

# Liston Remains Solid 3-2 Favorite To Dethrone Patterson in Title Fight

CHICAGO (AP) — Sonny Liston, the hostile challenger with the big left hand punch, remained a 3-2 favorite over Floyd Patterson yesterday as interest mounted in tonight's 15-round world heavyweight title fight at Comiskey Park.

Prospects of fair, cool weather encouraged the promoters to expect a crowd of 35,000 paying about \$750,000 with a \$100 top for the "live show at the ball park of the Chicago White Sox."

However, the ball park was only the studio for a vast audience to see the bout on closed circuit television which had over one million seats available at prices ranging from \$4 to \$10. Ring time is 9:30 p.m. EST and the fight will go on, even if there is a drizzle.

If the promoters' forecasts hold up, the total gate will be close to \$5 million, counting ticket sale, theater, TV, radio receipts of about \$400,000 and movie rights of \$200,000. Chicago and a 100-mile area is blacked out on theater TV. The nation will hear the radio ABC account.

Patterson may receive the richest purse of any fighter in history with a chance of pocketing \$1.7 million to Liston's \$400,000. The old record is the \$990,445 that Gene Tunney was paid for beating Jack Dempsey in the famous "long count" fight in Soldier Field, Chicago, Sept. 22, 1927.

### Lacrosse Meeting

There will be a meeting for all persons interested in fall lacrosse at 7 p.m. Thursday in 241 Recreation Building.

### Stengel, Lopez Sign New Contracts

By The Associated Press  
Grizzly, old Casey Stengel and soft-spoken Al Lopez, familiar figures on the baseball scene for many years, signed contracts yesterday to manage their respective clubs again in 1963.

Stengel, 72, agreed in New York to return as skipper of the defeat-ridden New York Mets, who made their debut in the National League only this season.

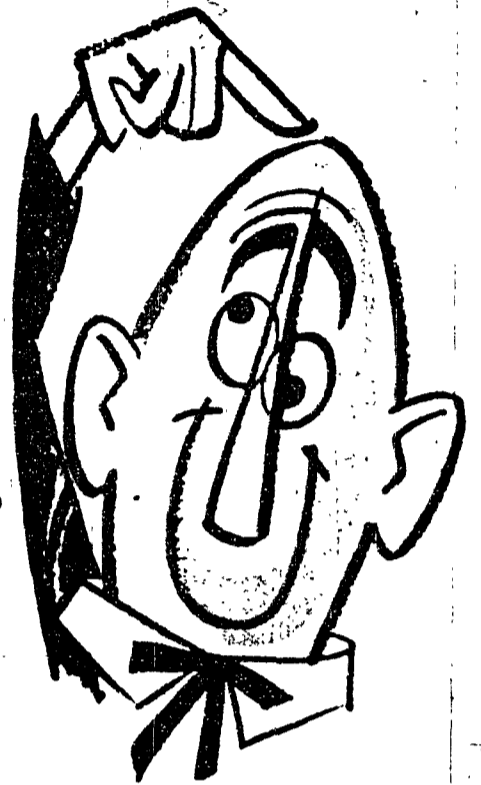
Lopez, 54, signed an unprecedented two-year contract in Chi-

cago to guide the fortunes of the White Sox through the 1964 campaign. He is finishing his sixth season with the White Sox.

Salary terms were not disclosed in either case.

The announcement of Stengel's return came from club President George Weiss in this last week of the current campaign with the Mets wallowing in the league's basement 60 1/2 games behind the front-running Los Angeles Dodgers.

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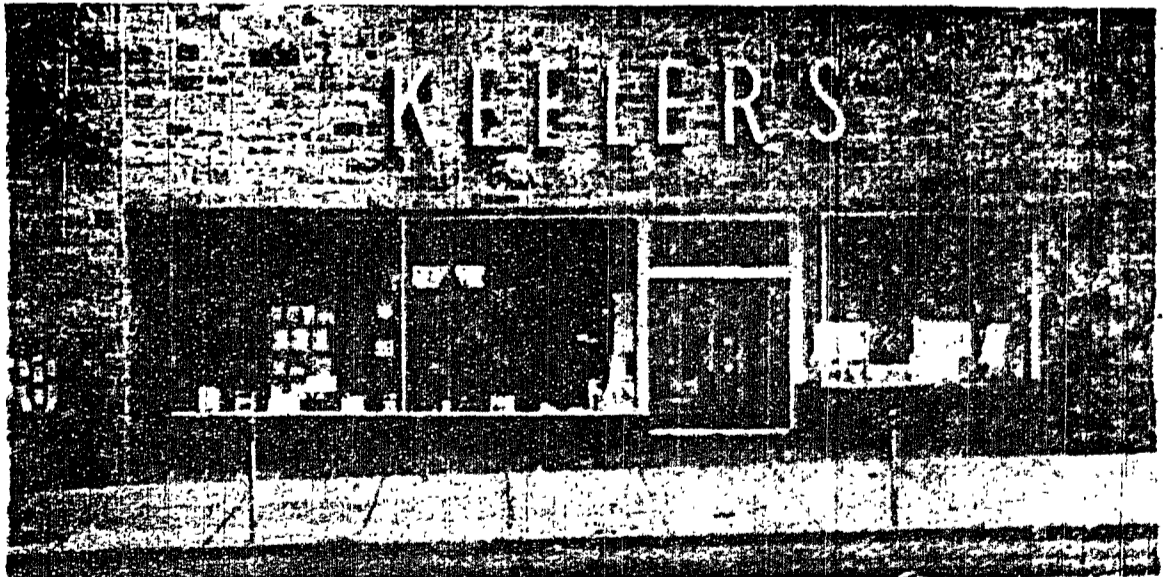


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