

# Fine Crop Of Tan Prospects Reported In Braves' League

MILWAUKEE, Wis. (ANP) — The Milwaukee Braves have 15 tan players in their minor league organization—and two of them are considered surefire major league caliber.

One of them—Juan Pizarro, 19-year-old Puerto Rican who has won 23 games in his organized baseball debut last season—is being given close inspection at the Braves' training base at Brandon, Fla.

The other with the can't-miss label is Lee Hayes, a lefthand-hitting outfielder, Maye, with even-ville, Ind., of the Three-Eye League last year, batted .330 and hit 24 home runs. He has been promoted to Wichita of the American Association for the coming season.

The list of two Braves in the minors include: Winston Brown, a righthanded Panamanian pitcher with Austin, Texas League; outfielders Ruf Johnson and Leonard Williams, with Topeka, Kans., of the Western League; shortstop Bill Lucas and outfielder Nat Peoples, with Corpus Christi, Tex., of the Big State.

## The Cubs And Ernie Banks

Editor's note: This is another in the series of stories on major league teams with tan players.

CHICAGO — (ANP) — The Chicago Cubs were a dismal last place in the 1956 pennant race. This is the time of year for optimism and the Cubs' front office and field leadership which underwent a complete shakeup last fall are optimistic.

three homers and drove in 16 RBIs. The slender shortstop's 1956 record of .297 at the plate was higher than his 290 mark of the previous season. But there was a big difference otherwise. In his second full season in the majors, Banks clubbed 44 homers, a record for shortstops. He also hit five home runs with the bases loaded. No one had ever done that before in the entire history of baseball. He drove in 117 runs.

BEATING THE GUN BY BILL BROWER Not long ago at Tucson, Ariz., training base for the Cleveland Indians, General Manager Hank Greenberg made an incredible statement. The tube front office, he said, had turned down a \$100,000 offer for Billy Harrell, who has been knocking about the Cleveland farm system for several seasons.

## Chicago Beats New York In Gloves Bouts As Two Cities' Bronze Boxers Dominate

CHICAGO — (ANP) — With bronze boxers from the two cities dominating the spotlight, Chicago defeated New York, seven bouts to one, in the 30th annual Intercity Golden Gloves tournament in the Chicago Stadium last Wednesday night.

from the standpoint of all-out action, involved Tommy Reynolds, St. Louisian representing Chicago, and Thomas Smith, New York bantamweight champion. Although Tommy scored two knockdowns, Smith put up a good scrap and opened a cut over his opponent's left eye.

Ernest McClendon rallied to Vincent Shamo, New York; beat William Pickett, New York, for the middleweight title, and Joe Hemphill pounded out a decision over ponderous Lee Williams, New York.

While Chicago, with one of the strongest teams ever assembled in the history of the event, virtually swept all the contests, the tournament was unique in that only one white competitor was among the 16 contestants vying for the eight division titles. He was Pat Moore, and he was filling in for Jimmy Jackson, another tan boxer who was ill. However, he was outclassed by an Albert Pell, New York bantamweight champion and 1956 AAU champion, who scored an impressive decision in the seventh of the eight-bout card.

Joe Shaw, who represented the United States in the 1956 Olympic scored the most convincing win for Chicago. He electrified the crowd with a quick knockout over James Chavis of the Eastern squad in 1:10 of the first round. He won the welterweight title.

Elimination tournaments leading up to the Intercity contests were held in cities from coast to coast. The Chicago area stretches from California to Ohio and from Minnesota to Texas, while the New York area ranges from New England to Florida and westward to Pittsburgh.

The young fighters, all of whom reached Intercity competition by winning in championship tournaments in the two fighting areas, put on a good show for the 6,646 ringside patrons and millions others who viewed some of the bouts on coast-to-coast television via the American Broadcasting Company's network. Several of them showed signs of developing into future top fighters, and one, Ernest Terrell, 17-year-old High School student, with the deadly instinct and prowess of a professional.

## 3 Studios To Film Stories With Strong Racial Themes

NEW YORK — (ANP) — Three major studios have turned their facilities to the making into film three important novels dealing with strong racial themes. First, Twentieth Century Fox brought "Island in the Sun" which has been completed and will be released around July. Much has been written about the co-starring of Dorothy Dandridge and Harry Belafonte, both playing opposite white stars — their love interest, but as to be expected, all the tender warm scenes in the famous Waugh book have been emasculated or minimized.

Man rituals — but since the moving picture public loves "hoodlum" an such mumbo jumbo it may be expected that this will certainly feature the film. The relationship between the whites and the blacks plantation friendships and paternalism also poses a problem. But more serious is the task facing Warner Brothers with "Band of Angels" the story with a Louisiana background where it is difficult to tell one race from another. In fact, the leading female role is of a mulatto who thinking she was white, was surprised to find she was not — "Band of Angels" can be watered down much as have been other heavy stories involving touchy racial themes.



A CRYING SHAME — A dream ends hard for the basketball team of Rosedale High of Kansas City, Kansas, as the entire squad slumps crying on the bench after losing the final game of the Kansas

Robert Ruark's "Something of Value" a cruel, harsh story of the Mau Mau uprising in Africa is being worked over by Metro Goldwyn Mayer. It is going to be highly interesting to see what they do with this widely discussed, controversial book, especially the Mau

However, the trend toward filming best sellers, regardless of the racial angle, portends much work for hundreds of hungry colored performers. "Well, I'm not saying that I'm a great outfielder now, but I can play left or right field pretty good. They picked me for right field in the International League all-star game last year and I don't think it was just for my hitting. Of course, it's true that I was hitting like a house afire." Wilson is supremely confident about his hitting. "I can hit any kinda way," he said. "I believe I could wake up in December and hit. I just know I'm a good hitter, and I don't think there's anybody who can get me out. I can hit the best of them and I can hit anything they throw." The point of this essay is, what team can use a good hitter? At least, Wilson deserves a genuine opportunity to prove whether or not he is, say, half the hitter he thinks he is. If the Dodgers don't want to give him that chance, maybe some other major league team would be interested. We know quite a few which could use another good hitter.

## Harry Belafonte 'Pack 'Em In' At The Latin Casino

PHILADELPHIA (ANP) — Continuing a record-breaking tour that finds him the biggest single attraction in show business today, balladeer Harry Belafonte took this city by storm at his opening at the Latin Casino last Thursday night. A turnaway crowd of 800 witnessed one of the most inspiring performances in local night club history and showed its appreciation as never before. It was fitting tribute to the brilliance of Belafonte who did what few other artists have done in this city — completely endeared the audience to him. There was absolute silence as Belafonte opened with "Did You Hear About Jerry", then "Scarlet Ribbons" and "John Henry." Not until he called for the audience to sing the choruses to "When The Saints Go Marching In" and "Maldita" was there a sound other than that of his expressive voice. With still more that a week remaining, Belafonte has broken several Casino records. The first went by the books when he sold out six nights only two days after his coming was announced last January. He topped this off by making it a complete sellout two weeks before opening night. It is the first time the Casino has ever been sold out in advance. Aromatic tobacco of satisfactory quality is now being produced in Piedmont and Mountain counties of North Carolina.



ACCUSED OF STOCK FRAUD — Norman Skinner, shown in the days when he was a Columbia University basketball star, has been barred from dealing in securities in New York because he allegedly attempted a \$200,000 stock fraud. Thirty-year-old Skinner, who captained the Columbia team in the 1945-50 season, may have possible criminal charges brought against him as a result of a reported phony company Skinner set up in his New York City home to bill investors. Skinner is accused of issuing a prospectus in which he claimed that his "Elabor Corporation" had obtained timber, coffee, and cocoa rights from the Government of Liberia. It had no basis in fact. — United Press Photo From Files).

CHICAGO — (ANP) — Billy Harrell is the leading candidate for the open third base job for the Cleveland Indians. But the Tribe manager, Kerby Farrell, continues to cast doubt on whether the 28-year-old former Siena College basketball star will start the season in that position. Farrell insists that he is not satisfied with Billy's ability to pull the ball. Harrell has been hitting timely and playing sensationally afield. The Indians' top rookie prospect, Larry Raines, was set back in his bid for a regular job when he suffered a toe fracture. Raines had been one of the teams' leading hitters in the spring exhibition games. However, Farrell had found fault with his lack of aggressiveness. Hank Aaron, the National League batting champion in 1956, has indicated that he also might be a home run threat this season. In the first week of exhibition competition, the 23-year-old Milwaukee outfielder powered five home runs. Speaking of home run hitting, Andre Rodgers, topflight rookie candidate for the New York Giants, hit his fourth in an exhibition game Sunday against the Cleveland Indians. Ossie Virgil, another recruit with the Giants, also blasted one. Rodgers has also been starring afield at shortstop. Virgil, after a slow start, has parked up at the plate. The team's best player — Willie Mays, of course — is having a hot spring. Although Mays has hit only two home runs, he has been otherwise raining base hits and is well above the 400 mark. The Chicago Cubs received good news last weekend. The sore shoulder that has been hampering the throwing of Ernie Banks is not regarded as too serious after he underwent medical examinations in Los Angeles. Banks was expected to see action soon. Earl Battey, the 22-year-old catcher who is trying for the third time to stick with the Chicago White Sox, probably will make it this time. Manager Al Lopez is using him frequently in spring training encounters and Battey has responded with a polished job of receiving and handling pitchers and has come through with some good hitting. Larry Doby, the veteran Chicago centerfielder, also is having a fine spring. Bating in the clean-up slot, Doby is driving in a flock of runs. Elliott Coleman, the recruit the Baltimore Orioles picked up from the Birmingham Black Barons, was kept in the Birds' training camp at Scottsdale, Ariz., for closer inspection. He is due to go to Knoxville of the South Atlantic League. Joe Durham, the Birds' rookie outfield candidate, has been impressive at the plate. The Birds have sent out Charley White, a catcher who has failed again to stick in the majors, and Charley Drummond, a pitcher, to the Vancouver club of the Pacific Coast

## "The Stilt" Named MVP

KANSAS CITY, MO. — Wilton Chamberlain, a seven-footer from Philadelphia, Pa., who plays center for Kansas University, was voted the Most Valuable Player in the National Collegiate NCAA Basketball Tournament won by the Tar Heels of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill Saturday night here.

Others on the first team were John Green, Michigan State; Gene Trewer, San Francisco; and Pete Brennan, North Carolina.

## Archie To Sign For Title Bout

NEW YORK (ANP) — Light heavyweight champion Archie Moore called last week was expected to sign to defend his title in June.

Moore will defend against the winner of that fight in the Detroit Olympic, June 7.

## Vinnie Cohen Is First Player To Score 500 Pts.

SYRACUSE, N. Y. (ANP) — Vinnie Cohen, 6'7" senior from Brooklyn, N. Y., became the first Syracuse basketball player to score 500 points in leading the Orange to a berth in the NCAA tournament. In the regular season he tallied 546 points, and average of 24.9 a game. His 1956-57 season total was 1,289, and for his four years, 4,533. He scored 20 points or better in five games this year. Considered a likely pro prospect, Cohen plans to forego the pro play game to enter law school.

He is an outstanding pre-law student at Syracuse.



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