

IN THE WORLD OF SPORTS

AT THE RINGSIDE

By Charles J. Livingston
FOLLOW-UP ON ARCHIE MOORE

About a month ago, I put in a plug for light heavyweight titlist Archie Moore in support of his bid for a crack at Rocky Marciano heavyweight championship. A few days later, I received a letter containing a clipping of an article criticizing Moore, written by George Postor, sports editor of the San Francisco Sun-Reporter. The paper has since ceased publication.

In his article entitled "Playing the Game," Postor stated pointedly that Moore "actually and truthfully" hasn't earned the right to meet Rocky, and is poor drawing too much of a gamble for the champion.

Following Archie as one of the greatest and poorest (economical) fighters in the history of boxing, Postor said that Moore's chances of landing the title fight depend on two factors. First, he should defeat the leading challengers and second, the St. Louisian must become a big drawing card in a large city such as New York, Los Angeles, Philadelphia or Chicago.

While this Ringsider has no intention of starting an inter-sectional squabble, except between Rocky and Archie, he nevertheless considers it his duty to give the matter further airing.

I would like to make it clear however, that this article was planned before the Sun-Reporter closure was announced and no attempt is intentionally made to place the Westcoast scribe at a disadvantage. In fact the Ringsider is here with quoting portions of Postor's article. What Postor wrote follows in part.

the Brockton Block buster, but out side of Western Union and Co's encouragement to Moore, it will be most likely chalked up as so much wasted effort and money... All the pleas and appeals did not end to entice you to get Archie in a ring with Rocky until at least two important things happen. The first of which is: That Moore defeats the leading challengers on the heavyweight totem pole, and second: That he somehow become a big drawing card in a big city.

Porter raised two salient points but he "SOMEHOW" missed the point. First of all, Moore is so much obviously superior to such heavyweight contenders as Nine Valdez, Din Cockell, Bob Baker, and Roland-La Starza, that he doesn't have to whip them to prove he rates the chance, although he has already beaten Valdez.

Outside of Joe Louis and Sugar Ray Robinson, what other challenger has defeated all the top men in his division? Furthermore one needs only to review the struggle between the leading contenders to see that Moore is at present the only serious threat to Marciano.

Archie, it will be remembered defeated Nine Valdez, the giant Cuban and leading contender who whipped former Ezzard Charles. Archie also trounced Jimmy Slade, the spoiler, who in turn beat Ben Cockell, the colorless Briton, conqueror of Roland LaStarza, New York cutie, Bob Baker was put to sleep in one frame by second rater Bab Satterfield, who was clobbered by Ez. Of course Charles was twice eliminated by Rocky, and thus out of the running.

Therefore, the picture is clear. Only Moore has remained a solid and consistent winner for the past six years. He is the only one around at present capable of really testing the Rock.

Secondly, no one can honestly say that either Valdez or Cockell can outdraw Moore. Valdez is generally recognized as clumsy, unimproved heavyweight, and the ob- scurity of Cockell may well be de-

scribed by the remarks of a fan, who when asked by this reporter what he thought of the Englishman, replied emphatically: "Never heard of him."

Thus, on the basis of popularity neither figure to outscore Archie, except in their native Cuba or England. One can also stretch to other points.

The fact that Moore has been selected by the champions of his division, and the fact that he has won at all, have helped to make him a national favorite. The public, if not the promoters and managers, want to see him get a title fight.

One may say that Archie's excessive campaigning is not new to the old Moore. He actually fought for permits in order to get the light heavyweight championship fight with Marvin.

Far from scolding, if Marciano Moore fight could be arranged the Ringside would give Rocky the edge. But it would be a great fight. One that could be easily drawn over \$750,000 TV and radio included.

S. C. STATE COLLEGE QUITS STILL UNBEATEN

Orangeburg, S. C. — South Carolina State College team still unbeaten this season won their sixth victory Wednesday night 75-63 against the Fighting Bulldog College Tigers of Columbia, S. C. State drew first blood and led all the way having 19-29 half-time margin.

MAYS GRACES COVER OF NEW 'BASEBALL ANNUAL'

Willie Mays, brilliant outfielder of the New York Giants, has been selected as "cover boy" for the 1955 edition of Dell's "Baseball Annual," which goes on sale at newstand throughout the nation this week.

A national survey of the Dell Publishing Company circulation field force preceded the cover selection. The field men reported that Mays' popularity extended beyond the area of the National League, to the entire country. Accordingly, the smiling Willie-in-a-foul-catcher portrait made at the Polo Grounds by Photographer Ed Preston — was emblazoned on the front cover of "Baseball Annual" fourth edition.

Mays' exploits are featured in articles about the Giants and a special World Series triumph. In the "Baseball Annual" calendar for the 1954 season, by Joe Sheehan, highlights of Mays' season are reported from opening day on. The magazine's special summary of that sensational year: "Exceeding fondest hopes, (Mays) led Giants to pennant with his dazzling all-around play. Besides winning bat-

tle crown, led in slugging percentage (.667) and triples (13); placed high in runs scored; tied for third in homers and hits and finished high in all offensive departments. Only 24, has talent to become of the game's greats — if he keeps feet on ground."

SADDLER TO DEFEND TITLE AGAINST DAVIS

New York (ANP). Featherweight champion Sandy Saddler, who has been getting into trouble because of failure to defend his title, will give a fellow named "Red Top" Davis the first chance to win the crown. Saddler and Davis will have a Feb. 25 date in Madison Square Garden. Sandy hasn't defended his title since September 1951 when he stopped Willie Pep on a TKO in the ninth round.

S. C. STATE COLLEGE BULLDOGS BEAT SAVANNAH STATE 71-67

Orangeburg—Led all the way by Savannah State and ten points ahead with four minutes to go, South Carolina State College Bulldog five rallied and won from Savannah State 71-67 in Dukes Gym Friday night January 14.

S. C. State with an unbeaten record this season had a close call to win their seventh straight victory. Savannah State led a half time 33-27 and had a ten point lead in the second half before S. C. State's shooting stars, Oscar Butler, Henry Washington and Marcel Williams began to fill the basket and tied the fighting Seaside 67-67 with two minutes to play.

A freeze began and frustrated Savannah State fouled too much and allowed the Bulldogs to sink two points for 69-67 lead when the buzzer ended the game. Another foul at the buzzer's end was allowed S. C. State who made good with two more points giving S. C. State the blood cup-ling victory 71-67.

High point scorers for Savannah State were Cecilio Williams and Donald Brock with 20 points each. S. C. State's high scorers were Henry Washington with 19 points and Marcel Williams with 18 points.

S. C. STATE COLLEGE BULLDOGS UNBEATEN

Orangeburg, S. C. — South Carolina State College Bulldog five still unbeaten chalked up its fifth victory against Clafin College 69-65 in Seabrook Gym.

Oscar Butler, lanky center was the high scorer for the Bulldogs with 18 points, and Jones was high scorer for Clafin with 20 points. South Carolina led at half time 36-29. The second half was fast and close with S. C. State winning 69-65.

8 BIG LEAGUERS WIN 'BASEBALL ANNUAL' AWARDS

Wally Moon, who joined the St. Louis Cardinals as a rookie outfielder last spring, is the winner of the "Baseball Annual" award for the National League's best base-running performance of 1954. Moon's feat on May 25, when he stole four bases in a single game against the Chicago Cubs, was picked as tops in a national poll of sports editors and sports writers, conducted by Dell Publishing Company. He will receive a trophy at the start of the 1955 season.

Other winners of players awards in the poll, announced in the new edition of "Baseball Annual": National League: Best game pitched, by Jim Wilson, Milwaukee Braves, against the Phillies June 12 (only no-hit game of the 1954 major league season). Best fielding performance, by Duke Snider, Brooklyn Dodgers, against the Phillies May 31 (his leaping catch of Willie Jones's liner to deep left center ended the game). Best batting performance: by Stan Musial, St. Louis Cardinals, against the New York Giants May 2 (his five-home runs in the double-header set a new major league record).

American League: best base-running, by Jim Finigan, Athletics, against the Senators August 13 (he stole home in the eighth, broke a 2-2 tie to score the winning run, ended an eight-game losing streak for the A's). Best game pitched, by Joe Coleman, Baltimore Orioles, against the New York Yankees September 9 (a 1-0, one-hit game spoiled only by Enos Slaughter's fluke single in the eighth. Best fielding performance, by Larry Doby, Cleveland Indians, against the Senators July 30 (he caught Tom Umpshett's long drive, landed against the bull pen roof, held onto the ball—and in the next inning hit a homer to contribute to the Indians' 8-3 triumph). Best batting performance: by Ted Williams, Boston Red Sox, against Detroit Tigers May 16 (in his first appearance after recovering from his collarbone fracture, he collected eight hits in nine times at bat during a double header. But Boston lost both games).

The national poll by which the awards were determined was won by Elvin Henson, Augusta Herald, Augusta, Georgia.

PENN STATES ARELLE GETS 29 VICTORY OVER MIDDLES

Philadelphia — (ANP)— Penn State scoring ace over Jesse Arnelle poured through 29 points to pace the Nittany Lions to an 84-64 victory over Navy at State College, last Saturday.

Over 6000 screaming fans howled with glee as Arnelle contributed ten field goals and nine foul conversions. The win was made right of the season for Penn State against three defeats. Navy has won only two games in seven starts.

TRENTON N. J. WELTERWEIGHT OPENS DRIVE FOR CROWN

Philadelphia — (ANP)— George Johnson, 23 year-old Trenton, N. J. welterweight, makes his first start of the 1955 season in the opening major ring attraction here on Jan. 28, at Convention Hall.

Opposing the ambitious young scrapper will be Roman Fuentes colorful coast boxer who last out-gave welterweight champ Johnny Saxton quite a duel.

Florida-born Johnson boasts a mound of other noteworthy victories a kayo over Moses Ward and wins over Terry Moore and Bobby Jones, two of the class's toughest customers, all has been beaten by such worthies as Holly Mims and Charley Salas, the loss of Mims being one of the worst he's absorbed since turning professional some years back.

But since the Mims loss in April of last year, Johnson applied the touch to Jones and came out on the long end of a well-earned decision. He had run his unbeaten string of victories to 16, prior to the Mims affair, and second belt on starting a fresh row of victories.

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GOOD HOPE A.M.E. CHURCH Rev. E. L. Baker, pastor Sunday was a beautiful day with the supt. and teachers at their post of duty. The lesson was beautifully discussed followed by a brief review by the presiding elder A. J. Jenkins. Morning worship began at 11:35. Invocation was offered by bro. Albert Nichols. The elder then read the scripture text which was taken from the 8th chapter of I Cor. Then a special selection from the choir. The elder came to us with a message which was a very inspiring our hearts burned within while the man of God spoke to us by the wayside. The opened door was extended. Communion was given.

The offering was \$17. The previous quarter elected officers for this year. The leaders reported \$60.00. After the elder was paid our pastor made some remarks. We are praying for the sick a speedy recovery. We were happy to have our many out of town visitors come again. Edna Brown reporter

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