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Charles and Walcott Fight Tonight at 8

CHICAGO, June 21 (AP)—The Weather Bureau predicted good weather for the fight here Wednesday night between Jersey Joe Walcott and Ezzard Charles to determine the heavyweight champion of the world.

Most of the outdoor fights this year have been postponed at least once because of bad weather so promoters Joe Louis and Arthur Wirtz were very interested in what the weatherman had to say. They hoped for 30,000 gate at Comiskey Park at 8 p.m. depends on it.

Charles of Cincinnati, 27, was favored at 7-5 to beat Walcott of Camden, N. J., 35, in their scheduled 15-round fight for the National Boxing Association's recognition as successor to Louis, who retired in March.

The winner will not be recognized as champion by the New York or Massachusetts commissions, nor by the British Boxing Board of Control.

Promoters Louis and Wirtz of the International Boxing Club, staging its first heavyweight title fight, expected a crowd of about 30,000 at the White Sox Park, where exactly 12 years ago (to the night) Louis became champion by knocking out Jim Braddock in the eighth round. After achieving that victory of June 22, 1937, Louis hammered on to establish an all-time record of 25 title defenses.

Bomber Joe's retirement in March left the heavyweight crown vacant for the third time since the days of John L. Sullivan. Marvin Hart and Jack Root fought for recognition in 1905 after the retirement of Jim Jeffries; and Max Schmeling and Jack Sharkey did likewise in 1930 after Gene Tunney had hung up his gloves.

Charles and Walcott are Negroes and they are striving to succeed the second Negro heavyweight champion in history. The late Jack Johnson was the first.

Charles, who may scale less than 180 pounds was favored by betting men because he is eight years younger than ancient Walcott, father of six children. However, a preponderance of boxing writers—asssembled from various cities—favored Walcott because of his advantages in weight and punch.

How Contenders Measure Up



JERSEY JOE WALCOTT		EZZARD CHARLES	
35	AGE	27	
194	WEIGHT	177	
6'	HEIGHT	6'	
17"	NECK	16 1/2"	
74"	REACH	74"	
16"	BICEPS	15 1/2"	
13"	FOREARM	12"	
12"	FIST	12"	
7 1/2"	WRIST	7"	
40"	CHEST	39"	
43"	CHEST (EXP.)	42"	
35"	WAIST	33"	
21"	THIGH	20"	
14"	CALF	13"	
9 3/4"	ANKLE	8 1/2"	



Pictured above are members of the Pirates softball team that is currently in the race for the championship of the College Station Recreation Council Softball League. Kneeling left to right are George Rodgers, Curtis Gray, Johnnie Lyons, and Luke Harrison. Back row left to right are Kirwin Manning, J. G. McNeely, Morris Edwards, E. C. Garner, manager, and Garrett Guly.

Everyone Enjoys A Good Scrap-Ratliff

DALLAS, June 21 (AP)—When the players fight each other in Texas League Baseball, the officials don't usually assess any fines. They take this view of the situation: So long as it doesn't interfere with the conduct of the game or slow it down too much, the boys can have their little scraps without fear of penalty.

There is a predominant view that such things help the crowds. Most everybody enjoys a good scrap. That is, as spectators.

Manager Jimmy Adair of Dallas and pitcher Ralph Hamner of Shreveport apparently weren't thinking about the game the other night when they went off behind the stands here for some fist-cuffs. It was too early for the crowd to have seen it anyway.

It was rather inconsiderate of Jimmy and Ralph, don't you think? One was suggested that they ought to be fined for not giving the crowd the benefit of their fist-cuffs. Another thing to consider, also, the umpires. Those fellows never have any fun. They're always being booed by the fans and spoken harshly to by the players and managers. They undoubtedly would like to see a fight involving somebody else—once in a while.

Here it is summer and thoughts are on baseball, tennis and golf. But to our desks comes Texas Christian University's annual football brochure. We believe this is the earliest one ever has been sent out.

It is quite complete, even listing T.C.U.'s best bets for All-America and other probable stars. Lindy Berry, the versatile Horned Frog quarterback, is listed as the top man for this honor and Morris Baily, pass-catching wingman, and Harold Kilman, guard and tackle, are others placed in the All-America running.

The brochure oozes confidence over TCU chances for next fall although laying it to "Frog Fans," who, the treatise says, are more

Tigers Lose To Huntsville 12-9

The Bryan Tigers lost their first official game of the season Sunday to Huntsville to the tune of 9-12. Huntsville collected 10 hits and 11 runs off losing pitcher Jim Love in three innings of play. Relief pitcher, J. B. McCoy relieved Love in the 4th and limited Huntsville to 3 runs and 3 hits for the rest of the game.

Charles Gibbs pitched the opening 4 innings for the home crowd in Huntsville, giving up only 1 hit and three runs. The runs came as the result of 4 walks and 2 errors; Gibbs was relieved by Earnest McCullar in the 5th, McCullar allowed 3 hits and 6 runs in the remaining 4 frames.

The leading hitter for the Bryan Tigers was Jim Mainatis, who got 2 for 2, giving him a perfect day at the plate. The next scheduled game for the Tigers will be Sunday, June 26, when they meet Navasota there.

Intramural Standings

SOFTBALL Campus League		
Team	Won	Lost
Puryear	3	0
Milner	2	0
Leggett	4	0
Mitchell	1	0
Walton	2	1
Horn 14	1	1
Dorm 1	1	2
T.C.V.V.	1	2
Project House	0	2
Hart	0	2
Law	0	3

College View League		
Team	Won	Lost
D-Odd	2	0
B-Odd	2	0
E-Even	2	0
C-Even	1	1
A-Odd	1	1
B-Even	0	2
C-Odd	0	2
A-Even	0	3

Third Shot For Jersey Joe

MOMMENCE, ILL. June 22.—Jersey Joe Walcott has been a sort of jack-of-all-trades. Now he hopes to be master of one—a champion.

He has, among other things, driven a truck, mixed cement, toted bricks, handled a hammer in a shippyard.

What he wanted to do most and could do best was box. But in the lean years he had to turn to other jobs to support his wife, Lydia, and six kids.

Jersey Joe spends a lot of free time just sitting and thinking at his training camp, the Peaceful Valley club. He thinks of the future and the past.

Tony Georgette, a fight manager who has watched Walcott's stop and go career, says: "When I first knew him 20 years ago, he lived in Match Town, a section of Merchantville (N.J.) where houses were flimsy as match boxes. He had a hard time getting bouts. But he kept up his road work. He was determined he would be a great fighter. He finally caught hold, and now has a nice home in Camden.

Walcott's future hinges on his match with Ezzard Charles for National Boxing Association recognition as world's heavyweight champion tonight in Chicago.

It will be Jersey Joe's third crack at the title. He lost a 15-

Third Shot For Jersey Joe

round split decision to Joe Louis in 1947. Louis knocked him out in 11 rounds last June. His listed age now is 35—and this should be his last chance to hit sport's No. 1 jackpot.

What will he do if he wins the crown? "I'll try to wear it as gracefully as Joe Louis did," he says.

Walcott is a quiet, pleasant man. He has a placid, gentle face. He likes to listen to the radio and play cards with his spar mates.

He telephones to his home frequently. He hopes to call again late tonight to say: "Hello, Mama, this is the champ."

Texas A&M's varsity football team will have two sets of game helmets this fall. One set is maroon with white strip, the other white with a maroon stripe.

St. John's-Texas To Play Tonight

WICHITA, Kan., June 20.—(AP) St. John's University of Brooklyn, N. Y., and the University of Texas Longhorns will meet in the opening game of the NCAA national baseball playoffs at 8:15 P.M. (CST) Wednesday.

The University of Southern California Trojans defending titlists, will meet Wake Forest in the 10:15 P.M. (CST) game.

C-Even Defeated By D-Even, 6-2

College View softball resumed its second week of play Monday afternoon as the D-Even boys defeated C-Even 6-2 to remain undefeated in league play.

Archie Cook was the winning pitcher allowing nine well scattered hits. Bill Couch was the losing pitcher, although he gave up only three hits in the game. Four costly errors in the field by the C-Even team hurt them as all the D-Even runs were unearned.

Howard Lewis was the leading batter for the game with two hits for three times at the plate for C-Even.

Lutherans Win 10-Pin League

The Church Bowling League, sponsored by the A&M Wesley Foundation, was won by the Lutheran Students Association. This league was conducted during the last spring semester with eight teams in the league.

A score of 11,389 points in seven contests with other denominational teams gave the Lutherans undisputed first place. Second place winner was the Newman Club with 11,158 points, and the Baptist Student Union team captured third place with a total of 10,660 points.

Members of the winning team were Richard Wornat, captain, Larry Bernhardt, Kenneth Bernhardt, Calvin Beckman, Howard Bernhardt, and Werner Lindig.

All games were bowled on the Y.M.C.A. alleys and the highest individual score recorded for the league was scored on April 7, by Ralph Moeller of the Wesley Foundation team.

Milner Wins Over Leggett Hall 13-1

The Milner Tigers romped over the boys from Leggett Hall Tuesday afternoon 13-1 behind the four hit pitching of George Barclay. Leggett took an early lead in the first inning when Dave Scheffield came in on a hit by King. That was all for Leggett. Milner drove in four runs in the fourth, three in the fifth, and six in the seventh.

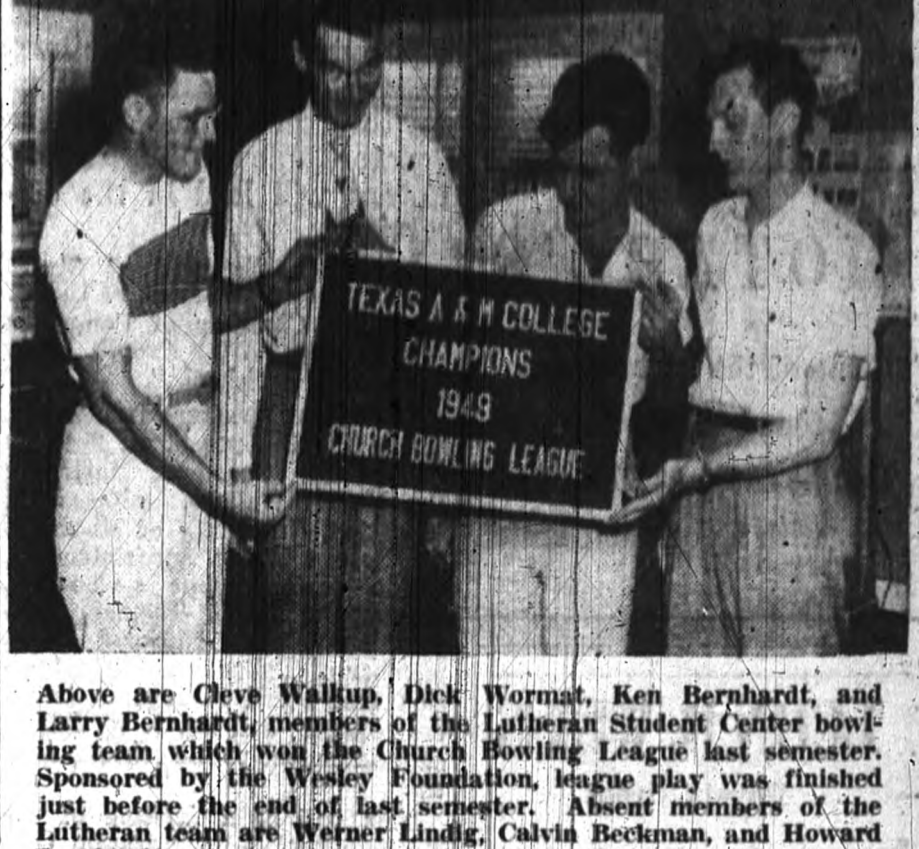
Travis Bruck was the losing pitcher and Barclay received credit for the win. Dick Wornet of the Tigers was the leading hitter of the game, getting two hits in two trips to the plate.

Score by innings:
Milner 000 430 6 11 13 0
Leggett 100 000 0 3 1 2

B-Odd Beats A-Odd 11-2 in Softball

B-Odd remained undefeated in the College View Softball League Tuesday by beating A-Odd 11-2 behind the one hit pitching of M. D. Flanagan. The boys from B-Odd took advantage of nine errors and four hits to take the game in four innings of play.

H. D. Mainard of B-Odd was the leading hitter with one hit in one time at bat. The losing pitcher was Lowe.



Above are Cleve Walkup, Dick Wornat, Ken Bernhardt, and Larry Bernhardt, members of the Lutheran Student Center bowling team which won the Church Bowling League last semester. Sponsored by the Wesley Foundation, league play was finished just before the end of last semester. Absent members of the Lutheran team are Werner Lindig, Calvin Beckman, and Howard Bernhardt.

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Milner Walks To Victory Over Law
Law Hall suffered its third straight loss without a win as the Milner Tigers defeated them 9-6 Monday afternoon in a game mixed with many errors and walks.

Dave Martin chalked up his second win as he allowed the Law Hall players only five hits in seven full innings of Intramural Softball. Milt Parker was the losing pitcher for Law. Parker gave up only three hits but walked a total of 14 men to help Milner's cause for victory.

Mickey Spencer of Law was the leading hitter for the game as he collected two hits in four times at the plate.

Score by Innings:
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Law 011 310 0 6 5 2

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Score by Innings:
B-Odd 425 0 4 11 1
A-Odd 010 1 1 2 9