

# Behind The Play In Sports

BY DON DE LEIGHRUM

## THE HOLLER IN SO IN BOSTON: BAN SATCHEL PAIGE?

NEW YORK — When staid old Boston, through its baseball fans, raise a holler, it would be well for the sports world to listen. For it isn't often that Boston enthusiasts get a chance to howl about anything. The current rumble heard from Beantown is about Leroy (Satchel) Paige and the idea seems to be "Ban Satchel Paige from all forms of big time baseball." Behind this latest Bo-son-burn and bled drive is the indefatigable "Skink" Browning who did some coaching chores a few years back at Morning-side high school down in North Carolina where one of his teams won a national basketball championship. Skink has moved in on Boston as the city of his fondest hopes and is doing something in sports promotion and publicity up there. Skink has also taken on a civic role and has been leading the folk from down the way until they get on this side of the Mason and Dixon.

Nowbeit, Skink writes this column as follows: "Our Satchel Paige from all forms of big time baseball and if he and his use so desire, let him return to the sticks and cornfield baseball from whence he came, for his present attitude toward the baseball public has proven him to be irresponsible, unreliable, demoralizing and without cooperative reasoning and consideration." (Skink is really getting off a load with that, how 'bout it?)

"A New Era," continues brother Skink, "is dawning upon the horizon for the Negro in baseball and Paige seemingly is trying to show the public and organized baseball's mongers how careless, disgusting, shiftless, non-dependable, indecorous and indifferent a colored baseball player can be. Seemingly, Paige realizes that he is a 'hot' and is passing out of the picture and that the two or three innings that he pitches from day to day, mainly for old times' sake and in memory of the shadow of what he used to be, is a burden to him rather than a pleasure. 'This ain't me, I'm just reporting, giving Skink a vehicle. But let us go on with Skink.)

The baseball promoters are stringing along with Paige and his eccentric antics appearing at ball parks for after his scheduled game has started — being compelled to pitch on the wrong team in order to cover a delicate situation which Paige created — traveling at will in his private car, separate from the other players — arriving whenever he desires — refusing absolutely to play at all, unless he is paid a price which is a 'new high' over his regular season's play it was in Boston on August 13th that 7,000 people waited until the eighth inning for Paige, only to be informed over the amplifying system that Paige would be unable to put in

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"QUESTIONS? AND ANSWERS!" Q. I notice that Dick Seay is now playing the keystone sack for the rejuvenated Black Yankees. Would you rate Dick the equal of Willie Wells as a player? — Robert Menon, New York City.

A. No Wells rates in my book as a fielding, aggressiveness, hustle, hitting, thinking) on a parity with "Octopus" Marty Marion, shortstop of the St. Louis Cardinals, National League.

Sray, a friend of mine personally, (I hardly know Wells) is a defensive marvel, but not much of a swatsmith.

Q. How would you rate Johnny Beckwith as a distance cluster? — Arthur Strong, Kansas City.

A. None better. For a ball player scaling 180 pounds (hard as nails) he drove a ball longer and harder than any white or colored player in semi-pro or league baseball in my opinion.

Q. Do you think Eyré Smith could have whipped Pfc Lloyd Scott, who recently won A.L.A. Tennis singles championship? — Rubb Stone, New York City.

A. Maybe, but — Scott is steady.

Q. The old Brown Bombers owned by Herschell Day and trained by the immortal Fritz Pollard once had a colored boy who starred with you, did you prefer him to Woodrow Wilson Strode of UCLA of six seasons ago? — T. H. B., Baltimore.

A. This may sound like sacrilege but I rated Strode even up with the great Kenny Washington of that UCLA eleven. I would take Strode in preference to your Oregon man whose name you neglected to call but — who is well known to me and all football lovers the nation over.

Q. Who would have won between Baby Joe Gans, California, and Canada Lee in a real shooting match? — Thomas Bray, Brooklyn.

A. I think Gans.

Q. Have we developed any male ice skaters who compare with Louis Jackson, billiardist and man about town now living in Washington, D. C.? — Leroy Gordon, Washington, D. C.

A. I haven't heard about such a prodigy.

Q. Who was the best second baseman in Negro baseball history? I think Bobby Downs, old Hillsdale player, was the man. — Luther Bradford, Danbury, Conn.

Q. "Bingo" DeMoss, sheik-like player out of Chicago.

A. I met him in 1924 when leading writers hailed him the best 175 pounder. I claim that his real name was William Washington. Do I win my wager? — Lester Richardson, Richmond, Va.

A. Kid Norfolk's real name was William Ward, so you lose. He was born in Baltimore, a product of the battle royal blood bath.

Q. List five Negro boxers (1925-45) who were either champions, or the most feared men in the welter, middle, lightweight and heavy weight divisions. — T. E. H., St. Paul, Minn.

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BY CARL L. EASTERLING

RALEIGH — Out of 25 entries in the tournament, Walter (Black Court) Browning of Chavis Heights defeated James Speed of West Raleigh, in straight sets to win the City of Raleigh men's singles title here last Sunday and Sunday before last.

On the beautiful, private, clay court of Dr. L. E. McCauley, tennis enthusiast of North Tarboro Road, every advantage of tournament atmosphere was offered the 5 entries, in absence of adequate preparation of the two city courts at Chavis Heights, the boys observed.

Losing one set each on their way through the ranks, the challengers went into the final round with a top-up chance to win the city crown.

It was generally known that what Speed lacked in skill was compensated for in stamina to match the soft, unconditioned Browning.

In short order, Sunday before last, however, in flat-driving to opposite corners the setup retrieves of Speed, Browning convinced the stands that he held the situation well in hand.

He held the convincing advantage of the first set, 6-2, and a game his opponent when it was noticed count of 4-2 of the next set which he began to tire, and the face of his opponent began to light up when it seemed to be the turning of the tide.

Then "the rains came" stopping the match which resumed Sunday, one week later.

On their return, both boys seemingly in tip top shape, Browning, the buck court specialist, with dead accuracy, causing the usually accurate retrieving Speed to net the ones he needed, rhythmically cross-fired his "flats" to finish the match and earn the city's man's singles crown in straight sets, 6-2; 6-3; 6-2.

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