

# 50 CANDIDATES BOOST ST. AUG GRID CHANCES



## STADIUM ECHOES

BY VERNON JARRETT

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Larry Doby displayed solid anger as a baseball player last week for the first time in his major league career — and any other normal human would have done the same thing.

New York Yankee Relief Pitcher Joe Page not only felled the Cleveland stalwart with a duster, but went on to add insult to injury. Doby didn't like it and expressed himself as such. For a while it looked like the makings of a real fight, but unfortunately for both the rhubarb tussled out.

Here is an unbiased recap of what happened. Put yourself in Doby's shoes and try to imagine what you would have done.

The incident took place in Cleveland on the night of August 25. Larry Doby came to bat in the eighth inning with the Indians trailing in an all-important tilt with the league leaders, Joe Page dusted Larry with a fast ball that bounced off the outfielder's arm. The blow sent him sprawling to the ground, writhing in agony.

Doby pulled himself together and headed for first base. But was Page sorry that he clipped a man? No. He didn't even try to conceal his attitude. Before Doby could reach the first sack the pitcher yelled, "Why didn't you get out of the way?" Page's remarks were quite audible. The Cleveland Press at the time said he credited him with the remark.

Before reaching the bag, the usually quiet Doby returned the challenge. In the same inning the two men passed third base at the same time, they pined each other with icicle glances. No fists were raised to combat, but the emotion for such was there.

During the hectic game, which the Tribe lost 6 to 3 Page also hit Johnny Berardino in the ninth with a pitched ball. But Page reportedly made a distinction between Burardino and Doby. Page told Outfielder Bob Kennedy to inform Berardino that he was sorry about the pitch. He didn't say a word to Doby.

Maybe he "forgot." Maybe he didn't. But the fact that a pitched ball can kill a man or injure him permanently remains the same.

SOME CLEVELAND FANS can be prejudiced, too. Both Luke Easter and Larry Doby have been greeted with lusty looses from the home towners, on occasions, when they stepped to the plate. At that, we passed off the riding of Easter as that which betrays a man whose batting average is dragging the bottom. But who boo Doby? He has the second highest batting average among the team's regulars. He was leading the team in home runs last week was second in runs driven in, as leading the team in doubles, and was second in hits and runs scored.

FRANKLIN LEWIS, columnist for the Cleveland daily, says the boating is "definitely of racial birth." Lewis' opinion can not be passed off as that of a "Negro with a chip on his shoulder." As far as we know he is not of Negro origin, and judging from some of his conclusions, he cannot be called "Negro." After Lewis avers that the Easter boaters were prejudiced, he doesn't recommend that they stop the practice. He puts it this way: "Wonder why the pitchers don't boo Vecek instead? He hit him." Confusing, aren't they — those sports writers!

When an oldtime admits that a sleeky, matinee-idol looking kid like Ray Robinson bears mentioning in the same bracket let us say Steve Ketchel, a man who spotted Jack Johnson 40 pounds (200-160) in the weights, that means only one thing: The end of the world is nearer at hand than even most clergymen predict.

HIS STALEMATE-CONCEITED FIGHTER

But enough about Robinson. Just now we wish to recall the fight Robinson's stablemate, Artie Towne, made in the semi-final to the Bellesse-Robinson fiasco the other evening at Yankee stadium. If there are two types of fighters I go for, and I have trained them for 15 years or more, it's this kind. The hungry sort who acted as Joe Louis did from beginning to end of his career. And the concealed kind, fighters like Benny Leonard who would knock your Grandpa dead if you mused up his shining hair. Ray Robinson is the latter sort, incidentally, and so is Artie Towne, conqueror of Joe Taylor by an eight round kayo.

INTERESTING FACTS TO REMEMBER

Just think of Sam McVey, member of the incomparable group of heavyweight fighters known as "The Big Four" who fought during the same period was never beaten by a white heavyweight boxer over an 18-year-consecutive stretch. These members of that prize-ring quartet, all colored men like himself were: Jack Johnson, Joe (Iron Man) Jeannette and Sam Langford. Nova Scotia born but called "The Boston Tar Baby" by white boxing scribes of the 1906-1912 era.

ISSAC MURPHY lives in the minds of your grandfather and did as the "finest jockey of pace" the American Turf ever knew. It is reported from unimpeachable

## Bisons To Be Bears' Homecoming Foes

A committee of Shaw University Alumni has begun making plans for a mammoth Homecoming celebration to be staged October 23, when the Shaw Bears meet Howard's Bisons at Chavis Park in Raleigh.

Organization of sponsors into several sub-committees is being effected by the Executive Committee of the General Alumni Association, represented locally by John R. Larkins, second vice president, and O. L. Hairston, executive secretary.

Prominently suggested to head the homecoming effort as general chairman is Prof. W. R. Collins, principal of Johnston County Training School, Smithfield. Prof. Collins, a dynamic and influential alumnus of Shaw, has been director of ticket selling activities for the homecoming effort for several years.

Suggestions of other alumni to head various activities were made at a meeting of Shaw boosters held Monday night at Bloodworth Street YMCA. A second meeting is to be held at the YMCA Monday night, September 19, at 8 o'clock.

All Shaw Alumni in Raleigh and vicinity will be called on to attend this important session.

This year's classic will mark the first time Shaw has played Howard in the Raleigh school Homecoming in many seasons. Since '36, North Carolina College and Morris Brown have provided the competition for the Bears in the annual celebration for all but three occasions. Bluefield, South Carolina State and Virginia Union were the exceptions.

Since 1937, the Bears and the Elsons have met nine times. Out of those clashes, Shaw has won four tilts and Howard five. The Bison gave Shaw his worse licking in the history of competition between the two schools when they trottled the Bears 52-0 in 1945.

The next year matters were nearer even as the Bison triumphed 21-7. In 1947, Shaw, pointing for the championship, got the first and only win it has recorded over the Washington team in post-war meetings, downing the Howard club 22-14.

Last season the Bison glamorized their own Homecoming celebration by defeating the 1947 CIAA champions 14-6 before a huge throng in Brooks Stadium. The Bears will be seeking revenge for that tumbling come October 23rd.

## Lincoln U. Lions Begin Grid Drill

Lincoln University, Pa. — Coach Irving Mondshein, new head mentor of the Lincoln University campus today to begin putting his squad through preliminary drills for the 1949 football season.

The eight-game schedule which will get underway on Saturday, September 24, when the Lions play host to St. Paul's Technical College, includes two interracial contests, and three new opponents.

After their initial encounter with St. Paul's, the Lions will tangle with Albright College at Reading, Pa., on September 30, and journey to Dover, Del., to play Delaware State College on October 8. The second home appearance of the Lions will be with Virginia Union on October 15.

The annual Howard-Lincoln classic will be played on Thanksgiving Day, November 24, at Temple Stadium, Philadelphia.

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The homecoming event will be held on October 22 with Morgan State providing the competition. The Lincoln eleven will travel to Hampton, Va., to meet Hampton Institute on October 29, and will make another trek to Annyville, Pa., on November 5, for an encounter with Lebanon Valley College.

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## HORSES BEGIN TO SHOW PROMISE FOR GRID SEASON

Coach Roy D. Moore had about 50 candidates, the majority of them veterans from last year's fast-running and high-scoring team, to report for practice on September 1 at St. Augustine's College. Assisting Moore in getting the boys in shape for the opener against Fayetteville State Teachers September 23 are George H. Mitchell, of last year's staff, and Wilbert Johnson, a new member of the college faculty. The Fighting Horses will meet the Teachers in Rocky Mount in a night contest. The locals trounced Fayetteville 19-6 last year.

The first home game will be with the ancient local rivals Shaw University, October 1, in Chavis Park. The Bears kicked out a 12-0 victory last season.

Other home games: Johnson C. Smith, October 8; St. Paul's, October 15 (4:30); West Virginia State, October 22 (9:30); 17th Meeting, Winston-Salem Teachers, November 5 (20:20).

Games away: Miner Teachers, Washington, D. C., October 29 (4:30); Bluefield State, November 12; Delaware State, Dover, November 19 (6:20).

Figures in parentheses are last year's scores. St. Augustine's listed first.

Roiland Miles, eleven quarterback of Washington D. C., sparkplug of last year's backfield and George Quitt, of Baton Rouge La., outstanding lineman, are co-captains.

## QUADS DAD JAILED

PORTLAND ORE. (ANP)—L. D. Tigner, father of the world famous Tigner quadruplets, was arrested recently for non-support of his family. Mrs. Lucille Tigner, mother of the foursome, swore out the warrant against her husband.

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## Rattlers Start Grid Practice

TALLHASSEE, Fla. — Sixty-five candidates for the Florida A. and M. 1949 football squad reported to head Coach "Jake" Gaither August 31 for the initial football practice.

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The loss of "Big Jim" Williams, All-SIAC conference quarterback, All-American Center, Walter Gary and All-American end, Bradley Mitchell, along with that of full-back Olysses Hartley, end Clarence Montgomery and defense full-back Earl Hecker left big gaps in the Rattler squad. Retaining lettermen, members of the Engineer squad and promising freshmen will be expected to close this gap.

Football Schedule is as follows: October 1, Benedict College at Tallahassee; October 8, Ft. Valley at Ft. Valley, Ga.; October 15, Morris Brown at Tallahassee (Homecoming); October 22, Xavier University at Tuskegee Ala.; November 1, 2, Allen University at Columbia, S. C.; November 19, Southern University at Tallahassee; December 3, Alcorn State College at Tallahassee; December 10, Orange Blossom Classic at Orange Bowl Stadium, Miami, Florida.

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## AT THE RINGSIDE

BY LUIX VIRGIL OVERBEA

### RAY ROBINSON WAVES UP BOXING WORLD

Ray (Sugar) Robinson's great knockout of Steve Bellesse two weeks ago seems to have suddenly awakened the boxing world to the fact that there is still a fighter worth seeing in action today.

One white writer, Whitney Martin of the Associated Press, predicts that Sugar Ray would defeat Charles. He compares Robinson to the little fighters of yesteryear such as Sam Langford, Joe Walcott (not "Jersey Joe" Walcott), and Bob Fitzsimmons who fought and whipped 200 pounders with regularity.

Maybe Robinson can, but right now he is worried most about having a chance at the middleweight crown without having to give up his welterweight title first.

Whether or not he will get that chance is problematical. After all he has whipped the 160 pound kid, Jake LaMotta, four times out of five. Why should Jake meet him and get licked before he has capitalized on his crown? Already talk is in the air that Robinson probably will have to fight the winner of the Rocky Graziano-Charley Fusari bout before meeting the winner of the LeMotta-Marcel Cerdan title scrap.

### AT PEAK OF CAREER

Robinson is evidently in the peak of his career in earning power and in ability. His defeat of Bellesse was one of the greatest fights in his career. It was only his second gate of more than \$100,000. The total gate was \$121,131 plus

\$17,500 for radio fights. Net was \$110,463 of which he received \$45,138 and Bellesse \$25,958. Both picked up the largest purses of their careers, and the promoters, the International Boxing club also took in a neat profit.

To top his success off, Robinson presented his mother, Mrs. Leah Smith of New York a shiny new convertible automobile for her 50th birthday, August 29. His real name is Walker Smith.

What's next for Robinson, we can only speculate.

### IBC WINS CHICAGO DATES

The International Boxing Club established itself as a fixture in Chicago when the Illinois Athletic Commission approved all 11 of its dates for bouts at a special meeting Monday afternoon. The commission also broke a precedent in approving the program of the IBC by allowing it to schedule its main events at 9 p. m. central time.

This concession was given when the IBC pointed out that its television and radio contracts would call for this timing of the big fights. It will mark the first time that Chicago has been an outlet for both national radio and television accounts of boxing bouts.

To make the grade in Chicago, the IBC faced the opposition of Ivy Schoenwald and Jack Egan, the city's leading promoters before the IBC moved in.

Thus the new boxing monopoly now has the nation's two largest cities tied up, and seems well on its way to possibly a greater control of the fight game than Mike Jacobs or Tex Rickard ever had.

## PIGSKIN HUDDLE

BY ANP

### PAUL PATTERSON CLICKS. BAILEY OUT

Paul Patterson, the former Illinois Flash, opened his pro debut in the All America conference with a torch last week, burning up the gridiron with his running and defensive play as his team, the Chicago Hornets opened its regular season with a 17-14 victory over the Buffalo Bills in Soldier's field in Chicago.

Patterson scored a touchdown to put his team in the lead in the fourth quarter on a long pass and tricky run. After the Bills had tied the score and the Hornets had regained the lead on a field goal, Patterson saved the game for his team by intercepting a pass deep in his own territory in the waning minutes of the game.

By his excellent play in this game Patterson assured himself a spot with the team for the rest of the season.

On the other hand inexperience with bigtime football has caused James (O' Duke) Bailey of West Virginia State to be dropped from the team. He was considered a very promising lineman, but needs a little more polish before playing major league football.

In contrast Patterson has played in a Rose Bowl game, with many teams, and alongside such football greats as Buddy Young.

TO PACE BACKFIELD

Down at Patterson's alma mater, the fighting Illini are expecting great things from Donald Stevens, speedy sophomore from Pittsburgh, Pa. Called Steve by his teammates, he was green as a frog with South High in Youngstown, Ohio.

He is 5 feet 9 inches tall and weighs 175 pounds. He has the breakaway speed that Illinois has lacked since Buddy Young left two years ago.

Senior Bill Willis, a holdover from last year's squad, is also expected to provide some power in the backfield.

## LEAGUE BRIEFS

### NEGRO AMERICAN LEAGUE STANDINGS

EASTERN DIVISION			
Team	W	L	Pct.
New York	8	4	.667
Baltimore	24	14	.632
Philadelphia	9	8	.529
Indianapolis	16	17	.485
Louisville	6	22	.214
WESTERN DIVISION			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Kansas City	22	19	.531
Chicago	13	9	.591
Houston	11	11	.500
Birmingham	13	16	.448
Memphis	14	21	.400

Team	AE	RR	Pct.
Pigg, Ind.	204	23	.89
Davis, Br.	282	61	.82
Boyd, Mem.	266	54	.83
Brown, KC.	284	65	.81
Davis, Balt.	273	49	.85
Neil, Ind.	315	44	.88

### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Doubles — Neil, Ind. 26; Davis, Br., 24.  
Triples — Gilliam, Balt. 12; Formenthal, Mem. 11.  
Home runs — Formenthal, Mem. and J. Davis, Hou. 13.  
Runs Batted In — Brown, KC. 82; Pearson, Balt. 89.  
Runs — Gilliam, Balt. 113; Davis, Br. 111.  
Stolen Bases J. Baker, KC. McNeal, Chi. 13.  
Pitching — Ferrell, Balt. 8-2; Byrd, Balt. 10-3.  
Strikeouts — Collins, KC. 191; Richardson, KC. 126.

### BALTIMORE TOPS

The Kansas City Monarchs and the Baltimore Elite Giants appear to be sure finalists for the Negro American League championship. The Monarchs' only challenger seems to be the Chicago American Giants, while the Elite Giants' nemesis is the New York Cubans.

The Monarchs seem safer of their berth because the Giants are not the team during the second half they were in the stretch of the first half. They seem to have lost the spark, but cannot be counted com-

### Pigg Leads National

Len Pigg of Indianapolis took over the Negro American League's batting lead with a commanding .392 mark last week, leaving the leader for most of the season, Piper Davis of Birmingham seven points behind with a mark of .385. This marked the first time this season Davis has fallen below the .390 mark.

Bob Boyd of Memphis is third with .380; Willard Brown, fourth with .377; Lemax Davis of Baltimore, fifth with .374, and Ray Neil of the Clowns a rising sixth with .358.

This marks Neil's first advent into the Big Six this season. Neil also took over the lead in total hits with 113, and continues his lead in doubles with 26. Piper Davis is second in doubles with 24.

Willard Brown, although he missed the Monarchs' games for the first time this season last week, continues to hold his lead in only two departments in slugging, runs batted in and total bases. He is second in runs scored.

Johnny Davis of Houston and Pedro Formenthal of Memphis passed him in the home run derby with 13 each. James Gilliam leads in runs scored and triples.

pletely out yet.

The Cubans may beat out the Elite Giants in the second half because they play fewer games. It would seem a shame to declare a team champion when it has played only half the games its rival has. At that Baltimore should whip New York in an elimination playoff. It leads the league in batting and is very close second in Holding Two of its pitchers top the league in hurling.