



# IN THIS CORNER

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How wrong can a guy get? Our prediction that Rocky Marciano would retain his world championship by a knockout in the ninth round was way off but there is some small consolation that we were not alone in our embarrassment. There must be upwards of 100 sportswriters throughout the continent trying to think up reasons why Ezzard Charles not only wasn't knocked out but went the entire 15-round distance to put up one of the most gallant ring stands in modern boxing history.

This poses the question, is the vaunted punch of "The Rock" all that it has been cracked up to be? Certainly the "hot-and-cold," "undependable" Charles, as some writers called him, is made of sterner stuff than was originally thought. He was able to absorb more punishment than most humans can endure and still managed to dance up and down and throw his arms around Rocky at the end of 45 minutes of fighting.

No, we don't think Marciano's punch is any the less fearsome. He hasn't the punch Louis had, or even that of Maxie Baer, who killed a man. Fighting the way he does, with all his heart and soul, never stopping, and missing a fifth of the punches he starts, he just ran out of steam. As predicted, Charles outboxed Rocky in the early rounds. We thought he was going down in the sixth. Then again, we figured we'd called it right in the ninth. But Ezzard, having weathered the fresh fury of Rocky's strength, proved in the later rounds that his "absorption-of-punishment saturation point" was never quite reached. Consequently, much to everyone's amazement, including, I imagine, Marciano's, he was still on his feet at the end of the fight.

It was truly a wonderful boost to professional heavyweight boxing. Here were two men, about whom there has never been a breath of scandal, very little if any pre-fighting boasting by either man, and with no real or "dreamed-up" hatred for each other. They just went in there and gave every ounce of strength and courage in search of a common goal. In doing so they provided the maximum in fight entertainment to untold millions, in Yankee Stadium, to radio listeners and TV viewers.

Whether there were as many blows thrown as were described by radio commentator Don Dumphy, remains to be seen when the fight film arrives in town. We recall vividly refereeing a fight in Trail once that was being broadcast by CJAT. It was between a Trail lad and a welterweight from Spokane, Wash. The fight which had been pretty exciting at first had slowed down as the two fighters circled each other and action was at a minimum. But behind me, mike in hand, was a radio announcer throwing punches out over the air, that only existed in his own imagination. It's to be hoped that Thursday night's fight wasn't given the same treatment.

One thing that resulted was an increase in the respect the two men have for each other. Rocky says the fight was even tougher than the 13-rounder he had with Jersey Joe Walcott. Charles makes no bones about it and is already clamoring for another crack at his former title. They both should be healed up by the time September rolls around and it should be interesting to see what the sports writers have to say on that one. It'll take us until September to think up which way we're going to call it.

Strangest mail we've received since we've been in Rupert arrived today. It was addressed to us personally and was from and we quote "the world famous Texas Cow Girls Basketball Team."

The letter accompanying the glowing press notices goes on to say that the Texas Cow Girls conduct a training camp every year for "talented young ladies" who wish to try out for this team that has beaten high school, college and university all-star teams.

"We try to pick the best available talent on the North American continent," the letter asserts. Not only that but they "take pride in presenting a good evening's entertainment." (Basketball-wise of course.)

The Texas gals last season played 152 games and won 117 of them over male opponents. They've played in places as large as Madison Square Gardens and have helped raise funds for the March of Dimes, Red Cross and for such groups as the Lions, Kiwanis and veterans' organizations.

"If there are any young ladies in your community that wish to try out for this world famous team, they may do so by contacting "Dempsey's Texas Cow Girls Basketball Team, Training Camp, Mismark, North Dakota, Post Office Box 1395."

The letter adds that "it is an opportunity for a young lady who likes the game and who has ability to make a good living, travel and see the world and play a game she likes."

So there you are gals. If any of the Rainbirds, Doms or Frestry's take up this offer BE SURE, to let us know.

However, in a serious vein, the Cow Girls are presently making up their 170-odd game schedule for the 1954-55 season and want to know "if there are any sponsors in your community and we would appreciate it if you would advise them that we (the Cow Girls) are available for bookings at this time."

Okay, basketball commission. What say you line up a Cow Girls versus Manson's series to start off next season?

## Super Valu Take 24-11 Win Off Runner-up North Stars

By BOB MORRIS

North Stars went down under a 24-11 defeat at the hands of Super Valu last night at Algoma Park in a scheduled Little League game.

Murray Wells, North Star starter gave up the first 14 Super Valu runs on five hits, and an error while giving out eight bases on balls. Ray Oakey who took over in the second inning, with the bases loaded and none away, was tapped for nine hits and he handed out four walks to let in another nine runs. Roy Helland came in, in the fourth inning with two away and three on bases, finished the game with four more hits, two walks and one more run. Wells struck out two men, Oakey one, and Helland four.

Jack Martin who pitched the first four innings for Super Valu allowed six hits, gave out three walks and struck out two batters for the five North Star runs. Don Love relieving at the bottom of the fifth gave five hits, two walks, struck out two, and saw three errors committed to score six more runs.

Biggest hitter for Super Valu was first baseman Billy Main who scored four runs on four hits for five official trips to the

plate. Best average for the night will go to Super Valu pitcher Jack Martin who scored three runs on three hits for three official at bats.

Gene Maskulak and Ken Cameron shared top spot on the North Star score sheet each bringing in three runs. Maskulak hitting twice in five chances, Cameron one in four.

The game which was started during a threatening weather situation was played in spite of heavy drizzle during the first innings, ended in sunshine and moves the idle Sea Kings into first place.

	P	W	L	Pct.
Sea Kings	3	2	1	.667
North Stars	5	3	2	.600
Super Valu	6	3	3	.500
Kinsmen	2	0	2	.000

Little League schedule for remainder of first half:  
June 19—Sea Kings vs North Stars  
June 21—North Stars vs Kinsmen  
June 22—Sea Kings vs Super Valu  
June 23—Kinsmen vs Super Valu  
June 24—Kinsmen vs Sea Kings  
June 25—Sea Kings vs North Stars  
June 26—Super Valu vs Kinsmen

At mid-March there were 569,900 applications for work on file with the federal government's employment offices, 161,900 more than a year previously.

## Elks Pitch Two Hitter But Lose to Moose 7-6

Despite two-hit pitching and a tremendous four-run rally in the sixth, the Elks' team of the Prince Rupert unofficial Pony league were edged last night at Roosevelt Park by the Moose entry in a game that was won and finished at the same time.

Tied 6-6 going into the bottom of the seventh, Moose got the game when Elks' second baseman Frank Warner scooped up Dick Bury's ground ball and then pulled team mate Phil Thom off first sack with the potential putout throw. The miscue allowed Bury a life and Jim Arsenault, who had walked, stole second and third, to come in.

Elks starter Eddie Eyford, who was replaced by Fred Gulbranson in the bottom of the fifth, had allowed only one hit, although four walks he issued in the fifth were responsible for two runs.

Reliever Gulbranson also only allowed one hit although he was responsible for two runs, including the climber.

Moose's Buffy went all the way, allowing six runs on eight hits and striking out 14 batters along the way. Eyford whiffed six and Gulbranson two.

Moose took the lead in the first on a hit by Per Halverson and three errors by the Elks. Elks tied the game in the second on singles by Gulbranson, John Lambie and Eyford as well as four bobbles by Moose fielders.

Moose moved three up after Willard Anderson, Moose third sacker scored in the third and again in the fifth along with team mate Jim Arsenault.

In the sixth, Elks used three hits, singles by Lambie, Don Murray and Charlie Lindstrom to bring in four runs. Moose aided the Elks cause with one error, two passed balls and a wild pitch.

After facing eight men and seeing seven of them get on base, Bury bore down and struck out the ninth and tenth to end the Elks scoring in the sixth inning.

Top hitter for Moose was Billy Walmouth who batted one for one. Whatmough was also the unluckiest batsman, getting hit by a pitched ball and being thrown out twice at home plate.

Big bat for Elks was swung by John Lambie who garnered two for four. Similar averages were chalked up by Charlie Lindstrom and Eyford, both of whom batted one for two.

The game was the first time the Pony leaguers have taken to the field in their new "uniforms." The occasion was scheduled to see an "official" opening of the league, but lack of a crowd caused postponement of the ceremonies.

Umpiring duties were handled by Mike Montesano behind the plate, Bill Lambie at first and Ross Clayton at third.

## Haddix Grabs Third Shutout To Rack Up Ninth Straight

By BEN PHLEGAR

Associated Press Sports Writer

If some of the major league's best pitchers turned up with aching backs today they have a good excuse.

They're busy talking bows for Friday night's games when in every active park in the two circuits there was at least one hurler who covered himself with glory.

At the Polo Grounds it was Harvey Haddix of the St. Louis Cardinals. The pint-sized left-hander snapped the New York Giants' six-game winning streak with his third straight shutout, 5-0.

In winning his ninth consecutive game Haddix ran his string of scoreless innings to 32, longest in the majors this season. He also increased his top-ranking strikeout total by 7 to 86 and his overall record to 11-3. Nobody else has won as many as 10. Stan Musial hit his 22nd home run, tops in both leagues.

At Forbes Field Vern Law, one of the National League's brightest rookies, allowed Milwaukee only three singles and won the game 2-1 for Pittsburgh with a bases-loaded single in the last of the ninth.

Corby Valentine, another rookie, outduelled Curt Simmons as Cincinnati shaded Philadelphia 2-1. Wally Post collected four hits and drove in both runs for the Redlegs.

Joy in Flatbush came from Don Newcombe's first complete game since May 7. The big right-hander turned back Chicago 6-3 as the Dodgers chipped the Giants' league lead to a single game. Newcombe struck out eight, all in the last six innings. Gil Hodges homered twice.

In the American League Cleveland beat Boston 2-0, New York shaded Chicago 7-6, Philadelphia edged Detroit 2-1 and Washington outlasted Baltimore 7-5 in 13 innings.

## Spokes Respond To Reprieve With Fifth Win

By The Canadian Press

The orphaned Spokane Indians, assured of at least another week in the Western International League, responded Friday night with a furious home run barrage that gave them their fifth straight win.

Calgary's Stampeders were the victims, 21-6.

The surge has carried the Indians to within five games of the first place Vancouver Capilanos, who split a twin bill with Victoria. The Caps dropped the opener 10-5, and then came back to shade Tyeys 8-6 in the night-cap.

In other games, runner-up Yakima, 4½ games off the pace, nosed out Tri-City, 3-2, and Wenatchee, in fourth only six games out, disposed of Salem 6-3. Lewiston at Edmonton was rained out.

The league agreed Friday to operate the Spokane club for another week at the request of Mayor Arthur Meehan, leader of the "Save Spokane Indians, Inc."

Meehan told WIL prexy Robert B. Abel more time was needed by the fan organization to raise the nearly \$40,000 still lacking in the drive to assure operation of the team in the race of the season.

## Remember when

Herbert Sutcliffe and Percy Holmes set a record of 555 runs for a first-wicket partnership in English first-class cricket 22 years ago today at Leyton. The great stand by the opening pair enabled Yorkshire to declare with with one wicket down, beating Essex by an innings and 313 runs.

Wells Sealed Up  
GOSFORD, England (CP)—Centuries-old public wells in this and 24 other Suffolk villages now are being sealed up, for sanitary reasons.

## DUKE TO PRESENT MEDALS TO CANADIANS AT BISLEY

LONDON (CP)—The Duke of Edinburgh is to visit Bisley July 9 to present a cup for inter-service rifle-shooting competition, it was announced today. The annual Commonwealth shoot opens at Bisley next month.

The duke will also present medals to a team of eight Canadian cadets, scheduled to compete the day of the duke's visit against a team of English schoolboys. The duke previously visited Bisley in 1948.

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