Sport Fans in Britain Bet Against All Types of Weather—No Money Back

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LONDON (CP) — Sport fans in these islands regularly bet the entry fee to sport spectacles against fog, rain or ice.

Rain checks are practically unknown in Britain.

Plunking down the price of admission and hoping for the best is in contrast to the Canadian practice where fans get their money back if none or only a stipulated part of the event is played.

The pay-and-pray practice is taken for granted by most British fans. One loud dissenter is the Daily Mirror's Tom Phillips, who devoted a long, angry article to a cancelled soccer game between Newcastle United and Swansea.

Fog blanketed the field after eight minutes of play and 63,000 persons left the grounds with the prospect of having to pay again to see the same match. The replay attendance was 61,000, making total club receipts of nearly $49,000.

Phillips called unsuccessfully for a boycott of the replay as the only way to force a rain-check rule.

"GENTLE BOOING"

"In any other country in the world there would have been a riot, broken heads, burnt-out stands, overturned cars, hospitals full of injured and jails bursting with demonstrators," he said.

Yet there was only a "little gentle booing" when the referee called this game.

The Football Association commented that the system of rain checks is "ingenious" but entirely a matter for the clubs themselves.

"They aren't obliged by law to refund money," said a spokesman. "Any club can install this system if it wants to. But the association can do nothing until a club or clubs sponsor such a rule for a membership vote."

UP TO REFEREE

Referees are responsible for ruling on cancellations and the generally-accepted standard is to call it off when the referee can't see either goal from centre field. Pre-game cancellations are made, the spokesman said, to inconvenience the fewest possible fans, depending on ice or fog conditions.

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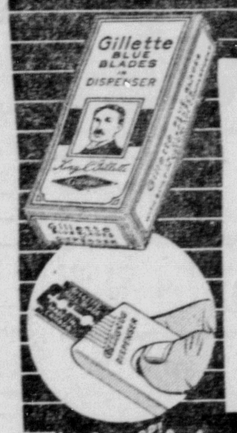

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Wings, Rangers In 2-All Tie

NEW YORK (CP)—Johnn' Wilson's goal at 6:25 of the third period gave Detroit Red Wings a 2-2 tie with New York Rangers Wednesday night.

The deadlock increased Red Wings' National Hockey League lead over second-place Montreal.

Wilson's tally came on a 25-foot screened shot which slipped between the pads of Lorne Worsley.

Historic Synagogue

MONTREAL (CP)— The oldest synagogue in Canada, the Shearith Israel Synagogue here, will celebrate its 185th anniversary with a week-end of rededication and a banquet on May 18. It was founded in 1768 by Jewish soldiers who came with the British forces to Canada.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE

AL (MR. MURDER) MILLS was ready to hurl the bell (the timekeeper's) at Woody Strode during a wresting match in Edmonton. Strode is a former footballer who played end for Calgary Stampeders when they won the Grey Cup in 1948. The officials got the bell away from Mills before anyone was hurt.

SPORTS ROUND-UP

By GAYLE TALBOT

NEW YORK (AP) — Frank Lane of Chicago White Sox cemented his position as the tradingest general manager in the history of baseball when he obtained first-baseman Ferris Fain from Philadelphia Athletics in the winter's most important deal.

Since he took the job in 1948 with the avowed intention of "making some changes," Lane has taken part in 70 deals involving a total of 180 players. Not a single man remains of the White Sox team he inherited from his predecessor, Leslie O'Connor.

Early betting quotations here make Rocky Marciano an 8 to 5 favorite to retain his heavyweight title when he fights Jersey Joe Walcott for the second time at Chicago April 10.

This has created some surprise in view of the fact that Pappy Joe was far ahead on points and looked a certain winner when Rocky pole-axed him in the 13th round at Philadelphia last summer.

The wise money figures Walcott shot his bolt in the first bout, when he made probably the greatest fight of his long career, only to lose. The oddsmakers doubt he can shake off the memory of that terrible left hook.

They add that Joe has turned 39 since the other fight. His only hope, they believe, lies in the possibility he can sail into his powerful young rival and put him away within two or three rounds. A man could get hurt trying to do that to Marciano.

The hardest working athlete in the world at the moment almost certainly is Jack Kramer, the big tennis player-promoter. A fellow who followed Jack's troupe closely says the wonder to him is that the veteran pro has been able even to stay close to his new rival, Frank Sedgman, in victories won on their tour.

As he described it, Kramer puts in such a full day handling the details of arrangements in each city that it's something of an anti-climax to him when he finally climbs into his shorts and faces Sedgman across the net.

Army Nurses To be Moved Nearer Front

KOREA (CP) — Canadian Army nursing sisters shortly will be serving closer to the Korean front line.

They are expected to be posted to the 25th Canadian field dressing station, in the general area of Tokchong, within a month. Tokchong is 25 miles north of Seoul.

Canadian nurses first were posted to Korea last September, when a re-organization of Commonwealth division medical facilities was begun by Col. G. L. Morgan Smith of Barrie, Ont., director of the division's medical services.

CAME FROM JAPAN

Morgan Smith moved the station out of Seoul and formed in its place a "communications zone hospital" with nurses attached from the Commonwealth Base General Hospital in Kure, Japan. The station was moved forward to undertake a greater share of the work from the immediate front.

U.S. Army nurses throughout the war have served relatively close to the front.

RELEASE ORDERLIES

Surgical nursing at the station has been done until now by nursing orderlies of the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps. Morgan Smith says they have done a "terrific" job but have borne "unfair responsibility."

Post-operative nursing should be done by graduate nurses, trained for the job, freeing the orderlies for work in the medical wards.

Service Vehicles Must Pay To Park Unless On Duty

The radio gag line that urges the listener to "put something in the pot, boy," doesn't always apply to the Army if the "pot" concerned is a parking meter.

The office of the Judge Advocate General of the forces ruled that parking meter fees demanded by some cities need not be paid by operators of service vehicles on official duty.

Although the ruling permits parking free of charge where meters are located, members of the armed forces operating service vehicles have been told to limit the length of time they are parked and not take undue advantage of regulations.

Fines for illegal parking or other traffic offences come out of the soldier's own pockets and, when he's in the wrong, he may get a second disciplinary slap from the army after the civilian court has finished with him.

On the whole, army headquarters said, driving a service vehicle entitles a driver to few if any privileges. Free parking in certain areas is one of them.

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Kid Gavilan Retains Welterweight Crown

CHICAGO (CP)—Cuba's Kid Gavilan, rugged champion from the school of hard knocks, floored college-bred Chuck Davey four times Wednesday night with his explosive punching to hold his world welterweight title on a 10th-round technical knockout.

The previously-unbeaten Davey was unable to answer the bell for the 10th after absorbing a bloody beating in the savage ninth.

Gavilan flunked the Michigan State grad in the finals of his graduate course in pugilism.

After the bout stopped, Gavilan gaily danced a few rhumba steps in his corner while waving to a roaring crowd of Davey partisans.

It was no contest, although the game Davey kept flicking his impotent punches in annoying fashion against the 27-year-old champ.

Gavilan immediately clamored for a shot at the middleweight crown against Randy Turpin or Bob Olson.

He said he wanted to take on the winner of the proposed tournament to screen some 11 contenders for Sugar Ray Robinson's vacated 160-pound title.

"Let Turpin or Olson find out who champion and then I fight that guy," said Gavilan.

D. Arney Tops 10-Pin Bowlers

Don Arney of Chumps topped the mixed ten-pin bowlers this week with his high single of 222 while Bill Anderson of Delnor captured the high three score with 542. Other men bowling over 200 games were Anderson and Joe Long of Art Murrays, both with 212.

For the ladies, E. Anderson of Delnor captured both high scores with games of 136, 128 and 179 for a total of 443.

Team honors went to the Chumps who rolled high single of 830 and a triple of 2,338.

Results—Chumps 4, Delnor 0; Spares 4, MCs 0; Art Murrays 3, Northern Distributors 1.

Agnes Pierce of Lyons headed all lady five-pinners this week as she knocked over pins for a 320 high single score, and Jessie Shenton of New Laurels added up three games for an 844 total, highest so far bowled in the league.

Her team also captured the single and triple high scores, establishing a new record with 1,132 and 3,151.

In B Division, Bobbi Kohlruss of Bulgers topped the keglers with a single of 260 and Winnie Glass of McKays stretched out three games for a triple of 701. Bulgers nabbed both team honors with scores of 1,014 and 2,759.

This week marked the end of the second "third" in the ladies' league with Doms and Gordon & Anderson going into the final stretch tied for first spot. In B Division, a four-way tie for first place between the following will be played-off Sunday: 75 Taxi, Commercials, P.R. Plumbing and Bulgers.

Results

A Division—New Laurel 4, Stars 0; Savoys 4, Dibbs 0; Lyons 3, Doms 1; Cloverleafs 3, Sunrise 1; Mansons 3, Lucky Strikes 1; Gordon & Anderson 2, Annettes 2.

B Division—Skeena 4, Toilers 0; McKays 4, Rupert Radio 0; Cooks 3, 75 Taxi 1; Commercials 3, Big Sisters 1; Bulgers 3, Co-op 1; 7th Ave. Mkt. 2, P.R. Plumbing 2.

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