CLAIMS FIGHT PROMOTION DUEL LOOMING

Beating The Gun

BY ALVIN MOSES

NEW YORK (ANP) — RESEARCH — PAYS — DIVIDENDS! Tom Molineaux was born of slave parents back in Virginia in the early part of the last century. After gaining his freedom he took to the bare-knuckle prize-fighting and became one of the most formidable exponents of this lusty art in the history of sports. England, no-lifty admired him. He fought Tom Cribb, considered the peer of all white sluggers of that period. One of their contests lasted 40 rounds under the rules of that day.

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Hy Gardner, writer in "Parade" had this to say recently of Joe Louis, greatest of modern heavyweight champion boxer, who has been torn between "love" — knots more unyielding than the legendary "Gordian Knot" of Alexander the Great's day:

After retaining his heavyweight crown by knocking out challenger Jersey Joe Walcott, Louis was taken to see the movies of the fight. Asked how he like the picture, the Bomber commented laconically: "It had a real nice ending."

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The SEVEN COLORED PLAYERS with the Brooklyn Dodgers baseball organization; and the one, two, three, and four in the other clubs, have come into their "baseball rights" as will hundreds more during the next quarter century. This despite the fact that during the winter of 1887 and 1888 all the league clubs drew the "color line" or had a clause inserted into their constitutions limiting the number of Negro players in each club. During this time such colored stars as Fleetwood Walker, George Stovy and the incomparable Frank Grant were flourishing in the minor and major leagues!!!

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FOUR SENSATIONAL FOOTBALLERS who made New York the scene of their activity while gaining national distinction on the gridiron were: the late Lt. Sidat Singh, Syracuse U.; Brud Holland, Cornell U.; Paul Robeson, Rutgers U.; and Fred ("Fritz") Pollard, Brown U. There were others such as NYU's Dave Myers, etc., but at the moment those four-horsemen stand out.

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AS THIS MINUTE'S REPORTING — He who procrastinates is lost, is true as most mottoes. A good example is the Wilson story — the N. Y. Yankee general manager, GEORGE WEISS, recently charged the Cleveland Baseball club of action "unethically," and in possible violation of the baseball law by signing Art Wilson, colored shortstop and manager of the Mayaguez club in Puerto Rico. A month ago the N. Y. club announced it was negotiating with the 26-year-old Birmingham Black Barons shortstop who hit .373 in the Puerto Rican league. Bill Veeck, wide-awake and fair-minded prexy of Cleveland, flew to Puerto Rico to discuss terms with the square-built infielder who we have often stated is major leaguer in all save "color of his skin." Wilson thus became the fourth colored player to land in the Indian organization. The matter is scheduled to drop into the broad lap of Commissioner Chandler according to newsmen we've chatted with in the New York area.

WITH NORMAN SKINNER playing so sensationally this year for Columbia university's basketball squad, one recalls that this Morningside Heights institution of learning has had two other top Negro quarterers playing at different periods.

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JACKIE ROBINSON is the most publicized athlete in the world barring, possibly, Joe Louis — Ma Frazier, Harlem bonvivant recently saw Robinson's $26,000 home at St. Albans, L. I., and pronounced it modern in every detail. Campanella, a teammate, has purchased St. Albans real estate, also. In '47, Robinson became the first Negro to play in the majors since the days of Stovey, Grant and others. At 30 years of age, he is happily married, has a healthy son, and draws the neat stipend of $17,500 for his 1949 (6 months) baseball engagement — not bad, not bad at all I'd say!

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SATCHEL PAIGE proves one thing: ability, erases AGE LIMITS even in the MAJOR LEAGUES.

N. C. C. CAGE SCORES FOR 1949 SEASON

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CONFERENCE GAMES DATE	PLACE	OPPONENTS	NCC	OPP
1-7	Durham	Shaw	51	45
1-10	Durham	Shaw	54	36
1-17	Richmond, W. Va.	W. Va. State	64	54
1-19	Petersburg	Virginia State	56	43
1-22	Greensboro	A. and T. College	82	66
1-28	Durham	A. and T. College	55	46
1-31	Durham	Morgan State	58	49
2-4	Richmond	Virginia Union	60	58
2-5	New York City	Delaware State	67	50
2-7	Baltimore	Morgan State	65	66
2-8	Washington	Howard University	52	47
2-11	Durham	Hampton Institute	60	50
2-12	Durham	Virginia State	75	53
2-15	Durham	Delaware State	63	38
2-18	Hampton	Hampton Institute	61	55
2-21	Durham	Virginia Union	74	58
2-26	Durham	Howard University	67	51
2-28	Durham	West Va. State	73	54
NON-CONFERENCE GAMES			1-101	922
12-4	Greensboro	A. and T. College	62	43
12-28	Petersburg	Petersburg YMCA	81	29
12-30	Washington	Howard University	54	39
1-1	Baltimore	Morgan State	55	45
1-3	Durham	Tenn. State	38	59
1-15	Roanoke	Virginia State	59	31
			349	246

BARNHILL LOOMS AS OUTSTANDING TOSSER IN NEGRO LEAGUE

By CURTIS A. LEAK

David "Impo" Barnhill a stalwart of the New York Cubans pitching corps was a standout hurler in the Cuban Professional Winter League with the Marianao club. He won 13 while losing only 8 games and if he retains that form this summer he will easily be the the standout hurler of the Negro American League.

Barnhill has always been a top-notch pitcher every since he has been in the big time with the New Yorkers. He as two no hit performances to his credit and seventeen strikeouts in a single game. Has led the now defunct Negro National League several times and his brilliant pitching as made him an attraction both in the United States and foreign countries.

"Impo" was the best pitcher the Cubans had when they won the Championship in 1947 and he is being relied upon to shoulder the burden this year to help bring the laurels back to New York.

He will have capable hurlers to face him and the interclub battle for superior pitching honors should be interesting to watch. Others on the staff are Patricio Scanlebury, another fine moundsman, who's anxiety cost him a chance to pitch for the World Champion Cleveland Indians, who gave him the same type of individual test that Satchel Paige had and came through with such flying colors. Raul Lopez phenomenal 18-year-old wizard is also a big League potential. Others are James Jenkins, Lino Donozo and Alexander Newkirk, which represents great wealth in pitching talent.

UNION TRIPS PIRATES IN FAST GAME 69-62

Hampton, Va. — Hampton Institute's Pirates, despite a sizzling first-half rally that put them ahead 35-34 at the midway mark, fell before he free throw accuracy of visiting Virginia Union's Panthers here Wednesday night, March 2 in the seasiders' last home basketball game of the season. The score was 69-62.

Don Ross scored eight field goals and seven free throws for 23 points to lead the clever Uniontes, who sank 25 out of 38 foul tries to more than offset the Pirates' fine set shooting. Hampton scored more baskets from the field — 27 to 22 — but could sink only 8 of 21 free throws.

After Union led, 23-14, Hampton's Chuck Williams, the 48 captain, started sinking his unorthodox "overhead" set shots from all corners to pull the Pirates ahead at halftime. Although Williams continued to do some fine work in te second half, ending up with 22 points, none of his mates could hit a similar streak, and Union's superior teamwork finally settled the issue.

Bill Wilson, who backed Ross' 23 up with 16 points of his own, was another factor in the Union victory, as was Zeke Clement, with 12.

Union has won a berth in the CIAA tournament in Washington March 17-19. Hampton with seven won and seven lost, was in the "doubtful" category after the loss.

A high-pitched sound focused to a point by a headlight reflector, can perform stunts such as making catch burn and floating bits of corn in mid-air.

FIFTH ARMY GI WINS FEATHERWEIGHT ARMY RING CROWN

FORT MEYERS, Va. (ANP) — Cpl. Harold J. Stewart, Philadelphia stationed at Fort Riley, Kans. took the featherweight title in the All-Army Worldwide Boxing tournament finals here recently by knocking out Third Army Pvt. Jose Galaz. The tournament brought the best GI boxers in the U. S. and from army commands overseas to contest for the eight championships at stake.

Last year, at the Chicago meeting of the annual army classic, Stewart reached the finals but was defeated. He was one of eight Fifth Army champions of the Fort Riley tournament, all of whom visited Fifth Army headquarters in Chicago Thursday, to receive the congratulations of Lt. Gen. Stephen J. Chamberlin, commanding general of the area.

Penn State Grid Star Is Philly Y Speaker

PHILADELPHIA (ANP) — More than 150 persons attended the annual father and son banquet at the Rittenhouse YMCA last Saturday night.

Wallace Triplett, star football player at Penn State College, was the principal speaker. He recounted some of his experiences as a college athlete and cited the New

LOUIS' STATEMENTS ON HIS RETIREMENT

CHICAGO (ANP) — One his retirement as heavyweight champion of the world Joe Louis made the following statements:

TO THE PUBLIC

"I have resigned my title.

"It meant so much to me I really hated to do it.

"My new connection with Arthur M. Wirtz and James D. Norris keeps me in boxing, so this decision wasn't so hard as it might have been.

"There isn't a whole lot to say now except to thank all the fellows in the boxing game, press, and photographers, the public and all the boxing commissions throughout the U. S. for the fine way they have treated me.

"My particular thanks go to Mike S. Jacobs and the Twentieth Century Sporting Club.

"Uncle Mike has shown a deep interest in me throughout my whole fighting career and for that I can never thank him enough.

"I couldn't close without thanking John Roxborough, Julian Black and Marshall Miles, my managers and Mannie Seaman, my trainer, and all those who have been associated with me.

"I know my mother will be happy in my final decision.

(Signed) Joe Louis."

TO THE NBA COMMISSIONER, ABE J. GREENE

"I learned from your office today that you are in Miami Beach. I am therefore, writing you here to submit my formal resignation as the world heavyweight champion.

"I am certain you know how sorry I must be to let the championship go this way. I've held it for a long time and won it in the ring. I expected to lose it the same way I won it. This is the way champions should be made.

"I am sending you another letter to tell you in more detail just what I plan to do in future.

"However things have developed so that I think I ought to stick to the decision to retire that I announced some time ago.

"I would like to thank you, the splendid members of your organization and the press and the public and the public for the fine way they have treated me throughout all the time I was fighting.

"With best wishes, Joe Louis."

MARGIN FOR LOGIC

BY AL MOSES

"JUST A-RESTIN"

NEW YORK (ANP) — In the N. Y. Herald-Tribune of February 16 there appeared the picture of Leroy (Satchel) Paige, fabulous and ancient Negro pitcher of the Cleveland baseball club. To me, there was more pure "human interest" in the plain and easy manner (als Stopin-Fetchin) Paige posed for the staff photographer than anything I've seen in years.

The scene was Kansas City and Paige had slept through most of a heavy snowstorm that morning when he returned to come down and chat with the newspaper reporter. That easy, slouchy manner of Paige fools a lot of folks, if not nearly all people. Behind that mask is as nimble a brain as one would wish to possess, a calculating business sense, and a rapid-fire vocabulary all of which Satchel techniques answers that rarely fail to satisfying or confusing as the case might suggest.

Said to have received $15,000 for a half of a year's work in '48, the ex-Kansas City Monarch twirler admitted that prexy Bill Veeck, Indians chief stockholder, had upped his pay-check a little???? — A "little" means to me anything from $3,500 to $6,000.

Shed no tears for tall man Leroy Paige; prepare no benefits other than those out of which you hope to profit, because of your own needs; do not "Bed Satchel Paige hour" on the stock market of life whether the subject is baseball pitching, managing his own affairs, fast cars or still faster ladies.

"BIG TRAIN" COZART TO MANAGE TIGERS

When it comes to making surprise moves, Raleigh Tigers baseball front office has no equal.

Haywood (Big Train) Cozart, 32-year old former Newark Eagles pitcher and outfielder has been signed to manage the Raleigh Tigers, Negro American Association team, according to Arthur Dove owner of the club.

Cozart succeeds Lamb Barbee, Durham native who managed the Tigers for the past two seasons. Barbee is retiring from baseball as full time employment.

Cozart was with the Tigers last season as coach and pinch hitting duty and is expected to remain on the playing list as pinch hitter. Cozart's big bat is well known in baseball circles but by no stretch of ones imagination can he be classed as even fair outfielder.

With two thirds of last season's classy outfield returning, Bill Scott and Lefty Jones plus three new gardeners who come are highly praised, the Tigers are not worrying about their outfield.

The new outfielders are Charlie Terry, fleet youngster from Hamlet with a great throwing arm and hits a long ball. Pete Bennett, from Pittsburgh, Pa. and Hardy Morgan, Albemarle slugger, are the other outfielders already under contract.

Spring training is slated to begin on March 29th. Two work outs will be held daily until the first exhibition game scheduled for April 3rd.

HOMESTEAD GRAYS ENTER NAA LEAGUE

The Negro American Association voted a franchise to the Homestead Grays of Washington, D. C. in a league meeting held at Petersburg Virginia on Sunday. Homestead Grays were 1948 champions of the defunct Negro National League and won the Negro Worlds Series by defeating Birmingham Black Barons, Negro American League Champions, four games to two last fall.

The Grays will play their home games at Griffith Stadium in Washington, D. C. The newly admitted Grays plus seven holdover teams, Raleigh Tigers, 1948 Champs, Charlotte Blues, Greensboro Red Wings, Winston Salem Peng Giants, Durham Eagles, Richmond Giants and Norfolk Newport News Royals will begin the Negro American Association second year of play with the schedule beginning May 1st.

Opening day schedule of May 1st list: Durham at Raleigh, Charlotte at Washington, Greensboro at Winston-Salem and Richmond at Norfolk.

"BIG TRAIN" COZART

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS SLATED

DAYTON, Ohio (ANP) — The board of U. S. Civil Service examiners at the Wright-Patterson Air Force base, announced here last Thursday the opening of competitive examinations for probational (permanent) appointments to the position of Engineer P-2 at a basic entrance salary of $2,974 a year.

BILL WOULD MAKE STATE OF HAWAII

WASHINGTON (ANP) — Another bill proposing statehood for Hawaii was dropped by the house territories subcommittee in closed session late last week. The bill, unanimously approved for house action, was introduced by Delegate Joseph R. Farrington (R., Hawaii) and provides the Hawaii be admitted as the 49th state.

In 1947, the house approved a similar measure but the bill died without action in the senate.

Louis' Move Seen Causing Ring War

By LUIX OVERBEA

CHICAGO—(ANP)— The idea of entering the promotional field was Joe Louis' alone, it was revealed here by his attorney, Truman K. Gibson, Jr.

As retired heavyweight champion of the world Louis leaves behind the greatest record ever achieved by a champion boxer. His becoming a promoter will breed the biggest fight for the control of boxing by several groups loaded with money.

The Brown Bomber's entrance into this phase of boxing makes him the first Negro to figure at the top level in the boxing game.

His co-partners are James D. Norris, one of the world's leading grain operators and co-owner of the Chicago Stadium, and Arthur M. Wirtz, partner with Sonja Henie and his ice review, owner of a liquor firm and large real estate properties in Chicago.

Besides the above assets, Wirtz and Norris also own 45 percent interest in Madison Square Garden as well as large stadiums in Detroit, St. Louis, and Indianapolis.

Louis, Wirtz, and Norris each own a third share in their new organization, the IBC, International Boxing club. This firm also has ties with leading foreign groups.

Although he had planned to be a promoter two months ago his plans were kept secret until all arrangements had been completed. Atty. Gibson is credited with guiding the champion toward the desirable setup.

The first fight to be promoted by IBC is the Ezzard Charles-Jersey Joe Walcott bout for Louis' vacated heavyweight crown. The winner of this bout has agreed to meet either Gus Lesnevich or Lee Savold within 90 days after this match.

Louis said that both Walcott and Charles has signed two year agreements to fight exclusively for IBC. The new champion will defend his title every six months.

The new IBC program has been approved by the NBA (National Boxing Association) Commissioner Abe J. Greene. Joe sent his letter retirement to Greene dated March 1, 1949.

Louis is entering the promotion game against the advice of the man who made him and who he made, Mike Jacobs of the 20th Century Sporting club. He told Jacobs of his decision two days before his announced retirement.

"Uncle Mike" said of the Louis retirement, "It looks like I have to retire, too."

But he warned, "I told him I was opposed to him promoting fights. As for me, I'm going to stay down here. I'm through promoting. I guess it looks like I have to retire.

"It looks to me like he's picked a lot of lead ones. I told him I didn't want any part of it. I told him I didn't think he was doing the right things."

MINING SCHOLARSHIPS ANNOUNCED

Institute, W. Va. (NIPS) — Under the auspices of the Mining Extension Service of West Virginia State College, a scholarship award will be made available by local operators association.

SHAW ACCEPTS INVITATION TO CIAA TOURNEY

Everyone at the Shaw Bear camp, from Coach Brutus Wilson down to the really harassed bondsman, was sporting a blood smile yesterday upon the receipt by the Shaw quintet of an invitation to participate in the CIAA tournament March 17, through 19, in Washington D. C. It will be the first time Shaw has been represented in the conference tourney.

The Bears, colorful court of the 500 percent by a mere fraction, has been expected but to expect yesterday the word of the announcement came to a telegram to Coach Wilson in the Tuesday night Tournament Committee Chairman. The Bears will meet the North Carolina College Eagles in one of the preliminary games on Thursday night at 8:30 o'clock.

The invitation is a big triumph for Captain Samuel Mack, Pride of the Bears who is playing his last season. Coach Wilson, commenting on the tournament said, "The Bears have to make a creditable showing. In the light of the progress the team has made during the season, we may stand an outside chance of getting by the first round. If Shaw should get by the opener, it will meet the winner of the Virginia Union-Howard game."

MORGAN TOPS MAT MEET AT LINCOLN U.

In a CIAA Triangular Wrestling Informal Meet held at Lincoln University, Pa., over the week end, Morgan State College took first place with 28 points; Lincoln University, second with 23 points and Howard University, third with 18 points.

Morgan, with a team of 8 men, took five place by winning 5 falls and 1 decision. Huff, Fraling, Hawkins, Gibbs, Mouton and Wyatt won bouts for Morgan.

Roscoe Wiggins, Melvin McCoy, Donald Randall and Joseph Hightower scored falls and Rod Yellow Williams scored a decision for Lincoln, which entered 13 men in the meet.

For Howard, which entered 9 men, Smith, Kimee, Moore and Mitchell were the winners.

This meet served as a tuneup for the CIAA Wrestling Championships to be held March 11th and 12th at Virginia Union University in Richmond, Virginia.

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