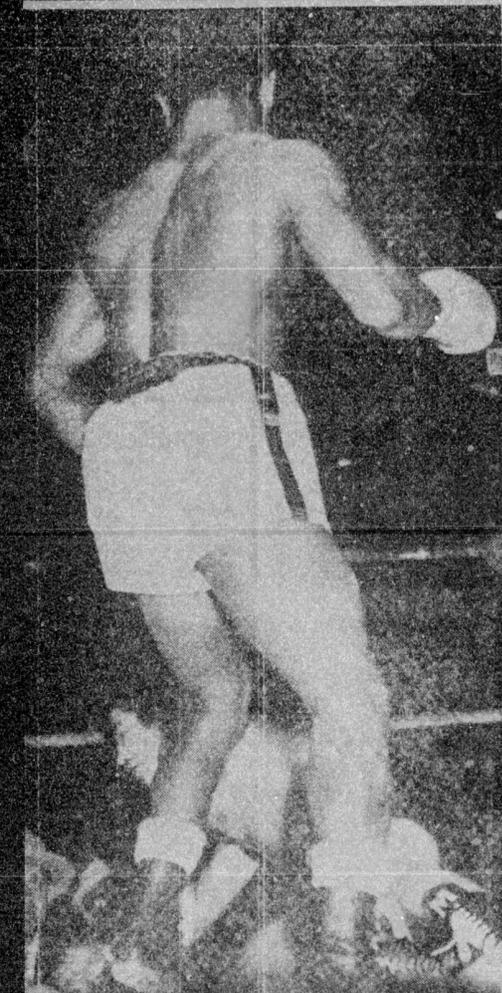


See Basilio-Giardello Title Match If Robinson Retires



KID SCORES KO—Defending champion Horan (Kid) Bassey, Nigeria, lowers over Mexican challenger Ricardo Moreno as the latter is about to keel over on his back after being knocked out by Bassey in the third round of the scheduled 15-round featherweight championship bout April 1st. (UNITED PRESS TELEPHOTO.)

Tan Stars Crash Pirates' Lineup

PORT MEYERS, Fla. (ANP)—In his first season in 1951, after being signed after high school graduation, Daniels won two games and lost four with Great Falls, Mont., in the Class C Pioneer League.

Bennie Daniels, a right-hand pitcher, is given a good chance of making the team, while R. C. Stevens, a first baseman, might make it if Ted Kluszewski's back prevents him from playing regularly.

Daniels, a standout athlete in high school in Compton, Calif., and in American League baseball, has been in organized baseball since 1951 with a year-out for military service.

He had starred in high school, hitting four letters in baseball and basketball and three in football and track.

Last season, he won 17 games and lost eight for Hollywood in the Pacific Coast League. His best season was in 1956 with Lincoln in the Western League, bagging 15 victories against three defeats.



SQUEEZE PLAY—Harlem Globetrotters' Bob Hall (front) and Tom Smeicer (arm raised) have Colton All-Americans Ron Lakin sandwiched in as they go after the ball during their game in the 9th annual World Series of basketball at Madison Square Garden, New York City. Globetrotters won, 75-49. (UNITED PRESS TELEPHOTO.)

BEATING THE GUN

By BILL BROWER

Earl Robinson, the University of California athlete who received an estimated \$80,000 for signing a bonus contract with the Los Angeles Dodgers, proved himself a lucrative bargainer.

Millions of dollars have been spent by major league club owners to sign untried kids, but Robinson's windfall marked the first time that any team had gone that high for a tan prospect.

Juan Pizarro, the southpaw hurler for the Milwaukee Braves, was given about \$35,000 when the world champions signed him. But even players of the first magnitude—Frank Robinson, Willie Mays, Ernie Banks and Hank Aaron, for example received little money, if any, when big league scouts latched onto them or purchased them from teams in the Negro leagues.

Even the Cincinnati Redlegs' latest phenom—Vada Pinson—was grabbed for peanuts. Some astute baseball men say that in open market he'd be worth \$250,000.

The reason Negro players have been given pittance, of course, is obvious. The color of their skin was regarded as something of a handicap when they set down to bargain.

Some of them, too, figured that the opportunity for chance to make good in the majors was good enough for them. Aaron now is making \$40,000 a year; Mays will be paid \$70,000.

It is doubtful now that they are worried because they didn't get a fat sum when they started in organized baseball.

Too, there are some players who did not accept a substantial bonus because they wanted the chance to develop themselves in the minors. Dave Ricketts, the former Duquesne University basketball and baseball star, said he would accept no more than \$4,000. He preferred regular playing in a minor league to rusting on a big league bench.

Earl Robinson does not face that prospect. The major leagues last December threw out the rule which required bonus players to stay with a team two full seasons. It is possible that this talented young man, who captained California's basketball team this year, could make it right off the bat with the Dodgers. He is versatile enough to play the infield and outfield.

Baseball men consider him a top-notch prospect. Several teams were interested in signing him. Paul Richards, of the Baltimore Orioles, a team which has been stung in some of its bonus acquisition, was one manager who was willing to part with a fancy figure.

An excellent student as well as athlete, Robinson had at one time expressed doubt about playing pro baseball. He had indicated that he would accept no offers until his eligibility in baseball was completed this spring.

But the Dodger kid was too enticing and he succumbed. This naturally caused some consternation among California athletic officials, but who could blame the youngster? Why shouldn't he cash in on his talent?

And while the major league owners are tossing around their money so recklessly, tan athletes are entitled to their share. We hope more of them are as fortunate as Robinson.

Line is an important factor in crop production.

Watch crops closely for insect and disease damage.

Boxing "Bigwheels" Contemplate Most Likely Successors To "Sugar's" Throne

CHICAGO — (ANP) — Boxing biggies here are contemplating matching Carmen Basilio and Joey Giardello in a middleweight title match in case Ray Robinson retires, as he reported seriously contemplating.

Such a match, it is reported, would have the backing of the boxing commissioners. However, Gene

Fullmer, the No. 2 middleweight contender, would have to be reckoned with in some way.

Gene, who was a ringside spectator at the recent Robinson-Basilio slugfest, said he was anxious to meet Giardello for the privilege of fighting either Basilio or Robinson. Fullmer is one of the three fighters to come in and lose

the middleweight crown to Robinson.

Meanwhile, Basilio underwent a minor operation on the eye Robinson lacerated and closed in winding back the title. Dr. Richard A. Perritt removed small particles of scar tissues.

Robinson as of this writing, is still mum about his ring future.

High Jumper Charley McCullough Rejoins NCC Eagles Track Team

DURHAM — High jumper Charley McCullough, one of the finest jumpers in the East, has rejoined North Carolina College Coach L. T. Walker's track team.

He will be with the Eagles at the big Quantico Marine meet at Quantico, Va., on April 11-12.

A finalist in Olympic trials competition in 1956, McCullough has cleared at 6-8 1/2.

Together with century man Vance Robinson, of 1957's 9.5 fame McCullough adds versatility to one of the best squads Walker has assembled at NCC.

Bad weather conditions have hampered the Eagles' outdoor drills.

Walker was looking forward to April 5 at the South Carolina Invitational to give his athletes opportunities to flex their muscles and show their wares on a topgrade track.

That NCC will miss Olympic hurdles champion Lee Calhoun goes without saying. However, the club this year has greater depth and more versatility than the club Calhoun captained last season.

High on the list of Walker's stellar runners is Vance Robinson, the 9.5 century sprinter, who won the CIAA's 220 yard dash as a sophomore.

Other standouts are Captain James (Oswald) Lane, a 48-

quarter miler; John (Tank) Vasser, (440, 880); Robert Dobbs (sprinter); Louis Seaton (sprinter); and Carl Hawthorne (distance); Edward Hudson (distance); Roy Greenland (440); William Merritt and Charles Coleman, sprinter and broad jumper, respectively.

Also returning to competition for NCC this season is Willie Ward, the promising half miler, who was ineligible last year.

A sparkling crop of newcomers add lustre to the promise of the veterans. Among the promising frosh are hurdler George Hearn and relay specialists Ken Riley, Neville Christian, Ralph Bass, and Walter Johnson.

Eugene White Sets New Relay Record; Ties SIAC Mark

TALLAHASSEE — Eugene White of Florida A and M sets a new Florida A and M relay record and tied the SIAC mark with a 9.4 in the 100-yard dash here yesterday afternoon.

The local cindermen were edged out in the meet by the Southern University Jaguars 82 1-2-79 for team honors as five meet records fell. Records falling during the event were the 100-yard dash, pole vault, 440-yard run, 440-yard relay, and the broad jump.

James Denmark of A and M broke his own pole vault record of 12.6 by clearing the bar at 13-10 while White smashed the century marker. Kermit Courville leaped 23-1 and David Robinson nipped two-tenth seconds off the 440-yard run with a 1:13 for Southern.

The Southern 440-yard relay team of Ronald Smith, Willie Chestnut, Henry Sutton, and Harry Key nipped three-tenth seconds off the old mark. It was Southern on the track and A and M on the

field with the two teams going through the meet neck and neck most of the way.

Here's how the other four teams finished in the Eighth Annual Flo-

rida A and M Relay behind Southern and A and M: Alabama State 15; Morehouse, 6; Edward Waters 4; and Benedict 1-2.

Bruton To Miss Season's Opener; Is Still Ailing

BRADENTON, Fla. (ANP) — Hopes for an early return to action by Bill Bruton, the injured Milwaukee Braves' center fielder, were dimmed last week at the raining site of the world championships.

The best guess is that the outfielder will not be able to play for at least two months, perhaps longer.

Bruton injured his leg last July 11 and has been sidelined since. He underwent surgery while his teammates were beating the New York Yankees for the world title.

Bill's right leg, after months of immobilization, because of a cast, shrunk almost to the size of one of his arms.

It was measured recently, and it was only 11 inches around just above the knee and higher up it was only 15 inches around.

Compared with his healthy left leg, 15 1-2 inches around just above the knee and higher, 21 inches, the difference is readily apparent.

So far in spring training, Bruton has been limited to running and throwing. He has not swung a bat, and he won't until his leg returns to normal measurement.

"They won't let me," he said. "And I suppose they're right."

"It still hurts when I put pressure on it. But it's coming and that's the big thing."

Joe Louis Pays US \$611 Willed By Mom

DETROIT, Mich. — (ANP) — Indicating his willingness to pay off his income tax indebtedness, former heavyweight boxing champion Joe Louis has turned over his share of a small estate left by his mother, Mrs. Lillie Brooks, to the United States to be applied against the \$1,250,000 he owes the Government.



FLOYD ON GUIDED TOUR—Mrs. Bessie Braddock, a Socialist member of Parliament and a staunch fight fan, later heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson on a tour of the House of Commons. Mrs. Braddock invited the champ to visit her at the House. He is touring the country. (UNITED PRESS TELEPHOTO.)

Opponentless Patterson Lunches With Lady British Politician

LONDON, England — (ANP) — While his manager cast about London trying to find a suitable opponent for a June title defense, heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson Tuesday sat down to lunch with a female political admirer.

The luncheon meeting took place in the dining room of the House of Commons, with Mrs. Bessie Braddock, a 196-pounder and a Socialist, acting as host. She had invited Patterson to lunch after realizing that they had met once before.

At that time, Mrs. Braddock, an ardent fight fan, told Patterson, "I admire your boxing, mister." Floyd replied, "I admire your knowledge of boxing."

Mrs. Braddock is the British counterpart of Dr. Joyce Brothers' positive female quiz whizz, who won \$12,000 on the \$54,000 question television program answering questions about boxing.

But promoter Jack Solomons is confident Mrs. Braddock is as good. He is reported ready to back her for 1,000 pounds (\$2,800) against any American woman on a fight quiz program.

Lime pays big dividends on North Carolina farmland.

A little extra attention at planting time will pay his dividends.

Braves Send J. Pizarro To Minors

BRADENTON, Fla. (ANP)—Juan Pizarro, the little Puerto Rican leftie with the sweeping curve ball, last week was sent to the minors along with three other Milwaukee Braves players, as the world champions trimmed their major league roster to 31.

Pizarro, who joined the Braves after starring at Jacksonville, saw action in the Braves-New York Yankees World Series last fall. Following that he was a sensation in Puerto Rican winter baseball.

However, Pizarro has been plagued with wildness in spring training and rumors circulated for the past months that he would be shipped to the minors for more seasoning.

Pizarro was sent to Wichita on a 24-hour recall basis, along with outfielder Earl Hersh and rookie Al Spangler. Also demoted was Bob Taylor, a \$17,000 bonus catcher.

Bassey Stops Mareno In 3rd; Keeps Featherweight Crown

LOS ANGELES — (ANP) — Horan (Kid) Bassey, the scrappy little Nigerian with the falling fists, made his first defense of the featherweight title a winning one when he stopped Ricardo (Little Bird) Mareno of Mexico in the third round of their scheduled 15-round bout in Wrigley Field here last Tuesday night.

A crowd of some 20,000 fans, many of them Mexican seniors from across the border who were on hand to cheer their countryman, saw Bassey end the bout in quick order in the third. He had little trouble with Mareno up until then, but was apparently hiding his time and looking for an

His chance came as the third round opened. As Mareno attempted to move in close for some shots at Bassey's midriff, Horan whipped over a cruel right that stopped his opponent in his tracks. As Mareno staggered under the impact of the punch, Bassey, quick as a cat, moved in with two smashing rights to the jaw, and it was all over.

For his efforts, Bassey collected \$70,000, the amount he was guaranteed by the sponsoring Olympic Boxing Club, plus a percentage of the gate beyond a set figure. Mareno received \$38,000.

Bassey, who is one of the few

foreign boxers to successfully adopt himself to the American windmill style of fighting, is the first Nigerian fighter ever to win a world boxing title. He won the featherweight title by stopping Frenchman Cherif Hamia in 10 rounds in Paris last June. The bout was the semi-final event of an elimination tournament to determine a successor for the then retired featherweight champion, Sandy Saddler.

NBA Picks 'Sugar' As Best Boxer

MILWAUKEE (ANP) — To the surprise of no one, Sugar Ray Robinson last week was named boxer-of-the-month for March by the National Boxing Association.

Fred J. Saddy, NBA director of ratings, said Robinson was chosen over several other upset winners during the month.

Robinson was chosen for the honor on the basis of his spectacular win over Carmen Basilio in Chicago, March 25th. In the fight, the 37-year-old Robinson wrote ring history anew by coming back for an unprecedented fifth time to win the middleweight title.

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