Sugar Confident of Keeping Title But Odds Favor Fullmer's Youth, Vigor

By MURRAY ROSE

NEW YORK (AP)—Sugar Ray Robinson, the still dazzling but aging middleweight boxing champion, makes the second defence of his third reign tonight as an underdog to Gene Fullmer, strong willing, 25-year-old challenger from West Jordan, Utah.

Overnight backing for the sleek, 36-year-old title-holder dropped the odds from 8-5 to 13-10 and it even could be closer by the time they step into the Madison Square Garden ring at 10 p.m.EST, 8 p.m. MST, for the once-postponed 15-rounder.

A crowd of 14,000 is expected to pay $150,000 into the cash boxes. The pot will be sweetened by another $100,000 for the radio-television rights. The scrap will be broadcast and telecast coast to coast by ABC.

JUST WANTS TITLE

Win or lose, Robinson gets 47½ per cent of the gate and $60,000 from the air receipts. Fullmer, desperate to get the crack at Robinson, agreed to take only 12½ per cent of the gate and nothing from the radio-TV purse. Robinson, in all, will collect $120,000 and Fullmer $16,000.

"That's okay with me," said Fullmer. "I want that title."

Two sensational workouts during the weekend produced the late support for the Harlem dandy. Robinson displayed his old-time power, fake combinations and pinpoint accuracy with his sleep-producing right hand. He was quick to take advantage of his sparmates' mistakes.

JOE LIKES RAY

"That's where Ray is best," commented Joe Louis after watching his buddy wind up his training. "He's quick to take advantage of a mistake and Fullmer makes plenty."

"Gene is strong and has to stay on top of Ray if he wants to win. But he tends to get wild and you can't do that often against Ray. Once is enough in most cases. I've got to pick Ray because of that."

Most experts, however, lean to the thick-necked, muscular-armed iron-jawed challenger because of his youth, vigor and drive. He never has been stopped in 40 pro bouts.

The general opinion is that Robinson must take out Fullmer within five rounds to win.

"He's still a great fighter," said Fullmer. "He can punch and he can box, and he's very, very smart.

"But he's 36 and I'm 25 and that's going to be the difference. I'm going to keep after him and make him fight every second of the way. That's the way I'm going to win."

Said Robinson:

"He's a strong boy and he can hurt you. You know I never make any predictions on any of my fights but I'm as ready now as I've never been for any of my fights.

"I'm fully recovered from my illness that forced a postponement from the original December 12 date and I'm prepared to do my best. I'm fond of the title and I aim to keep it."

GOOD RECORDS

Robinson's last two title fights, both against Carl (Bobo) Olson, were quickies. He won the 160-pound crown for the third time by flattening Bobo in the second round December 9, 1955, and then blitzed the faded Hawaiian-born Californian in the fourth round last May 18.

Fullmer swept through the leading contenders, Rocky Castellani, Gil Turner, Ralph (Tiger) Jones, who beat Robinson before Ray won the title, and European champion, Charley Humez in 1956. He stopped washed-up Moses Ward in three rounds in his last outing, September 22.

Gene's record is 37-3 with 20 knockouts. Robinson's, in a career dating back to October 4, 1940, is 138-4-3 with 90 kayoes. He was stopped once, by Joe Maxim and the heat, in a gallant bid to grab Joey's light-heavyweight crown.

They will use six-ounce gloves instead of eight-ouncers, and there will be no mandatory eight count for knockdowns. Scoring will be by rounds.

REMEMBER WHEN . . .

By The Canadian Press

Dick Irvin, then captain of Chicago Black Hawks, suffered a fractured skull in collision with Red Dutton of Montreal Maroons in an NHL game at Chicago 28 years ago tonight. He took over the Chicago coaching job the following year, and was coach of Toronto Maple Leafs and Montreal Canadiens before returning to coach Chicago in 1955. Last September he resigned coaching duties at age 64.

Fisticuffs Feature Canucks - Cougars Tilt; Royals Launch Tour With Win Over Warriors

Overtime Victory Places Vancouver in Second Place

By The Canadian Press

Vancouver's Western Hockey League fans who like their game seasoned with a dash of fisticuffs were not disappointed Tuesday night.

In addition to their Canucks' 4-3 overtime victory over Victoria Cougars, they saw a prolonged boxing bout matching two husky defencemen.

Swinging freely and with baleful intent were Vancouver's Bud Syverson and Victoria's Bill Dobbyn. Other players, leaning on their sticks, formed a rough circle around the bout at centre ice. It lasted more than a minute.

POLICE BUFFER

Not until both gladiators showed signs of wearying did referee Scotty Morrison and linesman Ed Downey venture close enough to pry them apart. That was no easy task.

Both seemed eager for round No. 2 until Morrison posted a policeman between them in the penalty box.

The outcome moved Vancouver into sole possession of second place in coast circuit standings. Close behind are New Westminster Royals, who launched their prairie tour with a 4-1 New Year's day win over Winnipeg Warriors.

FLYERS SHADE STAMPS

In the league's third tilt Edmonton Flyers served hometown fans a 2-1 victory over Calgary Stampeders.

Phil Maloney deserved most credit for Vancouver's win, firing two goals and engineering the winning overtime goal by Ching Johnson.

His first goal, added to one by Gordie Hudson, wiped out Victoria's 2-0 lead built up by Doug Anderson within six seconds of the first period's seventh minute.

Maloney's second goal, the game's classiest, topped a clever passing exchange with Dick Lamoureux and forced the game into overtime.

Before seven minutes of overtime had elapsed Maloney stepped into the spotlight again, sending Johnson in on goal with a floating pass.

Goalie Marcel Pelletier turned out Johnson's first shot but fanned on the return drive.

LATE SPURT WINS

New Westminster Royals based their victory on two goals scored during the last minute and Ben Bentley's goal-tending.

Bentley blocked several shots fired from point-blank range while Royals fought to hold a 2-1 lead in the third.

Max McNab and defenceman Steve Hrymnak tallied the last-minute insurance markers to go with earlier goals by linemates Blinky Boyce and Gord Fashoway.

Warriors were shorthanded in the first when Murray Wilkie converted Cec Hockstra's pass into their only goal.

GOALIES STAR

Brilliant goaltending at both ends in the Edmonton-Calgary game saw goalies called upon for 72 saves.

Both Edmonton goals went to Murray Costello.

Flyers snaked an early lead at 7:48 of the first period when Costello screened a 20-foot drive past Bassen.

Costello exchanged his second goal with Calgary's Sid Finney with five seconds remaining in the second. It was Finney's 24th goal of the season.

Baylor Trims Tennessee For Only Bowl Upset

By The Associated Press

Defeated three times during the regular season and able to finish no better than third in its own conference, Baylor's hopes of winning the Sugar Bowl game against mighty Tennessee were slim, indeed.

Tennessee had the great all-American Johnny Majors leading their backfield, they had an unblemished record of 10 straight victories during the regular season but as they say a football takes funny bounces.

Baylor won 13-7 with Majors, of all people, making a critical fumble in the last half that led to the winning score.

That was the only real upset of the Big Four on Tuesday. Iowa crushed Oregon State, 35-19, in the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Cal. Texas Christian edged Syracuse, 28-27, in the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, and Colorado turned back Clemsoon, 27-21, in the Orange Bowl in Miami.

The Sugar Bowl game was marred by a fight between Tennessee guard Bruce Burnham and Baylor fullback Larry Hickman. Burnham wound up in the hospital with facial lacerations.

Baylor coach Sam Boyd was so upset over the fight that he said: "This is the first ball game that I ever won that I can't be happy over. Hickman lost his head and kicked Burnham in the face. Why? The boy himself probably doesn't know. I know he hopes and prays they'll try to forgive him."

Hickman later apologized publicly at a banquet for players. He asked the Tennessee players to "find it in your hearts to forgive me."

There never was any doubt as to the eventual outcome of the Rose Bowl game. Iowa's Ken Ploen bolted 49 yards for a touchdown in the first five minutes and that set the tenor of the game. A few minutes later Collins Hagler snaked over from the nine after a 37-yard run by Don Do-Dobrino. Both touchdowns resulted from Orgeon State fumbles. It was the 10th time in 11 games that the Big 10 team has finished on top.

Chuck Curtis did the passing and running but it was Harold Pollard's footwork that provided the margin for Texas Christian. He converted all four touchdowns, two by Curtis, one on a pass from Curtis to John Nikkel and another by Jim Swink which Curtis set up.

Syracuse's all-America back, Jim Brown, cut wide swaths in the TCU line in a one-man effort to pull his team ahead. He finished with 21 points and 132 yards of battering.

Brown blocked conversion attempt in the fourth quarter by Chico Mendoza was the key play. Had it been good the game would have finished in a tie.

The Orange Bowl game belonged to Clemson until John (The Best) Bayuk climaxed a 53-yard drive in the final period by bulling over from the one for the touchdown that gave Colorado the triumph.

Scandinavian Skiers to Jump In Revelstoke

REVELSTOKE, B.C. (CP)—Five top ski jumpers will arrive here some time this winter to jump in a tournament on the famous Nels Nelson hill of the British Columbia Rockies.

Officials of the Premier Ski club here said Sunday the Oslo Norway Ski Club has accepted an invitation to send entries to the tournament. The date has not yet been announced but will probably be in the latter part of February or first two weeks of March.

In 1951, a Norwegian team took part in the tournament which drew widespread interest across the country.

Barred Passengers

DUNCAN, B.C. (CP)—Rowdyism and use of bad language on a bus caused suspension of two boys here from riding buses for 30 days.

Woman 78, Girl 7, Among Bathers In Polar Bears New Year's Swim

VANCOUVER (CP)— Fifty-eight hardy exponents of fresh air and exercise went for a dip in the chilly waters of English Bay here Tuesday.

It was the annual New Year's swim of the Vancouver Polar Bear Club, whose members believe that cold-water bathing is good for the constitution.

Three — two women and a man — stayed in for an hour. Among those who made the swim were Mrs. Katherine Bush, 78, and Karen Kirkpatrick, 7.

Polar Bear Club President, Peter Pantages, reported the water was "much warmer than usual" at 44 degrees. "What more can you want?" he said.

Winner of the 100-yard race was Dick Elvin.

The number of people who turned out was 15 above last year. The weather was damp and chilly. Warmly-clad spectators crowded the beach to watch the swimmers turn blue. Lifeguards and members of the Royal Life Saving Society stood by.

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