

SPORTS

Here And There

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LOUIS, WALCOTT PITCH TENTS FOR CHAMPIONSHIP BOUT

Fight Scheduled For Yankee Stadium June 23

Heavyweight champion Joe Louis and challenger Jersey Joe Walcott have officially inked their contracts and moved into training for their coming fight for the heavyweight championship of the world. Louis says the fight, which will be held in Yankee Stadium, New York, on June 23, will be his last, regardless of the outcome.

Louis, with all formalities over and his training program ahead, moved out to Bloomingdale, Michigan, about 160 miles from Detroit, to set up his training camp. For the present, it will consist mainly of roadwork. On May 18, Louis plans to move to Pompton Lakes, N. J., where he will buckle down and start sparring two days later.

Walcott has set up his training camp at Grenloch Park, near his Camden, N. J. home. He will begin sparring on May 15.

Louis will receive 40% of everything—net receipts, movies, radio, and television as his share of the pot. Walcott will get 20% of everything other than movies, of which he will receive 22½%. Each fighter posted a \$5,000 guarantee that he will show up for the bout.

Louis expects to weigh in at around 214 for the fight, 3 pounds heavier than he was when the two met last December. Walcott will tip the beam at about 193.

The fact that nine men have come back for seconds against the Brown Bomber and all were carried out of the ring provides nerve shaking testimony to the 34-year-old Walcott. But Jersey Joe thinks he whipped Louis last time and thinks he can do it again. Time will tell.

We'll Take Yankees In American League

With opening day behind and the major leagues in full swing, we will attempt to voice our opinion as to how we think the American league stacks up this year. And we'll start off by saying that the New York Yankees look like the team to beat.

Their well balanced pitching staff and their murderous row of hitters look mighty potent when one starts sizing them up with the rest of the league. The Boston Red Sox will probably be the team for the Yankees to beat because they are also loaded from stem to stern. The other two teams in the first division will be two of these three—Cleveland, Philadelphia or Detroit.

The luckless Washington Senators, St. Louis Browns and Chicago White Sox, we have picked to wind up in the last three berths. Here's the way we see things:

New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Detroit, Cleveland, Washington, Chicago, St. Louis.

It's everyone for his own opinion, but there are certain facts that can't be overlooked, and the biggest factor is power, power and more power.

Arrington And Byrd To Captain Catamounts

At a meeting of the Western Carolina football squad last week, Jack Arrington of Waynesville and Art Byrd of Marion were elected as co-captains of the Catamount grid forces for the coming season.

Arrington, a sophomore blocking back, who will enter his second full season next fall, and Byrd, a junior guard, who is believed to be one of the best guards in the North State Conference, will replace Clark Pennell and Mace Brown who served as co-captains during the 1947 season.

Sylva-Hendersonville To Clash Saturday, Sunday

First Professional Club To Play In Sylva, Local Fans Enthused

Sylva baseball fans will have an opportunity Saturday and Sunday to see the local American Legion team lock horns with a professional ball club for the first time. Hendersonville Skylarks will journey over to Sylva for a two-game session with the local boys. The first game will be called at 3:30 Saturday afternoon on Mark Watson field at the high school campus. The ball for the second game will be pitched in at 3 p. m. Sunday, on the same field.

Probably starting for Sylva Saturday will be Summers on the pitcher's mound. Gudger will follow on Sunday. Cunningham will be on hand to hurl also.

At first Lee will preside, with Squirrel on 2nd and Dillard at 3rd. Sherrill will be at short and Smith catching. In the outfield will find Rector, Olsen and Phillips in action.

Since this is the first time a professional club has played in Jackson county a large number of fans are expected to be on hand for the two games.

The local ball club has provided seats for over 500 persons.

Plenty of coca-colas will be on hand for refreshments.

The local club has been practicing for the past two weeks and should be in good shape for their opening game.

Admission will be 25 and 50 cents.

National League Pennant Race Should Be A Scramble

The National league pennant race should be a scramble with one of five teams coming out to face the American league champs in the series. The way we figure, those five teams are St. Louis, Brooklyn, Boston, New York, and Cincinnati. And that's just the way we think they'll end up. We could be wrong and they may wind up just the opposite of the way we see it, but the Cardinals' pitching staff looks best and they have a lot of powerful sluggers to back up their pitching even though their sluggers are getting up in years.

Things won't be easy for Brook-

BRIEFS - IN DETAIL

(By Bobby Terrell)

The official opening of the Sylva American Legion baseball schedule Saturday afternoon will mark the first time in baseball history that a professional baseball club has visited Jackson County. The Hendersonville club of the newly organized Western Carolina league will provide the opposition for the Sylva boys and should provide the fans their money's worth. The teams will meet again Sunday afternoon on Mark Watson Field.

The Cullowhee high boys are undefeated in their baseball program thus far this year, holding a 9-0 victory over Murphy, a 16-1 victory over Andrews and a 14-5 win over Franklin. Three games remain to be played: April 21-Andrews, there; April 23-Waynesville, there; and April 29-Canton at Cullowhee.

Bobo Newson, who helped pitch the New York Yankees to their American league pennant last summer, recently hooked on with the New York Giants after obtaining his release from the Yankees. Newsom has hurled over his 17 years stay in the majors, for the Yankees, the Washington Senators, Philadelphia Athletics, Brooklyn Dodgers, St. Louis Browns, De-

lyn, with the rest of the teams pushing so hard, but we'll string along with her in second place.

The last three places will be filled with Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Chicago. The Phils and Pirates will be better than they were last year but there's still too much power among the upper clubs. The Cubs have practically the same club they had last year.

Here's the way it looks, but don't let us lead you astray. We could be wrong.

St. Louis, Brooklyn, Boston, New York, Cincinnati, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Chicago.

New Safety Measures Applied To Boxing

Boxing Commissions throughout the country are applying new safety measures to the fist sport.

Spurred to action by two ring deaths within a week early this year, seven states where boxing thrives—California, Illinois, Washington, Massachusetts, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, and New York—recently have taken steps to protect fighters. Other states are considering changes.

Heavier gloves, stricter examinations, and suspension of fighters who hit the canvas too regularly are a few of the changes. Also, a popular change is a rule requiring a fighter who is floored to stay down for an eight-count, regardless of how eager he is to resume the scrap.

The deaths of Sam Baroudi in Chicago Feb. 20 and Leroy De Catur a week later in Hollywood brought the need for the changes into light.

The National Boxing Association has urged states to fix penalties on promoters and managers who fail to live up to their obligations in ring safety.

troit Tigers, Boston Red Sox and Chicago Clubs. That's what we call "getting around."

Al Gionfriddo, who robbed Joltin' Joe Dimaggio of his 415-foot home run in the '47 world series, was recently released by the Brooklyn Dodgers to the Montreal Royals of the International League.

Commodity prices generally have been stable since the February decline in some farm products and foods.

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Wakefield And Dunn Attend Meeting Of Asheville Presbytery

The Rev. W. H. Wakefield, pastor of the Sylva Presbyterian church and Jackson Dunn, elder of the church, attended the spring meeting of the Asheville Presbytery in Canton Tuesday.

A new moderator was elected at this quarterly meeting, succeeding Dr. J. R. McGregor, of Montreat, retiring moderator. Rev. M. R. Williamson, pastor of the Waynesville church and stated clerk of the presbytery, had charge of arrangements.

Annual reports were made at the meeting.

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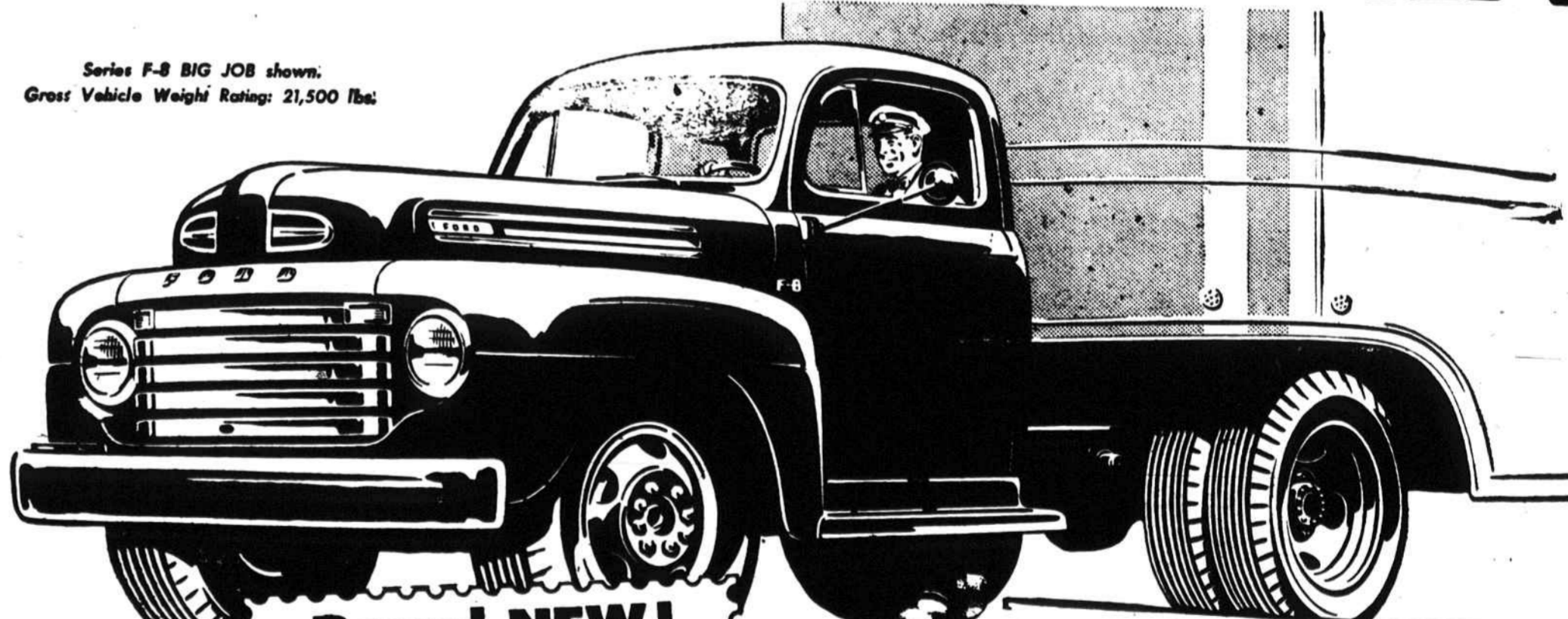
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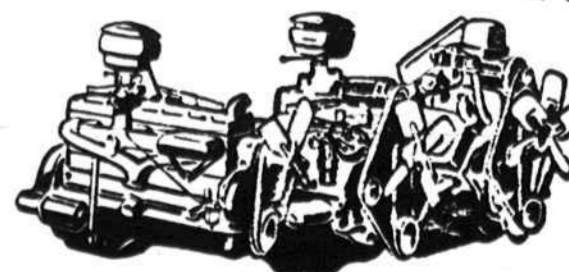
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