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Woodcock Knocks Out Oma In Fourth But Fans Not Impressed By Fight

LONDON, Sept. 21 (CP)—A low-moving Bruce Woodcock tonight knocked out playboy American Lee Oma in the fourth round of an unimpressive come-back boxing bout.

No one was much impressed by the British Empire heavyweight champion who has been out of action since his jaw was broken by Joe Baksi.

A sellout crowd of 10,700 boomed and cried "lay down, lay down," as Oma rolled in apparent agony from a fight to the jaw.

Flabby at 197 pounds, the 27-year-old Woodcock had a good left but never followed it up with the speed required for one bent on challenging for the world title.

Oma, five-years older and 5 3-4 pounds lighter, was easy to hit although he bored in until he stopped Woodcock's right after 10 minutes of boxing as dull as ever was witnessed in Harringway.

Promoter Jack Solomons said he hoped to match Woodcock against Sweden's Olie Tandberg next in defence of the British and European heavyweight crown.

Then he would take on Lee Savoldi of the United States.

Of Oma's poor showing, Solomons had this to say:

"I am just as disgusted as anyone over Oma's performance. He had been training and was assured he was fighting fit. He certainly did not give that impression in the ring tonight."

"Until the knockout, it had been a cautious battle of feints with neither fighter scoring decisively. Oma kept boring in all the time and Woodcock had to push him back to get the range. Oma made his best showing in the third when he drove the British champion to the ropes. The round went to Woodcock, however, who bounced off the ropes and finished the frame with fury."

The fourth round started off with catcalls from the crowd. They wanted action.

Oma was pursuing the Englishman as Woodcock brought a right up from his belt. Oma fell on his back and rolled on the canvas making agonizing motions.

The crowd boomed mildly as Oma was assisted from the ring.

Boston Braves Close To National League Pennant

(By The Canadian Press)

Boston's bustling Braves hustled within an eyelash of the National League flag yesterday by twice drubbing St. Louis, 11-2 and 4-0 and moving a big 1/2 game ahead of the runner-up Brooklyn Dodgers and eight up on the Cards. The Braves are nine games ahead of the fourth-place Pirates.

Brooklyn and Pittsburgh virtually killed each other in the ninth. The Bucs checked a slide toward the second division with 12-11 and 7-3 wins over the Dodgers.

New York scored a 3-2 victory over Chicago in the first half of a day-night doubleheader. Down in the second division, Cincinnati beat Philadelphia 6-5, also in the first game of a doubleheader.

Johnny Sain twirled his 22nd victory for Boston in the opener and the Cards bowed again in the afterpiece as Vern Bickford right-handed his way to a four-hit shutout.

It was Bickford's first white-wash job in his first year in the majors.

Bickford pitched hitless ball from the second until the ninth in winning his ninth game of the year. He has lost five.

The Pittsburgh double win over Brooklyn halted a six-game losing streak.

The 12-11 triumph completed a game started in Pittsburgh Aug. 25 when a ninth-inning protest by the Pirates was upheld by league president Ford Frick. Cincinnati trailing 11-6 going into the ninth, the Pirates scored three runs and had runners on first and third with two out. Carl Erskine relieved Hugh Casey and got behind on pinch-hitter Ed Sisk. Erskine was yanked in favor of Hank Behrman who got Bockman to ground out. But after the game the Pirates protested that Erskine violated the rule by not disposing of at least one batter.

The protest was upheld and as the Dodgers were not slated to play in Pittsburgh again this year, the game was ordered to be resumed in Brooklyn with the Pirates at bat, runners on first and third, two out. Bockman up with a 3-1 count and Erskine pitching.

Erskine's first pitch to Bockman was a ball and it loaded the bases. Behrman again relieved Erskine and Stan Rokaj, the next batter, slammed a 3-2 pitch for a double to clean the sacks and give the Pirates the victory.

Thus a rally that started in Pittsburgh nearly a month ago was completed in Brooklyn.

Little Vic Lombardi, former Dodger, stopped Brooklyn in the second game on five hits. The Pirates failed twice in the second inning on three walks, a single and a hit batsman. After Tom Brown's two-run single tied the score in the fourth, the Bucs came back with two more in the sixth to clinch the decision.

Andy Pafko belted his 25th homer of the season tonight with two out and two on in the ninth inning to give the Cubs a 2-0 victory over the Giants in the second game of their twin bill.

John (Jack) Thompson, rookie outpaw from Toronto, held Cincinnati to five hits in his major league debut as Philadelphia won the second game of their day-night doubleheader 6-1.

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Red Sox Increase Lead In American League

DETROIT, Sept. 21 (AP)—Boston Red Sox made hay today while their American League pennant rivals were idle, slapping the Detroit Tigers 10-2 to increase their first-place margin to a full game over Cleveland and 1 1/2 games over the New York Yankees.

The Sox shelled four Detroit pitchers for a dozen hits, including a homer, two triples and two doubles, and wrapped up the important victory with a six-run spree in a wild third inning.

Lefty Mel Parnell gave up 11 hits but never was pressed as he took his 14th victory against seven defeats.

It was Boston's final meeting with the Tigers this year and the Red Sox ran their top-heavy season edge to 15 wins against Detroit's seven.

Second baseman Lou Striner, purchased Sunday from Hollywood of the Pacific Coast League, hit the Boston homer off Billy Pierce, fourth Detroit pitcher, in the ninth. It was his first American League hit and came on his 10th run at bat since he joined the Sox.

Dom Dimaggio, with three hits in five times up, scored the first Boston run in the first inning when he tripled off Lefty Ted Gray. Vern Stephens tripled off Pierce in the eighth and doubled across two runs in the big third, when the Red Sox sent a dozen men to bat.

Western Writers Advise Louis To Stay Retired

By ARCH MACKENZIE
REGINA, Sept. 22 (CP)—After months of silence, during which it was generally conceded Joe Louis would stick by his post-fight announcement he was retiring, the Brown Bomber exploded that line of thought by saying he would return to defend his world championship once again.

It was a bitter pill to most persons who want to see Louis retire while he has some semblance left of that ringcraft which kept him on top so long. Most conceded his last fights showed a shadow moving through the gestures.

"Listen to your man, Joe," said Tom (Regina Leader Post) Melville, after Louis's disclosure.

"The millions you once earned may have dwindled away—goodness knows there were enough cuts to be made, but you still have enough to keep you in pork chops and golf balls."

"Stay away from Yankee Stadium unless there's a ball game going on inside."

Melville says the announcement after the Louis-Walcott fight last summer that Louis was retiring undefeated brought more thrills to the general public than the fight itself.

"Here was a great champion beaten by no one except time, saying farewell to the squared circle over which he had ruled so long."

Now, says Melville, "he says he fights again—for Uncle Mike Jacobson's International League."

Jacobson is smack-bang in the middle of a promoter's war says Melville. Louis could be the fall guy after being Jacobson's meal ticket for years.

"You don't owe him anything in the way of allegiance. If he helped you up the championship ladder, you helped him become the Tex Rickard of this age. If you fight and win next June they'll ask you to fight again, if you lose . . ."

So "don't do it, Joe."

Baseball's Big Six

(By The Associated Press)

(Three leaders in each league):

Musial, Cards	145 574 127 214 373
Williams, Red Sox	127 174 117 176 371
Boudreau, Indians	142 525 106 186 354
Mitchell, Indians	131 565 76 189 335
Ashburn, Phils	117 463 78 154 333
Dark, Braves	128 510 81 167 327

Runs batted in: American League, Dimaggio, Yankees, 148; National League, Mize, Giants, 121.

Home runs: American League, Dimaggio, Yankees, 39; National League, Kiner, Pirates, 39.

Montreal Squares International Series

MONTREAL, Sept. 21 (CP)—Montreal Royals collected four runs in the first three innings off Big Bill Reeder tonight and went on to defeat Rochester Red Wings 5-2 and square the best-of-seven International League semi-final playoff series at three games apiece before 15,264 cheering fans.

(By The Associated Press)

NEWARK, Sept. 21—Syracuse Chiefs squared their semi-final International League playoff series with the Newark Bears at three games apiece tonight as veteran Dixie Howell blanked the Bears 9-0 on seven hits. The seventh and final games will be played at Newark tomorrow night.

Sydney Player Signs With N. Y. Rangers

HALLIFAX, Sept. 21 (CP)—Hughie Campbell of Sydney, N.S., has signed a contract with New York Rangers of the National Hockey League, it was learned here tonight.

Campbell a forward with Maritime champion Halifax St. Mary's Juniors last year, worked out with Rangers at their Lake Saranac, N.Y., training camp.

Campbell will likely play with New York Rangers, Rangers farm club in the Quebec Senior Hockey League. He was on the negotiation list of Toronto Maple Leafs two years ago.

A contract was also offered to linemate Elmer MacGillivray of Reserve, N.S., who also attended the camp. MacGillivray is still undecided about the offer.

Defenceman Bill Franks of Ottawa, a third member of the junior team at the camp, will return with the Saints this season.

Maritime Baseball

ADAMANT, N. B., Sept. 21 (CP)—Saint John St. Peter's averted elimination from the New Brunswick senior baseball playoffs, at least temporarily, by defeating Adamant Legionnaires 12-9 today in the Provincial semi-final at 2-2. The winner of tomorrow's deciding game at Saint John will play Marysville Royals in the finals.

HALIFAX, Sept. 21 (CP)—Halifax Capitals eyed their best-of-seven Nova Scotia senior baseball semi-final with Springhill Fenobusters by banging out an 8-4 victory here today. With the series now tied at two games apiece, the teams move back to Springhill for the all-important fifth game tomorrow.

CHATHAM HEAD, N.B., Sept. 21 (CP)—Chatham Head Tigers, 1947 winners of the New Brunswick intermediate baseball title, made a strong bid to retain the crown by edging Milltown Legion 11-10 today and gaining a 2-1 lead in the best of five final series.

with the Giants at the Polo Grounds, where they lost three, and this angle on fatigue had to be rejected because here again they were not hitting. They made ten runs in the four games. They were not tired; merely pressing, beating themselves.

Young Boxer Fatally Injured

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 21 (AP)—Bill (Chicken) Thompson, 21-year-old Philadelphia heavyweight, died tonight from injuries suffered in a fight against Johnny Haynes of New York here last Thursday.

Thompson never fully regained consciousness after being floored by Haynes three seconds before the end of their scheduled eight-round bout at Toppi Stadium.

He underwent a brain operation last Friday and seemed somewhat better until yesterday, when his condition grew worse.

Baseball Standings

AMERICAN			
	W	L	Pct.
Boston	91	54	.625
Cleveland	90	53	.621
New York	89	55	.613
Philadelphia	83	64	.563
Detroit	71	72	.497
St. Louis	56	86	.391
Washington	51	95	.346
Chicago	46	96	.324

Baseball Results

NATIONAL

Brooklyn 11; Pittsburgh 1A
Brooklyn 3; Pittsburgh 6
New York 3; Chicago 2
New York 2; Chicago 3
Boston 11; St. Louis 0
Boston 4; St. Louis 0
Cincinnati 6; Philadelphia 5
Cincinnati 1; Philadelphia 6

AMERICAN

Washington at Chicago rain
Detroit 2; Boston 10
(Only games scheduled.)

Knocks Out Tony Zale In 11th; Was Frenchman's Fight From The Start

By Fred Kerner
ROOSEVELT STADIUM, Jersey City, N.J., Sept. 21 (CP)—Marcel Cerdan, the Casablanca Cat, tonight won the world's middleweight boxing championship in 12 rounds over Tony Zale when the former champion was knocked out at the bell in the 11th round and was unable to come into the ring for the 12th.

Weighting 158 pounds, the broad-shouldered Frenchman from Morocco took everything the tough Zale had to offer and answered him four punches to one.

From the very start it was Cerdan's fight. The Canadian Press score card showed Zale winning only one round—the fourth. The others all went to the curly-haired, scrappy Cerdan whose punch was not as vicious as Zale's but whose aggressiveness had the poker-faced Zale groggy inside of three rounds.

Zale, who weighed 156 and had not gone more than six rounds in any fight since 1946, obviously could not stand the punishing pace.

After the seventh round the best he could do was deliver a two-blow flurry and then hold the Frenchman to prevent further damage. The former champion, who went into the ring an 8 to 5 favorite, had figured on making it a fast fight. He came out like a bull in the first round and threw at least a dozen lefts and rights at his shorter opponent.

But the Frenchman's ability to cover up quickly saved him in that initial stance. Then Cerdan attacked immediately and had the Gary, Ind., fighter staggering backwards before the crowd knew what happened.

Cerdan's right continually had Zale baffled. It was effective in all styles of fighting and equally effective at feinting Zale out of position for solid left hooks.

After the seventh round it was only a matter of time. Zale hung on desperately. His handlers freshened him up after each three-minute go and he would come out looking the killer.

But the Frenchman was unshaken. He made every opening in the fight, and in the 11th round had Zale holding, pushing and tagging until he landed a sharp right uppercut at the bell. The former champion collapsed slowly forward. His handlers grabbed him quickly but he could not be revived despite their earnest efforts.

Results of preliminary bouts: Joe Gabriele 132, Newark, outpointed Ernie Majury, 131's Paterson, N.J. (4); Phil Herman 174, Paterson, outpointed Angelo Martinez, 174's Newark (4); Jackie Dugan, 162's, Paterson, outpointed Jimmy Walter, 166, Brooklyn (4); Walter Carter, 161, Mt. Vernon, N.Y. knocked out Jimmy Mania, 163's, New York, in 1:40 of the first round, of a scheduled eight round semi-final; Johnny Wilson, 185's, Baltimore, and Steve King, 185's, Brooklyn, fought a four-round draw.

Dressing Room Notes

By Whitney Martin
ROOSEVELT STADIUM, Jersey City, N.J., Sept. 21 (AP)—Tony Zale was just worn out, busted, exhausted.

He admitted as much as any man rounded by a ring of reporters and photographers after his defeat to answer a flow of questions.

"I just didn't have it tonight," he said, and his second, Ray Arce, elaborated by explaining that Tony was not really knocked out by any one punch, but just dropped exhausted from the cumulative effect of the action and blows.

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Horseshoe Club

A doubles tournament at the Brighton Horseshoe Club, scheduled to get underway last night, will begin tonight at 7 o'clock, club officials announced last night. The original draw has been revised and the entries divided into two groups.

In group one are, Vessey, Murray, Francis, Doyle, Phillips, Brown, Schley, Gallant. And in group two are, J. McCourt, McDougall, Walton, A. Martin, Boute, Larter, E. McCourt.

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