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## McCloskey To Fight Maine Scrapper At Forum On Saturday

The Forum's summer and fall boxing season will get underway here next Saturday night promoter Lem Moore of Boston, Mass., announced last night and for the main event Moore will bring together Benny "Ace" McCloskey of Dartmouth and Eddie Letourneau of Maine.

Another United States fighter will be seen in action in a six-round go while in the semi-final Cobey McCloskey, brother of the Ace will be pitted against a suitable opponent. Two four rounders will complete the card.

In all, 32 rounds of boxing will be scheduled which should mark a good start for what is being looked forward to as an outstanding boxing season.

Letourneau has a lengthy list of kayo wins to his credit and is expected to give McCloskey all kinds of competition. A hard hitter he can also assimilate plenty of punishment and predictions are that McCloskey will have to kayo his opponent to win as the Maine fighter is also considered as being a very sharp boxer.

## Zale-Graziano Fight Facts And Figures

(Associated Press)

Title at stake—World middle-weight championship  
Principals—Rocky Graziano, New York, champion; Tony Zale, Gary, Ind., challenger.  
Place—Ruppert Stadium, Newark, N. J.  
Date—Wednesday, June 9, 1948.  
Time—First preliminary bout, 9:30 p.m. A.D.T.; main bout 11:00 p.m. A.D.T.  
Expected weights—Graziano 157, Zale 159 1-2.  
Distance—15 rounds to a decision.  
Officials—Referee and knock-down line keeper, to be appointed by New Jersey State Athletic Commission. No judges.  
Expected crowd and gate—20,000 fans and gross gate of \$350,000, plus \$45,000 for radio rights and \$25,000 for movies.  
Purses to principals—For Graziano, \$120,000 or 40 per cent of net; Zale, \$60,000 or 20 per cent of net.  
Betting odds—Graziano 5 to 11, man to man.  
Promoters—Tournament of champions, Inc.

## Armstrong Loses Split Decision

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., June 8 (AP)—Teddy (Red Top) Davis, 134½, of New York, jabbed his way to a 10-round split decision over veteran Jack (Spider) Armstrong, 135, of Toronto, tonight in a close outdoor feature bout at Cawley Memorial Stadium.



## Graziano Is Strong Favorite Over Zale In Tonight's Bout

By JACK HAND  
NEWARK, N.J., June 8 — (AP)—Youth and a brain-scrambling right hand make champion Rocky Graziano a strong favorite over rugged body-punching Tony Zale tomorrow night in the third chapter of their series at Ruppert Stadium.

Most folks think their middle-weight boxing title brawl can't possibly go the scheduled 15 rounds.

Pre-fight odds favoring the Rock from New York's east side dropped off a point at the end of final drills. They fell from 5 to 12 to 5 to 11 and even 1 to 2 in some circles. It is not a big betting fight.

The weatherman predicted clear skies and cooler temperatures for the fight, scheduled for 11:00 P.M. A.D.T.

The Tournament of Champions, Inc., a new promotional group formed to compete with Mike Jacobs, predicted a \$350,000 house and an attendance of some 21,000.

With Graziano reported guaranteed \$120,000 or 40 per cent and Zale assured of \$60,000 or 20 per cent, the outlook for a profit was not bright. Another \$30,000 has been pledged to charity.

Graziano is a ring outcast in his own state where his licence was revoked for refusing to report an alleged bribe offer long before he won the title. Many other states put up the bars against him because of his spotty army record.

The Rock is eager to show the New York fans that he deserves to be champ. He also would like to convince chairman Eddie Egan of the New York State Athletic Commission that he should be reinstated.

## Hal Newhouser Chalks Up Fifth Straight Victory

(By The Canadian Press)

Hal Newhouser chalked up his fifth straight American League pitching victory and his sixth of the season last night (Tuesday) as Detroit Tigers downed Philadelphia Athletics 2-1.

In a full bill of night games, Cleveland blanked Boston 2-0, Washington edged St. Louis and the Yankees sank Chicago 3-2 in 12 innings.

Newhouser, who has dropped four decisions, checked the Athletics with seven hits—all singles as the Mackmen's losing streak was extended to their longest of the season.

The only extra base blows, a double by George Vico of the Tigers, was one of the seven hits yielded by Lou Brisse as he matched Newhouser almost pitch for pitch. Brisse struck out eight, Newhouser four and each walked three.

Lou Boudreau's disputed two-run homer into the right field seats in the fourth inning won the game for Cleveland.

The vast majority of 33,032 paid fans and the Red Sox all claimed the ball left the playing field on the grandstand side of the foul pole but umpire Charlie Berry held fast to his decision that the hit was a home run.

However, Boudreau's sixth of the season, was the first hit off Boston's started pitcher, lefty Mel Parnell. It came on a 2-2 pitch and scored left fielder Ailie Clark who had walked to start the inning.

Parnell gave only five hits all night as did Gene Bearden, Indians' southpaw knuckler who won his sixth decision of the year.

Washington mauled Bryan Stephens and Clem Dreisewer for 12 hits, including a home run by Ed Stewart, to defeat the Browns.

Milo Candini, second of three Washington pitchers, received credit for the victory, his first.

Sensors came from behind three times to tie the score and grasped a 6-4 lead with a two-run outburst against Stephens in the seventh. Washington then staved off the Browns' ninth inning rally which produced one run before Tom Ferrick squelched it.

Bobby (Golden Boy) Brown's single with one out in the 12th inning scored Yogi Berra from second with the run that gave New York victory over Chicago.

## League Game Is Postponed

Rain forced postponement last night of the City Baseball League encounter between Millionaires and Rovers and the game will now be played at the end of the first section of the league. Both teams were on hand but a heavy down-pour just before starting time called a halt. It was the third occasion that opening of the new diamond at Memorial Field had to be postponed owing to weather conditions.

## King May Fight For Empire Title

NEW YORK, June 8 — (CP)—Jack Solomon's British boxing promoter, said tonight he is prepared to make Lt Arthur King, Negro Canadian lightweight champion from Toronto an offer to go to London to meet Billy Thompson, British and European lightweight champ, for the British Empire title on July 26.

On the same card Gus Lesnevich of Jersey City would meet Freddy Mills of London for the light heavyweight championship of the world.

## Royal and Ancient Game

GoW, a Scottish game of great antiquity, is also called golf, gowf and gowf. Gowf is the Scottish pronunciation.

## Sport Echoes From Prince County

## Horseshoe Club Opens This Evening

The Brighton Horseshoe Club will open for the season tonight at 8:30, Manager Jack McCourt announced last night. The court has been thoroughly renovated since last season and the site is now on a par with any to be found in the City. Games under lights will again be in vogue and Manager McCourt was confident of this coming season being one of the best in years.

All old members and others anxious to take up the game are asked to be on hand tonight.

## Montreal Has All-Negro Amateur Athletic Ass'n

MONTREAL, July 8 — (CP)—Formation of Montreal's first all-Negro amateur athletic association has been announced today by officials of the Negro branch of the Canadian Legion, the backers of the project.

The new setup that will be affiliated with the Quebec-branch of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada is expected to be functioning in all phases of sport shortly.

Purpose of the N.A.A.A. is to organize and promote all amateur sports in Montreal's Negro community and to give boys and girls every opportunity of engaging in some sport.

Although plans are still in the infant stage, the N.A.A.A. hopes to make its first major step in track and field.

Montreal's Negro community has in the past decade boasted of some of the city's fastest runners. Included among those is Dr. Phil Edwards, now at the St. Hyacinthe Hospital, and considered by many Montreal track observers as the greatest of all Canadian runners.

## "Pud" Beer Wins Golf Sweepstake

William "Pud" Beer was winner of the low gross in the sweepstakes competition held at the Charlotte-town Golf Club on Monday. His score was a gross 82 for a net 78. Low net was won by Don Macdonald who had a gross 95 for a net 69.

## Canadiens Take Over Fort William Club

MONTREAL, June 8 — (CP)—The Fort William Columbus Club Juniors of the Thunder Bay Hockey League have been taken under the wing of Montreal Canadiens, general manager Frank Selke announced today, and the sponsorship will go right down through the juvenile, midget and bantam ranks.

Selke said next season the club will be known as Columbus Canadiens.

## Sets New Record For Heaviest Game Fish

CAT CAY, Bahamas, June 8 — (AP)—Julio Sanchez of Camaguey, Cuba, and Miami Beach, set an all-time record for the heaviest game fish to be caught in the Bahamas Islands when he boated a 740-pound bluefish today.

## Pair Banned From Baseball

COLUMBUS, O., June 8 — (AP)—Bernard Deforge, manager-pitcher of the Reidsville Club of the Carolina League, and Ed Weingarten, an official of the Florence, S.C. club of the Tri-State League and Leaksville, N.C. of the Blue Ridge Loop, were banned from baseball today.

Then men were placed on the permanently ineligible list by George M. Trautman, president of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues. He acted after a lengthy investigation into bribery, gambling and game-throwing charges centering around a May 14 game between Winston-Salem and Reidsville of the Carolina League.

Trautman, in a long statement, said Deforge admitted "throwing" the game, which Winston-Salem won 5-0, and that the Reidsville manager confessed he had received \$300. Trautman said the force admitted receiving the money from "one W.C. McWaters."

## Jenkins Is New Holder Of Island Heavyweight Title

"Jinx" Jenkins last night captured the heavyweight boxing title of the Province when he won a split decision over the defending champion "Big Boy" Peterson in a gruelling and at times savage battle that had the big sized crowd of fans in a continual state of excitement practically each and every round.

Giving away over ten lbs. in weight Jenkins after having Peterson on the canvas twice during the scrap, the first knockdown coming in the first heat weathered a strong attack by his opponent in the next three rounds to again take command in the middle stages but was forced to call on everything at his command in the last round to earn the decision.

It was a tough, rugged battle all the way. At times the two keen ring foes took time out for breathers but in the main they continually tossed leather from all directions. The scrap was typical of the two previous ones the same pair of mitslingers had staged and both showed great improvement in their work inside the squared circle.

Judge J. E. Cameron voted in favor of Jenkins; Judge Ralph Cameron called it a draw with Referee Gus Longaphie casting his vote in favor of the new champion.

## Semi-Final

In the six-round semi-final young "Tiger" Steele giving away ten pounds in weight earned a draw with "Kid" Carr, Island welter-weight champion. Both smart boxers, the boys gave a smart exhibition in each heat with the decision being well received.

In a 3-round preliminary Ed Henry of Southport, former Island amateur heavy champion had a little bit too much on the ball for "Kid" Reid, winning an unanimous decision. Both boys hit hard during the encounter with the loser giving a great exhibition of courage in the second heat as he took some stiff punches to the head and chin. Reid trailing in points put on a great rally in the opening part of the third round that very nearly had Henry down but the rugged Southport boy came on in the final minute to again take over control.

In the curtain-raiser Austin Squarebriggs of Maple Hills won an unanimous three-round decision over Keith McKinnon in another well-contested scrap.

Officials: Referees: Gus Longaphie, Harry Poulton; judges, J. E. Cameron, Ralph Cameron; timers, George Hooper, Bill Acorn.

## Brooklyn Dodgers Win From Cincinnati 6-5

(Canadian Press)

Brooklyn Dodgers eased past Cincinnati 6-5 yesterday (Tuesday) in the National League but they needed good relief pitching by Willard Ramsdell to do it.

The Brooks scored six runs in the first two innings but in the third the Reds came up with a five-run uprising that sent starter Ralph Branca to the showers. However, that was all Cincinnati could do.

Boston Braves larruped Chicago Cubs 11-1 with Vernon Bickford pitching four-hit ball. The New York-Pittsburgh night game was postponed and St. Louis played a maza match with Philadelphia.

The Dodgers jumped on starter Ken Raffensberger for four runs in the first inning on four singles, a walk and a double.

Brooklyn scored its winning runs off long Tom Hughes in the second on a walk and singles by Pee Wee Reese and Gil Hodges.

Branca was touched for two hits in both the first and second innings but he got out of both frames without yielding a run.

In the third, Branca walked the first two batters, Augie Galan then belted a homer, Ray Lamanno doubled, pinch-hitter Frankie Baumholtz tripled and Johnny Wyrostek singled. After Wyrostek's hit, Ramsdell took over and picked Wyrostek off first to end the inning.

The Boston victory gave them a sweep of a three-game series with Cubs and stretched Chicago's losing streak to seven straight.

The Braves pounded Johnny Schmitz off the mound in six innings and continued unabated against Bob Rush, Jess Dobernic and Emil Kush, rolling up 13 hits. Phil Masi and Tommy Holmes each collected three blows.

Bickford retired the first 13 men to face him before Dick Culler scratched a hit to Eddie Stanly in the sixth. The rookie lost his shutout in the seventh when Eddie Waitkus walked and tallied on singles by Hal Jeffcoat and Bill Nicholson.

In the single night game, sharp relief hurling by Ted Wilks gave Cardinals a 7-5 victory over Philadelphia after Harry (The Cat) Brecheen was taken out.

## REMEMBER WHEN

Temperamental Chuck Campbell, Canadian and United States singles sculling champion, resigned by request from the Toronto Argonauts Rowing club 12 years ago today following a fracas with coach Don Paul. "Lone Wolf" of Canada's 1936 Olympic team, Campbell made his own way to Germany but failed to win major points for the Dominion.

## Volcanic Island

The island of Kythera, off the southern shore of Greece, is of volcanic origin.

Erv Dusak punched the winning runs across in the fifth with a single.

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## Baseball Results

**NATIONAL**  
Brooklyn 6; Cincinnati 5.  
Boston 11; Chicago 1.  
Philadelphia 5; St. Louis 7.  
New York at Pittsburgh postponed.

**AMERICAN**  
Chicago 2; New York 3.  
(12 innings).  
St. Louis 5; Washington 1.  
Detroit 2; Philadelphia 1.  
Cleveland 2; Boston 0.

**INTERNATIONAL**  
Baltimore 2; Rochester 10.  
Newark 8; Toronto 10.

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