

Two World Title Fights Will Be Staged In L.A. Arena

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Two 15-round world championship fights will be staged at the Sports Arena here Feb. 4, matchmaker George Parassus said Friday. Bantamweight champion Jose Beceerra of Mexico will fight a rematch with the former titleholder, Alphonse Halimi of France, and Carlos Ortiz of New York will defend his junior welterweight crown against Ramundo (Batling), Torres of Mexico.

Beceerra won the 118-pound title from Halimi when he knocked out the Frenchman in eight rounds here last July 8.

Three Bowl Tilts Are Slated Today

NEW YORK (AP)—Penn State is a slight favorite over Alabama in the Liberty Bowl today at Philadelphia, while Texas Christian rules the choice over Clemson in the Bluebonnet Bowl at Houston.

Texas A and I from Kingsville, Tex. Lenoir Rhyne is a slight favorite in this game to determine the small college football champion.

Johnny Unitas Wins Award

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Baltimore's brilliant passing quarterback, Johnny Unitas, Friday was named the first recipient of the annual Bert Bell Memorial Award as the outstanding professional football player of the year.

Whereas Texas Christian is an eight-point favorite over Clemson, Penn state is one point over Alabama.

These games are appetizers for the traditional Jan. 1 contests—Washington and Wisconsin in the Rose Bowl, Louisiana State and Mississippi in the Sugar, Syracuse and Texas in the Cotton, and Georgia and Missouri in the Orange Bowl.

Sammy Baugh Named Coach

NEW YORK (AP)—Sammy Baugh, one of pro football's greatest quarterbacks, took a new job Friday as head coach of the New York Titans of the American Football League.

Baugh, coach at Hardin-Simmons College for the last five years, signed a three-year contract which was not disclosed but which he said "made me happier than anything I ever got in pro football."

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READY TO FIGHT

Ortiz, a native of Puerto Rico, stopped Kenny Lane June 12 in New York to win the newly re-established junior welterweight crown. Ortiz was interviewed by long-distance telephone from New York and confirmed the match. He said he has permission from the New York athletic commission to book his own fights. He has been in dispute with his manager of record, Ed Ferguson.

Backstretch

(Continued from Page 6) on Stable. The third highest priced yearling was Mungo Hanover, by Adios, that fetched \$40,000; he goes to the Clearview Stables which is handled by Earl Avery.

Stanley Dancer, who has never cut-much of a figure on the Grand Circuit and has raced almost entirely at Yonkers and Roosevelt Raceways, bought Truly Hanover, by Adios, for \$40,000, also Adios Rhett, by Adios, for \$37,000, also Henry T. Adios, by \$37,000, and Babe Hanover, by Hoot Mon, for \$29,000.

The total for the above four yearlings is \$143,000, but, no doubt, Stanley was purchasing them for patrons of his stable and it means that instead of confining his activities to the half-mile tracks, he will be racing these youngsters, as two-year-olds and three-year-olds in the big stakes, which are mostly contested on the mile tracks.

HONORS OF YEAR

For driving honors of the year, according to the USTA report, the first place goes to William D. (Buddy) Gilmour, who finished top with 165 victories. Billy Naughton, who had been leading driver for six years prior to this year, had 157 wins, but Billy headed the "money won" driver for the 8th successive season with \$695,296 to his credit. And three cheers for Canada! Second place in money won is Clint Hodgins, of Clandebove, Ontario, with \$601,283. Joe O'Brien comes third in winnings with \$488,341. Stanley Dancer is fourth with \$456,757; H. F. Beisinger is fifth with \$404,731; Hugh A. Bell is sixth with \$326,730; George B. Phelan is seventh with \$239,592; Jimmy Cruise is eighth with \$239,435; James Dennis is ninth with \$228,107; and John Simpson came home in tenth place with \$222,186.

It was a great year for the Canadian-born reinsmen. Clint Hodgins who drove "Harness Horse Of The Year," Bye Bye Byrd to an all-time money-winning mark for one year, and to a world record of 1.57 4-5 on a half-mile (Roosevelt) oval. Hodgins also was in the sulky in Adios Butler's 1.55 4-5 world mark on a mile track for three-year-old pacers, and he also piloted Adios Butler to a 1.59 2-5 mark on a half-mile oval. And he also won the Little Brown Jug with Adios Butler.

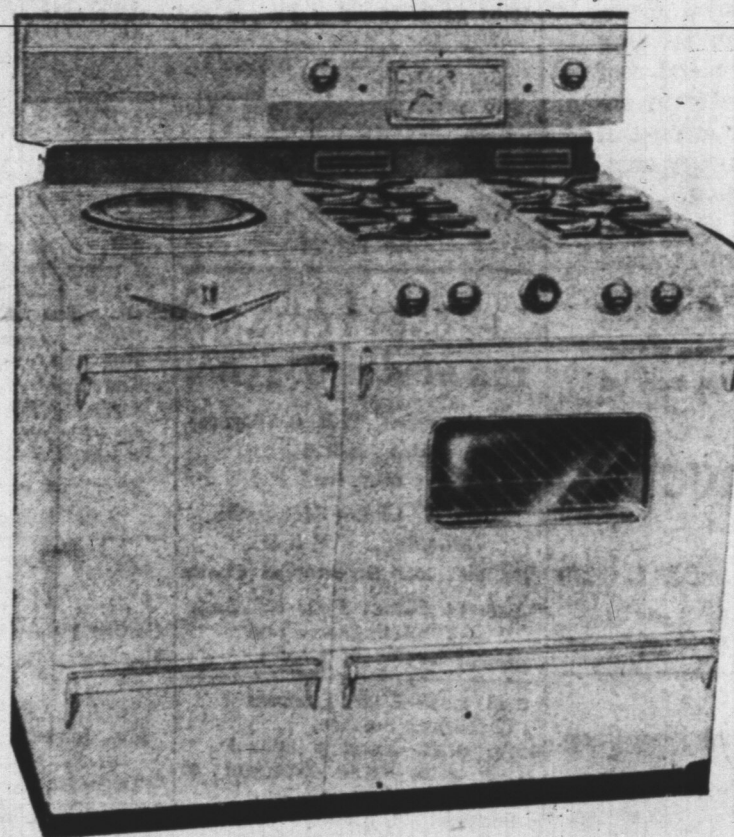
Gilmour, a native of Ontario, led all drivers in the number of dashes won, and Ralph Baldwin trained both Diller Hanover, champion three-year-old trotter, and Tie Silk, closest contender in many of the top stakes. And, as mentioned before, Joe O'Brien was third in money winnings with the privately-owned S. A. Camp Stable.

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