

Clem Labine Hottest Relief Pitcher In Baseball

Today's Sports Parade

By Oscar Fraley
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NEW YORK (AP) — The fight mob still was unconvinced today that Rocky Marciano deserved ranking as the "new Dempsey" but the heavyweight champ can clinch such recognition by flattening Roland LaStarza in their Sept. 24 title fight.

39 KAYOES IN 44

Marciano's chilling record of 39 kayoes in 44 bouts would seem to merit the heavyweight accolade without question. Yet there is a persistent insinuation that Rock hasn't beaten "anybody."

One of the most outspoken concerning the shaky claim Marciano has to ring greatness is Dum Dan Morgan, the loquacious ancient who led Jack Britton to the welterweight crown.

"He is," snorts Morgan, "a pot luck hitter—a lucky puncher. I think that LaStarza will beat him and only if Marciano knocks him out will I admit that he has a right to be classified with the great heavyweights."

Dum Dan, so called in fight mob jargon because of his marathon linguistic ability, has a surprising amount of support. And when you scan Marciano's record, it is understandable.

The Rock's victims since he has strolled up to the doorway of greatness included a washed-up Joe Louis, an even more scrubbed Lee Savold, a chopping block named Gino Buonvino, unwilling Bernie Reynolds, an overstuffed light-heavyweight named Harry Matthews, a lucky desperation one shot win over ancient Jersey Joe Walcott—and that return shot "victory" over Old Joe.

That last one can be discounted. It will go into the books as a testimonial to the Rock's punching progress but inside he must have been as surprised as everyone else.

LASTARZA HAS RESPECT

You also can understand the respect for LaStarza, even though his record is not one to startle John L. Sullivan. For the fact remains that Marciano has been ducking Rollicking Rollie ever since their split decision bout in March, 1950. It was painfully close and the hesitation to acclaim Marciano, in Morgan's case, stems from the theory that Marciano actually hasn't become a better fighter since that time.

Marciano can't improve," Morgan insists. "He is set in style where he just comes in and keeps punching. He

FIGHT RESULTS

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SYRACUSE, N. Y.: Pat Manzi, 146½, Syracuse, stopped Joe Miceil, 146 1-2, New York (6).

MIAMI BEACH, Fla.: Harold Jones, 138, Detroit, drew with Glen Flanagan, 138, St. Paul, Minn. (6).

SCORES

Tar Heel League
R. C. Owls 5-2 Hickory 0-10
Shelby 7 Lexington 2
Mooreville 12 Salisbury 3
Marion 6 Statesville 2

Carolina League
Durham 5-4 Durham 2-5
Raleigh 1-5 Greensboro 0-13
Danville 6-6 Fayetteville 2-5
Winston-Salem 4-1 Reidsville 3-2

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

By UNITED PRESS
National League

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Brooklyn	79	37	.681
Milwaukee	72	47	.605
St. Louis	63	52	.548
Philadelphia	64	53	.547
New York	57	58	.496
Cincinnati	53	66	.445
Chicago	49	71	.383
Pittsburgh	39	86	.306

Tuesday's Results

St. Louis 5 Chicago 1
Milwaukee 8 Cincinnati 7
Philadelphia 1 Pittsburgh 0
Brooklyn 4 New York 3 (13 inn.)

Thursday's Games

Chicago at St. Louis
New York at Brooklyn
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, night
Only games scheduled.

COLUMBUS, S. C. (AP) — The All-South Carolina Football Annual on news stands through South Carolina today, picks the University of South Carolina Gamecocks to be the best performer during the 1953 season.

The five, end Clyde Bennett, center Leon Cunningham, halfback Gene Wilson, guard Frank Minovich, and quarterback Johnny Gamling, all made the United Press All-State team in 1952. Cunningham and Gamling were All-

never has been taught to move and he even looks a bit muscle-bound.

As for LaStarza, Morgan sneers at the 3-1 odds favoring Marciano and brands Rollie as a "better boxer and all-around fighter who can really take it himself."

"He's the kind of a fighter who seems to get stronger all the time," Morgan explained. "He's younger, smarter and he can take it. This fight looks like a toss-up to me, but I have to give the edge to the fellow with the better ring generalship. That's LaStarza."

Dodgers Winning Streak Longest Since '47 Season

By CARL LUNDQUIST
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NEW YORK (AP) — Clem Labine's double whammy today was making him the hottest relief pitcher in baseball and a worthy successor to Joe Black, Brooklyn's bullpen star of 1952.

Labine has a simple formula. All he does is cross his fingers, knock wood on his dressing room stool, and go out and pitch hitless ball against the opposition. It is just as simple as that.

"I don't want to jinx anybody, particularly myself, but things have gone pretty good lately," he said, going through the double whammy routine again.

It was the understatement of the season. All the classy right hander from Wagonwheel, R. I. did was to pitch five hitless innings as the Dodgers went through a 19-inning marathon and beat the "dead" Giants, 4-3, when Gil Hodges drove in the winning run with a bases-loaded fly.

That brought Brooklyn's winning streak to 11 games, their longest since 1947 and the longest in the National League this year. It kept them 3-1-2 games in front of the Milwaukee Braves, who topped Cincinnati 8-2.

Milwaukee's six-hit victory by Johnny Antonelli was notable mainly because Ed Mathews hit his 38th homer, equalling the high-

est total ever hit by a Braves player, the 38 by Wally Berger of the 1930 club. Jack Dittmer started Antonelli off right with a three-run second inning home.

SENATORS CUT YANKEES

In the American League, the Senators cut the Yankees' lead to 7½ games by putting over seven runs in the ninth inning to win, 10-8, as Mickey Vernon hit a three-run triple and Jim Busby got a triple to score two more. Vernon also hit a homer earlier while Clyde Volmer got two homers for the Nats.

The White Sox took a pair from the Browns, 3-2 and 2-1, to close in on the pace-setting Yankees. Virgil Trucks pitched seven-hit ball and struck out 12 to win his 16th game in the opener as Bob Boyd hit a two-run homer and had four hits. Sandy Consuegra, with relief help from Harry Dorish, gained the second victory. Chicago bunched three of its five hits in the fifth to score both runs. Vic Wertz homered for the only St. Louis tally.

GRONEK HURLS 6-HITTER

Ex-Cleveland hurler Steve Gronmek of Detroit pitched a six-hitter to edge the skidding Indians 2-2, in a duel with Mike Garcia. The Red Sox moved to within a game of Cleveland by defeating the Athletics, 2-1, on seven-hit pitching by Mickey McDermott, who won his 13th game. Billy Goodman and Jim Piersall drove in the only Boston runs with doubles in the third.

Steve Ridsick got high class relief help from Robin Roberts as the Phils topped the Pirates 1-0 with a four-hit job of collobo action. Ridsick had to leave with a three-hitter when he twisted his ankle in the seventh. Stan Lopata doubled home the only run of the game.

Gerry Staley won his 15th game 4-1, for the Cardinals over the Cubs with a six-hitter as rookie Harry Elliott drove in two runs with a double to put St. Louis in front for good. Ed Miksis homered for Chicago.

SPORTS SHORTS

ATLANTA (AP) — The pre-season talk was about Nashville's heavy hitting, but it's the pitching that's keeping the VVols out ahead in the Southern Association pennant chase.

The Vols got plenty of heavy hitting early in the season, but it was the surprising Nashville mound crew that brought the Tennesseans to the top, and now in the rugged August stretch drive—the pitchers

are carrying the hitters. Last night the Vols stretched their league lead to four games over Atlanta by splitting a double-header with Birmingham. I oak nifty pitching by Jim Constable to give the Vols their one win.

About Baseball Ty Cobb Talks

This is the first of two articles in which Ty Cobb, baseball immortal, talks about the game he loves. In the first installment, Cobb explains what he thinks is wrong with the game today.

BY FRANK H. BARTHOLOMEW

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
GLENNBROOK, Nev. (AP) — The major leagues are strangling the minors to the detriment of American baseball, Ty Cobb said today.

"Each team in every minor league ought to have a 75-mile area surrounding its home town, and protected from major league scouting," the man whose name heads the list of baseball's immortals in the game's national shrine at Cooperstown, N. Y., told the United Press.

"What chance has a minor league for developing new players when its own territory is covered with a network of major league scouting?" Cobb demanded.

"I'll bet you that the Yankees and the Giants between them have at least 500 official and unofficial scouts, checking every high school and college baseball star."

"If an outstanding youngster turns up out here in the West, for instance, what chance do you think the nearest Pacific Coast league team has to sign him against a direct offer from the majors?"

"The majors scout the whole of the U. S., including the home territory of the minors, plus Mexico, Cuba and Central America as well. What's left for the minors? It's no wonder the best of them are coming to be made up of old ball players."

Cobb, relaxed in an easy chair in his lodge on the Nevada shore of 6,200 feet high Lake Tahoe, said that when he himself broke into baseball '99 per cent of the players in the big leagues had worked their way up through the minors.

Sports Shorts

CHESTNUT HILL, Mass. (AP) — Tony Trabert left his sea legs behind him for good today as he "carried" Wimbledon champion Vic Seixas through the early rounds of the National Doubles tourney at Longwood.

The top-seeded team was to meet Edward Dalley of Harrisburg, Pa., and Pablo Eisenberg of Millburn, N. J., in a second round match today with Seixas feeling steadily stronger on his strained right knee.

NEW YORK (AP) — The long awaited "clash" between Green tree Stable's Tom Fool and Alfred G. Vanderbilt's Native Dancer may materialize on Sunday, Sept. 26, when the Sysonby Mills is scheduled to be run at Belmont Park.

According to an announcement made by Alex Robb, general manager of the Westchester Racing Association, formal nominations to the \$50,000 race have been received from Greentree and Vanderbilt in behalf of their "great" horses.

CINCINNATI (AP) — Ed Mathews, still clinging close to Babe

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Ruth's record home run pasc in the face of overwhelming odds, has equalled the all-time season's record for home runs by a member of the Braves. Mathews hit his 39th of the season in Milwaukee's 119th game Tuesday night equalling the club record set by Wally Berger in 1930. Ruth, en route to his record of 60 homers in 1927, had 39 homers after the yankees' 119th game.

COLUMBUS, S. C. (AP) — The annual clinic for qualified Southern college football officials will be held here this weekend, it was announced today.

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