



MAKING A PITCH FOR CATCHING—Dishing out some good advice to a pair of rapt kids in the dugout before the start of an exhibition game with the Philadelphia Phillies in Clearwater, Fla., Brooklyn Dodgers catcher Roy Campanella shows them how a

backstop sets to receive a pitch. The youngsters are all eyes and ears as they listen to Campy, who's confident of bouncing back with a big year in 1957 after a disappointing '56 season. (UNITED PRESS PHOTO.)

Sprinter Jesse Owens Recalls Thrilling Sports Experiences

CHICAGO —(ANP)— Jesse Owens, outstanding track athlete of the half-century, recalled one of the most thrilling experiences in his life — the day that Abe Saperstein of the Harlem Globetrotters and he stood together on that summer day in August, 1951 in the Olympic Stadium of Berlin, Germany.

"That was the very same stadium in which Adolph Hitler refused to shake my hand after the Olympic game victories in 1936," Owens related.

Abe and the Globetrotters had been asked to stage a special performance in the stadium for East and West German youth, to counter the Communist Youth Rally being held at the same time.

Finally, Owens was introduced to the crowd — the largest ever to see a basketball game at any

place in the world — and the Mayor of Berlin said: "I think you should shake your hand today. I offer you both of my hands."

"I think Abe Saperstein's greatest day will be Tuesday, April 23, when leaders from all over the U. S. will honor him at a testimonial dinner in the Grand Ballroom of the Sherman Hotel," he said.

"Abe broke the color line in the American game by signing Leroy Rife for the Cleveland Indians. And he's helping several young Negro entertainers up the stairs to success," Owens related.

The dollars we contribute at Abe's testimonial dinner will

build a lasting tribute to him and the Trotters. But it's typical of Abe that the International Hall to be named in his honor at the City of Hope Medical Center in Duarte, California, will not serve solely as a tribute. Instead it will be a valuable recreation facility to the many patients of the City of Hope, who are being cared for without cost regardless of their religion, color, or place of birth," he added.

figures on the committee to pay tribute to Saperstein. Others include Bill Veck, Hank Greenberg, Jack Dempsey, Joe DiMaggio, Leo Durocher, Ralph Metcalfe, "Duke" Slater, Lou Gordon, Rocky Marciano, Chuck Connors and many others.

SPRING TRAINING NOTES

CHICAGO (ANP) — Rene Valdes, a 22-game winner last season with Portland in the Pacific Coast League, is making a strong bid to win a place on the Brooklyn Dodgers' pitching staff.

The colorful Cuban right-hander, who was late reporting for training at Vero Beach, Fla., twirled hitless ball in his first five innings. He is not yet officially on the Dodger roster, but if he continues to show progress it will be a mere paper transaction to make him a major leaguer.

Bob Wilson, a 300-plus hitter in his minor league career, apparently is not going to get a chance in the majors this season. Wilson, who could supply the Dodgers with strong right-handed pinch-hitting power, was returned to Montreal.

The 26-year-old infielder-outfielder performed for the Royals last year and may be sent to the Los Angeles, Pacific Coast farm club of the Dodgers.

Charlie Neal appears to have the inside track on the second base job for the Dodgers. While he has been unimpressive at the bat, Dodger Manager Walter Alston says:

"I wouldn't set Neal back on what he's shown down here. I think he's a much better hitter than he's indicated."

Another youngster rated a good shot in sticking with a major league team is Joe Van Durham, young service returnee with the Baltimore Orioles. Durham has shown some timely hitting. That, and the fact that he can be carried without being counted on the regular roster, gives him an advantage over some other Oriole young outfield prospects.

The Philadelphia Phillies are

making a pitch for Billy Bruton, fleet outfielder for the Milwaukee Braves. The word at Brandon, Fla., training base for the Braves, is that the Phillies have offered centerfielder Felix Ashburn for Bruton and Felix Mantilla, the young Puerto Rican shortstop.

The Phillies have never had a fan player, but this spring have been using John Kennedy, a rookie purchased from the Kansas City Monarchs.

Burton batted .372 last season. Mantilla played 35 contests and batted .282 for the Braves after being called up from Sacramento in the Pacific Coast League, where he had an average of .272 in 55 games. Felix also can play second or third base.

Don Newcombe's arm stood its first test of the spring when he yielded two hits and no runs in his first outing since pitching in Japan last fall. But Newk figured in the news in another fashion. The Cincinnati Reds reportedly offered seven players to the Dodgers for the big right-hander, but Dodger officials retorted that the proposed trade was "silly."

Willie Mays is showing the way for the New York Giants this spring, as usual. In his first 31 appearances at the plate, Willie blasted out 16 hits, including four homers, for a .516 average.

Andre Rodgers, the sensational Giants' rookie, collected 12 for 33 for a .356 average. He had four homers.

But Ossie Virgil, who has been given a full-fledged trial at third for the Giants, was batting an anemic .200.

Ruben Gomez, the Puerto Rican right-hander, was to get a trial test of his salary wing last weekend. The Giants' pitcher injured his shoulder in outfield spill in winter ball.

"Big Newk" Back In Form, Defeats Phillies 8 To 3

VERO BEACH, Fla. (ANP) — Don Newcombe, the Brooklyn Dodger spring training camp last week there was good news. "Big" Don Newcombe, the Brooklyn 27-game winner last season, was back in form and seemed to have rid himself of the shoulder twinge which plagued him following the World Series.

The fast-ball right-hander put on a convincing performance in an exhibition game at Clearwater, Fla., defeating the Philadelphia Phillies, 8-3. He pitched six of the nine innings and the Brooks backed him up with a solid attack.

Edwin Amos Of Hampton To Compete In Shrine Classic

HAMPTON, VA. (Special) — Edwin Amos, Hampton Institute's veteran cager and All-CIAA performer, will be one of thirteen outstanding CIAA College Seniors who will play the Philadelphia Area College Seniors in the Second Annual Shrine Basketball Classic at the Palestra in Philadelphia, Friday, April 5.

Charles Badger, NCC; Gene Hudson, Morgan; Bob Taylor and Johnny Johnson, Virginia State; and Cliff Ridsick, Delaware State. National Taylor of Maryland State will coach the squad.

Beating The Gun

With the National Basketball Association long and exhausting schedule nearing an end, it's a good time to take a look at the work of Bill Russell, the most highly touted rookie to enter the pro cage ranks in several seasons.

Russell had led the University of San Francisco to two consecutive NCAA titles and the Dons, along the way, compiled the longest college winning streak on record.

Then Russell was a dominating performer as the U. S. team won the Olympic basketball championship in Melbourne.

There was considerable speculation as to whether Russell would join the Harlem Globe Trotters, who gain draft rights to him through a trade, or even play pro basketball at all.

Bill had been offered about \$30,000 a season by Abe Saperstein of the Globetrotters. But he turned it down for a \$17,000 contract with the Celtics. Few players in the NBA have ever received that kind of money for a season's play, certainly none in their first year.

Russell had generated his share of points in college and was a peerless rebounder. But his forte was defense.

The Celtics needed help on defense and sacrificed Ed McCauley, one-time Boston's top attraction, to get him. McCauley, a former high-scoring star for St. Louis University, was traded to the St. Louis Hawks.

Even before Russell joined the Celtics, the fast-breaking Boston five was threatening to run away with the Eastern Division.

The big question was whether or not Russell could help the club. Even though the Celtics were looking like something out of this world, Coach Red Auerbach knew the team could stand some defensive help.

Russell readily admits that the season has been an education to him. In college, he scored easily from under the basket. In addition to his height, he was an exceptionally good high jumper, having cleared 6-foot-8 in track meets. Many of his points came in on tips, from high passes under the hoop and dunk shots.

Against expert professional opposition, this type of scoring was much more difficult. Pros are pretty rough under the boards. But Russell was hired essentially as a scorer — although he has made his share of points. He was acquired for his remarkable defensive ability and his almost equal rebounding skill in snaring rebounds.

Integration Of Nashville's Courses Stays

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (ANP) — A federal judge has upheld an earlier ruling opening Nashville municipal golf courses to Negroes.

In upholding the order, Judge William Miller, in a recent action, rejected the bid of 11 Nashville citizens, who sought to have a previous ruling by the late Judge Elmer Davies reversed. They had contended that the previous hearing should have been a three-judge federal court.

However, Judge Miller rejected their plea and made Judge Davies' order permanent.

Timmie Rogers Scores On The Gleason Show

NEW YORK —(ANP)— Comedian Timmie Rogers romped home the winner when he appeared on the Jackie Gleason Show here last Saturday (CBS-TV) with a diamond-studded cast of entertainers including Sarah Vaughan, Count Basie, Kathryn Grayson, Dick Haynes, Leo De Lyon and Joe Williams. The show was a well-balanced mixture of music and songs and comedy, and from all accounts Timmie Rogers drew the major part of the comedy role although he had to work hard with Leo DeLyon on the show.

The young comedian, who is also appearing as the star of his own night club musical "No Time For Squares" at Club Elegants, is now being groomed for a European tour by the William Morris Agency.

Francisco, recently recalled that his prize graduate blocked as many as 23 shots.

Whether any of them would have dropped through the hoop is beside the point.

"Actually," said Woolpert, "it's difficult to measure Bill's defensive value because much of it is psychological — a shooter hurrying a shot he should not take in order to avoid him or not taking one he should take."

This peculiar talent has stood him in good stead in pro competition. One evening he held Neil Johnston, the high scoring Philadelphia Warrior, scoreless for 38 minutes.

He usually is among the leaders in hauling down rebounds and no doubt would have been challenging Maurice Stokes, the Rochester Royals' star, for league leadership had he performed the full course of the season.



JUAN MAY MAKE THE GRADE — Juan Pizarro, Milwaukee Braves' rookie, throws hard to Stan Masial in game between St. Louis Cardinals and Braves March 24th. Pizarro, who may make the Braves' staff, is from San Yacoe, Puerto Rico. He pitched five good innings in the game and allowed Cardinals only one run. (UNITED PRESS PHOTO.)

BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

CHICAGO —(ANP)— Bradley (Bobby Joe Mason, Joe McDade, Shellie McMillon and Curly Johnson) won the National Invitation Tournament in New York City, and Kansas (Will Chamberlain and Maurice King) lost a heart-breaking triple overtime game to North Carolina for the National Collegiate Athletic Association title in Kansas City.

McMillon, a 20-year-old junior from Chicago, made a 3-point play in the last 30 seconds to give Bradley a hair-raising 84 to 83 victory over Memphis State for the NIT championship.

A howling gathering of 11,327 in Madison Square Garden was kept on tenterhooks as the lead in the wild and woolly game saw-sawed back and forth in the closing minutes of the game.

McMillon tipped in a shot in a frantic scramble underneath the hoop and was hacked on the play. He calmly stepped to the foul line and cashed in the free throw.

Mason, the 6-2 sophomore from Centralia, who is destined to become one of college basketball's great stars before his career is over, led the Braves with 22 points and played a sterling floor game. McMillon tallied 17, second highest for the Braves.

Kansas lost to the Tar Heels in one of the most dramatic fashions imaginable. North Carolina was ranked tops in the nation and Kansas second.

The regulation game ended 46 to 46. Both teams scored 24 goals in the first overtime. With Chamberlain registering for 22 Jayhawks. The second extra period believe it or not, was scoreless.

Then came the nerve-racking final five minutes. The Tar Heels scored four quick points. Chamberlain got in for a short show scored and was fouled on the play. He made it a 3-point play.

Kansas held a 1-point lead after King scored on a foul and a teammate also tallied from the free throw line. With 28 seconds left, the Tar Heels

moved in to try to score, but Chamberlain blocked two field goal attempts. However, in the scramble King was charged with fouling Joe Quigg. The Tar Heel sank two foul shots. With only six seconds left, the Jayhawks called time out.

When play resumed, they moved the ball across the time line and took one last fling at the basket. The ball hit the front of the rim and bounced into the hands of a North Carolina player as the final buzzer sounded.

Chamberlain scored 23 points to lead the pointmakers. King had 11 points.

During the tension-packed second overtime, a mild uprising broke out on the floor for Chamberlain and Pete Brennan, a North Carolina player, came in contact. They swapped words and were restrained by other players.

Spectators milled on the floor, but police broke up the gathering. Later, North Carolina's Tommy Kearns and Kansas' Gene Eistun came together on the floor and another fight appeared in the offing. But the situation changed quickly when Chamberlain went over and slapped both boys on the back.

North Carolina gained the final round by beating Michigan State, 74 to 70 in another triple overtime contest. Johnny Green, the Spartans' sophomore center, played a masterful defensive game and rebounded furiously. He also scored 11 points.

Kansas won a comparatively easy 86 to 66 victory over the defending champion San Francisco in their semi-finals. Chamberlain again led the way with 32 points, while King scored 13.

For the Dons, Art Day, the junior center from Chicago, had nine points, and Gene Brown, junior scored 10.

In the battle for third place, Brown (22 points) and Day (12) led the Dons to a 67 to 60 win over Michigan State. The Dons moved ahead to stay after Green (9) went out on personals.

Cage Committee Revises Rules, But Famous "Dunk Shot" Stays

KANSAS CITY (ANP) — The National Basketball Committee, several changes to the college and amateur playing rules, but the one most frequently debated prevailed here, last week, pushed through

That is the famous "Dunk Shot," popularized by Bill Russell, former collegiate, and "Wilt the Stilt" Chamberlain of the University of Kansas.

The closest the committee came to outlawing it, as was predicted, was when it pushed through a revision aimed at goal tending. The new rule provides that players other than the shooter will not be permitted to touch the ball on the rim or directly above the basket.

In other actions, the committee (1) adopted the Big Ten's modified free throw plan, (2) revised the penalty for a double foul, and (3) changed the throw-in rule from the end zones.

The new free throw rule provides that for the first six times a team fouls opposing players—unless the opponents are in the act of shooting or on other two-shot fouls—the fouled player will get only one shot.

In each half, on the seventh common foul, the player will get a bonus shot if he makes the attempt.

This rule applies to college and amateur Athletic Union teams alike.

In revising the double foul rule, the committee provides that on such fouls the free throw will be eliminated and the ball returned to the center of the court for a jump off. Each team will have the right to select its jumper.

The throw-in rule has been revised to permit the ball to be put in play from any position at either end of the court instead of from a 12-foot area under the net.

"The Divine One" To Sing At Waldorf-Astoria Hotel

NEW YORK (ANP) — The swanky Waldorf-Astoria hotel has reportedly signed singer Sarah Vaughan to headline her own show in their Empire Room, rated the nation's top supper club.

Although formal announcement hasn't been made of the pacting, it was learned that Willard Alexander, her booking agent, has wrapped up the deal after a series of conferences with talent buyers for the hotel.

George Treadwell, Miss Vaughan's personal manager, has ordered her a new wardrobe in excess of \$6,000 for what he considers an engagement that caps her star-studded career which he has guided since she turned professional 11 years ago.

Although in the past the Waldorf has booked singers like Home, Balafront, Bailey and Dandridge, this is the first time that they have signed a strictly jazz and pop singer who is more

of a stylist than a showman like the others.

Dave Mann Signs With Cardinals

CHICAGO (ANP) — Dave Mann, shifty halfback with the Chicago Cardinals Football team, last week signed his third professional contract with the Redbirds.

Mann made a big splash with the Cardinals as a freshman but fell somewhat short of expectations the past two seasons. Nevertheless Ray Richards, the coach, was elated over the signing. He said he hopes to use Mann's pass-catching ability to good advantage.

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