

DELAWARE TOPS NCC; LOSE TO SHAW NINE

Beating The Gun

BY AL MOSES

"TAKE ME TO THE BALL GAME!" Scores of questions are asked about unimpeachable Satchel Paige, Prince of a Star Athlete. N.Y. YORK (ANP) — Before the official 1949 baseball season, we used up two special posts in putting down sport-queries. "Harlemites" shot at us at the Dodger Yankee and Indiana N. Y. Giant exhibitions at the Polo grounds and Yankee stadium. We give our answers now.

Q: Dear Al, Watching Jackie Robinson shine out here today and noting his seemingly fine physical condition would you say he will hit as much as 218 this year? Artie Weeks, 13014 St. Stickball Boys.

A: Yes.

Q: I've heard so much about Brooklyn catcher Bruce Edwards' "bounce throw" to the midway has that it was conspicuous by its absence here this week? I feel that had-or-hadn't you missed Roy Campanella's 15 points to his sack batting average. Shotton will rely on Bruce. Do you agree with me? — Tom Gordon.

Q: I had a question like this to come to me several weeks ago and I said then as I do now. "But Shotton announced at a press interview that Edwards' physically sound, would be his first-string backstop this year."

Q: I think it is wrong to terminate and rebuff the "bats" for a future in the "bats" based on Leroy Satchel Paige to be constantly "bats" in the "bats" and other things. Do you think I am being too "bats" or just what are the views of a writer of well known "bats" and "bats"? — George Thomas, Wilmore Street, Ohio.

A: How Paige can continue to fly-in-the-face of men like Dan Veck, Hank Greenberg and Harry Lee Broadhead is much more than I can understand. I agree with you entirely.

Q: Read your splendid story on Ray Robinson as a "business executive" writing him up as a "model" for boxes of the "bats" and other things to come. Do you think so much of Robinson — the lighter white sport writers like Don Parker, Coram and Frank Graham accuse of having little or no word with respect to contract obligations? — Lesly Richardson, Hotel Theresa, "bats" N.Y.

A: Do you know anyone who should regard such actions in a complimentary sense, revealing the allegations are proven?

Q: I am a George Mikan (baseball player) fan. Will you name a college player of 1949 year (1949-50) who rates with him? — Morris Johnson.

A: Andy Phillips of the Illinois University (1942) "Whiz Kids".

Q: How heavy can a bat weigh in the majors and is this weight the same as back in baseball's early days? Do you think the rule this season to make the catcher get further back from the batter was set up because of Campanella's "saddle seat" on the batter's back? — Caswell Roberts, (Hi-Hit Club) Brooklyn.

A: Not sure about the weight but I do know that a bat today cannot measure over 42 inches. Years ago bats could be as long and heavy as such weight as the player desired. Say, 48, that could be about "Campy" or it could be Caserio.

Q: Watching Cleveland's "colorful" array of ballhawks here at Yankee stadium today, let me ask you something. Al, being older than I am, could you pick four ballplayers at random and at the position who you figure will make the grade like Doby, Paige, Mince and Robinson have? — Paul (Secrets) Hills "Sugar Hill" New-Man.

A: This is my order: Johnny Beckwith (greater hitter than Doby); Joe (Cyclone) Williams; Oliver Marcellis or Ray Dandridge; "Bingo" Demoss; Williams, pitcher; Marcellis or Dandridge, 2b.

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BENEDICT BEATS CLAFLIN NINE IN FOURTH WIN

COLUMBIA, S. C. (ANP) — The Benedict College baseball team trounced one of its ancient rivals, Clinton University 9 to 5 in a 10-inning battle last week to rack up its fourth straight win against no losses.

Rifer Pitcher Zartman was outstanding on the mound for the winners and led the batting column with four hits out of five times at bat. Outfielder Cauley was the big gun for Claflin with three hits in five trips to the plate.

SATCHEL PAIGE SUFFERS PULLED THIGH MUSCLE

ST. LOUIS (ANP) — Leroy Satchel Paige tried too hard in practice last week and consequently may be out of the Indians for several days. The aceless one pulled a thigh muscle while snagging lines during batting practice.

Trainer Letty Weisman said the extent of Paige's injury was not known, but he may be sidelined for several days because "older men" such as Paige don't heal as quick as young men.

The old man's retirement may open Satchel to try to make it out of the Cleveland front office and managerial staff will take a chance on such a valuable man. The Indians are short of right-handers and the loss of Satchel would help the situation.

The team is already beset by the loss of starting pitcher Bobby Foye and early season comment by Boardman indicated that Paige would be used in starting roles near the middle of the season.

NEW STANCE HAS HOMERUN PAYOFF FOR LUKE EASTER

SAN DIEGO, CALIF. (ANP) — Big Luke Easter, first baseman for the Padres, Cleveland Indians farm team in the Pacific Coast League, could always hit a long ball by batting straight away. But now he's changed his stance to take advantage of those sour right field fences in the coast circuit.

Easter's new stance followed advice from Manager Yucky Harris, last year's pilot of the New York Yankees, who figures that a few more days practice doing it the new way, and Easter will break the league's homerun record, providing he isn't playing with the Cleveland Indians at the close of the season.

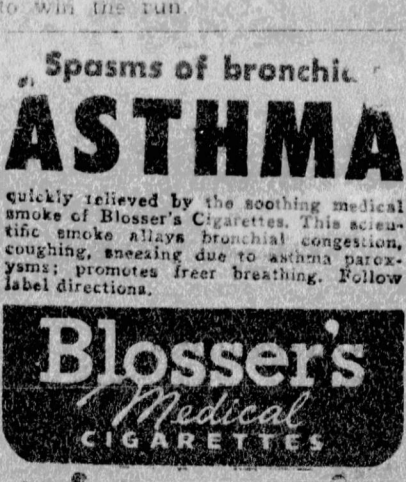
Last week, Luke put on one exhibition that seemed impossible for a 6 foot 4 1/2 inch man, who carries 245 pounds. Easter hit what appeared at first to be a good hard single, but his feet made it a home run. Old-timer Jess Handley, Padre third baseman, said that in spite of Luke's weight, he's the fastest man in the club, if not the entire league.

Brooklyn Negro Makes Surprise Run In Boston Annual Marathon Race

BOSTON (ANP) — When the 33rd annual Boston Athletic Association's Marathon run got underway last week, nobody expected Gentry Lou White of Brooklyn to be among the first 10 to finish.

In the first place, he was too short, some thought, to match the long legged men who usually run the 26-mile, 385-yard course from suburban Hopkinton to Exeter Street in Boston's Back Bay section. White is only five feet tall, but is not short on muscles.

White didn't win the marathon. In fact, for the past 100 years no American has won the coveted race. Last week Karl Gosta Leonard, 39-year-old Swede, came in three minutes ahead of his closest opponent. But short-limbed White put on a finish that netted him third-place, comfortably ahead of America's big name entrants. In fourth place was Johnny Kelly, National AAU champion and three-time Olympian, the last American to win the run.



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BEARS SHADE SAINTS 9-8 IN DIAMOND TILT

The Shaw Bears pushed over three runs in the eighth inning to edge the St. Augustine's Saints 9-8 in a game played April 28th before a big Easter Monday crowd at Chavis Park. The Bears had the third all-out wrapped up after leading from the third inning on, and St. Aug. supporters were thrilling at the thought of a first victory over Shaw in many a year.

Chris Statton, who, with Alex Under Moore, receiving, went the outing for the Bears, had smooth sailing until the disastrous eighth. Walter Houndtree, first up for the Bears, doubled to centerfield, a few minutes later he was scored by James Joyner, who in turn raced to home on James Jackson's single to centerfield. Jackson came in for the winning run when Twilite Bellamy pulled up at first on an error.

James Kinney started on the mound for the Bears but was relieved in the third by Joe Green Williams. Williams in turn gave way in the fifth to Kenneth Batts, who was created with the win. Walter Vinmar did the full stint behind the plate.

The St. Augustine's nine went ahead in the third as the whole team batted around to score three runs on three hits, two errors, and three bases-on-balls. The Bears were on the crest of a 6-2 lead at the top of the fifth, and were ahead 8-5 as they approached the table-turning eighth.

St. Aug. 0-0 1-2 2-0 0-0-9
Shaw 9-0 0-2 0-0 1-2 x-9

Statton and Moore, Minney, Williams, Bellamy, and Armour, will win 13, Battle 15, and Armour, 17.

The Bears blasted three Hornet pitchers and were going strong against a fourth when the game ended. Stanley Hobson, the starter, was charged with the loss. In the fourth, their big inning, the Black high team drove in 9 runs to add to the 8 they had garnered in the first three frames.

BEARS TROUNCE DEL. STATE, 20-6

The Shaw University nine went on a scoring rampage against the Delaware State aggregation Tuesday afternoon at Chavis Park to win the seventh in a series.

The seventh inning James Kinney, who started for the Bears, was the winning pitcher. He was relieved in the sixth by Joe Green Williams.

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The win gave Coach Lytle's side a 7-0 percentage standing on the basis of three wins and a single loss to date.

Del. State 6-0 2-0 0-0 x
Shaw 23-3 9-2 1-1 x x x

Hobson, Holmes (4), Deluz (4), Crawley (6), Ryder (9), Minney, Williams (6) and Armour, Galand (7).

BLACK YANKEE TRAVELERS WILL TOUR CAROLINAS

NEW YORK — New York will not be without a representative Negro Baseball Nine this season. Carlo Lesk, prominent sports figure, formerly associated with the New York Black Yankees and the New York Cubans, leads a group of like-minded prominent business men who have formed a corporation in the State of New York. Henrietta's team will be known as the Black Yankee Travelers, Inc. The team will play independently meeting the leading home clubs in the area. Marvin Barker will manage and play on of the infield posts.

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Pitcher Shows Steel Nerves Facing Doby

ST. LOUIS (ANP) — When a pitcher gets behind three balls with runners on bases and Larry Doby in the batter's box and attempts to change his pace, brother bats got plenty of nerve.

At least that is the opinion of jubilant Manager Zack Taylor of the St. Louis Browns, who marveled at the way his ward struck out Doby in the crucial fifth inning.

Taylor's praise of his young pitcher was indirectly a tribute to Doby, who caused a hush among Brown rooters when he stepped into the batter's box.

Said Taylor, "Garver's really got heart. I believe the turning point in that game came when Larry Doby was up in the fifth, many fifth runners on bases. Garver pitched three straight balls to Doby and then struck him out. With the count three balls and two strikes he broke the speed on a pitch just enough to catch Doby off stride."

"The batter was waiting for that fat fast one which so many pitchers would throw in that spot and Larry probably would have parked it on top of the Pavilion had Garver given him the last one."

Chi Hornets Grid Team Signs Negroes

CHICAGO (ANP) — Coach Ray Flaherty of the Chicago Hornets announced Thursday the signing of two Negro players from Southern Negro colleges to bolster the backfield and line of one of the weakest teams in the All-American conference last season.

They are Joseph Dixon, 'Big Joe' Williams, 220-pound Little All-American tackle from North Carolina and T. College and Raymond 'Curly' Payton, 195-pound backfield flash from Hampton Institute in Virginia.

Williams was captain of the North Carolina team for three seasons and won four letters in high school as well as four in college. Payton stood out in Hampton's backfield for four years and made the all-star mythical team at Booker T. Washington High School in Norfolk, Virginia.

Last year, the Hornets, now called the Hornets, depended heavily upon the defensive play of Bill Bass, former Tennessee State College All-American selection. According to Coach Flaherty, Bass will be maintained with the Hornets, bringing the roster up to three for 1949.

Henry Davis Prepares For U. S. Invasion

HONOLULU (ANP) — Henry Davis has gained a lot of recognition since he whipped Manuel Ortiz, says Sam Ichmose, Davis' well-known manager. He said he has written Promoter Bate McCoy, outstanding Los Angeles mitchmaker to arrange bouts for Davis, Robert Takekita and James Perry.

Davis has been planning a trip to see his family in Detroit for sometime and he considers the present step is one in the right direction.

Thomas "Pittsburgh" Lampley deserves much credit for the training of Davis. His former manager, Robert Washington, who cut up \$2,000 worth of Davis' clothing, because the boxer did not like the company he was keeping, is now on the mainland, and deserves some credit for starting Davis on the road to success in 1945.

"Pittsburgh" Lampley is considered one of the best trainers in the west. He came to Hawaii from Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1943 as a defense worker. Lampley has trained quite a few outstanding fighters including Marshall Clayton, Lavander Woodridge, Ike Patton, Ernie Wood and Henry Davis.

When arrangements are completed Lampley will accompany Davis on his mainland tour. Davis is anxious to show Detroit boys his method of putting his opponents away.

W. R. Ming Appointed To Illinois Office

SPRINGFIELD, ILL. (ANP) — William Robert Ming, 37-year-old member of the University of Chicago law faculty, was appointed assistant attorney general to advise and represent the Illinois Commerce Commission by Atty.-Gen. Elliott here last week. Ming, a former teacher of law at Howard University, came to the university faculty in 1947 as associate professor.

He gained a national reputation for his successful legal battle be-



ELROY TIGERS — Left to right: H. Uzzell, W. Durham, J. Durham, Mgr. M. Durham, W. Atkinson, Draughan, bat boy, J. Roe.

KINSTON GREYS TROUNCE TIGERS

KINSTON, N. C. — The Kinston Greys made it two straight wins over the Washington Tigers when they handed the Pamlico County lads a 16-6 shelling in the Adkins High park here on Easter Sunday afternoon.

"The Kinston team, with Dave on the mound, started from the first inning to hit the ball to all parts of the lot. The Washington batters were unable to solve the stunts of Davis and at the end of his three innings work they had fanned only 2 scores."

After Davis, Moseley, another right-hander took over and in his three innings work they were unable more than one score. Hooker, the third pitcher to the mound allowed 3 hits and 3 scores before he was relieved by Art Collins in the ninth inning. Collins promptly set the next three batters down with no hits. The final score ended 16-6 in favor of the mighty Greys.

On Easter Monday the Greys journeyed over to Plymouth to take on the famous Black Sox of that city and promptly began in the first inning to give them a sound trouncing, 17-7. E. S. Simon started on the mound for the Greys with Charlie King a left hander doing the hurling for the Black Sox.

After three innings the score was 6-2 in favor of the Greys. McLean the second Greys right-hander then took over the duties on the mound and held the Black Sox to three scores and only two hits in his three innings work. Collins then took over and after striking out a total of seven batters in his three innings work allowed the opposi-

tion to score only one run and two hits. The Greys in making their 10 runs garnered a total 34 hits from pitchers King and Sparrow Smith a right-handed.

"Lefty" Hoogood, Eli Merritt, Carl Korbey, Randolph, Coffield, Cannon and other members of the team shared in the collection of the 34 hits made by the Grey.

The Greys were unable to play the Marines as previously scheduled but are making plans for games with the Grinnell and Crocodiles on Sunday and several exhibition games with traveling teams during the rest of the week.

The Greys still have several open dates and would like to contract teams in the states of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Maryland for open dates. Teams interested may contact Mr. C. D. Leonard at 608 Harvey Street, Kinston, N. C. or may call 4434 during the day or 4524 at night for open dates.

MIAMI OPENS GOLF COURSE TO NEGROES

MIAMI, Fla. (ANP) — Negroes may now use the city-owned Miami Springs golf course, it was decided here last week by City Manager O. P. Hart. Since his ruling several Negroes have used the course.

The city manager's move stayed off a planned court action by colored golfers to gain use of the court. It climaxed a drive begun last September. At that time Negroes were told they would be allowed use of a new course to be built three days a week. However, this project has never been completed.

It is believed that the city may now build a course for the exclusive use of Negroes.

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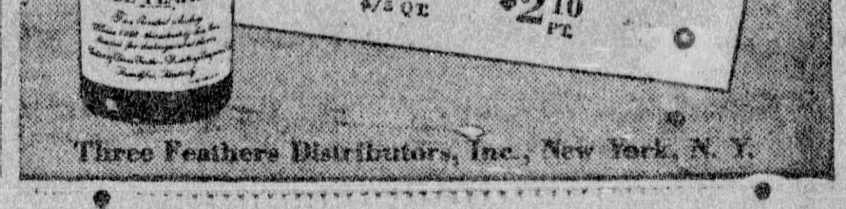
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