D'Amato Says Patterson Has Ability To Beat Liston

HALIFAX (CP)—Cus D'Amato, manager for ex - heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson, says Patterson has "all the ability, all the equipment" to beat Sonny Liston in the April 10 heavyweight title match at Miami.

"His technique is superior and he is strong enough to win. The only question is, will he be able to marshal all his forces on the vital night," Cus said Friday night in an interview aboard the Cunard liner Sylvania on the way to New York from England.

"Most important of all is that Patterson has an intelligent mind. Not that I'm disparaging Liston, he is intelligent too—but he has tended to concentrate on his fist power rather than his brains."

D'Amato was in England as a self - appointed crusader to boost the waning popularity of boxing. He has attempted to deflate the myth of greatness surrounding many of the old-time fighters and by rescuing present-day fighters from the "bunch of bums" description they often get.

Fight enthusiast Jim Jacobs, who has a unique collection of about 14,000 fight films, went to England with him. About a sixth of them cover the 1890-1930 period in boxing. Included is the first film made of a fight. Photographer was Thomas Edison, inventor of the electric bulb.

DREW LAUGHTER

"These films show the old-time guys as they really were in action," Cus says. "Believe me, in most cases they come nowhere near the aura of prowess and legend of greatness that has grown up around them. Such was their crudeness and lack of speed and technique that the films drew hoots of laughter from many of the people we showed them to in England."

Invited to the showings of the films in London were all the British boxing fraternity—managers, promoters, boxing writers and the fighters themselves.

"The technique, skill and prowess of fighters today is far superior to the old-time fighters. They didn't have the combination punches, the footwork and so on that any boy needs today to make a go of boxing. . . .

"Of curse, there were some good ones—Sam Langford, for instance, who came from Nova Scotia. But most of these legends the know-it-alls delight in blasting in our ears are nothing but outright myths."

MANAGED MUTE

D'Amato, no stranger to Nova Scotia boxing circles, made several trips to Sydney and Glace Bay in the late 1940s as manager of welterweight Silent Jim Anest.

Anest, a deaf mute, and D'Amato had a unique arrangement by which the boxer responded to the bell ending or beginning a round. The manager or second handling Anest would pound on the ring apron with his first or a heavy object. Anest would respond to the vibrations on the ring boards.

Of Nova Scotia's middleweight Blair Richardson, Cus says: "I've never actually seen him fight, but I've heard plenty about him and everyone speaks well of him. I understand he is good basic material, but he needs seasoning. Give him sufficient fights against good competition, and he might be going places."

Cus took a slam at boxing commissions in the United States. "They are political appointments. Anyone who really knows anything about the fight game is never appointed to them. Managers, promoters, ex-fighters, are out."

Today's Minor Hockey Draw

Following are the activities scheduled for minors at Sports Arena, today:

11:00 — 12:00 — Skate, Notre Dame and Rochford Square Girls.

4:00 — 5:00 — Practice, Juvenile Abbies.

5:00 — 5:30 — PSS Hornets vs. St. Jean Rears-Peewees.

5:30 — 6:10 — St. Jean Larks vs. St. Jean Snipes - Paperweights.

Referees: Grant Crockett, Les Barnes.

THRIVED IN MEXICO

The ancient Maya civilization of Mexico's Yucatan Peninsulo flourished from about 1,500 BC to AD 1,500.

Orioles Garner Ninth Victory

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The unbeaten Baltimore Orioles won their ninth straight spring exhibition baseball game Monday as Johnny Orsino hit three homers.

The three home runs by the former San Francisco catcher accounted for all of Baltimore's runs in a 4-3 victory over Cincinnati at Tampa.

In other exhibitions Monday New York Mets shut out New York Yankees 1-0 at St. Petersburg, Chicago White Sox downed Los Angeles Dodgers 5-4 at Sarasota, Detroit defeated St. Louis 8-5 at Lakeland, Philadelphia beat Minnesota 6-5 in 13 innings at Orlando.

Milwaukee blanked Washington 1-0 in 11 innings at West Palm Beach. Los Ageles Angels downed Boston 7-1 at Palm Springs, Houston trounced San Francisco 14 - 5 at Phoenix, Cleveland walloped Chicago Cubs 16-6 at Nogales Ariz., and Kansas City and Pittsburgh played a 4-4, 12-inning tie at Fort Myers in a game that was called because of darkness.

Cookie Rojan's homer with two out gave Phils their victory over Twins. In contrast it was an error by catcher Ken Retzer of Washington that accounted for Braves' victory. Norm Larker, who appeared to be an easy out at the plate, scored when Retzer dropped the ball.

Rocky Colavito, Norm Cash and Gus Triandos homered to lead Tigers to their triumph over Cardinals while Roger Craig and Al Jackson combined a five-hit shutout of Yankees for Mets. Larry Burright singled home Tim Harkness of Lachine, Que., in the seventh inning for the only run of the game.

Picture Given On NHL Races

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Here is the up-to-date picture on the National Hockey League title, individual point scoring and Vezina Trophy (to goal-keeper playing most games on team with fewest goals against) races:

League Title

	Pt	GTP
Toronto	81	3
Chicago	78	3
Montreal	77	3

Scoring

	Pt	GTP
Howe, Detroit	81	3
Bathgate, New York	81	3

Vezina Trophy

	GA	GTP
Hall, Chicago	166	3
Plante, Montreal	171	3
Bower, Toronto	172	3

Juvenile Abbies Hold Workout

Coach Lorne Hennessey requests the following players to turn out for a light workout at Sports Arena this afternoon at 4 o'clock sharp:

Tommy Monaghan, Grant Crockett, Howard Murchison, Gerry Kane, Mike MacKinnon, Herbie Steele, Ron Giggey, Lloyd Duffy, Kevin Smith, Alan Flood, Phil Fleming, Les Barnes, Jack McEachern, Joey Brown, Bill Weatherbie, Kenny Scott.

Clay Receives $80,000 Bid

ROME (AP) — Undefeated Cassius Clay of Louisville was offered $80,000 Monday to meet Italy's all - conquering Franco De Piccoli in Rome in a battle of Olympic champions.

The husky Italian won the Olympic heavyweight crown while Clay took the light heavyweight title in the 1960 Games in Rome.

Since the Olympics Clay has won all 18 of his pro fights and is the No. 2 ranking heavyweight contender. De Piccoli, a left-hander undefeated in 21 fights, is ranked 10th.

Nats Purchase Ronnie Kline

POMPANO BEACH Fla. (AP) Washington Senators purchased Ronnie Kline, 31-year-old right-handed relief pitcher, from Detroit Tigers Monday for slightly over the waiver price. Kline won three and lost six with the Tigers in 36 games last year and for his major league career has won 68 and lost 107.

HAS LOW GRAVITY

The gravity of the moon is only one sixth of that of the earth.

Swedish Reports Repitition Of 1954

By JACK SULLIVAN
Canadian Press Sports Editor

Don Preston indulges in a bit of nostalgia when he looks back to 1954 in Stockholm. His experiences at that time weren't a bit funny, but he now gets "a big kick" when he mulls things over.

Preston was manager of the Toronto East York club that lost 7-2 to Russia in the world amateur hockey tournament that year. The East Yorkers also surrendered the title to the Soviets.

It was the last time the championships were played in Stockholm until this year and Preston reads everything he can get his hands on about the present tournament in the Swedish capital.

"Now, when I read what the Swedish newspapers are saying about the Trail Smoke Eaters, and what they've said since 1954 about Canadian teams even on exhibition tours, the only thing I can say is that we've got to expect it. It's all a repetition of what they said about us in 1954."

Preston, a Toronto businessman, talked it over in an interview the other day after the Stockholm scandal sheets smeared Canadian player Russ Kowalchuk and the Smoke Eaters.

"You know," he said, "we gave the Swedes a real good beating in 1954. We knocked them over 8-0 and they threw snowballs and ice at us and spit on us.

"Then they figured we were the only team that could beat the Russians and the newspapers gave us a going-over. Anything the Russians said or did was wonderful. It was just the opposite with us. They whipped up animosity against us."

After the Canada-Russia final game of the tournament, one Stockholm newspaper fired a last blast at the Canadians under a banner headline that read "Why Canadians are Unpopular Here."

"Irritation has been caused firstly by their boastful attitude and secondly by all the lies which unsuspecting Swedish journalists have fallen for, to an amazing extent," the story said.

Earlier in the tournament, after Canada beat Germany easily, another newspaper carried the headline: "New Canadian Outrage at the Stadium."

CALLED GANGSTERS

A German player had lost four teeth during the game when, responsible newspaper men and officials said, he banged his own stick against his face.

One Swedish writer described Canadian coach Greg Currie as "a wet towel hanging over the boards and shouting like a stuck pig" and throughout the tournament Canadians were branded as "cry babies" and "gangsters."

"I tell you, it was pretty good. But the Canadian newspapers were just as bad, or probably even worse. They gave us a roasting for losing to Russia.

"We're still referred to in Canada as the team that first lost to the Russians in world hockey."

Kitchener - Waterloo Dutchmen also lost to the Russians —2-0 in the final game of the 1956 Olympics in Italy. That win gave Russia the title.

With all the Swedish newspaper criticism of Canada's 1954 team, Preston says he is still "amazed" at the people in Stockholm.

"They hounded the life out of us for autographs. We couldn't figure it."

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