

National Personalities Feted By LA's '100% Wrongers'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The national newspaper editor and publisher of Southern California's most widely read sports personalities were feted at the first annual awards banquet sponsored by the 100% Wrong Club of Los Angeles last week.

A 150-member group composed of fans, editors and writers who organized last fall the club voted the National Merit Award to a group of sports personalities.

In making the presentation, club president A. S. "Doc" Young, magazine and newspaper writer, told 400 guests who packed the main dining room of the Fox Hills Country Club.

"I was particularly elated when the club voted this honor to the Sports News," Young said. "I have told him, 'What are you campaigning for? News is organized baseball prior to Jackie Robinson. I did not believe that The Sporting News was actually interested in the field.'"

"But since Jackie made the mark, The Sporting News has been consistently unbiased in its reporting. This is my opinion, is one of the outstanding publications in the United States. In fact, I believe it covers one subject better than any other publication in the world."

In the absence of Spink, plans for flying to the West Coast to receive the award were ruled off by the pressure of business. The Sporting News was represented by Rube Samuelsen, Pasadena club News writer.

Teams To Charles Dumas trophy of the late pioneer Hollywood studio catering company president.

Mr. Loggins' two sons, Roy, Jr., present company manager, and Arthur, assisted in making the presentation to Dumas, currently enrolled as a student at the University of Southern California.

ABC-Sponsored Weekly Telecasts To Continue

CHICAGO (AP)—James D. Logan and Roy E. Loggins Jr. announced today that the ABC-Sponsored Weekly Telecasts will continue.

The regular Wednesday and Friday night telecasts comprise approximately 100 shows annually which are not involved in the litigation, and the court's decision is concerned with the six or eight championship bouts held in this country each year.

Lester Maltz, vice president of the Los Berraco Co., producer of the Wednesday night non-title bouts, advised Mr. Norris today that he transmitted a telegram to the American Broadcasting Co. stating that the existing yearly television rights agreement does not involve title bouts can therefore be continued. Two weeks ago the Gillette Co. extended its Friday night non-title series for two additional years.

The basic allotment for percents in 1957 will be the same as last year - 168,818 acres for North Carolina.

Mr. Norris said that the regular Wednesday and Friday telecasts will be held as scheduled and subject to accordance with existing contracts entered into several years ago.



MAN IN THE MIDDLE — Vinnie Cohen, the star Syracuse forward, dribbles away from Connecticut's Bob Osborne (11) and Bill Schmidt (40) as teammate Clark (right) plays hands off during the opener of a triple header kicking off the NCAA Eastern Regionals, March 22. Two other Orangemen seem rooted to the Madison Square Garden boards in background. (UNITED PRESS PHOTO).

Baseball Openers: Grambling Gets Double Win Over Wiley College

BY COLLIE J. NICHOLSON GRAMBLING, La. (Special) — Righthander George Johnson qualified as a genuine rally-stopper here Saturday as Grambling opened its baseball season with two victories over Wiley College.

The Tigers edged the Wildcats 6-5 in the opener and defeated Coach Forrest Gelly's boys 5-2 in the nightcap.

Johnson, a reliever with exceptional control and a good assortment of pitches, was the big gun in the first game. He entered the contest in the third inning on the short end of a 5-0 score and allowed only two hits in the four frames he worked.

His pitching gave teammates additional time to concentrate on their hitting and the locals staged a complete turn-about.

Grambling used a two-ply walk-off by Levi Washington, three high fluffly singles, two walks and a pair of errors to push across all its runs in the fifth inning.

Wiley played all its markers in a big third stanza on a homer by Horace Ingram, a triple by Charles Collins and a trio of run-producing singles.

The Tigers grabbed a one-stop jump on Wiley in the second game and won without too much effort. Louis Wiggins' fourth-inning homer did most of the damage.



YOUNG ADMIRERS—Hollywood's "king," Clark Gable studies script of "Band of Angels," on location in Baton Rouge, La., as two youngsters who appear as extras in the Warner Bros. film look on with interest. The WarnerColor drama, which also stars Sidney Poitier, will mark the screen debut of model Carolee Drake, former love interest of crooner Billy Eckstine. (Newspress Photo).

Jackie Robinson To Be Main Speaker At Dinner Honoring Abe Saperstein

CHICAGO (AP)—Former baseball star Jackie Robinson will be the main speaker at a "kick-off" dinner for the "All Chicago Salute to Abe Saperstein and the City of Hope Medical Center." Sponsored by a committee under the chairmanship of Judge Fred "Duke" Slater, the dinner will take place Wednesday evening, March 27, at Parkway Ballroom.

The City of Hope, at Duarte, Calif., has been one of Robinson's favorite charities since he was a football star at UCLA. The ex-Brooklyn Dodger will fly in especially for the "kick-off" dinner from New York, where he is vice-president in charge of personnel for the Chock-Full-Of-Nuts Company.

Other leaders on Slater's committee include Alderman Ralph Metcalfe, Jesse Owens, Truman Gibson Sr., Aaron Payne, Dr. William J. Ziegler, Dr. H. W. Thatcher, Dr. T. K. Lawless, Wendell Smith and George Harris.

The dinner at the Parkway ballroom will seek to spark support for the "All Chicago salute" honoring Saperstein, founder of the Harlem Globetrotters, to be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Sherman Tuesday evening, April 23. More than 1200 civic and sports leaders will attend.

All proceeds from this testimonial dinner will be donated to dedicate the Abe Saperstein International Hall at the City of Hope, which serves the public, regardless of race, color or creed. The hall will serve the medical center's patients, most of whom are being treated for cancer, tuberculosis, heart disease, and leukemia.

The hall also will contain mementos and citations from each of 56 countries in which Saperstein and the Harlem Globetrotters have appeared as "America's unofficial ambassadors of good will." Some of the mementos will be on display at the Parkway Ballroom for the southside dinner.

Primarily known for his basketball enterprises, Saperstein also has been active in baseball. For many years he owned the Chicago American Giants in the Negro Baseball League. While a member of the Cleveland Indians organization, he signed Larry Doby as the first Negro player in the American League.

Tan Player Puts Adrain In Meet

ADRIAN, Mich. (AP)—Henry Hughes, 64 forward who holds every Adrian College basketball scoring record, was the sparkplug who led the small Michigan college to a berth in the NAIA tournament now under way in Kansas City, Mo.

The senior forward from Inkster, Mich., has totaled 420 points in 19 games for a 22.1 average. He also is team leader in defensive rebounds.

"I don't know what we would have done without him," says Coach Stan Alabek. "He does everything well."

Hughes has scored 1,603 points in four seasons and missed one semester because of scholastic difficulties. Against Detroit Tech in 1954, he set an Adrian single game mark with 50 points.

Another fan player on the Adrian team is Leon Harper, who also is a sharpshooting forward.

Coach Pleased With Football Practice In Fla.

TALLAHASSEE — "We are satisfied with the showing of the boys and I do think we accomplished what we were trying to accomplish," declared Coach Jake Gaither of the Florida A and M University Rattlers.

Gaither was leaving the field after watching his prize quarterback, James Williams, Fort Lauderdale, spark the Whites to a 20 to 6 victory. The game concluded a 20-day spring session at A and M.

Although Williams was a key figure in the Rattlers try for national honors last season, and scored one touchdown and pass for a point in the spring scrimmage, he was not the player talked about during practice this spring. Benny Stokes, a freshman from Jacksonville, has been the talk of the Rattlers spring camp. Stokes is a triple-threat quarterback who stands six-one and weighs 190.

"He is an exceptionally good runner, punter, and passer," commented Gaither about Stokes. Stokes kicked an extra point and looked good in his first scrimmage session with the Rattlers.

All Gaither's spring camp started early in the first period to give the Whites an early 7 to 0 lead. Stokes kick from placement was good. Benjamin Lampkins, freshman quarterback faked to his left and cut back through tackle and went 30 yards to put the Greensies back in the game. But Ollius Barker failed an attempt to run the extra point and the Greensies trailed 7 to 6.

Williams took to the air with nine-like passes. He completed a 77 yarder to Leroy Harris to set up the second White TD. The Whites moved to the one, but a penalty placed the ball back to the six. Williams went over from the six and Al Vereen ran the conversion. Williams tossed to Thomas Marshall for the final tally of the game. The try for the PAT failed. Final score: W - 20, G - 6.

Barker singled out for outstanding performance were Stokes, Williams, Charles Vereen, Lampkins, Harder, Marshall Barker, Clarence Royster, and Earl Young. Stars on the line included Charles Hines, Willie Taylor, Zeke Burrows, Bill Johnson, Vernon Wilder, and James Hill.

Since the national advertising campaign for wool was launched two years ago, per capita consumption of apparel wool in the U. S. has increased 12 per cent. Total mill consumption of apparel wool is up 17 per cent.

Wilf Greaves Is 19th Victim Of Ellsworth (Spider) Webb

CHICAGO (AP)—Ellsworth (Spider) Webb spun his web a little wider and firmer here last Wednesday night.

The Willovy Chicagoan chalked up his 19th straight victory, beating earlier but outclassed Wilf Greaves, a last-minute replacement for Randy Sandy, in 10 rounds before 1,136 paying customers in the Chicago Stadium.

Webb, ranked No. 4 among Ring Magazine, was to have fought Sandy, who recently extended Joe Giardello, in an attempt to strengthen his claim for a title bout. As it turned out, however, Sandy hurt his hand in training and Greaves was substituted. And he was no match for the clever, sharp-shooting Webb.

From the first through the 10th round, Webb beat a steady tattoo on his Canadian opponent, stabbing him with punishing jabs a rd jarring hooks to the head and body. He won as he pleased, and was challenged only once during the encounter. That was in the eighth

when Ellsworth was caught off guard and got tagged with an overhand right which bloodied his nose. However, throughout most of the fight, Greaves was on the receiving end.

The decision was a foregone conclusion. It was unanimous. Referee Frank Sikera voted 49-42, and Judges E. L. Frankel and Frank McManue had it 48-41 and 50-41 respectively. The latter gave every round to Webb.

Although Greaves was a replacement in the nationally televised fight, the victory boosted Webb's stock, since Wilf gave champion Gene Fullmer a real scare in a 10-rounder recently. Fullmer goes into training shortly for his title encore with the deposed Sugar Robinson, and Webb hopes to challenge the winner of that bout for the championship.

Webb's now boasts a record of 20 wins in 21 pro fights, 12 by knockouts.

Milt Campbell Equals Indoor Hurdle Record; Murchison Wins

MILWAUKEE (AP)—Milt Campbell, Olympic Decathlon champion, turned in another brilliant performance here last week, equalling the world indoor record for the 50-yard high hurdles with a clocking of 61 seconds. Ira Murchison, another fan speedster also turned in a creditable performance, running the 50-yard dash in 5.3 seconds.

Also winning was Arnie Sowell, the University of Pittsburgh's great middle distance runner.

Hear Althea Gibson To Wed; Star Sets Goal For Future

MONTCLAIR, N. J. (AP)—Althea Gibson, the racket player who left the sidewalks of New York to gain international prominence as a tennis star last week, was reported preparing to wed in her quest of the coveted Wimbledon tennis championship to become the bride of William Darbon, the brother of Rosemary Darbon, an old friend of Miss Gibson's.

Although Miss Gibson refused to confirm the report, she was interviewed at the Darben home by reporter Samuel A. Haynes of the Baltimore Afro-America. Miss Gibson refused to discuss the rumored wedding, but talked freely about her tennis. Asked about her future plans, she commented, "All I plan to do is rest and prepare for the 1957 Wimbledon matches."

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VISION OF HOPE — Glimmering over clouds that his injured eye is improving, former featherweight champion Sandy Saddler gazes hopefully into a makeshift crystal ball at a hospital in New York City, March 11th. Saddler, who was forced to vacate his title when partial blindness, incurred in an auto accident, threatened his sight, has been undergoing treatment at the hospital. Reports indicate that if healing continues as it is presently, he may be able to return to boxing. (UNITED PRESS PHOTO).

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NEW YORK (AP)—Jackie Robinson's first week as vice president of the Chock Full of O'Nuts coffee restaurant company was a unique one.

Instead of being permitted to settle down quietly to his new role of a top executive, the ex-Dodger star was besieged by autograph seekers who urged him to put his "John Hancock" on paper napkins and envelopes as he visited the chain's restaurants in New York, Brooklyn and Newark.

Although Robinson is called "Jackie" by the customers and "Mr. Robinson" by company employees, he is equally admired by both fans and employees. Meanwhile, the company president sent Robinson off to a flying start in his first week on the job.

William Black, wrote a memo to the 1,000 Chock Full O'Nuts employees describing Jackie to be "as honest, as straight-from-the-shoulder a guy as you've ever known," and added: "You will find in him the epitome of fair play. Please put your trust in him. He will not fail you."

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