Handlers term Bratton world's top welterweight

Johnny Bratton, who faces Al (Sugar) Wilson at the Coliseum Wednesday in a 10-round bout, may possibly be the best welterweight boxer in the world.

Since being dethroned as the NBA 147 - pound king by Kid Gavilan in May, Bratton hasn't lost a fight to a welterweight, including the champion from Havana whom he held to a 10-round draw in a non-title return bout in November, 1951.

Despite a brittle pair of hands and a jaw that has a habit of getting broken in important bouts, the Chicago challenger has disposed of every welterweight he has faced in the past two and a half years while waiting for a chance to fight for the title again.

Impressive Record

The list of fighters Bratton has beaten in the last 30 months is impressive. Included are Livio Minelli, twice; Danny Womber, Joe Miceli, Del Flanagan, Vic Cardell, middleweight Ralph Zanelli, Laurent Douthuille and Pierre Langlois. Miceli, Langlois and Dauthuille were KO victims.

Bratton has lost only three times since the first Gavilan fight. Those losses were inflicted by middleweights — Rocky Castellani, twice, and Ralph (Tiger) Jones. His last outing against a 160-pounder was the battle this summer against Tuzo (Kid) Portuguez.

The Puerto Rican slugger staggered Bratton in the fourth round and came within a whisker of knocking him out, only to get kayoed himself in the next round.

Now, there's fight with Gavilan in the offing. If Gavilan decides to move up into the middleweight ranks, the word is that Bratton will meet Carmen Basilio who lost a split decision last week to Gavilan, for the crown.

The Bratton - Wilson fight will be nationally-televised. It's being promoted by the local Arena club and the International Boxing Club. It's being sponsored by the Biz Brothers of Baltimore who will get a share of the gate receipts.

Bob Trice wins first major league victory

PHILADELPHIA (ANP)—Bob Trice, fresh from Ottawa of the International league, won his first major league victory Sunday as the Philadelphia Athletics defeated the Washington Senators 13 to 9 in the first game of a doubleheader.

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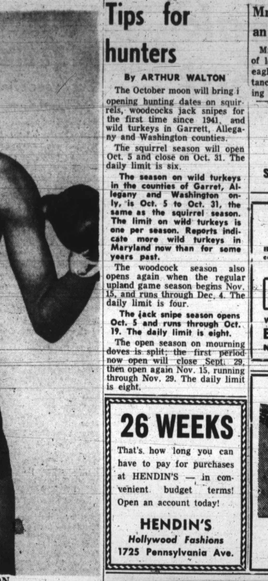

AL (Sugar) WILSON

Al Wilson to get 'chance' in fight with Bratton

The chance of a lifetime faces Englewood, N.J., welterweight Al (Sugar) Wilson next Wednesday night when he meets Johnny Bratton here at the Coliseum.

A victory over Bratton, the Chicagoan who ranks as the number-one challenger for Gavilan's 147-pound title, would catapult Wilson into the thick of the welterweight title picture, and earn him several lucrative fights.

Wilson, who has faced many of the top men in the division and knows his way around the fight game, cites the case of Ralph (Tiger) Jones, the Yonkers, N.Y., middleweight.

Jones was called in to face Bratton in a televised 10-rounder and was a 4-to-1 underdog. But he outslugged Bratton and since then has been getting top-grade fights on the strength of that performance.

Title Picture Open

With Gavilan about ready to step out of the welterweight division because of weight-making problems, the title picture is wide open. Bratton, Gil Turner, Johnny Saxton and Carmen Basilio are the ranking contenders, but a win over Bratton would put Wilson right in the middle of the picture.

Wilson is more than a long-shot in the Coliseum battle. Last April, he lost a split decision to Bratton in New York and many of the writers present at the fight, thought that Bratton was lucky to come off with the nod.

The fight here is a benefit bout for the Big Brothers of Baltimore, the organization which helps to combat juvenile and pre-juvenile delinquency.

Ticket agencies are located at Big Brothers headquarters, 27 Light st., 400 E. Baltimore st., 850 W. North ave., 10 N. Gay st., and at the Click Billiard Academy at Oldham and Eastern aves.

Hint Gavilan will move up

NEW YORK— Although Carmen Basilio is demanding a rematch after his close defeat by Champion Kid Gavilan in a welterweight title bout Friday, Angel Lopez, Gavilan's manager, has hinted that the Kid probably will move up to the middleweight division.

Gavilan is committed by the contract to defend the crown within 60 days.

On Gavilan's future, Lopez said:

"After sleeping on it, I think more and more that he'll have no more fight as a welter—too hard for him to make the weight."

Basilio's manager, Joe DeJohn, wants a return bout, but added:

"If Gavilan gives up the title, we want to fight Johnny Bratton for the championship."

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6	1	Howard	.857
7	0	West Virginia	1.000
12	0	Virginia Union	1.000
12	1	Morgan	.923
28	2	J. C. Smith	.933
18	1	Allen	.947
25	1	Delaware	.962
19	0	Lincoln	1.000
W—6; L—2, T—1			
141			80

W	L	Team	Pct.
6	0	Bluefield	1.000
0	0	Howard	.000
6	0	Virginia State	.857
13	0	Winston-Salem	.857
13	0	Central State	.857
32	0	St. Paul	.857
0	0	West Virginia	.000
13	0	Augustine	.857
33	0	Morristown	.857
97			223

Pitch and Putt club to hold golf tourney

The newly organized Pitch and Putt Gold Club will hold its first major tournament on Sunday at the Carroll Park course.

Tips for hunters

By ARTHUR WALTON

The October moon will bring in opening hunting dates on squirrels, woodcocks jack snipes for the first time since 1951, and wild turkeys in Garrett, Allegany and Washington counties.

The squirrel season will open Oct. 5 and close on Oct. 31. The daily limit is six.

The season on wild turkeys in the counties of Garret, Allegany and Washington only, is Oct. 5 to Oct. 31, the same as the squirrel season. The limit on wild turkeys is one per season. Reports indicate more wild turkeys in Maryland now than for some years past.

The woodcock season also opens again when the regular upland game season begins Nov. 15, and runs through Dec. 4. The daily limit is four.

The jack snipe season opens Oct. 5 and runs through Oct. 19. The daily limit is eight.

The open season on mourning doves is split: the first period now open will close Sept. 29, then open again Nov. 15, and run through Nov. 29. The daily limit is eight.

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Mrs. Maloney scores an eagle at Langston

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Wife of Dr. Arnold H. Maloney Jr., she drove 200 yards from her tee. Then with a five iron, she drove the ball into the cup on her second stroke on the par four hole. Mrs. Maloney said that she averages between 49-53 over nine holes.

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52	2.60	3.12
53	2.65	3.18

Marriages

Among the 33 couples who obtained marriage licenses here this week were the following seven non-resident couples:

Isaac Hawkins, 38, and Miss Johnnie Lee Jones, 30, both of Newark, N.J. George Crosby, 22, and Miss Frances Randolph, 23, both of New Rochelle, N.Y. Harold Taylor, 45, divorced, and Miss Lillian Lee, 37, both of Philadelphia.

Jack Sease, 42, and Mrs. Mary Markham, 40, divorced, both of York, Pa. William Kent, 21, divorced, and Miss Mary Dixon, 43, both of Standard, Md. Walter Parks, 23, and Miss Sadie Sullivan, 21, both of Brooklyn, N.Y. Leroy Johnson, 29, and Miss Betty Vaughan, 21, both of Washington, D.C.

Baltimoreans who obtained licenses were:

DEBIN-SIMMONS — Eddie, 35, 744 W. Fayette st.; Annie, 27.

COOPER-FICKLING — Garland, 18, Bernice, 16, 924 N. Fulton ave.

McCOY-KELLEY — Harvey, 40, divorced, 1501 Monroe st.; Evelyn, 35, divorced.

BANKS-JOHNSON — John, 19, 1501 Monroe st.; Delores, 16, 1524 Madison ave.

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