Asheville Downs Knoxville In Southern League Tilt

NEGRO FANS CONTRIBUTE TO SUCCESS OF JACKIE ROBINSON

Brief Ceremony Marks Opening of Southern League

ASHEVILLE — After the opening ceremony Wednesday, in which Atty. George Pennell made a brief speech and Dr. L. O. Miller threw out the first ball, the Asheville Blues, behind the pitching of Vernon Phillips and Robert Bowman, defeated the Knoxville Giants 11 to 4. The Blues pushed across one tally in the opening frame and repeated the performance in the second and third innings. A fireworks eight among the leaves the home team in full stride on a pair of Knoxville starters. Alex Carrasquel and Bragonier each expired two times but in four trips to the plate for the Blues and Manager Rosario with four, for five, including homerun, led the Giants attack.

The night, the Blues came back to make it two in a row, defeating the Giants 12 to 3. In the opening of Lefty Frank Shepard faced Hefner with three on, Worthington with two on, three and Alexander with three on. Neither pitcher lasted the session, his attack was headed by the Blues Jordan and Harris with two for four each, paced the visitors at the plate. The third game was rained out. The Blues after playing in Knoxville, S. C. Saturday, Charlotte Sunday, Greensboro Tuesday, and Knoxville Wednesday and Thursday, will return Friday night for a return engagement in which the opposition will be the strong Greensboro Red Wings.

SERVO REFUSES MAY BOUT WITH RAY ROBINSON

NEW YORK — (CNS) — Marty Servo may not physically fit to defend his title against Ray (Sugar) Robinson, May 24th as scheduled, according to Al Weil, Marty's manager who passed some on to Promoter Mike Jacobs.

With the report of Dr. Herbert Goldman, the main bolster of Weil's argument, Weil claims the breathing of Servo is impaired because of a visible obstruction in the right nostril. Dr. Goldman is for the operation as a least treatment before Servo defends his title.

Marty has again pushed back the date of his Athletic Commission that he will defend his title May 24th. Two weeks up to the executive, and he have announced the names Jake Robinson, George Gainford, Rob. Jackson's manager, to appear before them this week.

CIAA TRACK MEET TO DRAW MANY FEATURES

HAMPTON INSTITUTE — Wm. Armstrong Field at Hampton Institute will be the scene of the first two-day championship track meet of the Colored Intercollegiate Athletic Association next Saturday, May 11, when the 25th annual CIAA track and field meet will take place with a larger entry list participating than has been the case for more than ten years.

Howard Drew and Bennie Washington, veteran officials, will be on hand as referee and starter and head field judge for the meet, in which preliminary trials will start at 9:30 a. m. in shot, javelin, discus, broad jump, pole vault, and the 100, 200 and 440 yard dashes, while the finals start at 1:30 in the afternoon.

Competition is expected to be keen and new records are likely to be made next Saturday, since all of the teams will have returning GI's, many of whom made splendid records while in the armed forces. CIAA athletes who competed at the Penn and Drake relays will also be seen in action, including the Lincoln and Morgan teams, which won mile relay championships at Penn last Saturday, the Hampton team, which finished second in this event, and the Union medley relay team which journeyed to the Drake relays and won third place in their race.

Roscoe Brown of Lincoln, who ran a quarter mile in 48.8, is expected to better that time next Saturday, if the weather man provides a good day, while Charles Jupiter of Howard, who ran the 100 in 9.9 and finished second in the finals at Penn, is the favorite to win the 100, unless a dark horse appears upon the scene. Hubert Gates of Hampton, who won second place in the 400-meter high hurdles, is also expected to be in top form.

High schools as well as colleges are sending in more entries this year. Cordoza, defending champion, and Douglass, Dunbar and Carver Vocational, all of Baltimore, have entered teams. Booker T. Washington of Norfolk, Huntington of Newport News, and Phenix of Elizabeth City County, as well as a number of other Virginia high schools, will take part.

Dillard Univ. Resumes Full Athletics

NEW ORLEANS—The surprised announcement this week by President A. W. Dent that Dillard University will resume a full program of varsity athletics and inaugurate a comprehensive physical education program for young men and women next term is certain to have an atomic effect in college circles of the nation. The general reaction is that it will give impetus to numerous other educational institutions which had pre-war athletics but eliminated football and other major sports "for the duration," to inspiring these colleges to follow in Dillard's footsteps.

President Dent also announced the addition to the Dillard faculty Armstead A. (Horse) Pierro, former All-Southern Quarterback on one of the greatest teams in the history of Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia, as instructor in physical education and coach of athletic teams.

Pierro was graduated from Morehouse in 1937, received a master of arts degree from the University of Michigan in 1940, a bachelor of physical education degree from Springfield YMCA College in 1941 and during the summer of 1942 did work toward the doctor of philosophy degree at the University of Michigan. He was late inducted into the military service and was in Okinawa Island in the South Pacific.

NEGRO TEAM IN YMCA TOURNEY

CHICAGO (ANP) — When the National Open and YMCA Volleyball tournament starts in Chicago on May 9, the all-Negro team from St Antoine YMCA of Detroit will be one of the leading contenders for the National YMCA trophy. The Detroit team, coached by Jesse Owens, famous track champion, holds the Michigan state title, winning it after upsetting Michigan favorites from Ann Arbor, Grand Rapids, and Flint.

Volleyball has moved out of its own crow this year, when for the first time in history a Negro sextet is entering. The Negro team will possibly compete against former national champions from the Los Angeles Athletic Club, the Houston YMCA and the North Avenue Department of the YMCA of Chicago. As the tournament will be conducted on the double elimination basis, every team must lose two three game matches before being eliminated.

TIGERS TAKE PITTSBURGH YELLOWJACKETS 16-3

RALEIGH — The Raleigh Tigers defeated the Pittsburgh Yellowjackets 16 to 3 behind the six hit pitching of Bobby Fields and Bill Wilander. The locals completely outclassed the visitors.

The Tigers announced the signing of Wade Dunn, local outfielder. Dunn will be played at left field.

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Big Guns For Homestead Grays

WHALTER VIC HARRIS "BIG" BEN

ATHLETIC SET UP PLANNED AT DILLARD

By LUCIUS JONES

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Dillard discontinued its athletic program during the war. Resumption of the school's athletic activities is speculated to have an atomic effect in college circles and may provide a definite impetus to numerous educational institutions which eliminated football and other major sports "for the duration" along with Dillard.

Local Boys Inactive

Local athletes have been inactive during the war because there has been no football in colored colleges here, despite the fact that there are 6 local high schools and a colored population around 200,000. Many promising athletic stars here have gone elsewhere in the past to have been established to Louisiana colleges. Resumption of football at Dillard means that many hometown boys will be retained. Present plans call for the renewal of basketball and the inclusion of other major sports like tennis and track as possible baseball.

Dillard will continue its educational standard and also emphasize on athletics, Dr. Dent said. Dillard will not admit athletes but simply will attempt to provide them a chance to obtain a complete college education as well as to develop special abilities, through well rounded extracurricula and extracurricula activities.

TIGERS TO FACE TOUGH FOES

RALEIGH — The Raleigh Tigers take on the fast moving club at Camp Lejeune, under the direction of Corp. A Watson. The Marines are of unknown quantity.

Tuesday afternoon, the New York Black Yankees take on the popular Tigers at the local ball park at 4 p. m. The Yankees were one of the finest clubs in the Negro National League when the flag closed last season. Fans are going to see Willie Wells, the king of all Negro shortstops; Melvin Barber, hard hitting manager at third; Dick Seay, second baseman with a repertoire; John "Neck" Stanley, veteran left hander of twenty National League campaigns are only a few of the star heading the Yankee team. The locals are being keyed up for this all important contest and the pitching chores are expected to be Cozart and Warren with some help coming from Leroy Percy Johnson.

Wednesday the locals take on either the Pittsburgh Crawfords or the St. Louis Stars. The Crawfords have never played here although they were scheduled here in 1940. Both of he clubs are members of the United States League.

TROTTERS SIGN DUSABLE STAR

CHICAGO (ANP) — Abe Saperstein, owner and coach of the Harlem Globetrotters, signed Nathaniel (Sweetwater) Clifton, former DuSable High school cage star, to a contract last week to play next season with the famous local team, which recently returned from the Hawaiian islands.

The 23-year-old Clifton, who stands six foot seven inches and weighs 230 pounds, made history at DuSable high school here for mthe 1938-39 season through the 1941-42 campaigns. He was honored as All-Chicago High School center during the 1941-42 seasons and set an individual scoring record for one game of 45 points in the University of Chicago tournament in 1941, which still stands.

He was able to attend Xavier college, New Orleans, for one year before induction into the army where he won new fame as a cage star. He averaged over 20 points a game to spark the 522d Quartermaster battalion, stationed at Leghorn, Italy, to a record of 15 victories against three losses early this year after he had helped the Chandler Base team near Brussels, to compile one of the best records in the area late last year.

"This deal assures us of one of the not one best team," Saperstein said in announcing Clifton's contract. With Bab Pressley and Zack Clayton, guards, and Goose Tatum, in addition to Clifton, we have more height, scoring punch and defense than ever."

SOX IN WIN OVER GRAYS AND AGGIES

WILMINGTON — In their final exhibition game here before the opening of their league season, the hard hitting Wilmington Red Sox pounded out a 17-6 victory over the Raleigh Grays, whose many errors gave the local the heavy load of runs.

Pitcher Veteran Monte Irvin from Camp Lejeune pitched the entire game and many of the visiting batters never got a chance to bat. The fast crew was too much for the boys from the Capital City.

Four veteran players from Durham were in the Raleigh lineup, having played in this city with the Durham Red Caps last season.

It was later stated that this was not the Grays' regular team.

League baseball will get off to a start Sunday when the Red Sox open with Greensboro.

TIGERS BEAT EAGLES IN A THRILLER

RALEIGH — The Raleigh Tigers defeated the Durham Eagles here Sunday, before an overflow crowd, by the score of 7 to 1. It was really a big fight from beginning to end with the visitors always trying desperately to come from behind. The locals scored in the first frame when Rumpley, visiting right hander, had difficulty in finding the plate. The local crew had the run margin until the sixth when Pemberton doubled and Bowling then doubled him home. The Eagles fought back in the seventh when Turner homered over the distance right field fence and Ashford followed with a single. Up to this point, Tom Cozart had effectively muzzled the murderous row. He entered Lefty Warren who succeeded in closing the door in the face of the opposition. In the ninth inning local fans were afraid to leave because of the close game. Lamb Barber, Negro American League veteran, Bob Barber, hitter deluxe, and Turner, had homered previously. The sensational stops by Faulk and a great clothing catch by Smith of Princeliner, Shep Faulk's fielding was sensational at second and Pop Mann's catch of Red Baskerville's Tigers offensive with two for four.

Batteries: Eagles: Bumpass, Jenkins and Ashford. Raleigh Tigers: Cozart, Warren and Camp.

liner was amazing. Faulk led the

IKE WILLIAMS GETS NOD OVER SATTERFIELD

CHICAGO (ANP) — Robert Satterfield, 1941 city Golden Gloves champion, lost his 10-round fight against Holman Williams, fourth ranking middleweight title contender, on a split decision here Thursday night at the coliseum.

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Jackie Tells Fans Not To Applaud Too Mnch; Give Credit When Credit Is Do

By JOHN M. LEE

NEW YORK — Al Laney, top-ranking sports writer, who holds forth on the pages of the sedate New York Herald Tribune, devoted his full column to human interest stuff about Jackie Robinson a week or so ago. What Laney had to say has been said before, and will probably be said many times again, but a point or two of his scholarly essay bears repeating. Pointing out that acceptance of Robinson has come about sooner than Jackie or anyone else had expected, Laney goes on to say, "the evidence is not all in yet but the indication is already clear that a Negro, if he is good enough, can play in the International League without causing the sky to fall. And it that is true there can be no good reason why he should not also play in the major leagues."

Baseball fans, in any part of the country, are a good-natured lot of single-minded animals who threaten to murder umpires, and sell out the souls of the opposing players, but they want the whole business done legal and sportsmanlike. There have been instances where two close friends, rooting for opposing teams, have come to blows over a fine point without a personal angle entering into the business. What scares Jackie, and it is something to be considered, is the exaggerated hope the colored fans have for Negro fans. Wherever he has played the Negro fans have made it a point to applaud his every move as though it were the out of this world performance of superman.

Talking to Laney about it, Robinson gave an instance. "In Newark, . . . there was a big crowd, and thousands of them were Negroes. I was made nervous because they were too partisan to me I thought. They cheered too loudly when I did just ordinary things. I think that is bad and I wish they wouldn't do it. It might make trouble in the stands."

Jackie is pleading for a chance to be just a plain baseball athlete, and not a freak to white fans, no a superior being to the Negroes. He believes, and this column certainly agrees, that if it is sporting to ask the white players and fans to give him a chance to make good on his ability, it is just as sporting to make the same request of the people of his own race. It is ridiculous to applaud a man and acclaim him until he does something to merit it, and then that acclaim should not go beyond reasonable bounds. Some of the very fans who now give Robinson the jitters by their boisterous applause will be the first to brand him a phony should he fail to make the grade.

Robinson is in there trying all the time. He doesn't share the feeling of the Negro fans who think that it's all over but the shouting. He knows that he is still on trail and that he has to do a lot of ball playing if he wants to stay in fast company and step up to the top. I said before, and I repeat it, that the greatest handicap the kid has is the whole race he is carrying on his back. He'll have to forget it if he wants to show his real stuff, and I think he is trying like blazes, but it will be an impossibility unless the Negro fans cooperate.

An assignment to second base is doing its share to keep sensitive Jackie on edge. It is grand new territory to him and he is trying to get the hang of his new job. He says, "I'm not at home around here, yet. I made a couple of error, and in one play I just looked silly. I've got to learn and do it quickly and I've got to keep hitting at the same time. I don't know if we have seen the best pitching in the league yet, but if we have I think I will be enough."

Robinson can hit, run and steal enough bases to get over the hump provided it isn't made any bigher for him by the injudicious enthusiasm of the Negro fans. They all love him, he knows that, and he appreciates their support but they can help him most by going to see him play and by just giving him what he deserves, no more and no less. If Robinson has the stuff to go as far as he has to open the doors for Negro players, it certainly shouldn't be too hard a job for those of us who are praying for him to make good to keep our boosting down to a common sense level.

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