

Jackie Picks Dodgers, Yankees To Win Pennants



NEW ROUND — Welterweight Vince Martinez of Paterson, N. J., shakes hands with lightweight Ralph Dupas (left) as the latter arrived at City Court, April 2, to seek an injunction that would halt Louisiana Boxing Commission hearings on charges that Dupas is a

Negro and therefore ineligible to fight whites in the state. At right is Martinez's trainer, Whitey Blumstein, while second from left is Dupas' manager, W. Esneault. State Judge Rene Viosca refused to grant the injunction. The fight is scheduled for April 8. (UNITED PRESS TELEPHOTO).

Former Star Says Success Of Bums Rests On Reese, Snider

PHILADELPHIA — The New York Yankees and the Brooklyn Dodgers will be repeat winners in the American and National Leagues in 1957, former Dodger star Jackie Robinson said here this week.

Robinson said the Yankees are almost certain to win the American League title, followed by Chicago, Cleveland and Detroit in that order. But he indicated the success of his former Brooklyn teammates will depend on the play of Poe Wee Reese and Duke Snider.

The former Brooklyn infielder, now a New York restaurant chain executive, rates the Milwaukee Braves and Cincinnati Reds as being the Dodgers' he said in the

April 13 issue of TV GUIDE. Surprisingly, he picks the Pittsburgh Pirates to finish in fourth place, basing it chiefly on Bobby Beegan's managerial ability.

The Yankees have clear sailing in the American League, Robinson believes, "they help themselves everytime they make a deal. They're concerned about Mickey Mantle's knee but Mantle himself doesn't seem worried. And don't forget Yogi Berra. After the way he beat us in the Series last year, I respect him more than any other player," he said.

"Brooklyn has men like Clem Line, Don Bessant and Ed Roebuck in the bullpen. That's what makes a ball club," the ex-Dodger observed.

While many observers regard Caterer Roy Campanella as the main performer in the Brooklyn attack, Robinson has other views. "Campey is not the key man, it's Duke Snider. I base that on the fact that if Snider hit well last year, we won. When he was in a slump we lost."

This is the way Robinson sees the final standings in both leagues:

NATIONAL LEAGUE	AMERICAN LEAGUE
Brooklyn	New York
Milwaukee	Chicago
Cincinnati	Pittsburgh
St. Louis	Detroit
New York	Boston
Philadelphia	Washington
Cleveland	Los Angeles



KEY CIAA PERSONNEL — Dr. Thomas P. Frazer, Professor of Science Education at Morgan State College, is author of the CIAA A-1 to Athletics Committee 43 article ceiling plan. The Frazer proposal will be discussed between representatives and members of the Council of CIAA Presidents before arriving at final decision regarding CIAA Aid to Athletics.

Milwaukee Fans Laud Pitching Of Juan Pizarro As A Future Great

MILWAUKEE —(ANP)— Young Juan Pizarro might not make it this year with the Milwaukee Braves, but there is one thing for sure - he's going to one season.

There is no question but that this talented Puerto Rican southpaw, with only one year of organized baseball behind him, has the pitching equipment to become a genuine major league star.

Pizarro, who won't be 20 until Feb. 7, turned in a glittering performance last season with the Jacksonville (Fla.) club in the South Atlantic League. In the Class A competition, he completed 27 of 31 starts for a 23-won 6-lost record. He hurled six shutouts and struck out at least 10 batters in 15 of his 31 contests. He retired 21 Charlotte batters on strikes in a 1-to-0 12-inning victory early in the season.

Two months later, he registered 20 strike-outs against Macon in a 9-inning, 3-to-0 triumph.

In pitching 274 innings, allowing 74 runs, 149 hits, 114 bases on balls and striking out 318, Pizarro compiled a glossy earned run mark of 1.77, one of the lowest in organized baseball. He was named the league's Most Valuable Player.

With these pitching credentials, it was little wonder that the Braves wanted to have a look at Pizarro in spring training. The club members told that in 1954, Hank Aaron, the National League batting champion, had proved that winning the MVP in the same league was no fluke. Aaron made it with the Braves in his first shot.

Joe Louis Files \$250,000 Suit Against Tony Galento

NEW YORK (ANP)—A \$250,000 slander suit charging defamation of character has been filed against Tony Galento, former heavyweight contender, by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Louis in Supreme Court here.

The suit resulted from remarks Galento allegedly made about the former "Brown Bomber" on Mike Wallace's "Night Beat" television show recently. It lists Galento, Wallace and WAED-TV as co-defendants.

Galento was charged with defamation of character by slandering and libel in the position, and Louis' attorney, William Rainey of New York said that time recordings of the show would be introduced as evidence.

Galento is reported to have said that Louis was "a peshover who should have been flected if (Galento) hadn't been pressured into fighting him earlier than scheduled." He was referring to his heavy-weight championship fight with Louis June 25, 1937, in which he knocked him out in four rounds.

Tony is also reported to have cast suspicion on Louis' integrity by saying "I wouldn't be surprised if Louis himself didn't have something to do with arranging that premature fight."

Galento, who now runs a bar in Jersey, was a swashbuckling challenger in his heyday. One of his frequent comments about his opponents was "I'll moider the bum."

Called "Two Ton" Tony because of his hugeness, Galento directed the usual barbs at Louis prior to the fight.

However, although he scored a surprise knockdown, he was battered by Louis in the bout. Louis netted \$114,332 from the fight.

NNL Moguls Meet In Memphis, April 13

MEMPHIS —(ANP)— The owners of the Negro National League will meet here Friday, April 13 in what could be one of the most important meetings held by the moguls in the past six years.

Last month the owners held their regular annual winter meeting here, and at that time two men - Willie Davis of Mobile, Ala., and Jim Williams of Jacksonville, Fla. applied for franchises in the league.

After listening to statements from the two applicants, the owners asked them to return here this week for the meeting, and forward certified checks of \$700 each to the President. This would cover certain financial obligations.

If Williams, who owns the Jacksonville Eagles, and Davis, owner of the Mobile Bears, comply with the requirements and are accepted as owners in the league, this will bring the teams in the League to six, the first time that number

of teams has been in the NAL since 1953.

However, Dr. J. B. Martin, president of the League, said he had not received a check from Williams and this had caused him some concern as the Jacksonville owner had promised to mail the check.

At present, there are four teams in the league - Kansas City Monarchs, Detroit Stars, Memphis Red Sox, and Birmingham Black Barons.

Ted Rasher, owner of the Kansas City Monarchs, has named a new field manager for the 1957 season. William (Dixie) Dismukes, associated with the Monarchs for a long number of years as secretary, has been named pilot, replacing Jelly Taylor who guided the team last year.

Other pilots in the league are: Jim Canady, Birmingham; Homer (Goose) Curry, Memphis Red Sox; and Ed Steele of the Detroit Stars.

Pitcher Charlie Beamon Brightens Orioles' Hopes

SCOTTSDALE, ARIZ. (ANP)— The Baltimore Orioles have a \$50,000 investment in Charlie Beamon and the 22-year-old right-hander has displayed talents that might produce remarkable dividends.

The sinkerball specialist is the brightest mound prospect to be acquired by the Orioles in many seasons. Manager Paul Richards is predicting a 15-game winning season for the young filinger who has had only four seasons of professional experience.

Late last season, Beamon came to the Orioles with a 32-won, 6-just record and a 2.97 earned run mark after hurling for the last-place Vancouver club in the Pacific Coast League.

His first assignment was enough to awe any pitcher, rookie or veteran. He was called upon to face Whitey Ford, of the New York Yankees, who was trying for his 20th win of the season. Ford still is looking for that 20th victory.

All the 195-pound, 6-1 youngster from Oakland, Calif., did was shut out the Yankees, 1-to-0, limiting the feared Bronx Bombers to

four singles. Beamon later picked up his second victory in relief against the Washington Senators.

"All Beamon needs is polish," said Oriole pitching coach, Harry Brecheen, during the early portion of spring training. "He has all the tools to be a winner this year - fast arm, smooth motion, good control and a stable temperament. His sinker is his most effective pitch. He also can throw a slider change-up, fast ball and curve. Most important, is that he knows just where each is going."

Beamon, for his own part, has quiet confidence but is not going out on the limb predicting that he'll be a sensation. He says he'll be satisfied with 10 victories.

Major league scouts first wanted to have a look at Beamon back in 1955 when he won 18 straight games for the Stockton club of the California State League. He was the property of the Oakland team, which was later shifted to Vancouver.

When Oakland called him up, he responded with a 4-hit, 1-to-0 shut-out over Portland.



"SUGAR" STAYS IN TRIM — Skipping rope in agile style, former middleweight champion Sugar Ray Robinson works up a sweat during a training session at Harry Wiley's gym in New York, April 3rd. Robinson is scheduled to battle current middleweight champ Gene Fulmer in a title bout in Chicago, May 1st. (UNITED PRESS PHOTO).

Beating The Gun

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Down in Dallas the other week, fate fans tossed cushions and coins on the basketball floor. The following week in Kansas City there was another spectator demonstration, with fans milling on the court about the players, coaches and officials.

It would be unfair to say that Wilt Chamberlain, the great Kansas Basketball player, caused both of these outbreaks. But the fact is that he innocently contributed to them.

In Dallas, Kansas eliminated the ill-fated Southern Methodist University, a home town team, from the NCAA sectional basketball tourney. Chamberlain scored 32 points, rebounded brilliantly and defended well so he was the ball of the fans' resentment after SMU had been defeated.

In Kansas City, in a tense battle between North Carolina and Kansas for the NCAA title, Chamberlain and Pete Brennan, of the Tar Heels, came in contact. The two players exchanged heated words, but restrained.

Both coaches - Frank McGuire, of North Carolina, and Dick Harp of Kansas - rushed on the floor. So did reserves and hundreds of the 10,500 spectators. There was pushing and yelling, but the demonstration was brought under control without too much difficulty.

Later, when another Tar Heel and Jayhawk came together on the floor and another fight appeared in the making, the situation changed quickly when Chamberlain went over and slapped both boys on the back.

These incidents serve to illustrate what a towering figure the 7-foot Chamberlain is in college basketball - and I don't mean his height. Psychologically, he cuts a big deal.

Of the Dallas' display, Harp said: "We do not feel this crowd was any worse than some of the others we have played before this season."

His point was that because of Chamberlain, the Jayhawks have become easy targets of fan resentment, especially when the home team gets a wallop as happened in 24 out of 27 Kansas games.

"I do feel that the game is in great danger," Harp said, "if the situation is not corrected. It is a dire-circumstance but I want to make it clear that I am not specific about the Dallas crowd."

This psychological complex about Chamberlain has not been the fault of the fans strictly. Some coaches have it. Of course, it was their business to contrive the best defenses possible against the 10-year-old court wizard. Some went to extremes and, in some instances, enjoyed some success.

But it's ridiculous for any of them to say that officials gave

Wilt the better of it. After Kansas best Oklahoma City University at home in a 77-66 victory, Chamberlain cracked "it was the toughest crowd I've ever faced this year."

A putrid aftermath of the game at Al Lightner, a Salem Ore., sports writer and game official, charged that

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Art Hicks, Cage Ace, To Notre Dame

PHOENIX —(ANP)— Coach Art Williams of St. Elizabeth's 1957 all-city championship high school basketball team, revealed last week that Art Hicks, team's center and one star, will enroll at the University of Notre Dame.

He said Hicks, 6 foot 5 inch jump shot and, received offers from 50 colleges, including a fabulous bid from Boston Hall. He did not elaborate on the Boston Hall offer. Boston Hall is the school which produced Walter Dukes, a former college basketball star.

Hicks said he was sure to enroll at a Catholic school, with the choice being between Peter Dome and Boston Hall. Enrolling at the South Bend, Ind. school also is teammate Prefontaine Thompson.

After winning the Catholic League title, St. Elizabeth journeyed to St. Louis and captured the national high school championship. The team then returned to Phoenix and defeated Crane Tech for the all-city title.

Letters of course, denied it. Now, OCU officials threaten an apology from Lightner. OCU, the officials said, had fan students, including some on the school's basketball team.

We hope Lightner is field

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