

SPORTS

Two Champions Retain Titles Thursday Night

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—The old ring adage, stick with the champion until he's beaten, took on new meaning today to fight fans who Thursday night saw lightweighters Jose Becerra and Carlos Ortiz retain their crowns.

Appearing on a double championship program in the Coliseum, bantamweight king Becerra knocked out former champion Alphonse Halimi of France in 48 seconds of the ninth round. And junior welterweight champion Ortiz knocked out Raymundo (Battling) Torres of Mexico in 2:56 of the 10th round.

A crowd of 31,830 paid a record California gate of \$363,890 to witness the two fights. The fans left the 105,000-seat Coliseum satisfied they had seen four top-notch ring performers giving their best.

Crowd Whoops It Up

With about half the crowd from Mexico, the south of the border delegation got in its whoops and cheers over Becerra's repeat knockout victory against Halimi who lost his title to the Guadalajara battler last July. Becerra weighed 118 for the bout and Halimi came in at 117 1/2.

And in sportsmanlike fashion the crowd accepted Ortiz's victory over the Mexicans' other idol because the New Yorker clearly was the better man all the way, piling up a big margin on superior boxing and then ending it cleanly and decisively.

In many respects the Becerra-Halimi fight was a repeat of their first meeting. Halimi was ahead on all cards when Becerra uncorked a pair of tremendous lefts, the first to the body and the second to the jaw that sent the Ken Frenchman face down to the canvas for the full count. Halimi fought hard, perhaps harder and better than he did in their first meeting. He even had the champion down for a one-count in the second round, although Becerra thought he slipped.

Prediction Comes True
Ortiz had said before the fight that Torres was not experienced enough to beat him. He proved he was on so right as he cleverly avoided the 18-year-old Mexican's bull-like rushes with all the cleverness of a matador working El Toro. And when he opened a cut over Torres' eye, Ortiz peppered it constantly with stinging jabs as he sidestepped his opponent to pileup a big point margin. Ortiz mixed with Torres, but only when he felt it was to his advantage.

EAGLES DANCE
Round and Square
SATURDAY, February 6
9:30 P.M. to 12:30 A.M.
Music By
THIELE'S ORCHESTRA

Week's Schedules For Adams County Basketball Teams

Friday
Portland at Yellow Jackets.
Adams Central at Monroeville.
Monmouth at Hoagland.
Berne at Montpelier.
Geneva at Albany.

Saturday
Yellow Jackets at Elmhurst.
Hartford at Monmouth.

"I want Joe Brown next," the 23-year-old New Yorker said after the fight, referring to his effort to get the lightweight king into the ring. "I know I can stop Brown. I deserve the fight because I've beaten every good lightweight in the world."

Roy McMillan Signs Cincinnati Contract

By United Press International
Shortstop Roy McMillan, who will be working with a new second base partner this year for the first time in eight seasons, has signed his 1960 contract with the Cincinnati Reds.

McMillan and second baseman Johnny Temple formed the Reds' double play combination ever since 1952, but this year the be-spectacled shortstop will team up with Billy Martin, obtained from Cleveland in a deal for Temple.

The Los Angeles Dodgers signed utility men Norm Larker and Don Zimmer and now have 19 players under contract. Larker was given a raise for hitting .289 last season.

Outfielder Jim Rivera became the 13th player with the White Sox to agree to terms and was followed by pitcher Frank Baumann and outfielder Jim McAnally. Right-handed pitcher Ken Johnson was the 16th player to sign with Kansas City.

Washington signed five players at one clip—second baseman Billy Consolo, outfielders Faye Throneberry, Lennie Green and Lamar Jacobs, and pitcher Tom McAvoy, while infielder Pete Runnels, pitcher Nels Chitum and rookie outfielder Lou Clinton okayed terms with the Red Sox.

Other signees were:

Baltimore: Catcher Joe Ginsberg and rookies Fred Valentine and Bob Saverine.

San Francisco: Rookies Bob Perry, John Weekly and Vern Tiefenthaler.

Pro Basketball

Syracuse 137, Philadelphia 110.

Detroit 121, Cincinnati 102.

Hockey Results

National League

Montreal 4, Toronto 2.

New York 3, Detroit 1.

Chicago 7, Boston 2.

International League

St. Paul 4, Fort Wayne 1.

High School Basketball

Indianapolis Shortridge 56, Ben Davis 48.

Indiana Catholic 64, Lafayette Catholic 53.

South Bend Adams 73, South Bend Washington 54.

Gary Mann 59, Gary Emerson 58 (overtime).

Evansville Reitz 80, Boonville 64.

Junior High, Frosh Defeat Monroeville

Decatur Junior high and freshman teams swept a double header from Monroeville teams Thursday evening at Monroeville.

In the opener, the Monroeville junior high held an 8-4 lead at the first quarter, but the Junior Jacks moved ahead at the half, 11-9, and at the third period, 28-17. Elliott paced Decatur with 13 points, and Frasure was high for Monroeville with 12.

In the closely contested nightcap, won by the Decatur freshmen, 31-28, the teams were tied at 10-10 at the first quarter, with Decatur leading at the half, 18-16, and at the third period, 24-20. Gause topped Decatur with 10 points, and Ball and Martin each scored eight for the losers.

Decatur Junior High

	FG	FT	TP
Swygart	2	0	4
Ortiz	1	0	2
Sheets	3	3	9
Elliott	6	1	13
Ladd	3	0	6
Ybarra	0	0	0
Ruffe	0	0	0
Custer	0	0	0
Melehi	0	0	0
TOTALS	15	6	36

	FG	FT	TP
McIntosh	0	0	0
Shee	1	0	2
Frasure	6	0	12
Marquart	0	0	0
Crates	2	1	5
Kryder	0	0	0
Marks	0	2	2
Powelson	1	1	3
TOTALS	10	4	24

Decatur Freshmen

	FG	FT	TP
Conrad	3	0	6
Magley	1	0	2
Gause	4	2	10
Martin	2	0	4
Strickler	0	0	0
Thieme	1	0	2
Gay	0	0	0
McClure	3	1	7
TOTALS	14	3	31

Monroeville

	FG	FT	TP
Voirol	1	0	2
Benjamin	2	0	4
Hart	1	0	2
Ball	4	0	8
Martin	4	0	8
Wyss	0	0	0
Fogle	2	0	4
TOTALS	14	0	28

Plan Round Shoot Sunday Afternoon

The Limberlost archery and conservation club will hold a Chicago round shoot Sunday at 1:30 p.m. at the indoor range, located on the corner of 3rd and Monroe streets, first building west of the Telephone company. Any archer wishing to participate in this shoot should bring at least six arrows, since six will be shot at each target. The club will try to have it warm enough so heavy clothes won't have to be worn. Refreshments will be available and ribbons and trophies will be awarded to the winners.

Bowling Scores

American Legion League

	W	L	Pts.
Riverview	5 1/2	1 1/2	7 1/2
Indiana Life	4	2	5
Burke Insurance	3	3	4
First State Bank	3	3	4
Macklins	3	3	4
A&B Laundromat	3	3	4
Cowens Insurance	2	4	3
Firestone	2 1/2	3 1/2	2 1/2
Ashbauchers	1	5	1
TOTALS	14	12	31

Women's Minor League

	W	L	Pts.
Petrie Oil	7	2	10
Treton's	6	3	8
Paistone Music	6	3	7
Citizens Telephone	5	4	7
Burke Insurance	5	4	6
Krick-Tyndall	5	4	6
Arnold Lumber	4	5	6
First State Bank	3	6	4
Kent Realty	2	7	4
Girardot Standard	2	7	3
High games: L. Clay 183, B. Gehres 182, M. Ashbaugh 180, J. Smith 161, J. Hoffman 160, E. Strickler 160.			
Splits converted: L. Schrock 3-9-10; L. Hooper 5-7 and 6-4; M. Reff 7-4; F. Williamson 3-10; V. Williamson 5-10.			
TOTALS	25	19	192
Losses	16	17	176

Calhoun Favored To Beat Ryan Tonight

NEW YORK (UPI)—Middleweight Rory Calhoun of White Plains, N.Y., is a 7-5 favorite to whip "Irish Billy" Ryan of Lowell, Mass., tonight in their scheduled 10-round TV bout at Madison Square Garden.

Ryan, billed as a protege of former heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano, is expected to carry a four-to-six pound weight advantage into the ring, but Calhoun is favored because of his greater experience. Ryan also has previous experience against rough light heavyweights.

Reed, who also teaches at the Lincoln school and coaches the Decatur junior high and freshman teams, received the appointment on recommendation from Gerald Strickler, another well-known athletic official. Strickler had originally been assigned the game, but cancelled out because he was being sent to Costa Rica by the state department.

The recent mounting of tensions in that part of the world forced the state department to cancel the trip, however, in the meantime, Strickler had advised Muncie school officials that he would be gone and suggested Reed as his replacement for the scheduled thriller.

MUSIC at the VICTORY BAR FRIDAY NIGHT
"Buckeye Crackers"

Sophomores Are Outstanding On Big Ten Teams

CHICAGO (UPI)—The notion that sophomores can't win in Big Ten basketball should be disproved this season.

With roughly half of the season completed, three sophomores are the mainstays of the league-leading Ohio State five, another is a star with the runner-up Minnesota quintet, and four of the top 11 scorers in the league are rookies in intercollegiate competition.

"Why can they win the 'big games' now when they couldn't in the past? More experience in grade school and high school, better high school coaching, and better physical conditioning, coaches contend.

The standout sophomores of the Big Ten so far have to be Ohio State's Jerry Lucas, Mel Nowell and Billy Johnstown, Provo, Utah.

In addition to the \$100,000 prize money, sponsors of this tournament, richest of the year, have put up \$50,000 for a hole-in-one.

The elusive ace has eluded all the 123 pro entrants through the first two rounds but some came inches away.

At 137 after two rounds and in a tie for fourth place were: Al Bessell, Grossinger, N.Y.; Jack Burke, former Masters' champion from Kiamesha Lake, N.Y.; John Palmer, the 41-year-old pro from the Tulsa, Okla., Country Club; and Bob Goalby, the husky former University of Illinois quarterback from Crystal River, Fla.

Lucas Third in Scoring

Lucas was billed as the best when he was a Middletown, Ohio, high school player, and he spurned the scholarship offers of nearly 150 colleges to enter his home state university.

So far, even though he hasn't been playing 40 minutes a game, he's more than exceeded the expectations of his coach, Fred Taylor, and this week ranks third in the Big Ten in scoring with a 25.5 point per game average.

But Nowell, from Columbus, Ohio, also are sophomores and are nearly as important to the Buckeyes' drive to become the first unbeaten Big Ten champion since 1943. Nowell is tied for ninth place among the league's scorers with a 16.8 average and Havlicek is 21st with a 12.5 mark.

"If we didn't have Lucas," Taylor said, "everybody would be talking about what a great sophomore Havlicek is."

Praise From Coaches

Dischinger, another "big" center from Terre Haute, Ind., has been the league leading scorer since the first conference games and currently is hitting the nets at a 30.1 clip per game. Cronk, like Dischinger 6-feet 6-inches tall, ranks eighth in league scoring with a 17.2 average, and he, like Lucas, draws maximum praise from his coach.

"He's got things to learn," John Kundla said, "but in another year he could be as good as anybody we've ever had."

Nelson is 13th among the Big Ten scorers with a 16.4 point per game average, and so far he has been the major scoring threat of the Hawkeyes in their drive to a fourth place tie in the conference race.

And unless this sextet wavers in the stretch, don't try and sell Coaches Taylor, Kundla, Ray Eddy of Purdue or Sharnie Schueerman of Iowa the theory that they can't win with sophomores.