



# On The Charlotte Sports Scene

With "BILL" JOHNSON

IT MAY NOT MAKE SENSE TO YOU, BUT...

Old Pete Hogan was among the most happy people in the world at 7 o'clock last Saturday... It was shortly after his Thrift outfit had outscored the National Carbon Giants in a City-County League thriller.

Pete could hardly contain himself. "Best game we've ever played," he would shout to anyone willing to lend an ear. "We were ready for 'em."

The manager of the Tigers, who is one of the oldest and best liked active persons in the game, was right. His team had been trying for three games. Their big moment came Saturday, and it was like a child excitedly enjoying his first Christmas.

The Tigers dropped the season opener to their hated rivals by a wide margin on the 21st of April. They then came back to lose a heartbreaker on the 26th day of May. In the second encounter, young Joe Black pitched a masterful no-hitter for seven breathtaking innings and lost only when errors let in the winning tally in the ninth.

Pete threw Robert Morrison at the loop leaders Saturday. And, with the exception of Edward Wilson and Haywood Watts, Bob had the Giants literally eating from the palm of his hands. His teammates, meanwhile, were banging hits all over the field.

Pete even had words of praise for the umpire. "Mr. Byrd (Nelson) called a real good game," he said. "Best game we've ever played. We were ready for 'em." Pete kept saying over and over again.

This week the Tigers will train their guns on the Belmont Blues, with second place at stake. And the Pneumafil Red Sox, the only other team in the league to master National Carbon this season, will take on the Giants. A victory for Thrift and a National Carbon loss would put Pete and his Tigers on top of the world. Actually, they'd be in a two-way tie with the Carbons for first place.

**ABOUT THIS AND THAT...** Kenny Powell will spend several weeks with his parents in New Rochelle, N. Y. prior to calling out the football candidates at Second Ward High... Jack Martin may lose Reginald Pryor, his No. 1 candidate for the quarterback post... Seems as if Pryor is more interested in baseball than running with the pigskin.

## Score Was 8-2:

# Tigers Clobber Giants In City-County Tussle

By BILL JOHNSON  
Carolinian Sports Writer  
CHARLOTTE — The Thrift Tigers, one of the hottest teams in baseball at the moment, poured runs across the home plate in mass production fashion here Saturday to outscore the league-leading National Carbon Giants, 8-2, in a City-County League thriller.

It was the seventh victory in 11 league games this season for the Thrifts; who moved up to within two games of first place. The National Carbon team has now won nine and lost two encounters, but still leads the circuit by a full game over the second-place Belmont Blues.

A tremendous home run by first baseman Edward Wilson set the Carbons off to a rousing start in the first inning and a pair of singles added another tally in the second.

Thrift got hot in the second when Ulton Morrison led off with a single and J. C. Fox followed with another one-blow. Cornel Fox flied out, but Sonny Mack smashed a terrific double down the right field line to score Morrison and Fox, thus knotting the score.

In the third a double by Robert (Ox) Erwin and a single by Amos McDowell produced two more runs to snap the tie, giving the Thrifts their initial victory over the Carbons in three games this year.

Irby Watts set the pace in the 11-hit assault against two Giant hurlers with three singles, while Mack was pounding out a double and single. Edward Wilson had a home run and single for the losers and Haywood Watts contributed a pair of singles.

The Belmont Blues crept to within a game of the top spot with a 6-4 verdict over the Charlotte Black Sox. William Davis was the hero of the victory.

**LAST WEEK'S RESULTS AT GASTONIA**  
Pneumafil Red Sox 7 13 2  
Gastonia Sluggers 3 5 4  
Smith and Washington, Herron, Guthrie and Stackson. (W-Smith, 200; L-Guthrie, 0-1)

**AT THRIFT**  
National Carbon 2 8 2  
Thrift 8 11 2  
Broadway, Grier and McCullough, Withers, Morrison and Watts. (W-Morrison, 3-1; L-Broadway, 0-1)

**AT CHARLOTTE BLACK SOX**  
Belmont 6 9 3  
Black Sox 4 5 5  
Stewart, Walker and Lampkins; David, Forney and Grier. (W-Davis, 1-0; L-Stewart, 1-2)

**HOW THEY STAND**  
National Carbon 9 2  
Belmont 8 3  
Thrift 7 4  
Pneumafil 6 6  
Black Sox 3 9  
Gastonia 1 10

**Where They Play Saturday (July 14th)**  
Pneumafil at National Carbon  
Thrift at Belmont  
Gastonia at Black Sox

for his initial win of the season. Davis poked a home run and a single to share the leadership in the Blues' offense against Donald Stewart and William Walker. Charley Grier and Edward Craig

# 'Red Hot' Feud Reported Between Jackie Robinson And League Prexy

## Warren Giles Out To Get 'Dodger Star'

NEW YORK (ANP) — There is a red hot feud going on between Warren Giles, president of the National League, and Jackie Robinson, veteran Brooklyn Dodgers star, according to Milton Gross of the New York Post, who last week aired the controversy in his column.

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Jackie then became angry and threw his helmet away. As he did, Donatelli said: "You threw your helmet. The rules say I got to throw you out."

"I don't give a damn," Robinson countered, as he left.

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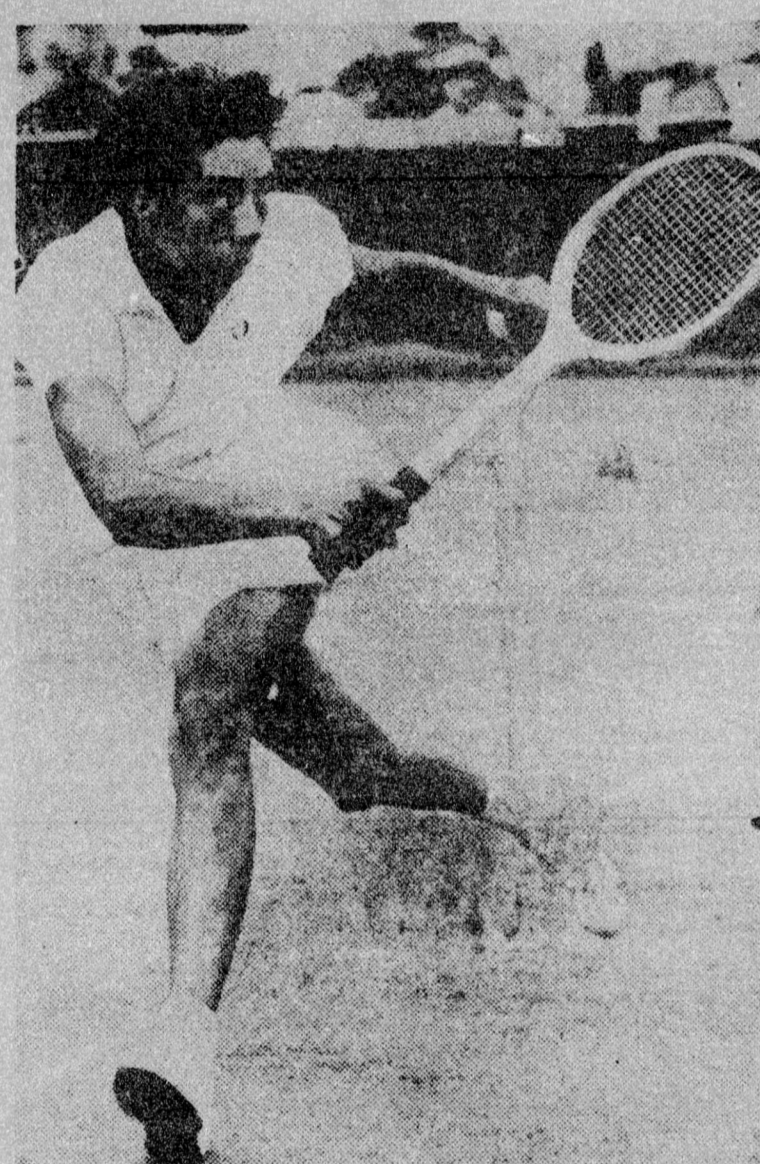
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**A BUBBLE BURSTS**—The hopes of millions of sports enthusiasts, that a Negro would wear the Wimbledon tennis crown for the first time, were dashed on an English court last week when heavily-favored Harlem athlete Althea Gibson (above) was beaten in the quarter final round by Shirley Fry of St. Petersburg, Fla. Despite the loss, Miss Gibson will get the familiar New York ticker tape treatment when she returns home.

# Monarchs Sink Lower As Stars Hold Lead

CHICAGO (ANP) — The Detroit Stars last week still lead the Negro American League, but the one mighty Kansas City Monarchs sank further into the league's cellar, dropping five straight games in seven days.

The Memphis Red Sox and Birmingham Black Barons, the other teams in the four-team loop, continued in the No. 2 and 4 positions.

Figures released by the Howe News Bureau here also showed some changes in the batting lineup.

Taking over the lead percentage-wise from B. Moore of Birmingham was R. Johnson of Detroit, with a hefty 402. Moore was pushed down to the No. 5 spot, with Kennedy of

Kansas City moving up to No. 2 position. With an average of 398, he was followed by B. Washington of Memphis, who was hitting at a .389 clip.

J. Soler of Detroit and Shade, both of Detroit, followed with averages of 374 and 372.

There is virtually no contest in the stolen bases department. L. Harris of Memphis with 21 is way ahead of his competitors.

There is a close race in the pitching department, with five hurlers—Robinson, Memphis, McCullum, Memphis; Barnes, Birmingham; Winston, Detroit, and Finley, Birmingham—all tied with 1000 percentages. However, Robinson and McCullum have won the most games. Each has three victories.

# Hampton Pirates Open 10 Game Slate At Fayetteville

HAMPTON, Va. — Harry Jefferson, Director of Athletics and head football coach, has announced that Hampton Institute will open its ten-game football schedule with a home game against Fayetteville State Teachers' College on September 15.

Other games on the Pirate schedule are: Sep. 22, Bluefield State College at Hampton; Sep. 29, Maryland State College at Princess Anne; Oct. 6, Delaware State Col-

lege at Dover; Oct. 13, Winston Salem Teachers' College at Hampton; Oct. 20, Virginia State College at Petersburg; Oct. 27, Lincoln University at Lincoln; Nov. 3, Howard University at Hampton (Homecoming); Nov. 10, Morgan State College at Baltimore; Nov. 22, Virginia Union University at Hampton.

All games will be played at 2:00 p.m. except the final contest which is slated for 1:30 p.m.



**WORLD BEATER**—Lou Jones of Army breaks the tape in the 400 meter finals for a new world record of 45.2, in the recent Olympic trials at Los Angeles. He clipped two-tenths of a second from his old mark, set in 1955. Jim Lea of the USAF (hidden by Jones) was second, J. W. Mashburn, right, was fourth, and Charlie Jenkins of Villanova, third.

## At The Ringside

By CHAS. J. LIVINGSTON

**Lightweights Carrying The Load**  
One of the oddities of boxing is that the little men of matel who, as a rule, are consistently better fighters than their bigger contemporaries, have not been able to reap the financial harvest nor enjoy the prestige and popularity accorded the heavyweights.

This, despite the fact that the lighter divisions have produced some of the greatest fighters the ring has ever known.

There is no effort here to discredit the heavyweight class. The accomplishment of such champions and ring greats like Joe Louis, Jack Dempsey, Jack Johnson, Gene Tunney, Rocky Marciano, Jack Sharkey, Harris Wills and scores of others clearly point to the contribution the heavier division has made to boxing.

The point herein made is that although the lighter men have been frequently called upon to carry the load, they have been comparatively neglected and virtually ignored in the publicity department.

This is an ill which boxing must cure. For if the fight game allows its middleweights, welterweights and lightweights to continue to go hungry, we may soon witness a lack of talent even in these divisions.

One gets a picture of the financial plight of the lightweights when it is considered that it would take the welterweight or lightweight champion about three or four title fights to earn the same amount of money that old performers like "Hurricane" Jackson or Bob Baker would haul down from a heavyweight championship contest.

This condition exists because for years now public attention has been directed to the heavyweight ranks. Fight fans nursed in the Louis-Dempsey-Marciano knockout tradition look only to the heavyweight ranks for action, but fail to note that the lighter divisions have also produced exciting fighters and men of sock.

Men like Ray Robinson, Henry Armstrong and Beau Jack are splendid examples of what the lighter divisions can and do produce.

Yet it is doubted if any of the three ever received wages commensurate to their skills or overall ability. This is a question which promoters who are quick to set a \$40 or \$50 ringside price for a heavyweight title fight and a \$20 top for a middleweight or welterweight championship bout would do well to ponder.



**DEAD HEAT HURLERS**—Finishing in a dead heat in the 110 meter high hurdles are Lee Calhoun (North Carolina), left, and Jack Davis (Navy) in the most thrilling race of the Olympic trials in California. Not even high speed pictures could separate the pair, who clocked off the distance in 13.8 seconds.

# Bill Banning Interracial Sports Now Before Senate

BATON ROUGE, La. (ANP) —

A bill seeking to ban racial mixing between Negroes and whites in every form imaginable in sports was hustled through a Louisiana senate Judiciary "A" committee and rushed to the full State Senate where final legislative action approving the measure seemed almost a certainty.

The action by the committee was taken last week on the bill sponsored by two North Louisiana lawmakers, Reps. Lawrence Gibbs of Ouachita parish and E. D. Gleason of Webster.

However, the bill contained a provision, effective Oct. 15, permitting the Shreveport baseball team in the Texas League to complete its season. Negroes have been playing in the Texas League for the past several seasons.

The stringent measure, which even prohibits the drinking of water from the same fountain and all other forms of personal contacts, could throw Louisiana State University into a ditch, by knocking out the schools long range planes in football and basketball. LSU has scheduled two games here in 1957 and 1958 with the University of Wisconsin. Wisconsin has consistently carried Negro players on its

teams.

The bill will also affect Loyola university of New Orleans, which has also scheduled games with top basketball teams. Loyola also ended all segregated seating in its fieldhouses.

The bill contains the following restrictions:

1. Prohibit "dancing, social functions, entertainments, athletic training, games, sports or contests and other such activities involving personal and social contacts in which the participants or contestants are members of the white and Negro races."

2. Require segregated seating and "separate sanitary, drinking water and other facilities for members of the white and Negro races..."

3. Require Negro students attending LSU and three state colleges under court order to sit apart from the student body in a segregated section at college sports.

The measure passed the Louisiana earlier by a vote of 71-0. There was no reason to believe that the senate would vote otherwise.

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