

SPORTS REPORT FROM THE FRONT

By NICK FILLMORE

The Ugly Bear vs. The Lip

A World Heavyweight Championship fight that has received the greatest build-up of any fight in history could very well turn out to be the "sports flop" of the year. We think Sonny Liston will dispose of Cassius Clay this Tuesday night in the fourth round. The fight is being promoted by the champ and begins to mix it up at the beginning, he won't be around for the fifth.

Fight promoters have done a terrific job in getting fans prepared for this big one. Television and inside movies will probably show new records and we expect that most spectators there before will lay down their money on the 7-1 match odds, who we now stand in favor of Liston. There are few persons who have watched the Zora Folley fight from the previous year ago. Edson has the qualifications for the picking fight winners, something which some of us not really possess.

"Clay Not Ready" — Edson

"We must assume that Clay will benefit from Patterson's mistakes," says Edson. "He (Clay) will probably come a little through the first round but sooner or later he'll get cocky and get tagged. Clay has the ability to become heavyweight champion but not for another three to five years."

Edson has an awesome reputation. Many fight critics say his 15-fight fits, fired from a flat-footed stance; can do more damage to an opponent's mind-section than the hands of any fighter before him.

Veteran official Edson recalls that Denver bout he officiated in 1950 when he knocked Folley out in four rounds. He still talks about Sonny's tremendous power, particularly in his short punches.

"That Folley is always in good shape. He's just as hard as a rock. But Liston landed a punch at his middle that night and his right eye has been swollen ever since."

Chris Dundas, co-promoter of the fight and a man who has been in the game since the late 1920s, doesn't agree with Edson's line thinking however and says that Clay isn't the person he is being panted by some people.

Long Lay-Off For Liston

"In three years Liston has fought only two complete rounds in competition," says Dundas. "In that same period Clay has boxed 60 rounds in competition. He has demonstrated he can take a punch and he has the knock-out power. I feel certain that he will be in his feet at the 10th. If he is, he'll have a grand chance of outpunching Liston in 15."

No matter what Dundas has to say, after all, he has a lot of bragging rights in this business. He has won more fights than anyone else in the world. He has been in the game since the late 1920s, doesn't agree with Edson's line thinking however and says that Clay isn't the person he is being panted by some people.

Off The Cuff

Former Chicago Cubs second base star KEN HUBBS was the second man to receive a hall pass for a 100-day suspension while flying his own plane. The other was TOM GASTALD, \$60,000 Baltimore home buyer who disappeared in his private plane over Chesapeake Bay in 1956. We saw the one time Boston University athlete perform for two years as a hard hitting catcher in the Hartford Senators. He was a good player and he got moved to the big time. — The Sumnerite TEXACO COMBINES really turned it on in their 112-win year over the RCAF Eagles Monday night. Tompkins was the MVP. — The FLYING HAWKS at the Forum. — YOGI BERRA, one of the best ball-batters ever in the history of the Yankees' training camp manager Monday by giving, of all things, batting instructions.

P County League Games Statistics

The Sumnerite Texaco Combines team today with the scoring honors in the Prince County Hockey League, having a representative in each of the first four positions.

- 1. Coke Grady, captain forward of the Sumnerite Texaco Combines, with the scoring lead.
- 2. Greg Weidman (C) 24
- 3. Claude Gaudet (C) 20 19 29

Halifax Tops New Glasgow

HALIFAX (CP) — Yvon Bouchard's goal at 1:29 of the third period gave Halifax Schooners a 3-2 victory over the New Glasgow Rangers in a fast Nova Scotia Senior Hockey League game Monday night.

A crowd of 1,536, pleased with a wide open play, a slick passing of both teams, saw the New Glasgow come from behind to tie the game at 1:13 in the second period. Bouchard's goal in the third period, his second in the game, gave Halifax a 3-2 lead.

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SONNY LISTON, the world's heavyweight champion gestures during one of his rare press conferences while in training. Liston is seated on a stage and has just completed today's workout. (AP Wirephoto)

Champion Talks To Press During Training Period

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP)—Sonny Liston, who defends his heavyweight boxing title here next Tuesday night, predicted Tuesday that he would knock out Cassius Clay in three rounds.

Liston said he had not met Clay. He said he had not met Clay. He said he had not met Clay. He said he had not met Clay.

Tighnisi Girls Win Over Miscoche

TIGHNISI — Tighnisi Regional High School girls' basketball team defeated the Miscoche RHS girls team 69-29, last Saturday afternoon at Tighnisi High point scorers from Miscoche team were Patsy Kennedy with 36 and Rena Eldersham and Mariel Hogan, with 10 each.

Stockholm AP — Former world heavyweight champion Ingemar Johansson apparently has changed his mind and now is willing to meet the winner of the Sonny Liston-Cassius Clay fight for a new title match.

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Red Kell Explains Why Toronto Wins

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Texaco Combines Meet The Hawks

The second game of the Island Intermediate "A" double-double robin playoff contest was held Monday night between John's Flying Hawks and the Summerville Texaco Combines. Game time, 8:15 p.m.

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Legion Defeats Welshmen 9-6

The classed Legion Juvenile team defeated Bill Mulligan's winless Welshmen 9-6 in a regular game in the Charlotte and District Junior Hockey League game at the Forum last night.

The Buck Whitlock coached crew outscored the PWC in both of the first two periods and the teams split one each in the third.

Herb Steele made one of the prettiest plays of game as he weaved his way through the PWC team and flipped the disk past goalie Ellis to give the legion their third goal of the night and the game at three to one at the 6:40 mark of the second frame.

First Period: 1 PWC - V. Frizzell (Brown, Duncan) 37; 2 Legion - J. Kennedy (Weat, Hershby, Murchison) 2:33; 4 Legion - Weatherly (unassisted) 12:25. Penalties - Kane, Weale, Murchison, Kane, Frizzell.

Second Period: 4 PWC - Brown (MacLeod) 5:55; 5 PWC - Houston (Turner, Duncan) 10:00; 6 PWC - Duncan (unassisted) 5:10; 7 Legion - Steele (Smith) 6:40; 8 Legion - Flood (Kennedy, Weatherly) 12:16; 9 Legion - Weatherly (Flood, Kennedy) 13:00; 10 Legion - Clark (unassisted) 13:36; 11 Legion - Kane (MacLeod) 17:55; 12 Legion - Flood (Weatherly) 18:03. Penalties - Frizzell (10 minute misconduct, game minor).

Third Period: 13 Legion - Weatherly (Flood, Kennedy) 14: PWC - Houston (unassisted) 18:21. Penalties - Murchison, Smith, MacLeod, Kane, MacDougall, McEachern, Kane.

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St. FX. Hopes Kept Alive

ANTIGNONVILLE, N.S. — St. Francis Xavier's basketball team kept their Maritime Intercollegiate basketball championship hopes alive Tuesday night with a comeback 100-86 victory over St. Mary's Huskies of Halifax.

The victory keeps the X-men in mathematical contention for the Maritime title. St. Mary's had a 66-49 first half but was outmanned by St. FX.

St. FX. had 24 points in the second half. St. Mary's had 14 points in the second half.

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Winnipeg Maple Leafs will likely see action.

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