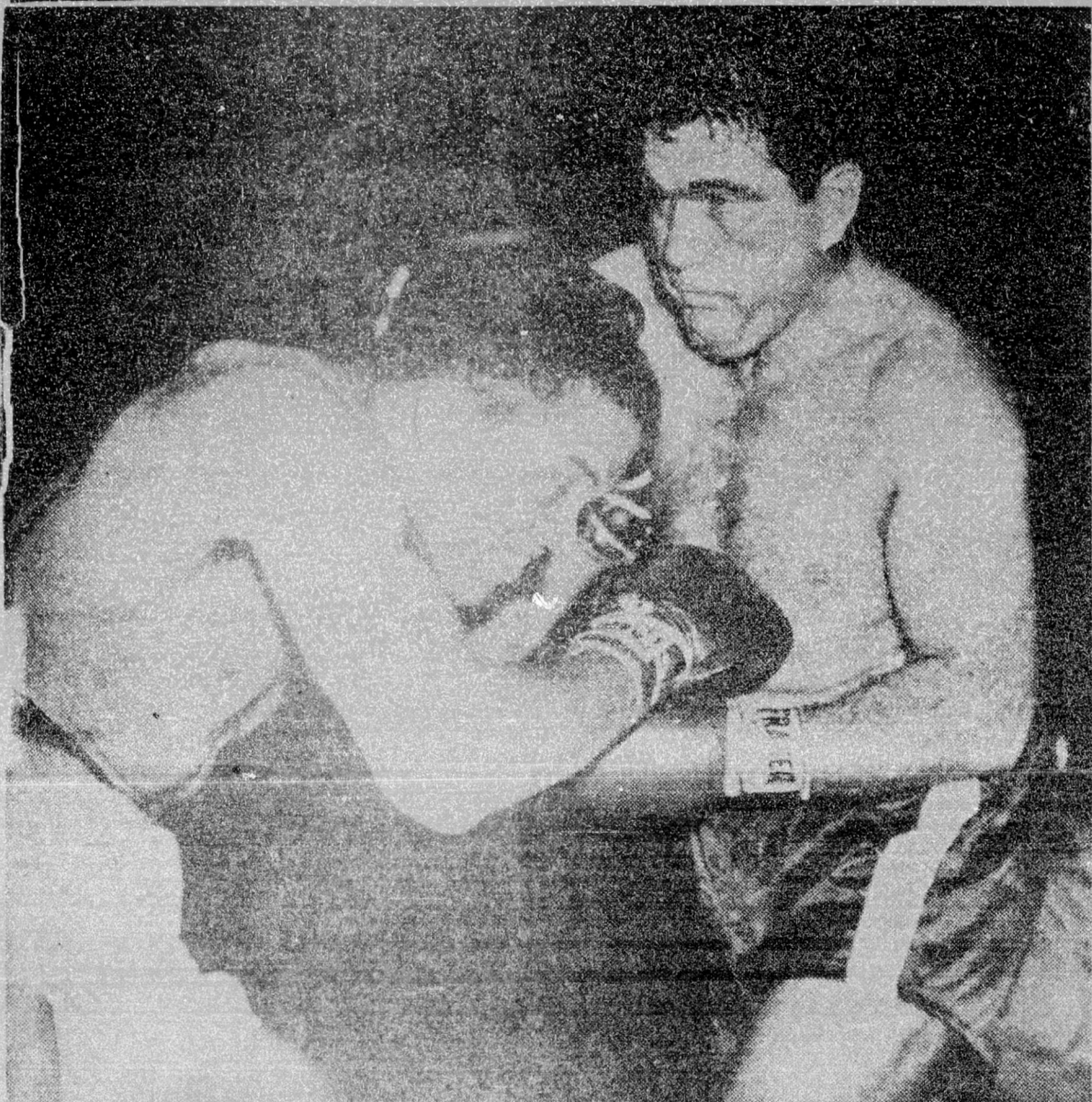


# "Sugar" Ray Turns Down July Title With Basilio



**MACHEN BEATS MAXIM** — Joey Maxim (in left) old and somewhat flabby ex-light heavyweight champ, huffs and puffs during exchanges of blows with Eddie Machen during feature bout in Louisville, Ky., recently. Young Machen, second ranking heavyweight contender, won a unanimous decision. (UNITED PRESS PHOTO.)

## Former Tennis Star Of Yesteryears Is Now Living In Virtual Obscurity

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — In a small, inconspicuous North Philadelphia apartment, lives one of the greatest women athletes America has known. Her name, forgotten by most who see her in action and known by few today, is Ora Washington.

Miss Washington was outstanding in tennis and basketball for many years in Philadelphia area. Her fame spread until she became a national and almost legendary figure. Now, at the age of 35, she lives a quiet, lonely existence. Few of her neighbors know the brilliant past that has been hers. Only those who recall having seen her play, and the family for which she works know of her greatness.

If history were able to recall itself and the tennis world could have seen fit to drop its racial barriers 31 years ago, Philadelphia's distinction of honoring Miss Washington as the "Queen of the Philadelphia World" probably has the national women's singles title and the women who hold the crown longer than any other in America's history.

The brilliant star began her career in 1924 at the residence of an instructor at the German-

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## "I Have Mental Blocks About Fights On Hot Nights:" Ray

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Sugar Ray Robinson last week rejected an offer to defend his middleweight crown against Carmen Basilio, current welterweight champion, in July. He told Jim Morris, president of the International Boxing club, that he would rather defend in September.

Robinson gave a tangible reason. He doesn't want to chance fighting on an extremely hot night. "It could be real hot then (in July)," he pointed out. He added, "I have a mental block about fight on hot nights ever since the Joey Maxim fight. If we make the fight, it will have to be in September." Sugar collapsed from heat pro-



**CHAMP'S BIRTHDAY BLOW** — Sugar Ray Robinson and his wife, Edna Mae, blow out the candles on the champ's birthday cake, at a party in Ray's Harlem bar recently. There were four candles on the cake, one for each time he regained the middleweight crown. The 37-year-old fighter hints that he may call it quits. (Newspress Photo.)

## Clowns' Hurler Pitches No-Hitter

**WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP)** — The Indianapolis Clowns last week had most of the fun at Connie Mack Field but pitcher Franks was all business as he set the barnstorming New York Black Yankees down without a hit, although they did manage to get a run in the fifth in a 3-1 verdict.

Franks fanned eight Yanks, but had his wild moments, walking eight. Three of the walks loaded

the bases in the fifth inning and the run scored on a wild pitch.

Clown catcher Clarence Coleman got two hits in three trips off Al Jefferson, and Nature-boy Williams, barefoot hitting first sacker of the Funnymen, had a perfect night with a triple, two bases on balls and was hit by a pitched ball.

Headlining the Funnymen are Clown Ed Hamman and ageless King Tut. Other razz characters include Tut's stooge, Spee Bepp, and the grass-skirted Nature-boy Williams.

This Sunday afternoon, May 12, the Indianapolis Clowns again face the Black Yankees at Roush Rock Park, Bessemer, Ala. The contest sets under way at 2 p.m.

## At The Ringside

**BY CHARLES J. LIVINGSTON FOR AP**

**AN HONORABLE STAND**

There were times in the past when this column had been at variance with the National Boxing Association. On occasion we have accused the NBA of being unduly severe in its treatment of certain fighters and noticeably lenient to others. In such cases, we charged the association was quick to suspend but slow to defend.

However, in this instance the Ringside finds itself wholly in accord with the NBA. The agreement centers on a recently adopted NBA resolution condemning the State of Louisiana ban on mixed athletic activities, and in particular, interracial boxing bouts. The NBA resolution, passed last November calls for stringent action to counteract the ban and urges the boxers themselves to reject the Jim Crow law.

Abe J. Greene, commissioner of the NBA, spelled the spirit of the resolution in an address before a Patterson, N. J. service club recently. He said he is advocating that ALL American boxers avoid signing for matches in the state of Louisiana. To us, Greene, as the chief spokesman for the NBA, is in effect saying that boxers should boycott the state. He is leaving it up to the fighters themselves—Negroes and whites—to lead the fight but his organization is behind them. On the NBA level, Greene pledges to press for implementation and enforcement of the resolution at the next meeting of the executive committee. In short, the NBA has declared war on the Jim Crow edict.

The NBA's ultimate goal is a financial freeze out. In this way it believes it can free boxing in the state. It hopes to set a pattern for other truly American sports organizations to follow. In this regard, the boxing group is in the vanguard of the fight for fair play and racial justice. And in leading the fight, it is serving the best interest of all athletes and the overwhelming majority of fair-minded lovers of sports.

This is a noteworthy development. For here is a powerful organization, the NBA operates in 47 states throughout the United States, rallying on the side of justice and marshaling its forces throughout the land. It could even become significant. It could result in a nationwide trend by similar organizations and civic groups which could bury the Louisiana law in an avalanche of protests.

One cannot compare the noble NBA stand with the weak-kneed state of the Texas League, which gave acquiescence to the Louisiana law ruling that the league's other seven clubs drop their Negro players when playing Shreveport in Louisiana. By that ruling the Texas League showed that it had deserted the cause of fair play and justice. It permitted one team to dictate to the entire league and sacrificed the interests of its players for an undignified truce with the advocates of racism.

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## Honors Are Divided At Tuskegee Relays

**TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala. (AP)** — Honors were evenly distributed in the 51st annual Tuskegee Relays held here before a chilled crowd in the Alumni Bowl recently. Xavier University of New Orleans topped top honors in the two-mile college relay for the third straight year to win the Allen W. Grambell trophy as crowd-enthusiasm to the photo-finish between Lloye Jeff, Xavier anchor man and Matthew Gilbert, Florida speedster.

The New Orleans college also edged Grambling for first honors in the spring medley.

Alabama State College, Montgomery, scored impressively when Blanton Owens broke the tape first in the historic Moten Mile and John Lewis streaked home first in the 440-yard run.

Houston — Tillison College, Austin, Tex., spread eagled the field to take the gold medal in the high hurdles.

In the women's sports day carnival, talent-laden Tennessee State of Nashville won for the fourth straight year with a total of 145. Tuskegee placed second with 114. Alabama State ranked third with 88, and Grambling was fourth with 40.



**T-O-MAN TEAM** — Redlegs' third baseman Don Hoak (left) with a grand slam homer, and teammate George Crowe, with two home runs, give each other credit for winning Cincinnati's night ball game with the Dodgers in Brooklyn, May 8th by a score of 7-6. Hoak slammed his in the eighth inning breaking a 3-3 tie. Crowe accounted for the Redlegs' first three runs with his fourth and fifth circuit circuits of the season. Cinicy has won nine ball games in a row. (UNITED PRESS PHOTO.)

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**"Sugar" Hart Beats Wilson, Wants W. Byars**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — After easily defeating Al (Sugar) Wilson of New Jersey in a dull bout at St. Nicholas Arena here, Philadelphia welterweight Garnett (Sugar) Hart, still smarting from his recent loss to Walter Byars of Massachusetts, offered to fight Byars and three of the top welter contenders, winner take all.

Hart issued the challenge through manager Merv Stein in his dressing room after the win over Wilson last week. He said he would fight Byars, Tony DeMarco, Indian George Ortega and Isaac Logan anytime, but suggested Camden, N. J. as the site.

Byars win over Hart, the overwhelming favorite in that bout, catapulted him into national prominence and won him a place among the 10 contenders. Hart had a winning streak of 21 victories before Byars exploded his bubble.

Last week Hart went all out to stop Wilson, but failed. He faltered because the New Jersey boxer shied away from fighting. He seemed intent only on lasting the full 10 rounds. Wilson buried his chin between his shoulders and held his hands high to protect his chin, and did little leading. He won only one round — the ninth — and that solely because Hart was penalized for hitting low.

When the decision was announced, the slim crowd of 1,325, that paid \$2,865.79 to see the bout, booed Wilson.

**Anderson And Davis '57 Co-Captains At Kittrell**

**KITTRELL** — Louis Anderson, a plucky sophomore and a standout on the 1956 championship team and Samuel Davis, junior who is stepping in this capacity will lead the Kittrell team College "Bull-dogs" in the 1957 football campaign.

Both Anderson and Davis had from Richmond, Va., and proved quite valuable last season as regular. Davis chosen as co-captain for first year in a 3-3, 115-pound guard. Davis called the line signals in addition to playing both offense and defense.

Anderson, a 6-2, 180-pound end contributed equally on offense and defense. On offense after receiving passes he could easily be mistaken for a back.

Kittrell who will lose only one regular through graduation will open the gridiron season against Morristown College of Morristown, Tennessee on September 21, 1957 at Kittrell.

**Doby Hits First Homer, Sox Lose**

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Larry Doby, the Chicago White Sox centerfielder, last week unloaded his first home run of the 1957 season into the Sox bullpen at Comiskey Park, as his teammates fought an uphill battle, finally losing to the Boston Red Sox 4-3.

It was noted that Doby's first homer, which came in the White Sox home half of the ninth inning with a man out, put him well ahead of his '56 schedule. Larry didn't hit his first homer last season until mid-June.

Despite Doby's blast, however, the White Sox went down to their fourth straight loss, as Red Sox pitcher, Tom Brewer, beat them on three hits before 25,953 stunned fans.

Prior to the Boston game, the Pate Huss had dropped three straight decisions to the New York Yankees, thus surrendering their first place berth.

Ted Williams, the Boston controversial slugger, was the big gun in last week's contest. He drove in three runs in two official times at the plate, and belted a two-run homer in the sixth inning to provide the Red Sox victory cushion.

**Hampton Institute Awards To Outstanding Athletes**

**HAMPTON, VA.** — Forty-eight athletes at Hampton Institute will be honored with a banquet and a special assembly program during the college's annual observance of Varsity Day on Thursday, May 16.

J. Vander Barr, Dean of Athletics, Frank and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., will be the speaker during the special All-Campus Assembly in Open Hall at 3 P. M., preceded by the banquet at 5 in Cleveland Dining Hall.

Sponsored by the Hampton Institute Athletic Committee and Athletic Department, the opening program will include remarks by the members of the five varsity teams and Harry R. Jefferson, Head Football Coach and Athletic Director.

In addition to the awarding of the varsity monograms, a special feature of the evening will be the presentation of the Townsend Trophy, the most important team honor in H.I. football player can win, and the Varsity Club Award, which goes to the top Pirate athlete of the year.

**LETTERMEN** — Herbert Bailey, Suffolk, Va.; George Brown (Capt.), Baltimore; Clyde Clark, San Antonio, Tex.; James Foster, East Orange, N. J.; Edward Henderson, Hackensack, N. J.; Albert Jackson, East Chicago, Ind.; James Long (Mgr.), Winston-Salem, N. C.; William Patrick, Washington, D. C.; Louis Shackelford, Cosopolis, Pa.; Alvin Smith, Richmond, Va.; Beverly Serrill, Washington, D. C.; Charles Strayhorn, Trenton, N. C.; Sanford Wilson, East Chicago, Ind.; and Adrien Nelson, Bambridge, Ga.

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**Celtics Down All-Stars**

**HONOLULU, T. H. (AP)** — The Boston Celtics, who with Bill Russell captured the National Basketball Association championship, last week defeated the NBA All-Stars, 115 to 103, in the first of their four-game Hawaiian exhibition series.

The two teams battled to a 55 to 35 half-time score, and the score was tied five times in the third period. Jim Luskutoff, who was top scorer in the game with 20 points, put the Celtics out in front for good with a layup shot late in the third period.

A crowd of 3,600 watched the hard-fought contest.

**Big 'Newk' Wins**

**BROOKLYN (AP)** — "Big" Don Newcombe, the strongman of the Brooklyn Dodgers pitching staff, last week turned in a fine pitching performance in beating the St. Louis Cardinals, 6-0, for second season's victory.

**2 N. C. Teams Included On Hampton's Gridiron Slate**

**HAMPTON, Va.** — The Hampton Institute football team will play nine Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association foes during the 1957 season, it was announced today by retiring athletic director and football coach, Harry R. Jefferson.

The Pirates won two and tied one, completing a ten-game schedule last year. Maryland State Col-

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