

A. & T. Swamps Eagles; Tigers Down Buckeyes



JACKIE GETS 3 HITS IN GAME AGAINST GIANTS

NEW YORK (NNPA) — Jackie Robinson, Brooklyn Dodgers first baseman, got three hits in four trips to the plate last Saturday against the New York Giants, to bring his batting average up to .397.

In fourteen official times at bat through last Saturday, he has garnered six hits, including a home-run and a double.

Jackie provided most of the Dodgers' hitting power in the game against the Giants last Saturday, getting three of the seven hits in the fourth was spectacular. The ball hit the bag at third and went skimming down a left field line. Clint Hartung played the ball perfectly and made a fine throw to second, but Robinson turned on his speed and slid into the bag safe.

LOUIS MAY MEET WALCOTT IN AUGUST BOUT

PHILADELPHIA Pa. (NNPA) — The National Boxing Association said last Sunday that it would approve a heavyweight championship bout between champion Joe Louis and Jersey Joe Walcott.

In a statement announcing that Herman Taylor, Philadelphia promoter and Walcott's manager, have offered Louis a \$200,000 guarantee to meet Walcott this summer, the NBA made it plain that it was not interested in terms for such a bout but said the bout would have its approval because Walcott is rated at the top of outstanding contenders challenging Louis' title.

In giving its officials blessings on a Louis-Walcott championship match, the NBA made an obvious move to wrest complete control of boxing from Mike Jacobs and the New York State Athletic Commission.

The most recent NBA rating placed Louis at the top of the heavyweight roster without listing a single challenger. Walcott was rated first among "outstanding heavyweights."

AGGIES NIP SHAW FOR FIFTH WIN OF SEASON

GREENSBORO — Behind the sterling pitching of Hubert Simmons, sophomore hurler ace from Barbours, who fanned seven batters, the A. and T. College baseball team extended its winning streak another notch at Memorial Stadium here last Tuesday when it triumphed over Shaw U. by the score of 4-1.

This victory made it five straight wins for the Greensboro nine which, thus far, is able to boast a clean slate with two exhibition and three conference wins giving them the lead in the current CIAA baseball race.

Shaw broke the ice, scoring her single run in the contest in the fourth inning when Twille Bellamy, who started for the Bears in football last fall, got a single, one of three safeties yielded by Simmons, and brought James Joyner home.

The Aggies struck back sharply in the same frame taking advantage of costly errors committed by Richard Harvey and Joyner of Shaw to tally two runs. Then in the seventh A. and T. further increased her lead on another miscue by Harvey who allowed George Johnson, Aggie catcher, to race home on Simmons' bunt.

The game was rather closely played, Simmons winning pitcher, with his seven strike-outs was closely followed by Charles England, Bear moundman who gave up only two singles during the entire tilt. Aggie runs were scored by Marvin Graeber, George Knox and George Johnson.

Stats of the National Negro league talks as if the Quakers have the gasp in their vest pocket right now. Admitting that the Stars are strong with Barney Brown, Hank Miller, McHenry, Raymond A. Binson, Wilmer Harris, Al (Archie) Wilmore, pitchers, and with a top men-right down the line, our odds register links the N. Y. Cubans and Abe and Ernie Manley's champion Newark Eagles to finish ahead of the Ed Golden bossed crew whom Curry manages.



CHAMPS — The Barbours Five, above, was victorious recently in the Greensboro Recreational League, defeating the A. and T. Veterans, 45-2, in the finals. They are left to right: James Lechman, Ralph Powell, Harold Cotton, Marcus Pickard, Glen Hutton, Earl Mays, and J. C. Whitsett. Not shown are Horace Britton, and Praxler Aldridge. Floyd Hargrave is coach of the team.

Freeze Out Armstrong In Fight Manager Role

WASHINGTON (ANP) — Sparks literally flew last week when the Armstrong-Stevenson-Hursey managerial muddle was aired before the district boxing commission. Smuggly Hursey, who had been co-managed by Henry Armstrong, former triple-champion, and the Mighty Mel Stevenson, expressed his desire to divorce himself from Armstrong after the May 5 fight with Aaron Perry. Armstrong presented the brush-off without being given a clear-cut reason.

The boxing commission based its decision upon the instruction of the rule book, which said a boxer could have only one manager. Therefore, it is permitted to recognize only one manager, and said whatever agreement exists between Stevenson and Armstrong is no affair of the commission.

Armstrong said that he had a legal and basic contract with Stevenson to book fights for Hursey until he is 21, and that it is necessary that the matter be turned over to the New York Boxing Guild, of which he is a member. Just what action it will take is uncertain but it is likely that he will, whose members handle most of the leading fighters of the country, will freeze-out the prospective champion, by not permitting him to meet the better crop of boxers.

Henry further stated that he did not wish to stop the up-and-coming fighter because he believes that he has a future, but it is quite possible that the guild will act regardless of his will.

Believing that there is something else involved in this situation, which he could not put his finger on, Armstrong told the commission that he was of the opinion that Smuggly was acting as a robot, moving upon the advice of his manager, and that he believed that one Norman Saunders had persuaded Stevenson to break partnership with him.

HAWAIIAN TEAM TO VIE IN SERIES IN AUGUST

HONOLULU (ANP) — To show mainlanders that Hawaii has some of the finest baseball players to be found in any state or territory, arrangements have been completed to have a Hawaiian team play in the series of games at the National Baseball congress in Wichita, Kan., in August.

The Hawaiian team will vie against such stars as the Kansas City Monarchs and Cuban All-Stars. Negotiations were handled by Abe Saperstein, owner of the Globetrotters, during the basketballers' recent island engagement. Last year the Cincinnati Creeps were here, but though they put on a great show, very few fans attended the game. It is viewed by some that Hawaiian fans were "spoiled" because they had seen so many major league players during the war.

Louis Calls Off June Title Bout; No Opponent

NEW YORK (ANP) — The current crop of heavyweight challengers will have to do some more fighting and offer more competition than they do at present if they expect Joe Louis to take them on in Joe's opinion, none of the present group is a worthy contender for his crown, which explains his decision to cancel the scheduled title bout on June 26 at Yankee Stadium.

According to a spokesman for the 20th Century Sporting Club, "Louis had intended to box in June, but his left eye was injured upon an order to give the various challenges an opportunity to fight each other and determine the best available opponent." The Brown Bomber, however, will chance his crown in September if a suitable opponent can be found by midsummer.

Meanwhile, the club is engaged in arranging a match between light heavyweight champion Gus Lesnevich of Cliffside Park, N. Y., and former light heavyweight titleholder Melio Bellina of Beacon, N. Y., to be staged May 23 at Madison Square Garden.

Jackie Hitless, But Makes Score Against Phillies

BROOKLYN (NNPA) — Jackie Robinson, Brooklyn first baseman, went hitless against the Phillies here last Thursday, but scored one of two runs giving the Dodgers a 2-0-0 victory.

After Ed Stanky, Dodger second baseman, had walked in the first inning, Robinson hit sharply right at Frank McCormack, the Phillies first baseman. The latter fumbled his grounder, on which a double-play should have been turned in and when Tommy Hughes, Philly pitcher, failed to cover, both runners were safe.

A single to right by Pete Reiser, Dodger centerfielder, filled the bases and Dixie Walker, Dodger right fielder, hit a two-run single to left.

As a result of going hitless, Robinson's batting average dropped to .346. He handled ten chances at field flawlessly.

In the game between Brooklyn and the Phillies last Wednesday, Robinson got only one hit but scored two runs and handled eleven chances at first base without an error, the Dodgers winning, 5 to 3.

He walked in the first inning and scored on a hard liner to left by Reiser, which went for a two-bagger. He scored again in the fourth after bunting safely. His tally came after a single by Stanky, a walk to Reiser, and another single by Carl Furillo. Dodger left fielder Jackie also figured in a double play, Reiser to Stanky to Robinson.

Raleigh Nine Registers Third Straight Victory

RALEIGH — The Raleigh Tigers registered their third win in a row here Sunday afternoon, when they defeated the Cleveland Buckeyes, members of the Negro American League, 8-5.

The Buckeyes scored in the first frame when Palmer walked with two away, advanced to second on a wild pitch and scored on Pharmacy's double to left. They added two more tallies in the fourth, on Reynolds' double, Williams sacrifice, Boone's single Tales double and a Tiger miscue.

In the ninth frame, they made a spirited attempt for victory but had to be satisfied with two runs on two hits, two errors and a fielder's choice as Lefty Evans peg from outfield, caught Jones at the plate.

An error, two walks, a single by Babbee and a double by Hatter were responsible for three Tigers tallies in the first frame. One error, two singles, a sacrifice, a walk and an infield out, produced two more tallies. A single, an error, a hit batsman and a sacrifice fly added a run in the third. Two errors and two singles produced two more tallies in the eighth frame.

The Buckeyes held the local's scoring down by pulling three lightning double plays that had

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BEATING THE GUN

BY ALVIN MOSES

SOL STRAUSS AND—JOE LOUIS NEW YORK (ANP) — Sol Strauss, if you were not aware of it, is first cousin to Michael Strogoff, boxing overlord. He is an attorney and, inasmuch as he is in certain highly important matters close to the stinky industry, a propitious is from a snuffe. Jacobs winked his eyes at characters who spoke out of the side of their mouths as did the late, unrepentant Al (Scarface) Capone. Strauss does not hide his dislike of panderers, gamblers, and other such individuals who today, as back in the lush '20s, — infest the fight racket.

Strauss is much in the sport news headlines these afternoons. He is trying desperately to line up an opponent for the most destructive brown man who ever walked this terrain, namely, Joe Louis. The New York of Lexington or Lafayette, Ala. Louis, since 1937, has been the barred door in the pathway of aspirants for his title worth roughly \$3,000,000 over a two-year stretch, to the man capable of nailing him (The Bomber) to the ring floor.

BAKSI, SAY NO O-O-O-O Big, seemingly dull-witted Joe Baksi, Kulpmont, Pa., conqueror of England's frustrated Bruce Woodcock, is the sort of huncher I like. First of all the ex-coal miner is honest and forthright. Earning close to \$150,000 in two fights

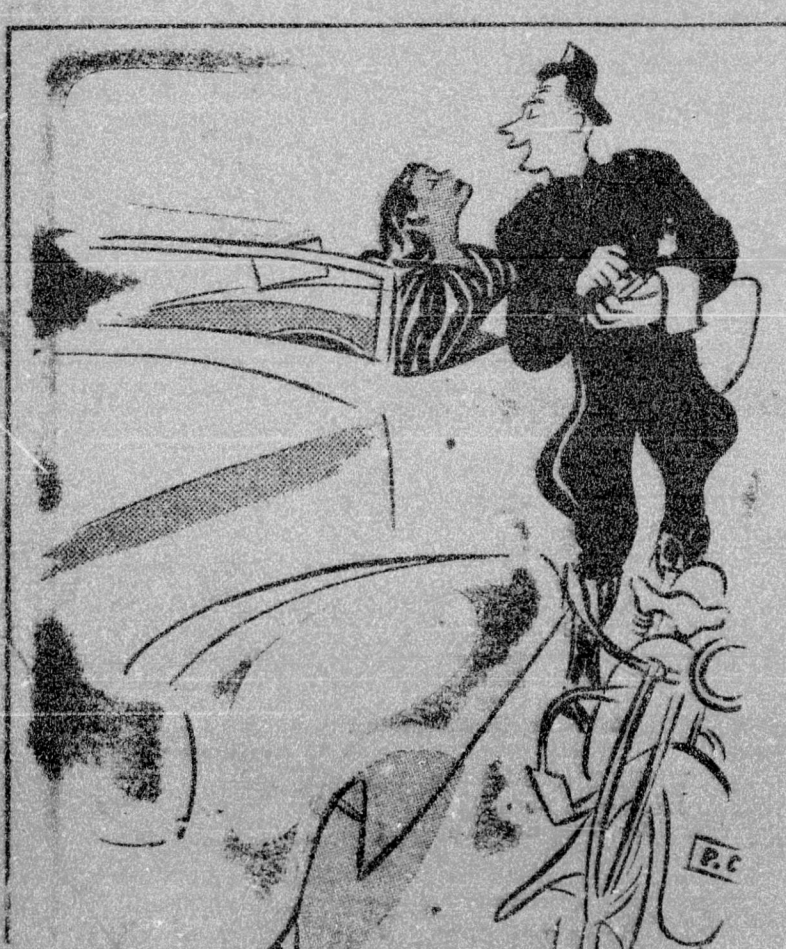
(Mills and Woodcock) on British soil, Baksi has many refused a June date with Louis. Thus, his manager, he has said in substance, "I won't be ready for a main like Louis until September."

NO CHAMPION has ever been as generous as Joe Louis. Ever of Lexington, Ala. The proof for this seemingly rash statement is found in Louis' match with ponderous Art Simon before 15,220 boxing lovers at Madison Square Garden on March 27, 1942. On that occasion, LOUIS DEFENDED HIS PRIZED TITLE FOR NOTHING. His end of the \$124,000 gate was exactly \$94,000. The Brown Bomber gave his full check to the Army Relief fund, Maj. Gen. Phillipson gratefully accepting for the U. S. armed forces.

Dempsey has given a fortune away to friends, the legend runs, and Louis is a soft touch in that connection also it might be added. But put them all together, from John L. Sullivan down to Jack Blackburn's prize-protégé, Joe stands out above the field as a disciple of "It is more blessed to give than to receive." We predict that before Louis retires, he will donate his services to some cause that will benefit Negro youths — tab this one in your book for future (not to distant) reference.

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