

JOE LOUIS DEFEATS 19TH CHALLENGER IN SIXTH

Fearful Explosion Of Fistic Dynamite Too Much For Nova

(By Sid Feder, Associated Press Sport Writer)
POLO GROUNDS, New York, Sept. 29—(AP)—In one fearful explosion of fistic dynamite, Joe Louis levelled the California Oak, Lou Nova, in six rounds tonight to turn back the 19th challenge to his record reign as world heavy-weight champion.

He did it in a different way than everyone expected he would. He was supposed to take considerable time bringing down the powerful giant with the Yogi habits. Nova was to absorb the blasts time after time, possibly be knocked down several times.

But after stalking the blond giant for five rounds, with the action so dull that a near capacity crowd in this big Bronx ball park hooted and shouted at times, the Brown Bomber took the brakes off in the sixth, floored Nova for a nine-count with a terrific right hand shot, and then belted him into bloody submission before Referee Arthur Donovan stepped in and mercifully ended it.

The time was two minutes and 50 seconds of the sixth round, and marked the end for a time, and possibly for keeps, of Louis' great fighting career.

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Nova's Mistake

Finally, the occasion came. Midway of the sixth round, Nova made the mistake of lowering his long left just a trifle, and the greatest puncher the ring has ever seen wound up that high right one and pitched. Nova went down as if he had been hit by a locomotive.

He lay there against the ropes, then pulled himself up at the count of nine, badly hurt. Joe charged in for the kill. He threw everything into every punch and

chased the staggering Nova from rope to rope.

A lightning left hook tore Nova's right eye. Blood streamed down as he fell back against the ropes in a neutral corner. His hands lowered. Joe, on top of him, was about to let go a blow that might have done him real damage. Then Donovan stepped in and called a halt, a moment before the bell sounded to end the round.

Reverts to Old Tactics

Thus the Bomber, reverting to the one-punch-to-wreck-'em tactics he employed against rock-like Paulino Uzcudun back in 1935, turned back the challenge that was regarded as the greatest, the strongest and the most determining he ever has been called on to face in building up the longest string of successful title defences in ring history.

Now he has fulfilled one ambition—to join the army with fistiana's most prized crown still on his head. He starts doing his fighting for Uncle Sam late next month and tonight may have been the last time he put on the gloves in title competition.

Physically there was little to choose between these two warriors tonight. At 202 1/2 lbs. Louis was one-quarter of a pound lighter than the sturdy student of Yogi. Both were in the peak of condition. Both were ready, and even Nova admitted afterward it was just a case of "I forgot to duck."

Afterward, Joe insisted "Lou ain't the fighter Billy Conn was."

The Fight By Rounds

NEW YORK, Sept. 29—(AP)—The fight by rounds follows:

ROUND ONE

Nova came out in a defensive position and stepped back to the head as Louis moved toward him. Nova was stuck for half a minute as they felt each other out. Nova stuck a short straight left on Louis' nose, both were dancing around cautiously. By Louis' second a hard hook off Nova's forehead. They traded straight lefts. Louis sent a short right to the head and then a right of hammer's way as Nova tripped one of his own. Nova hooked a left to the jaw. Joe speared the challenger with a long left on the nose. They traded straight left hands as Nova backed away. Nova stuck two straight lefts onto Joe's face and followed with a hook. Louis threw two short left hooks to the head at the bell.

ROUND TWO

They continued to spar both very cautious. Nova poked a long left into Joe's face and took one in return. Nova was wild with several right swings. They traded lefts to the head. The action slowed even more and the crowd started to snout. Louis punched a smashing right off Nova's chin and Lou came charging back in. For several seconds they mixed it freely. They exchanged hard lefts with a wild right hand. Nova charged back and dug a left into the body. Louis dug a left to the eye and took a right to the head in return. Nova swung another right to the head at the bell and Louis covered up in a manner he had never shown before in any of his title fights.

ROUND THREE

Between rounds Louis' handlers charged that the Nova seconds were rubbing grease on the challengers' hands, and the referee warned Nova's handlers.

Joe danced in with two lefts and then danced out again. Louis smashed a fearful right cross to the chin when staggered Nova momentarily. Nova snook Louis with a hard right and Joe went into a clinch. Again the action slowed. Louis bounced a left off the nose and took a hook high on the head. At close quarters Nova dug two lefts into the body. For another half minute nothing happened as Louis sensed his rival. Louis drove a wild left to the nose and a right countered with a hook to the body and a right to the head at the bell.

ROUND FOUR

Joe speared Lou with a left to the face. Louis stalked the challenger and lashed his face with another left. They traded short hooks to the head and body. Nova threw a wild right that landed on Joe's chest. In close Nova threw left and right to the head. Louis threw a hook to the head and took a right to the ear. Joe fired a right to the forehead back. Lou caught Nova in a neutral corner and hit him with 10 lefts and rights. Another smashing right made Nova's knees sag but still he fought back. Louis banged left and right to the head again at the bell but Nova, not even holding threw a left to the body and a right to the head.

ROUND FIVE

Louis throw a right under the

Red Birds get Big welcome; Still hopeful

COLUMBUS, O., Sept. 29—(AP)—Residents of Ohio's capital turned out en masse today to greet the American Association Red Birds on their return from Montreal.

The fact that the Birds' Association pennant and playoff championships, were one game down in three Little World Series starts against the Royals, International League kings, didn't make any difference, however. Members of the Royal Canadian Air Force and a representative of Mayor Reynaud joined civic officials in welcoming the Canadian team.

Burt Shotton did not appear dejected because the Royals came from behind yesterday, before 17,000 fans, to take a 9-6 decision after his Birds had built up a neat lead.

"They won the first game, we won the second, and they won the third," Shotton said. "So it's our turn to win tomorrow night to even the series. And we'll do it, too!"

Shotton was undecided who would pitch Tuesday, but hinted that it might be Johnny Grodzki, who won the Birds' only victory Saturday. Max Macon, a former Columbus pitcher, probably will hurl for the Royals.

Big dogs are on tap for tomorrow's contest. In addition to the game, several bands will be on hand and a color guard from Canada will put on a show.

Hughes and Lortie in "Grudge" match

In a real "grudge" match that should produce the utmost in action, both fast and rugged, the always popular Len "Cowboy" Hughes meets the rugged Paul Lortie at the Sporting Club Wednesday night in the main event of the wrestling card being staged here. Last Wednesday night Hughes was awarded the decision over the Montreal grappler after Lortie had previously been given the verdict. Neither wrestler was satisfied with the way things turned out so Wednesday night's match should produce the fastest and most rugged exhibition of the grunt and groan game ever witnessed in a local ring.

Bob Lortie a newcomer to Island wrestling circles will make his first appearance here as he tackles the Dynamite Kid Al Korman in the semi-final event. Korman is well known here now but Bob Lortie will also come with an enviable reputation as to his prowess. This bout also will add just a little bit more to the fine wrestling card that has been drawn up.

Prices again are such to suit every purse and an even larger crowd than was the case last Wednesday is expected to be on hand.

Retains British Welter title

LONDON, Sept. 29—(CP)—Ernie Roderick, now a Royal Air Force sergeant, retained his British welterweight championship today by outpointing Sgt. Arthur Danaar of the Irish Guards in 15 rounds at Albert Hall. A crowd of 5,000 saw Danaar, who had been expected to win, easily outpointed by the titleholder, who earned permanent possession of the Londale belt by winning it for the third time.

in every inning but the fourth and fifth.

They started off with a four-run rally in the first inning that made the game safe, and put on another five-run outburst in the seventh. In between, the heavy-hitting Larrupers got single rallies in the second and third and three runs in the sixth. They wound up their scoring with two runs in the eighth.

Low Riggs in Third straight World Series

(By Whitney Martin)
NEW YORK, Sept. 29—(AP)—That was a jawdown trick Cincinnati Reds played on Lew Riggs when they traded him to Brooklyn Dodgers, wasn't it? (Heh heh, nah)

All they did was make him the only man in the approaching world series who will be drawing a series cheque for the third straight year. That isn't bad for a young fellow who never was anything but a journeyman ball player and who the last three years has been carried along as a blowout patch in case something happened to the regular utility basemen.

The Cards, who had taken over Columbus Red Birds, decided the club needed a third baseman and that Riggs was the man. He stayed there through 1934, playing a couple of games with St. Louis at the tail end of that season, and 1935 found him a full-fledged major leaguer, only with Cincinnati instead of St. Louis.

He was a regular with the Reds for four years, but he was a little on the feeble side with the bat, and when the club visioned a pennant in 1939 it hustled out and got Bill Werber for its third baseman.

However, Riggs was kept, and the Mebane folks, proud of the native son who made good, became Red fans to a man.

This year, naturally, the home towners switched their allegiance to the Dodgers, and consequently they are backing a championship team for the third straight year.

Dodgers See Yankee Stadium; Still Alive

(By Judson Bailey)
(Associated Press Sport Writer)
NEW YORK, Sept. 29—(AP)—Brooklyn Dodgers took a look today at the massive concrete Yankee Stadium where they will open the world series against New York Yankees Wednesday and none of them died of fright.

This was an encouraging indication of a tremendous struggle to come, because some of the National League clubs that have left their little parks to do battle with the Bombers in past series have rattled the knees on their first look at the big arena towering three tiers high and holding 70,000 persons.

The Dodgers and their little difficulties as Dodgers always do things like Kirby Higbe losing his way under the stands between the field and the dressing room, pitchers refusing to jog around the outfield because it was too big and sluggers not hitting anything into the stands except fouls.

But the Dodgers didn't give up, as they didn't give up during the regular season. They stretched a one-hour workout into two hours.

The hitters—Joe Medwick and Dolph Camilli and Pete Reiser and Dixie Walker—went to the plate time after time for eight to a dozen bunts at the ball practising hitting to right field, making Ed Albusia and Tom Drake and the other pitchers give them curve balls inside and outside and fast ball anywhere.

The regulars hogged the plate so here, too, there was little question that it would be Whitlow Wyatt, his Georgia ace.

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There was a lot of wrangling about the merits of the two parks. Yankee Stadium measures 367 feet from home plate to right field, 461 feet to center field and 415 feet to left field while the same corners of Ebbets Field are 297, 400 and 367. But the Brooklyn park has a wall and screen 40 feet high from the rightfield foul line to the centerfield stands and the grandstand in leftfield is about 20 feet above the level of the field. The Dodgers declared these barriers would make home runs just as hard to get in their park as in the stadium, where the rightfield and leftfield walls are only four feet high.

The Yankees also worked out today, but they wrapped their practice up short and snappy and with little talk. They wore their old white, home uniforms while the Dodgers wore their new blue-trimmed traveling grays, bought for the series.

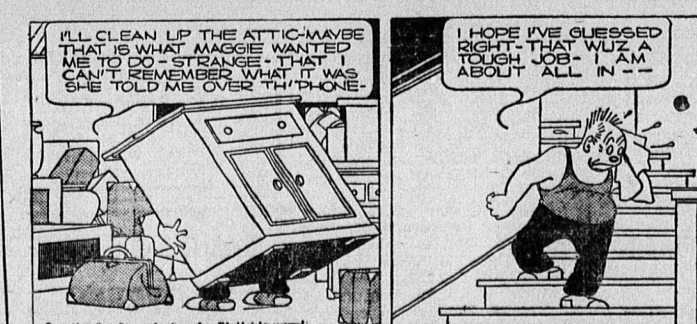
Manager Joe McCarthy did not come out on the field. He sat in his little office adjacent to the dressing room and puffed at a cigar. He said he expects both Red Rolie and Keller to be ready to play, but that if Rolie for any reason does not, then Frank Crosetti and not Gerry Priddy will be stationed at third base.

McCarthy said he would announce his starting pitcher for the first game at tomorrow's final practice. It was commonly agreed that this would be the veteran Red Ruffing. Durocher said he might not name his until the day of the game, out here, too, there was little question that it would be Whitlow Wyatt, his Georgia ace.

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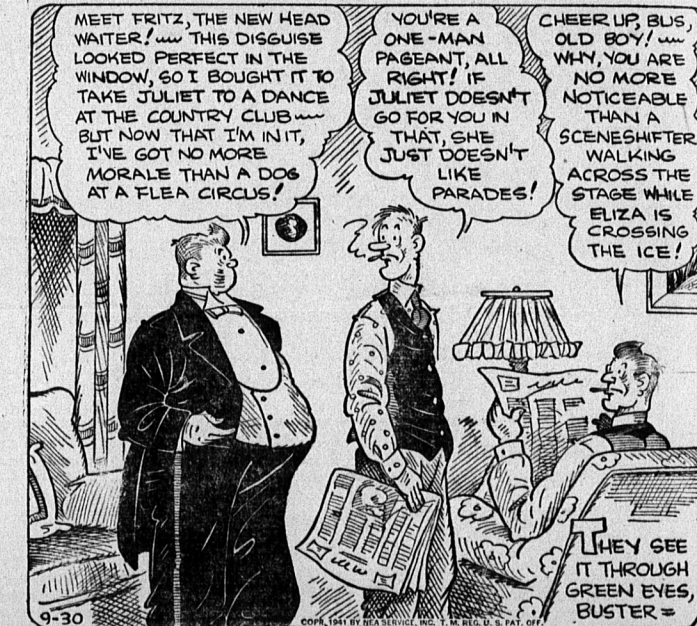
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By Edwin



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WEDNESDAY, OCT. 1, 8.30 P. M.

—MAIN EVENT—

"Cowboy" Len Hughes vs. Paul Lortie

—SEMI-FINAL—

Al "Dynamite" Korman vs. Bob Lortie

Prices:—Ringside 75c; General Admission 55c.

Ladies 25c. (Tax included).

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Called by death Patriarch of Sportsmen dies

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29—(AP)—John B. Foster, 78-year-old editor of the Spalding baseball guide and former business manager of New York Giants, died here today.

Meanwhile tickets for the first game at the Stadium Wednesday at 2:30 p. m. E. D. T. were the worry of a lot of people. Even the players were being rebuffed in their efforts to get a few more for their friends.

OLD WESTBURY, N. Y., Sept. 29—(AP)—Thomas Hitchcock, Sr., 80, patriarch of the famous Long Island family of horsemen and sportsmen, died unexpectedly today at his Broad Hollow Farm estate.