Armouries at which time referees will be officially named, the balance of the schedule drawn up and the playoff schedule decided upon.
Following is the schedule for the first season:
June 4—Kinsmen vs. Recce.
June 9—Kinsmen vs. K. of C.
June 11—Recce vs. K. of C.
June 14—Recce vs. Kinsmen
June 16—K. of C. vs. Kinsmen
June 18—K. of C. vs. Recce.
June 21—Kinsmen vs. Recce.
June 23—Kinsmen vs. K. of C.
June 26—Recce vs. K. of C.
June 28—Recce vs. Kinsmen
July 2—K. of C. vs. Recce.

Donate Trophy For Cabot Trail Race

BADDECK, N. S. June 1 (CP) — The winner of a 200-mile bicycle race over the scenic but gruelling Cabot Trail during the Gaelic Mod in July will get something besides charity-horses for his troubles.
The Baddeck Rotary Club has decided to donate what will be known as the Baddeck Rotary Challenge Trophy. The winner will also receive a St. Ann's-woven tartan motor rug donated by the St. Ann's Craft Centre.
Course of newly-established race will be up mountain, down mountain through the highlands of Cape Breton's chief tourist attraction.
It will last as long as the Mod itself, from July 28 to July 31. So far the number of entries has not been announced.

Kid Howard Wins At Halifax

HALIFAX, June 1 (CP) — Dick (Kid) Howard, Maritime lightweight ring champion, added another to his string of victories here tonight, scoring a knockout over Edgar Perrault of Lewiston, Me., just 36 seconds after the opening gong.
A terrific left to the solar plexus dropped the visitor to the canvas for the full count. It was the only solid punch in the last tussle.
Howard weighed 131½, two pounds heavier than he did in his fight against Doc Blanchard two weeks ago. Perrault checked in at 128½.
REMEMBER WHEN
The Babe Ruth-Boston Braves feud came to a head 13 years ago today and the King of Swat was given his unconditional release thus terminating a spectacular career of 22 years. He put in 15 years with the New York Yankees before a brief but torrid period with the Braves.

Baseball Results

NATIONAL
New York 4; Brooklyn 4. (Tie—11 innings).

AMERICAN
Boston 8; Philadelphia 1.
Washington 4; New York 1.

INTERNATIONAL
Syracuse 9; Jersey City 2.
Newark 0; Baltimore 13.
Montreal 5; Rochester 13.

Athletics Lose Lead In Defeat At Hands Of Boston Red Sox

Red Sox Win From Kinsmen

All the Kinsmen Juniors could manage off the warring of Gil Williams' single by Layton Schurman, and the Red Sox defeated the Kinsmen Juniors 4 to 0 in a Summerside Baseball League game. Garth Gay deserved a better fate in his losing effort, allowing only five hits, one of them a double by Les Gaudet. The infield of Bill Fridgen's Juniors was again rather shaky and none of the four runs scored by the Red Sox was earned.
Gay did not allow more than one hit in any inning.
SUMMARY
Schurman—Gaudet, runs batted in. Schurman 2, earned runs, 0, left on bases—Red Sox, 8, Kinsmen 3, struck out by Williams 7, by Gay 6, bases on balls, off Williams 1, off Gay 1, hit by pitcher ball, by Williams, White, by Gay, Phillips.
Umpires—At plate, G. DesRoches, on bases, J. Hogan and R. Phillips.
BOX SCORE
Red Sox AB R H PO A E
Landry ss 4 0 0 2 1 0
Phaneuf 2b 3 0 1 0 3 1
Walker cf 4 1 0 1 0 0
Gaudet 3b 3 1 2 1 1 0
Schurman c 4 0 1 7 0 1
Crosman 1b 2 1 0 0 0 0
Grant rf 4 0 0 3 1 0
Phillips lf 2 0 0 0 0 0
Williams p 5 1 1 2 3 0
Total 30 4 6 21 8 2

Musial Prominent In N. L. Statistics

NEW YORK, June 1 (AP) — Stan Musial of St. Louis, who dominates most of the National League's offensive departments, now trails Boston's Tommy Holmes by only one percentage point in the individual batting race. Holmes is hitting .394 and Musial .393, official averages show.
Frank Gustine of Pittsburgh has slipped off a bit from his sensational early pace but his fine .386 is good for third place. Then come the two Phillies rookies, Johnny Blatnik, .369, and Richie Ashburn, .364.
After the first five men, there is a gap of 31 points to Carl Furillo of Brooklyn .338, Ed Walkus of Chicago .331 and Billy Rigney of New York .327. Danny Murtaugh of Pittsburgh .324 is ninth followed by Hal Jeffcoat of Chicago, .321.
Musial shows the way with 34 runs batted in, 34 runs scored, 87 hits and seven triples. He also is tied for second with four others behind Hank Schenz, who leads with 10 doubles.
Sauer, Cincinnati's prize rookie, shows the way with 13 homers and is a close-up second to Musial in the RBI derby. Ashburn's total of eight stolen bases is tops.
Hern Wehmeister, a youngster from Cincinnati, and Ken Heintzelman, an oddster from Philadelphia, lead the unbeset pitchers with three or more decisions. Each has a perfect 3-0 record.
The young Belgian defeated Cerdan on points on May 23 to gain the crown. The Frenchman since has asked for a return bout.

Cerdan To Fight In Return Bout

BRUSSELS, June 1 (AP) — Cyrille Delannoit of Belgium newly-crowned middleweight champion of Europe, will meet France's Marcel Cerdan in a return bout here July 3, promoter Raoul Baudoux said today.
He added that both fighters already had signed. Neither of the principals could be reached for confirmation and Delannoit's manager was out of town.
The young Belgian defeated Cerdan on points on May 23 to gain the crown. The Frenchman since has asked for a return bout.

La Motta Wins

WASHINGTON, June 1 (AP) — Middleweight Jake La Motta, in his first fight in six months, tonight knocked out Ken Stribling of Washington in 2:46 of the fifth of a scheduled 10-round bout.
La Motta weighed 164; Stribling 161.
La Motta floored Stribling five times, three times for a count of nine.

Richard, Reardon Agree To Terms

MONTREAL, June 1 (CP) — General manager Frank Selke of Montreal Canadiens announced today that Maurice Richard and Kenny Reardon have already agreed to terms for next season's hockey campaign and will sign their contracts shortly.
"We have talked things over and they are both satisfied," said Selke.
Richard, along with Butch Bouchard, was a holdout last year.

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