

# 'Sugar' Ray Robinson Again Threatens Break With International Boxing Club

NEW YORK (AP) — For the second time in recent months, 'Sugar' Ray Robinson has threatened to break with the International Boxing Club, under whose auspices he retained the middleweight championship.



TWO ON THE AISLE LAND — At the premiere of "Island in the Sun," a new film, Mrs. Harry Belmont, wife of one of the picture stars, looks at the program with versatile entertainer Harry Belmont, Jr., at the RKO Theatre, New York, June 13th. The premiere, a star-studded affair, inaugurated New York's 1937 summer festival. (UPI Press Photo.)

## Ruben Gomez Completes Circuit; Beats Every Team In His League

NEW YORK (AP) — Ruben Gomez, the New York Giants' first pitcher, last week became the first pitcher in the National League to achieve the distinction of defeating every team in the league. The lilted, tan Puerto Rican posted his eighth victory against only three losses in thrashing the Chicago Cubs, 5 to 1, at Polo Grounds last week.

## Annual Original All-Star Game At Winston-Salem

WINSTON-SALEM — The South's Annual All-Star Baseball Classic will be staged at the Long Shoals Field and the District of Columbia July 8th. The committee will meet on June 29 to select a manager who will pilot the South team in the classic. The classic has been held at Memorial Stadium in Greensboro, N. C., since 1937.

The committee is making plans to entertain sports fans from all over the Southern States and as far East as Washington, D. C. The Eastern Selection Committee has several teams in fact from the East and West and the South-west to pick from to meet the selected South.

## Akins Beats Byars In A 10-Rounder

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — Confronted on a body attack in the early rounds and switching to the head in the latter stages, middleweight contender Virgil "Heavyweight" Akins of St. Louis last Wednesday night solved Walter (Shoemaker) Byars of Chicago and capped a 10-round decision in a nationally televised bout here.



WINNER HOSPITALIZED — Yama Bohanna (right), of the British West Indies, throws a right to the head of Gil Turner of Philadelphia during the sixth round of their welterweight go at Miami Beach stadium. Turner won an unpopular decision, and was later hospitalized with a broken blood vessel in his forehead, as shown in photo. (Newspress Photo.)

pass the IBC in his proposed defense against Carmen Basilio, welterweight champion, and cast his lot with Emil Lane, independent promoter, who is promoting the coming Floyd Patterson-Hurricane Jackson heavyweight championship fight.

However, Basilio has refused to go along with the switch, saying that if he challenges Robinson in September, it will be done under the promotion of the IBC.

## Campy Sets New Record In League

BROOKLYN (AP) — Roy Campanella last week set a new National League record for the most home runs hit by a catcher.

The govtund backstop registered his 337th home run of his major league career off Milwaukee pitcher Ray Crone, to exceed by one the former record held by Gabby Hartnett. It was also the eighth home run of the year for Campy.

In the latter contest, Charlie Neal drove in four runs with a homer and triple as he helped the Braves end a four-game losing streak.

## BEATING THE GUN

BY BILL BROWER For AP

The last time this agent had a look Luke Easter was going great in the International League. Easter is the former Cleveland Indians' first baseman, now playing for the Buffalo Bisons.

In his first 35 games, the gigantic first baseman had hit 12 home runs and had driven in 37 runs. He was batting round the 300 mark.

When Easter was signed by the Indians, it was predicted by Hank Greenberg, among others that he would someday be recognized as a slugger as fearsome (or nearly so) as Babe Ruth. Luke never quite fulfilled the expectation; for that matter, who has? But Easter did crack a lot of home runs for the Indians — some of them were among the longest ever hit in Cleveland's massive Municipal Stadium.

His total output was 93 home runs in three full seasons and part of another. Oddly, his most productive season was the one in which the Indians' board strategy (Greenberg and Al Lopez, then Cleveland's manager) apparently had given up on the big fellow.

Easter had batted in 107 runs in 1930 and 103 runs in 1931, had hit 28 and 27 home runs in those two years. The Indians had become frustrated because they had been able to win a pennant. At long last, the team still was the end of June, things were going the New York Yankees. Something drastic was decreed.

Easter was released to the Indianapolis farm club in the American Association. Luke felt, perhaps rightly so, that he was being made a fall guy.

When a reporter told him he'd be back, that he had himself again in the minor leagues, Easter replied:

"I don't know what I'll do down there. All I can say is I'll do my best. Same as I did up here. I always try to do my best."

The truth is that was in his brief career in the majors (it spanned about four full seasons) Luke was never an able-bodied athlete. He was bothered by bad knees. In fact, when he was called up by the Indians from San Diego in 1949, he had undergone surgery on his knees.

But Easter did come back. He played only 14 games with Indianapolis. He batted .340, hit 6 home runs and drove in 12 runs. Meanwhile, the Indians really weren't making much headway without him. So he was recalled.



NO PLACE LIKE HOME — Things become rough and tumble at home plate when Giant slugger Willie Mays leaped out on inside-the-park homer against the Phillies at the Polo Grounds. Catcher Joe Lonnett lost the ball (top) when Willie overslid the bag, but "Say Hey" got back first. (Newspress Photo.)



PLAYING TAG — The recent nip-and-tuck battle between the Milwaukee Braves and Giants at the Polo Grounds was litigated by a spirited rundown between Brave second sacker Malcoms and runner Ridzak, who tried to score from second on a wild pitch. P.S. — He didn't make it! (Newspress Photo.)

## Willie Mays Out Ran Ball To Make Sensational Catch

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Which is the fastest, a hard-hit baseball or Willie Mays? That question may seem a gross exaggeration, but not in the view of Bucky Walters, New York Giant bullpen coach. Walters avoids the famous "Say Hey" kid "out-ran" the baseball to make a sensational catch of Roberto Clement's screaming line drive in a game between the Giants and the Pittsburgh Pirates here recently.

The catch, which drew rare praise from several baseball experts present was described by Willie as "the best I ever made." He said it was better than the one he made against Vic Wertz of the Cleveland Indians in the 1934 World Series.

## At The Ringside

By Charles J. Livingston for Associated Negro Press THE BRIGHTER SIDE OF THE FISTIC PICTURE

In the last issue the Ringside reviewed the once famous heavyweight division with gloom and dismay. Today we focus our attention on the brighter side of the fistic picture. For where last week we decried the dirge of talent in the No. 1 division, today there is cause for optimism in the contrast provided in some of the other classes.

These classes—perennially strong for the past three decades—are the middleweight, welterweight, lightweight and featherweight divisions. In each are men of such capable of exciting box-office appeal. Each class has a roster of capable challengers. In fact these divisions are so well staffed with talented mittmen, that compared to any of the four, the heavyweight class appears a class for novices.

The middle are ruled by the mature but ever popular Sugar Ray Robinson, the crafty tan run-master who carved a notch for himself in boxing's immortal Hall of Fame by becoming the first fighter to scold at Father Time and survived to regain the title three times. But Robinson, straggled though he is, is not wanting for lively competition. For even with Fullmer conquered and discredited, Ray still must reckon with such proven challengers as Charley Humes, the rugged Frenchman; Ellsworth (Spider) Webb, Chicago's Will-O-The-Wisp; Ralph "Tiger" Jones, all-action batter and one-time conqueror of Robinson; Joey Giardello, the counterpuncher; Rory Calhoun, as rugged as they come; Joey Giambra; Bobby Boyd, hot on the comeback trail; Charley Joseph, New Orleans sharpshooter; and Chebo Hernandez of Mexico. And any of the 10 are capable of offering for-

an early season game in Chicago. He did not return to action until midseason. While he batted .303 in 98 games, or hit only 7 home runs and had 31 RBIs.

Lopez decided that his usefulness was at an end. Easter was consigned to the minors. He spent a couple of seasons in the American Association before going to Buffalo to become one of the first tan players for the team.

Easter was signed by Bill Vecek, when he was the major domo at Cleveland. He was sent to San Diego, then a Cleveland farm club. Crowds flocked to Pacific Coast League parks that 1949 season and Easter was one of the best magnets. He unloaded some tremendous home runs and became one of the most popular players in the league's history. But his stay was short. After being sidelined by his knee operation, he was called up to Cleveland to finish the season.

## Jake Mintz, Noted Manager, Succumbs

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Jake Mintz, former co-manager of ex-heavyweight champion Ezzard Charles and one of the most controversial managers in boxing, died in Montifigere Hospital here last week of a heart attack. He was hospitalized only a few days, having entered the hospital after consulting a heart specialist. He had suffered a heart attack a week earlier.

Mintz, famous for his antics in and out of the ring, first managed Charles when the latter was a middleweight and guided him to the heavyweight championship. Charles won the title June 22, 1949 by defeating Jersey Joe Walcott in 15 rounds in Comiskey Park in Chicago. He subsequently lost the title to the same Walcott.

Mintz is best remembered by television fans for putting on a show which held up a return bout between Charles and Walcott at Forbes Field for more than ten minutes. Surviving Mintz are his widow and a married daughter.

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