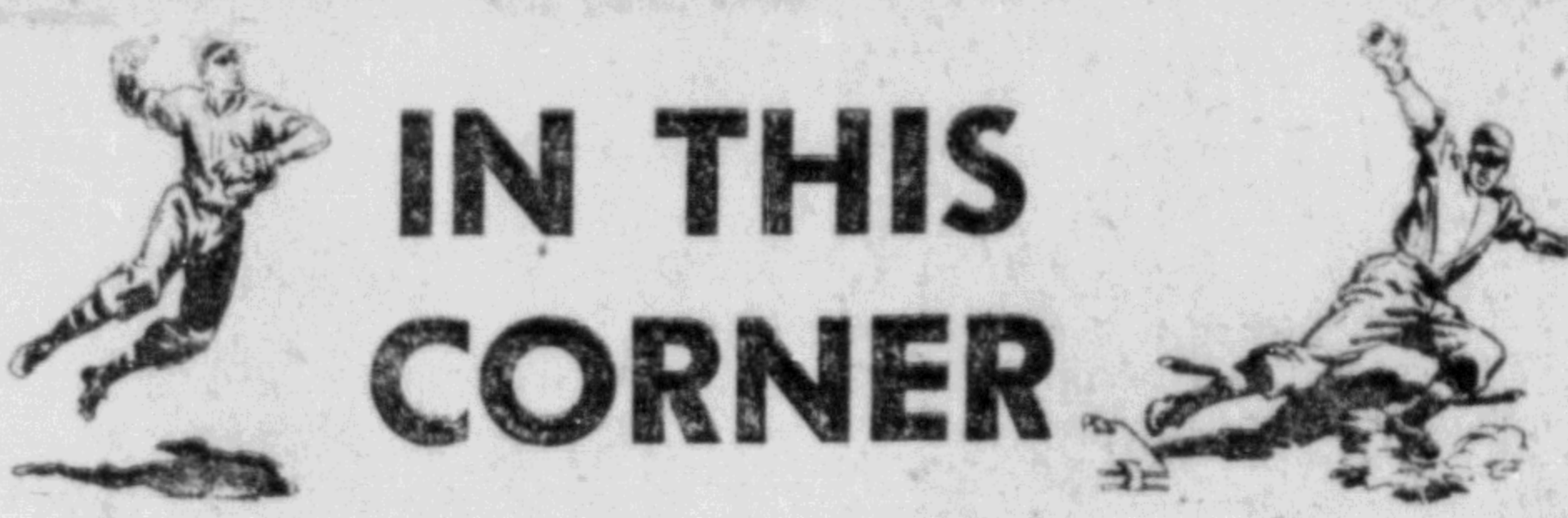




IN THIS CORNER

DICK AYRES

In a few hours two men of admirable stature and in top notch condition will climb through the ropes of a ring in Yankee Stadium with but a single thought in mind—premeditated mayhem. Twenty-nine-year-old Rocky Marciano is faced with keeping a crown that sits fairly firmly upon his brow while his opponent Ezzard Charles is bent on removing it for his own use.

As we said yesterday, the odds of Charles becoming the first man to regain the heavyweight title of the world, are pretty slim. Not since the days of John L. Sullivan, who decided Jack Kilrain in 75 rounds for the first world championship, has any ex-titleholder been able to do it.

Encouraged by press reports and our own beliefs we will now climb out on our limb, saw in hand, and name the ninth round as the one in which Ezzard will go "bye-bye." Gayle Talbot of Sports Roundup, arguing that there is no reason why a fighter who has won 45 fights should stumble over No. 46, cautiously picks the 12th round. At the same time he says that when the roof falls in on Charles, he will be ahead of Rocky on points.

Fight time is 7:30 Pacific Daylight Time and it will not be carried on CFRP. The local station cannot carry anything not supplied by its own network which is the Trans-Canada. It will be carried by the Dominion network of the CBC, nearest outlet of which is CJOR, Vancouver. It will, in all probability, be carried by one of the Ketchikan stations.

Since the weatherman has been brutal to baseballers over the past week and there has been considerable discussion as to whose responsibility it is to call a game, we might as well get it straight. So far as the seniors are concerned, that is. It will save some managers getting confused when we ask them whether a game is to be called or not and it will also save other managers thinking it is the responsibility of the newspaper to say whether a game is to be played or not. Believe us it isn't.

According to the baseball rules which Umpire Frog Letourneau has and we have and the sports editor has, Division of the baseball code No. 12 states, and we quote:

"The sole judge of the fitness of the playing field for play is: (A) THE MANAGER of the home team shall be sole judge of the fitness of the playing field for the beginning of any game other than the second game of a double-header.

"(B) EXCEPTION: Any league may permanently authorize its president to suspend the application of this rule as to that league during the closing weeks of its championship seasons in order to assure that the championship is decided each year on its merits. When the postponement of, and possible failure to play, a game in the final series of a championship season between any two teams might affect the final standing of any club in the league, the president, on appeal from any league member, may assume the authority granted the Home Team manager by this rule.

"(C) THE UMPIRE-IN-CHIEF of the first game shall be the sole judge of the fitness of the playing field for the beginning of the second game of a double-header.

"(D) THE UMPIRE-IN-CHIEF shall be the sole judge of the fitness of the playing field for the resumption of play after "time" has been called and play suspended during a game."

Well sir, it couldn't have rained any harder than it did around 7 p.m. last night just prior but it did not daunt the soccer players nor their supporters. By the time the Little League game at Algonia Park had been rained out and Pat Forman had incited the players to get out on the field and "not act like baseballers," the weather had cleared and about 50 enthusiastic spectators were treated to a good game of football. Both the Local 708 and Gondola elevens turned in a hard fast game.

Instructors Dick Paul, George Murray, Tommy Boulter and Constable Jerry Martin of the Civic Centre Youth Rifle Club deserve a good hand for their work this past winter and spring. Interest in the rifle work was so great they had to split up the classes in mid-season and hold two shoots a week. During the season 31 bronze pins, eight silver pins, and two gold pins were awarded top marksmen and nine crests were presented to the lads who attained 100 per cent. The membership, which hit a total of 71, used approximately 20,000 shells during its classes.

Well that's "30" for now, and here's fair warning. No meetings, if there are any tonight, get covered until the Marciano-Charles fight is over.

Fund Raising Hits Aussies

MELBOURNE (Reuters)—Members of the Australian team to compete in the British Empire Games in Vancouver in July and August have spent so much time attending functions to raise funds for their expenses that they have had to neglect their training.

In spite of this, the Australians hope to win at least 17 events and possibly 20, and feel they have a good chance of becoming the unofficial champions of the Empire games for the third time in succession.

Sufficient money now has been raised to send a team of 53, while a further 19 have been selected if they can raise their own expenses.

WIL STANDINGS			
	W	L	Pct.
Vancouver	31	17	.646
Yukima	27	22	.551
Edmonton	21	18	.538
Spokane	25	23	.521
Wenatchee	26	25	.510
Lewiston	23	25	.479
Tri-City	23	27	.460
Victoria	21	26	.447
Salem	22	28	.440
Calgary	17	25	.405

REVERSE PROCEDURE
Eels in North America are the only freshwater fish which go to sea to spawn.



HERE'S MUD...—Out of the money—but in the mud—is the way jockey Mike Weisman finished a recent race at Lincoln Fields, near Chicago. In the eyes was the only place Mike didn't get mud as he rode Mambo over the rain-drenched track.

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NUGGET

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DON MUELLER (left), New York Giant outfielder, has his 54 batting average well above .350 as the season passes the second-month mark. At right, the big, six-foot, 180-pounder shows the batting grip (top) and plate stance (bottom) which he uses to connect with the horsehide. Mueller, 27, who lives in St. Louis, Mo., appears to be out to better his not-to-be-sneered-at .333 average of last season.



Ogilvie Tops Little Loop In Hitting

Tabulation of Prince Rupert's Little League batting averages shows that Garry Ogilvie of Lipsett Sea Kings tops the loop's hitters with a standout .750 average.

Runner-up is held by North Star's A. Tindall with .667 while third place is held jointly by Bryan Kangus of North Stars and George Jones of Sea Kings who are hitting .500. All 10 top batters of the league are hitting over the .400 mark.

Ogilvie's tremendous edge comes from nine hits out of 12 official trips to the plate. Tindall's from two hits in three tries while Kangus and Jones are six for 12.

Sea Kings Bob Meighen is a standout batter in his own right, leading the home run division with four circuit blows as well as scoring the most runs, 10 and sharing the most doubles batted, three, with team-mate McLeod.

The most triples have been racked up by Chris Downing of Sea Kings and Windle and Russell of Super Valu, each of whom have hit two.

North Stars lead the league, having won three out of four. Sea Kings hold down second spot two wins out of three. Super Valu are in third spot with two wins out of five and Kinsmen trail, having lost two and won none.

Three tie games on the books will be played off when the first half of the schedule ends June 25 if their outcome will affect the standings.

Tuesday night at Algonia Park a game between North Stars and Sea Kings was rained out after one inning of play. The game has been slated to be played off this Saturday. Monday night's game between Super Valu and Kinsmen will be tried tonight. Last night a scheduled game between Sea Kings and Kinsmen was also postponed in respect of rain.

Top 10 batting averages, with initials of teams in brackets follows:											
Name	G	A	R	H	Pct.	Name	G	A	R	H	Pct.
G. Ogilvie (SK)	4	12	7	9	.750	A. Tindall (NS)	2	3	2	2	.667
B. Kangus (NS)	5	12	6	6	.500	G. Jones (SK)	5	12	6	6	.500
R. Adams (K)	5	15	7	7	.467	R. Cameron (NS)	5	15	7	7	.467
B. Robertson (SK)	3	13	5	6	.462	J. Gordon (SV)	5	13	4	6	.462
R. Meighen (SK)	5	20	10	9	.450	G. Jensen (SV)	5	9	4	4	.444
Runs—Meighen, Sea Kings, 10.											
Doubles—McLeod, Meighen, Sea Kings, three.											
Hit by pitcher—Holland, North Stars, three.											
Put-outs—Windle, Super Valu, 20.											
Assists—Windle, Super Valu, eight.											
Errors—Olsen, Kinsmen, six.											
Struck out—Murray, Kinsmen, 10.											

PCL Standings

	W	L	Pct.	GBL
Hollywood	44	28	.611	
San Diego	39	33	.542	5
San Francisco	39	34	.534	5 1/2
Oakland	38	36	.514	7
Seattle	33	36	.478	9 1/2
Sacramento	34	38	.472	10
Los Angeles	31	39	.443	12
Portland	28	42	.400	15

Gyro Squad Picked To Play at Terrace

The Gyro team of the Prince Rupert unofficial Pony League will travel to Terrace for an exhibition game the weekend of June 26 it was decided last night at a meeting of the league's executive held at the Civic Centre.

The Gyro squad was chosen for the away-game because Moose and Elks are scheduled for a league game Monday, June 23. Final arrangements for the trip still have to be made.

The meeting, called to outline rules and appoint officials, saw loop prexy Ross Clayton announce a sound financial position for the league, with \$527 in the bank after paying expenses of \$250.

The loop's coffers were given an additional boost by a donation of \$25 from the Pulp and Sulphite Workers Union. President Clayton announced a steady increase in the amount of collections at the four games that have been played.

The executive decided that a regulation game in the unofficial league will coincide with the rules in the Pony League rule book. This calls for a legal game to be five equal innings long or of four and a half innings duration if the team second at bat has scored more runs at the end of the fourth inning than the team first at bat has in its five complete innings.

The games will be played at the end of the season if their outcome will affect the standings, it was decided. Rained out games will definitely be played at the end of the season.

Sunday games were ruled out by the meeting and all games scheduled for Sunday will be moved ahead to Monday, effective June 20-21. Game time for all loop fixtures was set at 7 p.m. and the executive felt that the home team should be there at 6:30 to prepare the diamond.

New Hurler For Esquires May Go Tonight

A 25-year-old southpaw from Vancouver, recently taken on strength by Esquire Men's Wear will probably see action tonight in the Senior Baseball League fixture between the clothiers and league leading G & A at Rensvelt Park.

Slated to take the mound for Benny Windle's crew will be Jerry Blitch, who held Terrace to three hits Sunday as Esquires blanked the inlanders 7-0 in his second game of a double header. Esquires dropped the opener 7-3.

Starting for Gordon and Anderson will be right-hander Dennis Reed.

A win for the clothiers will put them two and a half games behind the league lead, half a game behind second place Terrace.

A G & A win would put Esquires back sharing the cellar with Commercials, four and a half games off the front slot.

	W	L	Pct.	GBL
Terrace	6	5	.545	2
G & A	6	1	.857	
Esquires	5	7	.416	3 1/2
Commercials	3	7	.300	4 1/2

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Challenger Facing 54-Year Old Jinx

By MURRAY ROSE

NEW YORK (AP)—Ezzard Charles backs the explosive power of heavyweight king Rocky Marciano and a 54-year-old tradition of the ring tonight in a final try to become the first ex-champion to regain boxing's most prized crown. The odds are 5 to 18 that he fails.

"It's now or never for Ezzard," said co-manager Tom Tannas. "He knows it's his last chance and he's never been so determined before. He's right on edge. I hope we don't get any rain to spoil it."

WEATHER PROBLEM

The forecast is for fair and warmer although an earlier prediction by the weatherman called for a threat of late evening thundershowers. But possible postponement which could force a week's setback of the 15-round title fight in Yankee Stadium was upmost in the minds of the principals and promoters as they anxiously peered at the sky. A canopy was placed above the ring to keep the canvas dry.

After months of hard training, the gladiators were ready for boxing's biggest and most dramatic show. A rainstorm and a delay until next Thursday meant losing that razor edge they've drilled for so long. It could put a big dent in the receipts, too. Postponements bring cancella-

tions. The promoting International Boxing Club said it will go up to the ball park this evening with \$400,000 in the till. Promoter Jim Norris is looking for a 40,000 crowd and \$500,000 at the gate with a break from the weatherman.

In addition to the gate receipts the fighters will share (Marciano 40 per cent, Charles 20) in close to \$200,000 from the coast-to-coast theater-television, \$35,000 from the network (ABC) radio broadcast, and a possible bonanza from the movies if the fight is sensational.

There will be no home television of the undefeated Marciano's third title defense. The bout will start at 7:30 p.m. PDT. While the 32-year-old Charles will be seeking to accomplish what eight former champions, including himself, have failed to do, the 29-year-old Marciano will be trying a less potent heavyweight jinx. Only 5 of 17 heavyweight rulers have been able to get by a third defence. This is No. 3 for the Brockton bruiser.

Practice Today

Super Valu team of the Little League will practice at 3:30 p.m. today at Algonia Park. All team members and farm team players are asked to turn out.

BEG Sales reach \$92,000 Mark
VANCOUVER (AP)—Ticket sales for the British Empire Games beginning here July 30 now stand at \$92,000.

Sales director Sammy Rosen said the figure represents 24 per cent of the \$385,000 objective. More than half the sales have been for track and field. Rosen reported that the seats for the final three days of boxing, swimming, and tennis have been sold.

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