Cincinnati plays host to NSTA Championship shoot

CINCINNATI, Ohio—The Green Tower Club played host to the Fourth annual Championship Skeet and Trapshoot of the National Skeet and Trapshooting Association, on its spacious and expertly laid-out grounds here on Sunday and Monday, Sept. 5 and 6.

Results of Class Shoot—100 targets:

AA — Dr. A. J. Edwards of Green Tower—98

A—John J. de Cecilio of Falcons—95

B — Dr. Charles F. West of Deep Sea—98

C—Kenneth Campbell of Present Day—94

D—S. L. Harmon of Main Line —94

E — Nathaniel West of Deep Sea—86

SPECIAL EVENTS:—

Skeet (100 targets) — Robert Smithwick of Deep Sea—95

Doubles (50 targets)—Dr. C. F. West—47

Handicap (100 targets)—Dr. R. E. Clark of Century—91

A fitting climax to the shoot was the special event for ladies and a newly formed class for junior shooters, 25 targets each.

Women's Class—Mrs. Ethel Weston of Present Day—23

Junior — Kenneth Campbell of Present Day—24

To Dr. A. J. Edwards of Green Tower went the Hi-Gun honor blasting 188 targets of a possible 200.

Dr. Frank Saunders of Falcons and C. Freeman of Present Day tied for second place each with 186.

A Western Team composed of A. J. Edwards, Amos Campbell, W. P. Green, C. E. Sampson and Joseph F. Graves, defeated the Eastern team composed of John J. de Cecilio, Thomas E. Snowden, Charles F. West, W. H. Phillips and Robert L. Snowden by a score of 122 to 118.

Other Scores—

CLASS AA—

E. B. Wetmore	24	25 24 20—93
W. Richardson	23	23 22 24—92
R. L. Snowden	19	19 23 22—83

CLASS A—

Joseph Graves	24	23 23 25—95
Thomas Snowden	22	23 23 25—93
Andrew Brown	22	21 23 23—89
W. H. Phillips	20	24 21 22—87

CLASS B—

F. H. Saunders	24	22 25 25—96
C. Freeman	24	22 24 25—95
A. Campbell	23	24 23 25—95
A. J. Offord	23	22 24 25—94
Joseph F. Ston	22	23 24 24—93
L. Weston	20	24 24 24—92
C. H. Lightfoot	23	23 20 25—91
Charles Hayes	19	24 24 23—90
F. J. Sykes	23	23 22 23—90
H. B. Hollis	22	21 23 23—89
Carl Green	21	20 23 22—85
L. E. Payne	17	22 22 24—85
E. O. Bailey	20	19 21 20—80
A. Tilford	20	22 23 15—80
A. Williams	21	21 15 17—74
Lon Thomas	15	17 19 18—69

CLASS C

Theodore Chinn	22	23 24 25—94
C. E. Sampson	22	24 24 24—94
Walter Eaton	25	22 23 24—93
Isaiah Johnson	23	23 22 22—90
W. P. Green	23	21 24 21—89
H. B. Foster	19	18 24 25—86
J. H. Parker	21	23 23 19—86
R. E. Clarke	22	18 20 18—78

CLASS D

Jonas Spencer	24	22 23 24—93
Paul Edwards	21	20 24 25—90
J. T. Dorsey	22	22 21 22—87
James Strong	22	19 23 23—87

CLASS E

J. C. Taylor	17	21 24 23—85
Madison McCray	20	21 21 20—82
W. J. McMurty	19	22 20 20—81
G. Chapman	22	21 18 15—76
G. Bailey	18	18 22 19—77
W. E. Parker	17	18 20 19—74
J. E. T. Camper	17	17 19 16—69
J. W. Saunders	16	15 18 21—67
N. Dixon	9	8 11 5—33

Satchel Paige returns to D.C.

WASHINGTON

Leroy "Satchel" Paige, the fabulous pitching man, is returning to Washington on Thursday night, Sept. 16, at Griffith Stadium.

The great hurler, whose exploits are legendary and whose pitching feats stamp him as one of the greatest ever to toe a rubber, will be here with Abe Saperstein's powerful Harlem Globetrotters baseball team, worthy diamond counterpart of the famed basketball aggregation of the same name.

Paige will pitch as the torrid Trotters take on the House of David Nine. In casting his lot with the 1954 Globetrotters, Satchel has achieved a lifelong ambition of becoming an executive in the diamond world as he sometimes doubles as general manager of the team.

Soccer team to open season in New Jersey

Baltimore's American League soccer Rockets, will open their second season of play in the booster's Big Leagues, on Sunday, Oct. 3 at Newark, N.J. against the Newark Portuguese eleven.

Royal Liege wins at Timonium Fair

TIMONIUM, Md.—Royal Liege an 9-1 longshot, paid $21.50 in capturing the Governor's claiming race at Timonium Fair on Thursday.

The horse is owned by Mrs. Harber of Washington and her son-in-law, F. W. Bennett, Air Force sergeant.

Attorney General Edward D. E. Rollins presented Mrs. Harber the Governor's cup in the absence of Governor McKeldin. The winning jockey was T. McGovern.

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Hundreds on hand for Labor Day sports program at Highland Beach

HIGHLAND BEACH, Md.—A large crowd of enthusiastic onlookers, including many proud parents, witnessed the annual Labor Day program, sponsored jointly by Highland Beach, Venice Beach and Bay Highlands over the weekend.

A track and field meet was followed by a talent show on Saturday. On Sunday, a gala water carnival and meet held the spotlight, and on Monday a scavenger hunt was the order of the day.

The summaries follow:

Track-Field Events

Winners of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons, boys and girls, 6-8 years:

LEMON-SPOON RACE — 1, Buddy Clifford; 2, Jack Cook; 3, Charlie Drew.

POTATO RACE—1, Jay Clifford; 2, Billy Reddick, 3, Charles Drew.

DUCK WALK — 1, Charlie Drew; 2, Jack Cook; 3, Buddy Clifford.

SOFTBALL THROW—1, Buddy Clifford; 2, Roger Simpkins; 3, Charlie Drew.

Boys, 12-14 years:

ARROW RACE—1, Jerry Secundy, Reginald Washington; 2, Carl Amos, Johnny Moses; 3, Harold Reddick, Jack Jarvis.

BROAD JUMP — 1, Johnny Moses, 14.4½; 2, Jackie Nelson, 14.2½; 3, Jerry Secundy, 12.8½.

SOFTBALL THROW—1, Warner Lawson; 2, Carl Amos, 3, Jerry Secundy.

50-YD DASH—1, Jackie Nelson; 2, Johnny Moses; Reginald Washington.

Boys, 9-11 years

CRAB RACE—1, Osborne Dixon; 2, Howard Lewis; 3, Ronald Drain.

BROAD JUMP — 1, Harold Lewis, 11.11½; 2, Richard Ware, 11.8; 3, Ronald Drain, 11.2.

SOFTBALL THROW—1, Ronald Drain; 2, Howard Lewis; 3, Richard Ware.

50-YD DASH — 1, Ronald Drain; 2, Howard Lewis; 3, Osborn Dixon.

Boys, 15-17 years

SOFTBALL THROW — 1, Ernest Jarvis; 2, Sonny Brian; 3, Mickey Contee.

100-YD DASH — 1, Bobby Secundy; 2, Ernest Jarvis; 3, Sonny Brian.

BROAD JUMP — . . . Sonny Brian; 2, Mickey Contee; 3, Alexander Perkins.

Girls, 9-11 Years

ONE LEGGED RACE—1, Yolanda Dean; 2, Nettie Douglass; 3, Ann Washington.

BROAD JUMP — 1, Yolanda Dean; 2, Nettie Douglass; 3, Vernice Ware.

SOFTBALL THROW—1, Nettie Douglass; 2, Yolanda Dean; 3, Ann Washington.

CRAB RACE—1, Nettie Douglass; 2, Beryle Pierce; 3, Yolanda Dean.

Girls, 12-15 Years

ONE LEGGED RACE — 1, Babs Drew; 2, Janice Whitted; 3, Juanita King.

BROAD JUMP—1, Babs Drew; 2, Janice Whitted; 3, Delores Mounsey.

SOFTBALL THROW—1, Babs Drew; 2, Juanita King; 3, Janice Whitted.

50-YD DASH—1, Janice Whitted; 2, Juanita King; 3, Babs Women.

ROLLING PIN THROW — 1, Mrs. Doris Talbot; 2, Mrs. Frances Payne; 3, Mrs. Mary Francis.

Men

HORSESHOES — 1, William Lawton; 2, Richard Ware Sr.

Swimming Meet—

Boys and Girls, 6-8 Years

25-Yd. FREE STYLE (Get There!)—1, 'Freeman Murry; 2, Jay Clifford; 3, Bunny Secundy.

Boys, 9-11 Years

25-YD. FREE STYLE—1, Buddy Lewis; 2, Richard Ware; 3, Donald Drain.

Boys, 12-14 Years

40-YD. FREE STYLE—1, Johnny Moses; 2, Jerry Secundy; 3, Warner Lawson.

40-YD. BACK STROKE — 1, Jackie Nelson; 2, Warner Lawson; 3, Carl Amos, Jerry Secundy.

Boys, 15-17 Years

40-YD. FREE STYLE—1, Raymond Lawson; 2, Alexander Perkins; 3, John Payne.

40-YD. BACK STROKE — 1, Raymond Lawson; 2, Alexander Perkins; 3, Bobby Secundy.

Girls, 12-14 years

25-YD. FREE STYLE—1, Sylvia Drew; 2, Yolanda Dean; 3, Beryle Pierce.

Girls, 12-14 Years

40-YD. FREE STYLE — 1, Bebe Drew; 2, Delores Mounsey; 3, Janice Whitted.

Girls, 15-17 Years

40-YD. FREE STYLE—Amelia Cobb only participant.

Talent Show—14 pt

Director—Marie Stewart

Costume—Margo Dean

Stage Manager—Raymond Lawson

Theme—Highland Island

Bartender — Michael Gregory.

Singing Sailors — Bailey Reddick, Jackie Cook, Stevie Austin, Charlie Drew

Drunken Sailor—Bobby Secundy

Dancers—Warner Lawson, Johnny Moses, Butch Reddick, Jackie Nelsno, Jerry Secundy.

Duet—Jan Gregory and Jackie Nelson.

Dying Swan—Bebe Drew

Killer—Lyn Lawson

Baton Demonstration — Beryle Pierce

Singing Pantomime — Vernice Ware

Skit—Muriell Moses, Sonja Simmons, Carolyn King

Hula Girls — Nettie Douglass, Juanita King, Laurel Ware.

Water Skin Demonstration—Carl Amos, Warner Lawson, Jackie Nelson

Trophy winners — Highest number of points scored during track and swimming meets: Boys and girls 6-8 years old—Maurice Clifford Jr.

Boys 9-11 years—Howard Lewis

Boys 12-14—John Moses

Boys 15-17—Raymond Lawson

Girls 9-11—Yolanda Dean.

Girls 12-15 — Bebe Drew

Scavenger Hunt—

PARTICIPANTS—Lorraine Mundy, Ronnie Drain, Ginny Jorgenson, Steven Austin, Neemah Payne, Bobby Whitted, Charlie Drew, Nancy Carter, Freddie Gregory, Eric Drew, Dione Simpkins, Jackie Cook.

WINNERS:

UNDER 12 YEARS—1, Jackie Cook; 2, Nancy Carter; 3, Bobby Whitted.

Newcomer joins stock-car racers

Charles Matthews is one of the most recent additions to the field of drivers in the Sunday stock car races at the Marlboro Motor Raceway.

Matthews, believed to be the first colored stock car racing driver to compete in the Baltimore - Washington area, gave a good account of himself in his first race, finishing sixth.

Employed as a mechanic for the S and F Lumber Co., of Mitchellville, Md., Matthews is married and is the father of one child. He is 24 years old and expects to compete regularly at the Marlboro Raceway.

There is a lucky picture in this edition worth $5 to the person in the circle. There is also a lucky house worth $5 to the occupant who identifies it first. Look for these $5 prizes in this issue.

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Rec Bureau organizing fall football program

The Division of Amateur Sports of the Bureau of Recreation is organizing football leagues for what could well be its biggest program in recent years.

The defending champion—New Era Yanks, the Cherry Hill Ramblers and the Triangles are working hard for play in the Monumental Senior League.

The Sparrows Point Eagles and the Pytheons have planned to join this loop.

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THE HARLEM BEARS and Tim Bright's Royal Rams are again preparing for unlimited play. Two teams are needed to complete the league lineup. The Bureau hopes also to organize intermediate and junior leagues.

The season will get under way on Oct. 3.

Team representatives are meeting each Monday at the Bureau of Recreation, 1129 N. Calvert St. at 7:30 p.m. Part of each meeting is devoted to training sessions on rules and interpretation.

S. Reginald Watts, president of the Baltimore Board of Officials, is in charge of instruction.

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TEAMS ARE encouraged to send their managers, captains and quarterbacks to each meeting. Franchise fees may be paid and player contracts secured during the meeting.

Teams interested in league play should attend Monday's meeting or contact Harold J. Jennifer Jr. at the Bureau of Recreation, Mulberry 5-5626.

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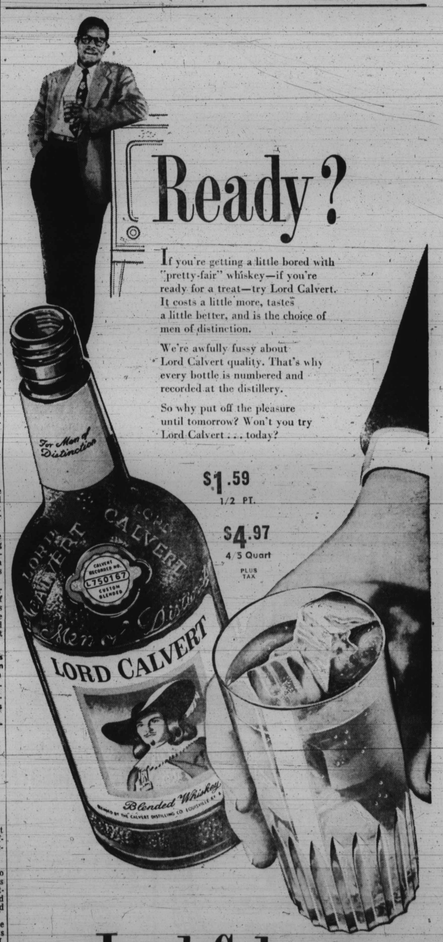

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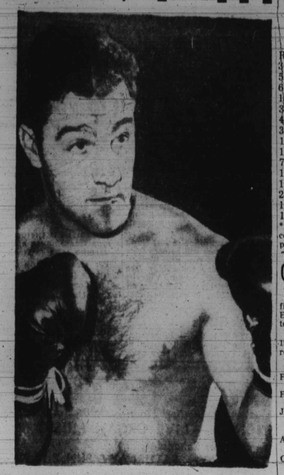

ROCKY MARCIANO

a to z CHATTERBOX

NEW YORK — Exclusive blow-by-blow coverage of the Rocky Marciano-Ezzard Charles return heavyweight championship bout will be aired over the CBS Radio Network. It will be blacked out on home television.

The ringside description will have Russ Hodges, one of the nation's top sports reporters, giving the blow-by-blow account and veteran sportscaster Jack Drees handling the between rounds commentary.

Radio broadcast time of the bout will start at 10:30 p.m. EDT. It will be carried over the full CBS Radio coast-to-coast network in addition to outlets in Puerto Rico, Alaska and Hawaii.

"This is one fight that won't go fifteen rounds," declared Ezzard Charles last week. The former champion was positive in his statement. He had just finished sparring five rounds with Coley Wallace, Gene Jones, Chubby Wright and Al Smith: They were fast, tough rounds and the sweat poured down his face.

"This may sound like I've got a defeatist attitude," said Charles. "But I'm telling you now that either I will knock Marciano out or get knocked out trying."

Gus Lesnevich, former lightheavy-weight champion of the world, is one of the few fighters who will not be coerced into picking a fighter if he doesn't think he'll win.

It is a matter of record that Lesnevich picked Ezzard Charles to beat Rocky Marciano for the fight in the Yankee Stadium on June 17th.

Charles came close. Lesnevich, watching the challenger here at Kutsher's Country Club recently training for the return with Marciano on September 15th in the Yankee Stadium, made what may be the key observation on the fight.

"I am picking Charles again," he said, "because Charles knows what he did wrong and will not do it again. Don't let anybody kid you that it was a blow on the Adam's apple that killed Charles chances the last time," said Lesnevich commenting on Ezzard's past-fight statement to the AFRO. "The blow didn't help him, but the truth of it is that Charles ran out of gas. He had trained for a ten-round fight and not a fifteen-round fight."

More than $200,000 in ticket orders, $100,000 of it the first week the tickets went on sale, indicating a good future, has insured the return battle between Rocky Marciano and Ezzard Charles as one of the all-time box-office tops.

There is mixed opinion on the outcome of this fight. There are some who think Marciano will flatten Charles. There are others who think that Charles' making it close and being the first to go the limit in a title fight with Marciano, will make Charles more dangerous.

AFRO choice is Marciano to win by a knockout inside of nine rounds.—SAM LACY.

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185 Pounds*	Weight	189 Pounds*
39 Inches	Chest (Normal)	39 Inches
42 Inches	Chest (Expanded)	42 Inches
32 Inches	Waist	33 Inches
14 Inches	Biceps	15¼ Inches
16¾ Inches	Neck	16½ Inches
7½ Inches	Wrist	7 Inches
14¾ Inches	Calf	13 Inches
10 Inches	Ankle	8½ Inches
22 Inches	Thigh	20 Inches
11½ Inches	Fist	12 Inches
12 Inches	Forearm	12 Inches

**Exact weights will be announced at an official weighing in conducted by the New York State Athletic Commission at a place to be announced on Wednesday, Sept. 15th, day of the fight.

Charles sports 25-6 record

MONTICELLO, N. Y. — The five-year record of Challenger Ezzard Charles shows 25 victories, 15 by knockout.

He has lost six times since 1949, twice being stopped. The record:

1949

Feb. 7—Johnny Haynes, Philadelphia, KO-8.

Feb. 28—Joey Maxim, Cincinnati, W-15.

June 22—Jersey Joe Walcott, Chicago, W-15 (won vacant NBA title)

June 10—Gus Lesnevich, New York, KO-7 (title).

Oct. 14 — Pat Valentino, San Francisco, KO-8 (title)

1950

Aug. 15—Freddie Beshore, Buffalo, K-14 (title).

Sept. 27—Joe Louis, New York, W-15 (Won Undisputed World Title)

Dec. 5—Nick Barone, Cincinnati, KO-11. (title)

1951

Jan 12—Lee Oma, New York, KO-10 (title).

March 7 — Jersey Joe Walcott, Detroit, W-15 (title)

May 30—Joey Maxim, Chicago, W-15 (title)

July 18 — Jersey Joe Walcott, Pittsburgh, KO by 7 (lost title).

Oct. — Rex Layne, Pittsburgh, KO-11.

Dec. 12—Joey Maxim, San Francisco, W-12.

Dec. 21—Joe Kahut, Portland, Ore., KO-8.

1952

June 5 — Jersey Joe Walcott, Philadelphia, L-15 (title).

Aug. 8—Rex Layne, Ogden, L-15.

Oct. 8—Bernie Reynolds, Cincinnati, KO-2

Oct. 24—Cesar Brion, New York, W-10.

Nov. 26—Jimmy Bivins, Chicago, W-10.

1953

Jan 14—Wes Bascom, St. Louis, KO-9

Feb. 4—Tommy Harrison, Detroit KO-8.

April 1—Rex Layne, San Francisco, W-10.

May 12 — Bill Gilliam, Toledo, W-10

May 26 — Larry Watson, Milwaukee, KO-5

Aug. 11—Nino Valdes, Miami, L-10.

Sept. 8—Harold Johnson, Philadelphia, L-10.

Dec. 14 — Coley Wallace, San Francisco, KO-10.

1954

Jan. 13—Bob Satterfield, Chicago, KO-2.

June 15—Rocky Marciano, NYC, —L-15.

Overall recapitulation: Fights —98, Won—86, Lost—11, Draws —1, KO—53.

Rocky has won 33 in 5 years

GROSSINGER, N.Y. — Champion Rocky Marciano's five-year record since 1949, shows 33 straight wins, 27 by kayo.

He has not lost. The record follows:

1949

March 21 — Johnny Pretzie, Providence, KO-5.

March 28—Artie Donato, Providence, KO-1.

April 11—James Walls, Providence, KO-3.

May 2 — Jimmy Evans, Providence, KO-3.

May 23 — Don Mogard, Providence, W-10.

July 18—Harry Haft, Providence, KO-3.

Aug. 16—Pete Louthis, New Bedford, KO-3.

Sept. 26 — Tommy DiGiorgio, Providence, KO-4.

Oct. 10—Ted Lowry, Providence, W-10.

Nov. 7 — Joe Dominic, Providence, KO-2.

Dec. 2 — Pat Richards, New York, KO-2

Dec. 19 — Phil Muscato, Providence, KO-5.

Dec. 30—Carmine Vingo, New York, KO-6.

1950

March 24 — Roland LaStarza, New York, W-10.

June 5 — Eldridge Eatman, Providence, KO-3.

July 10—Gino Buonvino, Boston, KO-6.

Sept. 18—Johnny Shkor, Providence, KO-5.

Nov. 13 — Ted Lowry, Providence, W-10.

Dec. 18 — Bill Wilson, Providence, KO-1.

1951

Jan. 29—Keene Simmons, Providence, KO-8.

March 20 — Harold Mitchell, Hartford, KO-2.

March 28 — Art Henri, Providence, KO-9.

April 30—Red Applegate, Providence, W-10.

July 12—Rex Layne, New York, KO-6

Aug. 27—Freddie Beshore, Boston, KO-4.

Oct. 26—Joe Louis, New York, KO-8.

1952

Feb. 13—Lee Savold, Philadelphia, KO-6.

April 21—Gino Buonvino, Providence, KO-2.

May 12—Bernie Reynolds, Providence, KO-3.

July 28—Harry Mathews, New York, KO-2.

Sept. 23—Jersey Joe Walcott, Philadelphia, KO - 13. (won world title).

1953

May 15 — Jersey Joe Walcott, Chicago, KO-11.

Sept. 24—Roland LaStarza, New York, KO-11.

1954

June 17—Ezzard Charles, NYC, W-15.

Overall recapitulation: Fights —46. Won—46. Knockouts—40. go, W-10.

Dec. 15—Frank Buford, Boston, KO-7.

Charles in no hurry to KO ring mates

Sept. 15th time enough to show power, he says

MONTICELLO, N.Y. — "The time for fighting is in the ring, not in a gym."

Ezzard Charles, the former heavyweight champion who is trying for the third time to get back his world heavyweight title when he faces Rocky Marciano at the Yankee Stadium on Wednesday (September 15), was answering a leading question at his training camp at Kutsher's Country Club here.

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"WHY? THEY ASKED HIM.

"Don't you go after sparring partners and try to beat them out like Marciano seems to do?"

"Look," he answered. "I've been around a long time. I know that Joe Louis and a lot of others used to have one or two guys they could belt around freely and even knock down.

"Of course, it helps the publicity buildup. But I have never used a sparring partner except as a fellow - fighter helping me get in condition for a fight.

"With Marciano, he can't help it. He must fight hard even in a gym because he can't lay any other way. He can't lay back and box or study moves, like I do.

"He's got to finish a punch he starts, because that's his physical makeup.

"I AM LOOKING for three things in my training — wind, speed, timing. I don't need to knock my sparring partners down.

"I know I can punch and I don't kid myself that knocking guys down in a gym will inspire me. Maybe it would lead some people to think that I have said denly turned puncher.

"I'm as good a puncher as Marciano, believe me that, but I don't have to prove it by flattening sparring partners. I'll prove it in the ring on the 15th."

EZZARD CHARLES

Rocky to seek faster start against Ezz

Champ thinks slow beginning cost him June kayo

GROSSINGER, N.Y. — Watch for a fast, gambling start when Rocky Marciano lays his heavyweight title on the line for the second time against Cagey, hard-hitting Ezzard Charles at the Yankee Stadium, Wednesday, (September 15th).

Looking back at their first meeting, Marciano says he may have made a vital error in strategy.

"CHARLES CLAIMS he made a couple of mistakes against me," the undefeated champion says. "But how about myself? Maybe I made an error or two. I know I started slowly. Why? Frankly, I was nervous. I like being champion. I wanted to take it easy of losing it.

"I was cautious getting away. This may have cost me a chance at a knockout. Of course, it may have been the best way to fight Charles, too.

"If I had started throwing from the opening bell, he might have gotten to me in a vital spot. Ezzard can hit, too. I don't let anybody tell you different.

"BUT I WANT to give the fans all the thrills they pay to see. This time I am going to gamble. Suppose it gets me in trouble? There I'll fight my way out, or at least hope to.

"I want the fans to get all the thrill in the book. They'll get 'em too if Charles will meet me half way and be proved beyond any doubt that he is willing to do just that."

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