

Charles Ready For Marciano

By RUSS NEWLAND
SAN FRANCISCO — One-time heavyweight champ Ezzard Charles, back in the title hunt with a smashing 10-round win over tough Rex Layne, told the boxing world Thursday "I think I can beat anyone now."

The 31-year-old Cincinnati Negro put on one of the finest battles of his lengthy ring career when he battered the Lewiston, Utah, gamester into a bloody hulk Wednesday night at Winterland.

Millions of nationwide television viewers and 7,500 fans at the indoor arena saw Charles floor Layne four times—in the first, sixth, seventh and tenth rounds.

Burley Rex gained his feet every time but the beating he took probably will shelve him for weeks. He suffered cuts near both eyes and under the lower lip.

Charles, fighting for a title shot, beat Layne in savage fashion.

He pounded the 203-pound Rex in the mid-section and belted his head with stinging left hooks and sharp right crosses to the face. Layne was groggy from the sixth round on. Charles, unmarked after the brawl, said he would challenge the winner of the Rocky Marciano-Jersey Joe Walcott championship rematch at Chicago April 10.

"I feel I've earned another shot at the title," Ezzard said. "I'd rather fight Marciano for the title. I think his style is made to order for me."



A FREE-FOR-ALL INTERRUPTS the opening game of the best-of-seven series for the Western Canada junior hockey championship at Fort William between Fort William Canadiens and St. Boniface Canadiens. Fort William's Don McLeod (on his knees) wrestles Ab McDonald (on his back) of St. Boniface while referee Chick Little (right) looks on. Linesman Ike Morrison holds back a St. Boniface player. Fort William won the game 7-0.

Enraged Red Wings Trounce Bruins To Keep Stanley Cup Chances Alive

DETROIT (CP)— Striking for three goals in the first four minutes, the enraged Detroit Red Wings whipped Boston Bruins 6-4 Thursday night to stay alive in the Stanley Cup hockey playoffs.

The Bruins lead the best-of-seven, semi-final series 3-2. The sixth game will be played in Boston tomorrow night.

The Red Wings, trimmed in three straight games by the brash Bruins, came out with fire in their eyes Thursday night. Within the first 55 seconds, they scored twice and less than three

minutes later their lead was 3-0. Ted Lindsay scored after only 23 seconds of play and after the 55 second mark defenceman Bob Goldham brought the house down by connecting on a 55-foot screen shot to make it 2-0.

At 3:45 defenceman Benny Wolf scored and the Wings headed for their first victory since the opening game.

LATE RALLY
The Wings' early assault offset a late Bruin rally which saw veteran Milt Schmidt score twice in the last 10 minutes of play. That made it 6-4 and the Bruins had several chances to draw even closer in the last five minutes, as the Wings played most of the time one man short as a result of penalties.

Ed Sandford also scored twice for the Bruins but they didn't look like the same team which stunned the hockey world with that three-game streak against the Wings, defending Stanley Cup champions.

After taking their 3-0 lead, the Wings went scoreless until 8:42 of the second period. That was when Gordie Howe skated in all alone to beat goalie Jim Henry with a sizzling 15-foot shot.

SANDFORD CONNECTS
Just 20 seconds later Boston scored its first goal when Sandford clicked. Johnny Wilson got that right back for Detroit 2½ minutes later.

HOCKEY SCORES
THURSDAY
Saskatoon 1, New Westminster 3 (best of seven semi-final tied 2-2).
Edmonton 6, Calgary 5 (Edmonton wins best of five semi-final 3-2).

Atlin Fisheries Team Wins Shooting Award

Atlin Fisheries trap-shooting team defeated its closest rival, Fashion Footwear, 66-51 in the Good Friday challenge shoot to win the first award of the Rupert Radio & Electric trophy.

Third team in the shoot, Rupert Radio bowed out with 58 points. Tommy Boulter of Fashion scored 21 out of 25 for the highest individual score followed by Bill Wood, captain of the Atlin team with 19.

Following are the winning team members and their scores: Bill Wood (10), Elmer Clausen (14), Howard Scott (12), Harold Thom (11), Jim Bacon (10).

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Hawks Need Only Victory Tonight To Knock Canadiens Out of Finals

MONTREAL (CP)— Chicago Black Hawks, backed by the brilliant goal-keeping of Al Rollins, rolled to a 4-2 victory over Montreal Canadiens Thursday night, the third straight for the Hawks in the Stanley Cup semi-final who now need only one more win to take the series.

The 14,426 fans were stunned at the setback to Canadiens who won the first two games last week on Montreal ice and then lost two in Chicago. The sixth game will be played in Chicago tonight.

Three Chicago goals in less than 12 minutes of the first period had Canadiens reeling, and the game finally threatened to blow up in a free-for-all.

Eighteen penalties were called, including majors to Bill Mosienko of Chicago and Jim Macpherson of Canadiens and a misconduct penalty to "Boom Boom" Geoffrion of Montreal.

Fred Hucul, Mosienko, Gus Bodnar and Gus Mortonson were goal-scorers for the Hawks and Maurice (Rocket) Richard and Tom Johnson for Montreal.

NEVER THREATENED
After their first-period scoring outburst the Hawks were

never seriously threatened, especially with Rollins putting on his great display.

Canadiens put up their best fight in the second period when Richard cut the Hawks lead to 3-1 but when Mortonson brought the margin to three goals once more, Canadiens faded.

If the Montrealers hope to keep the series alive they will have to take some new and drastic measures to overcome the wizardry of Rollins. The lanky Chicago goalie has been a stand-out in the last three games and Thursday night he seemed to take particular delight in thwarting Richard. The Rocket got one by Rollins but saw several other goal-labelled shots gobbled up.

FINE GAME
Little Billy Mosienko played a fine all-round game for the Hawks and their defence stood up when Canadiens put on an all-out drive in the second period. For several short stretches play was entirely inside the Chicago zone in this middle period and time and again the Montreal attack bogged down under Chicago's relentless checking.

Canadiens tried to get power plays going again in the final period but the Hawks knew they had the game all but sewed up and set up a solid defence.

The game began getting rougher soon after the second period started. Macpherson and Mosienko began tossing punches and were given major penalties.

There was a steady penalty parade in the last period, highlighted by a tangle between Lynn and Meger and culminating in Geoffrion's misconduct penalty for shoving linesman Bill Morrison.

Remember When

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BLONDIE
by CHIC YOUNG

POP WILL YOU WATCH MY BIKE FOR ME WHILE I CHANGE MY CLOTHES? SURE, SON.

I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT TO COOK FOR SUPPER TONIGHT. IT'S A PROBLEM ISN'T IT?

LOOK! NO HANDS! DON'T LOOK-- HE'S JUST SHOWING OFF.

IT'S TOO LATE TO START A STEW. HONESTLY SOMETIMES I THINK THERE'S NOTHING LEFT TO COOK.

LOOK AT THIS! HOW ABOUT FISH FOR YOUR SUPPER BLONDIE?

LET'S SHOW THEM SOME REAL FANCY RIDING. OKAY GET ON.

I WOULDN'T DARE GIVE DAGWOOD FISH AGAIN-- WE'VE HAD IT THREE NIGHTS IN A ROW. OH, I FORGOT MR. DITHER'S GAVE YOU ALL THOSE MACKEREL HE CAUGHT ON HIS FISHING TRIP.

LET'S SEE WHAT ELSE IS THERE? CHOPS--STEAK, SPARERIBS AND SAUERKRAUT. FRANKFURTERS AND BEANS ARE NICE FOR A CHANGE.

YOU'LL PAY ME FOR EVERY ONE OF THESE FISH OR I'LL CALL THE POLICE!

WELL, ANYWAY, WE KNOW WHAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE FOR SUPPER.

CHIC YOUNG

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