Couple Asks 40 G's From Jackie, Bums

Star Says Action To Hurt Team

MILWAUKEE — (ANP) — Jackie Robinson and the Brooklyn Dodgers were served with complaints in a $40,000 damage suit filed against them in Federal Court by a Milwaukee husband and wife who claim they were hit by a bat thrown by the Brooklyn star June 2, 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Welinski charged they were both struck on the head when Robinson, on his way back to the bench after being put out of a ball game, tossed his bat over the top of the Brooklyn dugout.

The Welinskis claimed both suffered brain concussions, severe headaches and cuts and bruises. Mrs. Welinski said she was confined to bed for several weeks and Welinski was unable to work.

The complaint charged Robinson "in an excited, angered and ill-tempered mood" carelessly and recklessly threw the bat over the dugout into the box seats.

Reports of the incident, however, have varied. Some say that Robinson threw the bat to the ground and that it then bounced into the stand.

Robinson asserted that he thought the action might be an attempt to upset him and hurt the Dodgers' performance.

"I don't understand it," he said. "Their first lawyer (James Stern) called me aside and said the only thing I had to do was drop them a note. He said they weren't hurt."

'Newk' Pays 354 Bucks For Scene

NEW YORK — (ANP) — It cost Don Newcombe $354.79 for blowing his top last week. By now, everybody knows the story of how Don walked out — or was thumbed out — by his manager after he refused to pitch batting practice when ordered.

But it didn't take Big Don long to realize he had goofed. And he hot-footed it to the phone to make peace with everybody, from the President of the club down to the bat boy — of course, Manager Alston was sandwiched somewhere in that list. And Friday night, right after he smoked the pipe of peace with the big wigs, Don was given the chance to show what he meant when he said he was ready to pitch. And the big fellow really was never more ready. He went into a tight game and literally blew down the Philadelphia team.

For two innings all he had to pitch, Don was throwing bullets. Next day, Roy Campanella's left hand was red and swollen — but he liked the way Newcombe was hurling the pellet.

Manager Alston, who was one of the first to congratulate Don on his exhibition, said he had never seen the fellow throw so fast. And since Don's win kept the Dodgers' streak going, his teammates said they were at last glad somebody had made Don mad and gotten the lead out of his pants. But Don felt neglected and wanted to get into the act. It sure cost him plenty, but maybe it was worth it.

Doped Orange Procurer Is Still Sought

BY MALCOLM POINDEXTER

PHILADELPHIA — (ANP) — Light Heavyweight boxer Harold Johnson has been confined to Hahneman Hospital here for a "thorough checkup" following his technical knockout loss to Julio Mederos, Havana husky, at the Philadelphia Arena.

Johnson, who "acted queerly" in the ring several times before State Athletic Commission doctor Wilbur Strickland ordered the referee to stop the match, was at first thought to have been doped. Johnson told Commissioner Alfred Klein after the fight that he had eaten a bitter orange that same day and suddenly developed a headache.

Although newsmen and state athletic deputies who talked to the Manayunk section boxer before the bout said he seemed to be "alright," Johnson's handlers claimed he didn't look at all well before going into the ring. Skinny Davidson, his chief trainer, said Harold complained of feeling sick.

Pirates Cop Championship In 23rd Net Tournament

DURHAM — Hampton Institute swept the singles and doubles titles on the finals of championship play at the end of the 23rd annual CIAA tournament held here at North Carolina College Saturday.

The Pirates Eric Blake, a senior from St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, won the singles and teamed with Lin Monroe, junior from Charlottesville, Va., to take the doubles.

In the singles Blake defeated Leon Bowser of Morgan 6-3 and 6-0. Blake and Monroe defeated Lin Koger and Leon Bowser of Morgan in the doubles 6-2 and 6-3.

The tournament started Thursday but was cancelled because of rain on Friday. Saturday morning's quarter-finals and semifinals in the singles were played on Hillside High School's court, but the finals were reeled off on the NCC courts.

The Pirates scored 13 points to finish ahead of Morgan with 12, NCC, 8, J. C. Smith, 5, West Va. State 4, Union, 2, Bluefield, 2, St. Augustine's, 2, and St. Paul's, 0.

HITTING HIS TARGET — Onetime middleweight and welterweight king, Sugar Ray Robinson (left), stopped very few of Garth Panter's hard rights during their recent 10-rounder at Detroit, and went on to win an easy decision. The win was the fourth for the New York dancer-boxer on his current comeback trail. Many still insist that the Sugar Boy was "spoiled" for the ring when he took a terrific beating from Ralph "Tiger" Jones two months ago. (Newspress Photo)

"Sad" Sam Jones To Hall Of Fame

Eagle Sports Figures Awards Day Honorees

DURHAM — Sixty-four members of athletic teams and 57 women participants in the North Carolina College athletic program received awards here during the Sixth Annual Awards Day celebration Monday.

The athletes who received awards and their sports were:

BASKETBALL: Letermen: Charles Baxter, New York, N. Y.; Charles Barrick, Rosemont, Pa.; Joseph Karl Bell, Durham; Rudolph Dudley, Washington, D. C.; Clayton Fields, Coropeake; Harvey Heartley, Clayton; Zolon Keels, Henderson; Curtis Winston, manager, Portsmouth, Va.

The Coaches Cup was awarded to Charles Parrish, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Special citations, recognizing the Charlotteans' Sugar Cone Bowl game, were awarded to twelve members of the football squad.

FOOTBALL: Lettermen: Billy Allison, Gastonia; Jack Arrington, Charlotte; Curtis Ausander, Sanford; John Bell, Raleigh; Matthew Hampton, Va.; William Brown, Wilmington; James Dixon, Charlotte; James Davis, Durham; Cornelius Leon, Norfolk, Va.

Immortals First Rookie Man To Hall

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Jones Almost Had To Give Up Baseball

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'Minnie' Minosa Hit Home Run With Her, Girl Says In Magazine Article

CHICAGO — Barbara Swader writes in TAN of her romance with baseball star Minnie Minoso which began in July 1952, when she was only 19 and resulted in her having his baby out of wedlock. Five months after they began going together Barbara says she learned that she was pregnant but Minnie was in Cuba and she did not hear from him until the next spring.

When she finally saw Minoso he floored her with the news that he had already married a girl who had borne a son for him. He promised, however, to take care of their love child.

Barbara writes that after their baby girl was born the White Sox fielding star was very fond of the child and posed for pictures with her. But despite his apparent devotion to the baby, he was negligent in contributing to her support.

Suddenly his attitude toward the baby changed, Barbara writes in TAN, that the change began when White Sox pitcher Connie Johnson told Minnie in her presence that, "You're simple if you think that's your baby. Nobody your color could have a baby that light."

When Minoso stopped promising to take care of the baby Barbara says that she demanded a showdown. He admitted that he did not believe that he was the child's father and it was not until then that the young mother consulted a lawyer and filed a $250,000 paternity suit.

Sports Close-up

NEW YORK, (GLOBAL) — We have come today to eat crow. We have been extremely critical of Walter Alston and his high-handed methods of dealing with the "Brooklyn Bums." We have said many times that his more or less rough approach simply would not do, that it did something to determine the confidence of the player and made him insecure, because he never knew when his job was safe.

However, in the case of Don Newcombe, who is once again being called one of Brooklyn's star hurlers, the treatment was successful. For some time there had been a tendency to play along with Don and coddle him. They knew he had the stuff, and the fact that he wasn't pouring it on was something of a puzzle. Then, Mr. Alston seems to have come up with the proper treatment. He delivered the crushing blow to the Newcombe ego. He had the champ pitching batting practice.

Well, Newk got mad, all right. He was not batting practice pitcher, he said. He wanted to start games. He said so, and refused to fit into the groove. Of course he needed discipline for that one, and he got it. But the fact that he was mad, also was impressive, apparently, and he got a chance to prove whether or not he was ready once again to "start games." He started once on May 10, 1955 against the Chicago Cubs. He finished it, too. He pitched a one-hitter and faced only 27 men. This is a feat not many pitchers can boast.

So now, with a good shut-out as the kick-off, maybe Don Newcombe is on his way to becoming the pitcher he once was. And all because Mr. Alston, one time anyhow, hit on the right prescription.

Rocky Marciano Flooring May Aid Some Turnstiles

CALISTOGA, Calif. — (ANP) — Sparmate Toxie Hall last week exploded a "properly nailed" left hook to the jaw of heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano to floor the jaunty jawed titlist for the second time in his career.

The surprise blow was delivered during a sparring session at the Rock's training camp here, and almost immediately set off speculation that the knockdown will accelerate gate receipts for the championship showdown between Rocky and England's Don Cockell. The two will meet in Kezar Stadium on that date.

Hall, a 200-pounder from Chicago, has been sparring with Marciano for more than two years. He is a heavy puncher, scoring knockouts over such fighters as Johnny Holman, who recently kayoed former heavyweight champion Ezzard Charles.

Hall's knockdown of Marciano stirred excitement among British boxing writers covering the Marciano-Cockell fight. Wrote Peter Wilson of the London Daily Mirror:

"Marciano was down for three seconds, maybe four. Then he was back on his feet.

"Marciano is always open to be hit, you know. The problem is to make him stay hit.

Cockell also had something to say about the knockdown. In cockney English, he said:

"Blimey. It looks as if he's as easy to hit as they tell me. I think if I knock him down I can keep him down."

The London, England, papers, meanwhile, headlined the knockdown.

START OF PROBE — Here's favored heavyweight Harold Johnson sinking to the canvas on his knees in the second round, without being hit by his opponent, Julio Mederos (right), during their recent go at Philly, watched by millions of television fans. Johnson's claim that he had been drugged was later backed up by boxing commission doctors. The immediate suspension of boxing in Pennsylvania for 90 days was ordered by Gov. George M. Leader. Both boxers' purses were held up, and a sweeping investigation started into the fight game. (Newspress Photo)

Gideon Smith, Hampton's Athletes Paid Tribute At Special Assembly

HAMPTON, Virginia — The Athletic Committee of Hampton Institute paid tribute to the College's 1954-55 athletes at an assembly program highlighted by George A. Monger, Director of Physical Education at the University of Pennsylvania, the featured speaker, Monday, May 16.

A banquet in honor of the 34 years of service given by Gideon E. Smith, retiring physical education instructor and coach from 1921-54, was given prior to the assembly. Mr. Smith, well-known in CIAA circles, is a 1910 Hampton graduate, and gained national fame as a great football player at Michigan State College. From 1913-15, he played sixty minutes of every game.

After teaching at Virginia and Maryland State Colleges, Mr. Smith returned to Hampton in 1921. Since then, his teams have earned five football and nine track championships in CIAA competition.

Letters were awarded by Coaches H. N. Neilson, tennis; J. M. Griffin, track; S. S. Moore, swimming; Clarence McKoy, boxing and wrestling; B. F. Wesley, basketball; and H. R. Jefferson, football.

End Of The Trail For Bassett

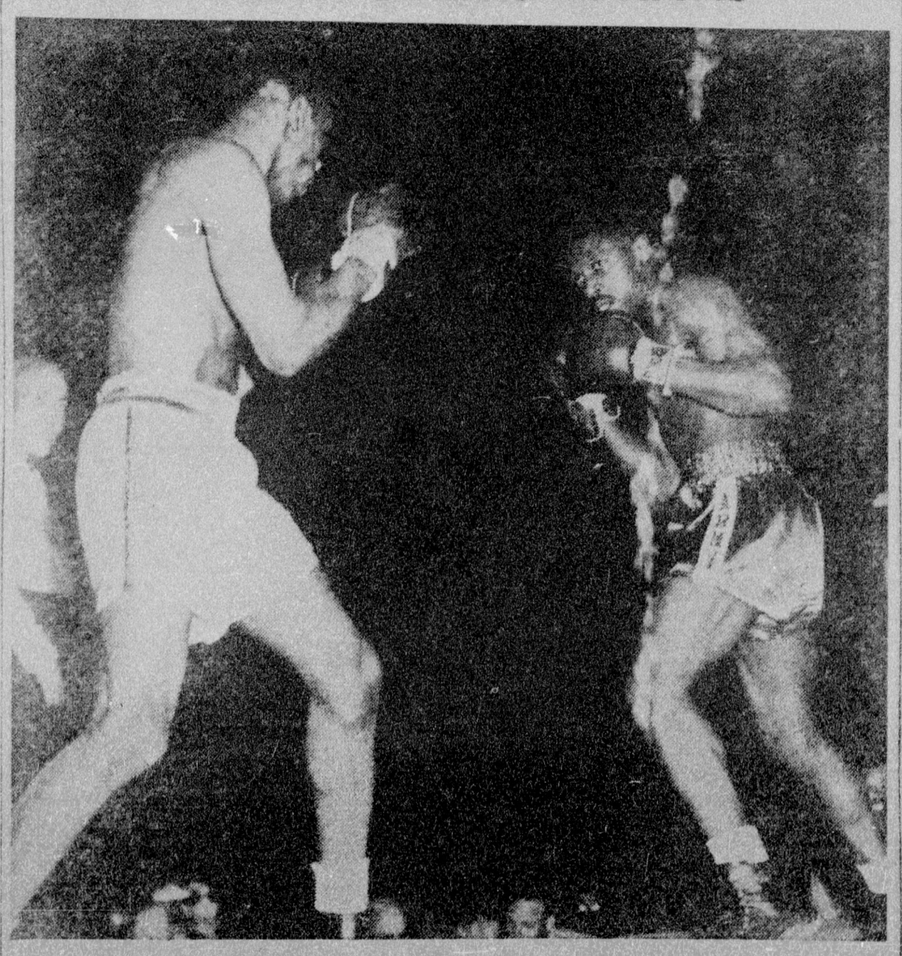
PHILADELPHIA — (ANP) — Perry Bassett, second ranking featherweight contender, has come to the end of his fistic trail.

That much seems certain last week as manager Mike Sakaloff announced that he was retiring Bassett from the fight game.

Bassett, who has done a lot of fighting abroad recently, particularly in Paris, France, underwent an examination at Will's Hospital here after complaining of a shadow in front of him.

He will undergo an eye operation later.

TAR HEEL PUG REACHES FINALS



AHOSKIE BOXER LOST BOUT — Sgt. George K. Harrell (right) of Ahoskie, moves in to mix it up with Floyd McCoy of New York City in their recent quarter-finals bout in the National A.A.U. boxing championship's 165-pound division at Kansas City, Mo. Sergeant Harrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Harrell, Ahoskie, lost on a technical knockout in 1:23 seconds of the third round. The 22-year-old soldier is the All-Army champ and inter-service runner-up. A member of the post special services at Fort Sam Houston, Tex., Harrell entered the Army in June 1952 and completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C. — U. S. Army Photo.

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