

Sports

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IN THIS CORNER

Boxing May Be Entering Another Colorless Era

Ageless, ancient but at 42 still in the prime of his life, Archie Moore wasn't long in laying claim to the heavyweight championship of the world after it was revealed to him that Rocky Marciano was stepping down undeterred after 49 bouts. Archie's first reaction was one of amazement caused no doubt by the sight of about \$200,000 in long green suddenly taking wing and flitting through a nearby window. For only the day before the Rock's plans became official Archie was quoted as saying that he would be meeting the champ this September in a title match.

At first Archie simply wouldn't believe it but as he slowly came out of the coma Archie's experienced eye, still sharp after more than 20 years in the fight game, quickly told him that there isn't another fighter alive capable of disputing his claim successfully in the only way such a dispute counts in the ring. Such lumbering giants as Nino Valdes, Tommy Jackson, etc., shouldn't be more than a good workout for Archie's educated left jab.

His most formidable opponent, at least judging from the news reports and opinions of those closest to the fight game, should be young Floyd Patterson. In truth though, Patterson's eligibility to sit among the elite is questionable. His victories, while many and for the most part decisive, have been the only way such a dispute counts in the ring. Such lumbering giants as Nino Valdes, Tommy Jackson, etc., shouldn't be more than a good workout for Archie's educated left jab.

It will be much to the advantage of the I.B.C., who have been reported organizing a series of elimination bouts to crown a new heavy king, if Patterson is still a year or two away. Should the young fellow prove to be as good as his boosters claim then boxing

is in for another of those uneventful, colorless eras in which a champion so dominates flatlanders as to make title bouts farcical and matchmaking one of the least lucrative professions. Such an era dogged Joe Louis and led one sports writer to dub Joe's inept opposition collectively as "The bum of the month club."

There are only a few boxing fans that really appreciate watching greatness in action for the sole reason of watching greatness. Most fans prefer a close, interesting battle between well-matched fighters whether they be first or fifth rate. The science of the sport is above the heads of most of the people who watch it and takes a rear seat to blood and thunder in drawing the faithful into Madison Square Gardens. I.B.C.'s president James Norris is no doubt well aware of this. He is probably wishing for the sake of the corporations assets that Patterson would take a vacation for a year or two.

We had a little chat last week with a couple of the island's great athletes in years gone by. Big Jim Pendercast, looking hale and hearty despite his 70-plus years, dropped in to see us with a gentleman we had never met but whose name will be quite familiar to all old timers. Big Jim introduced us to Barney Francis whose exploits on the cinder track are well known to the sports fans of the 1920's.

Barney was a track man with the mile race his specialty. In 1923 Barney broke the Maritime and Canadian Olympic record but at the trials in Montreal hurt his ankle and was unable to run on the Canadian Olympic team. That year his team was coached by another of the island's greats, pole-vaulter Bill Halpenny.

Barney is still an enthusiastic sports fan and follows the latest news constantly with an understandable preference for track and field. Barney lives at Lennox Island.



DERBY WINNER

The winner of the richest Kentucky Derby ever, Needles, re-laxes with trainer Hugh Fontaine.



FINISHES SECOND

Fabius, owned by Calumet Farms, boosted his stock for the Kentucky Derby by winning the Derby trials last week but had to settle for second place on Saturday after a great stretch drive with the favorite Needles. Fabius is a Citation colt.

Moore Says Will Give Up Crown

LONDON (AP)—World light heavyweight champion Archie Moore said Monday he will give up his title if he whips Yolande Pompey here June 5 and concentrates on winning the vacant world heavyweight title.

Moore arrived in London by air from New York to begin training for his twice-postponed title defence at Harringay arena against Pompey, who hails from Trinidad. The true age of the over-stuffed light heavyweight—called a cruiser weight in Britain—finally was established, but his current weight remained a mystery.

Moore, who has claimed a dozen different birth dates in his long career, is 39—born Dec. 13, 1916. He had to tell the truth to get his passport.

As for his weight, Archie appeared to be a 210-pounder if he weighed an ounce. But he only said, "the last time I weighed myself I was 190 pounds. He added he couldn't remember when he weighed last.

Provincial Chess Tourney Begins At YMCA Tonight

The Annual Provincial Chess Tournament gets underway tonight at 7.30 at the Y. M. C. A. with at least 20 chess players vying for Island honors and the R. E. Mutch trophy that goes with it.

Play will be completed tomorrow night and the various trophies will be presented at a banquet to be held at a later date.

All players are guaranteed at least 6 games in the tourney that includes participants from many parts of the province. An invitation is still out for other players who wish to enter.

33 Forest Fires In Vancouver Area

VANCOUVER, (CP)—Forestry officials said Monday a fire was sweeping through 40 acres of hillside timber in Howe sound, about 25 miles northwest of Vancouver.

It was the worst of 33 forest fires still burning in the Vancouver forest district after a week-end of destruction in the province's tinder-dry woods. The Vancouver district covers the lower southwest coast of the province and the southern part of Vancouver Island.

At Squamish, 40 miles north of Vancouver and also in Howe sound, two stubborn blazes had been brought partially under control but they still threatened dense stands of mature fir. The fires began Thursday night and spread through 200 acres before being subdued by light rain showers.

SPORT OF KINGS

Horse-racing was popular in England more than a century before the reign of William the Conqueror.

Negroes Dropped By Farm Team

NEW YORK (AP)—The assistant minor league farm director of the New York Giants said Monday three Negro baseball players had to be dropped by the Lake Charles, La., club because the Evangeline League found them "undesirable."

Five Negroes—three with Lake Charles and two with Lafayette, La.—were cut from the rosters of the Class C league Saturday night, easing a segregation problem which threatened to wreck the circuit.

Ray Mullins, president of the league, said the segregation question had nothing to do with the shifts.

The Lake Charles players were Felipe Alou of the Dominican republic, Ralph Crosby of New York and Charles Weatherspoon of Pineland, Tex.

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LANDY IN U.S.A.

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Remember When

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
War Admiral, son of Man O'War won the Kentucky Derby 19 years ago today to gain the first leg on the triple crown of the American turf. Under Charley Kurtsgeir, the Samuel D. Riddle colt went on to win the Preakness and Belmont Stakes.

SOCCER RESULTS

LONDON (AP)—Results of soccer games played Saturday in the United Kingdom:
Football Association Cup Final
Birmingham C 1 Manchester C 1 (played at Wembley Stadium, London)
Glasgow Charity Cup
First Round
Celtic 4 Clyde 1
Rangers 1 Third Lanark 1 (tie—Third Lanark goes into second round, winning toss of coin)

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Hoad Wins Singles And Joins Drobny To Cop Doubles Also

ROME (AP)—Australia's husky Lew Hoad served notice Monday that he'll be a tough man to beat at Wimbledon when he stormed into the men's singles final of the Rome international tennis tournament, then grabbed off a share of the men's doubles title.

Hoad, muttering to himself and complaining about the linesmen, called on his big game to dispose of little Herbie Flam of Beverly Hills, Calif., after losing his first set of the tournament in the semi-final. The scores were 4-6, 6-0, 6-1. In the final he will meet Sven Davidson of Sweden, who gained a straight set victory over sore-armed Budge Patty of Los Angeles and Paris. 11-9, 6-2, 6-3. With that business out of the

Canada And U.S. Complete 5 Holes In Golf Play

FORT WORTH, Tex. (AP)—The United States and Canada played even through five holes in their international golf matches Monday.

Tommy Bolt and Gene Littler rolled to a three-up advantage in the opening four-ball match, but in the second match Bill Kerr of Montreal and Stan Leonard of Lachute, Que., were leading Doug Ford and Ted Kroll of the United States, one up. In the third match Al Balding and Gordon Brydson of Toronto were even with Cary Middlecoff and Mike Sonchak of the United States.

Six players from each country will meet today in singles matches.

Boxers Allowed To Keep Titles

PARIS (AP)—The French Boxing Federation's executive committee reversed itself Saturday and said featherweight Cherif Hamai and middleweight Charley Humez can keep their national boxing titles.

Under the federation's new rules a champion must defend his crown within three months after an official challenger is named or forfeit his title.

Hamai's official challenger is Jules Touan of French West Africa. Touan was stopped Friday by Spain's Fred Galiana, European featherweight champion. Hamai defeated Ike Chestnut in Washington Friday night.

METHYL ALCOHOL FATAL

DURBAN, South Africa (Reuters)—Nine Africans, including a woman, died after drinking methyl alcohol drained from a railroad tank car here Thursday. It was announced Monday. Previously it was announced 18 had died. Monday's statement said 64 Africans also were admitted to hospital.

Nashua Stumbles But Wins Race

NEW YORK (AP)—Nashua recovered after stumbling to his knees at the starting gate Saturday to win the \$50,000-added Grey Lag handicap at Jamaica.

A capacity crowd saw the big four-year-old fight off six eager rivals to win top money of \$37,100 and run his earnings to \$1,077,615. That is \$3,145 short of the all-time record winnings of Citation.

Under the fine handling of jockey Ted Atkinson, Nashua took over the lead at three-quarters of a mile and squashed a closing bid by Alfred G. Vanderbilt's Find. C. V. Whitney's Falberman took the show spot.

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