

# PIRATES, BEARS READY FOR FISHBOWL GAME



## NEGRO HURLERS IN GREAT MOUND DUEL IN CLASS-A

BY VERNON JARRETT

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. — (AP)—While baseball fandom was engrossed in the torrid pennant race between Brooklyn and St. Louis, 2 Negro pitchers in the Class-A Eastern league put on one of the greatest mound duels of the year here last week.

It was Roy Welmaker of Wilkes-Barre Cleveland farm team, versus Johnny Taylor, promising right-hander of Hartford. Welmaker notched his 22nd victory against 12 defeats by blanking Hartford 1 to 0. And the man who presented Welmaker with the deciding run was Negro Home Run King Harry Simpson, who connected for three hits in three times at bat, including two triples. The third baseman scored home from third on a sacrifice fly by Rightfielder Sanders in the second.

**SOUTHERN TO DEFEND NATIONAL CROWN**

Another highlight of opening day will be the appearance of the Southern in defense of its national championship. Southern opens at noon against Texas State.

Head Coach A. W. Manford and a capable crew of assistants expect to have the squad in good condition for this game. The Cats will be seeking their 15th straight victories. Coach Munford will begin as 14th year at Southern.

### ALABAMA STATE TO MEET BETHUNE-COOKMAN

In another big game Alabama State will meet Bethune-Cookman in Daytona Beach, Fla. Some 25 lettermen are returning to the Alabama State Hornets squad this year.

About 60 men are vying for berths on the Wildcats squad. Coach Bunkie Matthews is grieving the loss of so many men like Capt. Leroy Way at guard, and Bill Cannon at tackle will bolster a strong Shaw line. Other Shaw mainstays will be Twillie Ziegler, Bellamy, J. L. Jackson and "Hawk" Wallace.

### GRAMBLING EXPECTS CHRISTOPHE TO CARRY MAIL

"Jarring" John Christophe, 165-pound "indestructible" back, is expected to carry the burden for the Grambling College eleven in its opener of Texas College. Last year in 99 passing and running plays he racked up 1,001 yards and scored 10 touchdowns. He will be the key man in the Grambling backfield.

### LINCOLN (Pa.) TO OPEN AGAINST ST. PAUL'S

Coach Irving Moon of Mondesir will see his team playing for keeps for the first time when the Lincoln (Pa.) Lions open their season against St. Paul's Polytechnic.

## PIGSKIN HUDDLE

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**THIS WEEK GAMES**  
West Va. State at Va. Union  
(Sept. 23)

Ala. State at Bethune-Cookman  
Texas State at Southern  
Grambling at Texas College  
Eshop at Langston

Shaw at Hampton (Fish Bowl)  
Campbell at Aleorn  
St. Paul's at Lincoln (Pa.)  
Linfield at Howard  
Winston-Salem at Delmarva  
Elizabeth City at St. Augus-

tines, Sept. 23 at Rocky Mount

### COLLEGE FOOTBALL SEASON BEGINS THIS WEEK END

The 1949 football season will get off to a long this week at least half the nation's major teams going into action.

The big game of the week will be the Fish Bowl between Hampton and Shaw in Norfolk, Va. Saturday night both teams rank high in the pre-season ratings for the CIAA championship this season.

Coach Brutus Wilson's Shaw Beasts will field a strong veteran eleven including men who are on the squad for their third straight year. Captain James Joyner will be at end Charles Lee at center, Leroy Way at guard, and Bill Cannon at tackle will bolster a strong Shaw line. Other Shaw mainstays will be Twillie Ziegler, Bellamy, J. L. Jackson and "Hawk" Wallace.

For Hampton's Pirates, halfback James Eryon, a native of Columbus, Ga., the man who led Hampton to a 26-19 upset over Wilberforce in last year's Fish Bowl has started in practice drills. Recently he was slightly injured, but he is still considered to be in good condition.

Hampton's other rabbit back, Khaki Carroll, however, is causing Coach Harry Jefferson some worry because he has been limping in practice. Lloyd Wilson has been moved from quarterback to fullback and so has Jim Dillard, the first string quarterback. Alphonso King is expected to be blocking

## Beating The Gun

**QUESTION AND ANSWER TIME:** NEW YORK (AP)—Dear Al, I don't bother to see baseball games on television for I demand the real article or nothing. In what I saw Don Newcombe throw up in the Dodgers 3-4 win over Duracene's Giants he is certainly not the spot pitcher. Preacher Howe is. Do you also think me 'nuts' as many Dodger fanatics do? — L. J. H. Harlem, N.Y.

A. I say this — Newcombe is human. He figures to get bounced out of the game on off days like any other pitcher. Howe is much more seasoned and it is to Newcombe's greatness that experts compare him to the "Preacher" in all pitching points.

Don't tell me that Hank (Henry) Thompson isn't as good as Jackie Robinson at playing the second base position. He is the best Giant player to come up since Hugie Crisp I think and I am a Dodger fan. What say you Al? Luther Jefferson, New Rochelle, N.Y.

Thompson is big-league stuff, so he'll do all right whether he is a Robinson, Schaeudienst, Derr or Joe Gordon — what?

Keep a guy on the bench and you'll run him out of him. I think Al that Monte Irvin will be dropped to the minors if he is retained merely as a filler-in. He's just not cut for that rust-out role!

Buster Green, Speedway, Ga.

I am in complete agreement with you.

While I advocate (as do you) the majors banding Negro baseball on an all-out-scale, Negro business men, the sort who founded North Carolina Mutual Ins. Co., etc. could undertake it to the point that it would never collapse. I know all about the early days of Rube Foster down to Dr. J. B. Martin's day, and I still think I am right.

George Webber, East Hampton, N.Y.

Baseball is a big cold-business and business men are long carewritters. No group of men will like being in the red

season after season purely from an idealistic standpoint. No, I mean that reorganization where needed. Baseball's high commissioner, Albert Chandler, is recognizing Negro baseball as he should have done years ago.

Perhaps my generation will cry out when I say that from what daddy told me four Negro mound-men of the old days would have outlasted Newcombe by winning nearer to 25-30 ball games. They were Cyclone Joe Williams, An-

drew (Rube) Foster, Jose Almendares Club Cuba), Mendez and Cannonball Dick Redding. Could I be off the team here? — Ray Austin, Philadelphia, Pa.

Many of the leading baseball writers as well as playing immortals many of them housed in "Baseball's Hall of Fame," Cooperstown, N.Y. say you are correct.

Without being too charitable, we could add a few names of twirlers-of-color to their best, such as Wickware, "Dizzy" Dismukes, "Bullet" Roger, Willie Foster, Dave Brown and Leroy Satchel Paige. They possibly would have been happy to win 15-36 games is real super) and — they were major leaguers in everything but the color-of-the-skin.

Say Al, somebody miffed when Dan Bankhead failed to be chosen for the international Leagues All-Stars along with Sammy Jethroe? What give fellas, what gives?

Let Bronowicki, Brooklyn, N.Y.

All that "gives," friend Lou is Mr. Bankhead's inability to locate the plate this season, despite his impressive win and lost record. The big chap has it in him to become an outstanding hurler but until he masters control and issues fewer bases-on-ball the sports writers the real experts won't consider him. I agree with them absolutely.

## JETHROE SETS ALL TIME RECORD

Montreal (AP)—Montreal outfielder Sammy Jethroe stirs his 8th bid to break the all-time record of 57 last week in a play-off game with the Jersey City Little Giants. The Royals won 3 to 2.

Some debate may arise as to whether Jethroe is the legal holder of the all-time record set in 1919 by Ed Miller of Newark. In one sense the play-off game is not a regular season tilt. However when Miller set his record, they played 168 games, while today the Royal

team has 154.

There's no telling how many bases Jethroe would have stolen with the added 14 games. He broke the modern International League record of 63 set by Marvin Rackley of Montreal over a month ago.

As to the 154-game schedule, Super Sam was credited with one short of the Miller record.

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