

Morgan Bears Retain CIAA Track Crown For 10th Yr.

Jackie Says Branch Rickey Gave Him The Best Advice

In the highly competitive field of sports, timely advice from an expert or someone on top often goes a long way. Jackie Robinson, former Brooklyn Dodgers star, once received such instruction from the man whose daring helped write baseball history. Jackie calls it "The Best Advice I Ever Had."

The subject referred to here, deals with an article by the title in the May issue of Reader's Digest, in which Robinson, now a high-salaried executive with a prominent restaurant chain, discussed an advice he received from Branch Rickey several years ago, but which has stuck with him since.

The incident occurred in the fall of 1945 when Rickey was president of the then faltering Brooklyn Dodgers, the story explains. Rickey, whom Jackie is referred to as "one of the finest men in baseball (Rickey is now chairman of the board

of the Pittsburgh Pirates), had summoned Robinson to his office to sign the agreement to play with the Dodgers.

The meeting was a momentous one and, since he was about to become the first member of his race to enter organized baseball, Robinson was understandably perturbed. He was especially concerned about the fans' reaction.

Always frank and to the point, Robinson put the question squarely to Rickey, the story states. "How will the crowd take it, Mr. Rickey?" he asked. "Will the white fans get worked up? If they do, what will the Negroes do? If things really get out of hand, here could be a riot."

Rickey's answer was just as frank. "Jackie," he said, "... you will save yourself a lot of grief if you don't look for trouble," and he told a story to illustrate his point.



POWER TWOSOME — Chicago slugger Lee Walls, left, and Ernie Banks, compare batting grips prior to the game with Milwaukee at Chicago recently. Walls, the team's rightfielder, was leading the majors with nine homers, while shortstop Banks has six circuit clouts to his credit. Milwaukee won the game, 4-3. (UNITED PRESS TELEPHOTO).

Winston-Salem Places 2nd; Sets New Mark In 220-Yard Low Hurdles

BALTIMORE, Md. — Morgan State College outspanned the formidable Winston-Salem Rams here Saturday to annex her tenth straight CIAA Track and Field championship.

Tenn. State's Tigerbelles Capture Tuskegee Relays

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala. — Tennessee State's Olympic and AAU Tigerbelles amassed 163 points to dominate the 30th Annual Tuskegee Women's Day. Tuskegee Institute finished second with 90 points in the spirited two-team contest.

David T. Howard High Atlanta, coped the junior women's team, championship with 68 points, turning back a strong team from Lincoln High, Port Arthur, Texas, with 40 points. Booker T. Washington, Atlanta, was third with 32 points.

Coach Edward S. Temple's Tigerbelles came home first in the 20-meter hurdles, 50, 100, 200 and 400-meter events.

Tuskegee won the discus, shot put and javelin in field competition. Shirley Crowder won the 80-meter hurdles in 12:35. Isabelle Daniels came home first in the 50-meter run in 6:2. Barbara Jones blazed home first in the 100 meter in 1:17 and Lucinda Williams was first in the 200 meter run in 2:45.

Barbara Jackett, Tuskegee, won the discus with a heave of 110 feet, while Annie Crooks nabbed the shot put with a toss of 33 feet, 11-3/4 inches. Annette Jenkins, Tuskegee won the javelin with a throw of 119 feet, 11 inches.

Margaret Mathews and Jean Terry, Tennessee State, won the broad jump and the high jump respectively.

In one of the most closely contested title meets in almost a decade, Coach Eddie Hurt's Golden Bears scored 54 3-8 points to a 41-point total for the Rams. North Carolina College of Durham was third with 38 points. Maryland State fourth with 15 points and Howard fifth with 13 points.

As it was Wilbur Ross' national Rams accounted for the only new collegiate record of the meet held May 9-19 at Morgan's Hughes Stadium. Francis Washington out-stepped his terrific teammate Elias Gilbert to win the 220 yard low hurdles in the new time of 2:3. This time beat the old record of 2:3.4 set by Lee Calhoun of North Carolina College in 1956.

Morgan's mile relay team ran a 3:11.3 race to equal the old meet record set by a Bear team in 1954. Paul Winder, Hosea Smith, Bob McMurray, and Nick Ellis did the trick.

In retaining her CIAA track domain, Morgan won six of the seven women collegiate titles at stake, picking up firsts in the sprint medley, the mile run, the 440-yard dash, the 100 yard dash, the 220 yard dash, an eight mile relay.

BEATING THE GUN

By BILL BROWER

In Detroit last week a threat of a boycott loomed against the Tigers because of the American League club's refusal—or at least failure—to acquire a tan player.

The Rev. George Hill, Jr., dean of the United Theological seminary, is heading the committee which is planning the boycott.

"We feel that the club has had ample opportunity and time to hire colored ball players, said the Rev. Mr. Hill.

"He'll be a ball player. He won't be here as a gesture."

As we have said, that's an old saw which we're not buying. It's of course about time that Detroit Negro fans voiced their unhappiness about the situation they provide a good state of the Briggs Stadium patronage. And we think they're entitled to some consideration.

PROTEST JUSTIFIED

When Doby first entered the league, Negro fans surged to Briggs Stadium every time the Cleveland Indians appeared. They continue to make the turnstiles click merrily. How long they will continue this loyalty to the lilywhite Tigers is questionable.

This is not the first time Negroes have been up in arms over the refusal of a sports organization to give them a tumble. Similar action has been threatened against the Washington Redskins, a pro football team. It is the only National Football League team that persists in the white supremacy practice.

Bob Berry successfully retained his mile run title, but came in second behind Geoffrey Moore of Winston-Salem in his bid to win the two-mile championship two years in a row. Bobby Gordon, Bear from Columbia, S. C., successfully defended his 100-yard dash and won the 220 yard dash as well. Cardozo High of Washington, D. C. unseated McKinley Tech, also of D. C. as scholastic champ by a half point, scoring a total of 30 points. Notcum of Virginia was third with 24 1/2 points, Spingarn of D. C. fourth with 19 1/2 points and Huntington of Virginia, fifth with 12 points. Cardozo set a record in the high jump, and Huntington set a record in the 220 yard low hurdles.

A THOUGHT

"Our civilization cannot survive materially unless it be redeemed spiritually," said Woodrow Wilson. Profitable corn production is highly dependent upon proper fertilization.

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Giants May Have Real "Find" In Puerto Rican 1st Sacker

SAN FRANCISCO — When the transplanted New York Giants opened regular National League competition for the first time under the San Francisco auspices, the team's first baseman was a 20-year-old Puerto Rican who had made big time with just three years of minor league experience behind him.

Cepeda, picked by some experts as the NL's prime candidate for rookie-of-the-year, also fulfilled the expectations of Horace Stoneham, owner of the club.

Before the team was officially switched from New York to the Golden Gate, Stoneham declared: "Orlando Cepeda will open first base for us in San Francisco."

After watching him in spring training—fielding more than adequately and hitting quite robustly—there was no doubt that Cepeda deserved the chance.

Of course, he had arrived at the Giants' training base in Phoenix with a substantial reputation. In his three-year minor league career he had led two leagues in hitting—

batting .393 with Kokomo (Ind.) to lead the Class D Mississippi-Ohio Valley League in 1955, and 355 for St. Cloud (Minn.) to lead the Class C Northern League in 1956.

Tren, in 1957, he made the big jump to Minneapolis of the American Association, only one notch below the majors. With the Millers he produced a .309 batting mark, 25 home runs and 108 runs batted in.

That started the Giants' to think of his future possibilities and prompted Stoneham to predict that he would be ready this season.

Russia's Musclemen Arrive For Athletic Contests In The USA

NEW YORK — (ANP) — A squad of seven Russian weightlifters, six of them world champions, arrived in New York City last Thursday for a series of three competitions against a selected A. A. U. squad.

Matches have been scheduled for the International Amphitheatre in Chicago on May 12th, the Masonic temple in Detroit on May 15th and Madison Square Garden, N. Y. C. for May 17th.

Following their arrival in New York, the Russians were temporarily housed at the Hotel Manhattan

until their departure for Chicago. While here they worked out at the Berkeley Health Club and Gymnasium at 19 West 44th St.

World champions on the Russian team include Vladimir Strov, bantamweight, Eugene Miac, featherweight, Victor Bushnev, lightweight, Trefim Lonskin, light-heavyweight, Arkady Verebich, middle-heavyweight and Alex Modvedev, heavyweight. Olympic champion middleweight, Fedor Bogdanovskiy, lost the world championship to America's Tommy

Kane when the pair tied in total lifts but the American's lighter bodyweight gave him the crown.

All members of the Russian squad with the exception of Bushnev are "Honored Masters of Sport of the USSR." Bushnev is a "Master of Sports of the U. S. S. R." Keno's presence on the U. S. squad means every world championship will be seen in the matches. He flew from his home in Honolulu to join Charles Vinci of New York, Pa., bantamweight; Isaac Berger of Brooklyn, featherweight; Joe Pit-



BYE BYE BABY — Ralph Dupas heads for the canvas after being belted by a hard left from Champion Joe Brown in the 8th round of their bout in Houston, Texas last week. Brown scored a technical knockout over Dupas in the 8th to retain his lightweight title. (UNITED PRESS TELEPHOTO).

Brown Keeps Pre-Fight Promise; Stops Dupas In 8th With 2-Fisted Drive

HOUSTON, Tex. — (ANP) — Jailing Joe Brown, otherwise known as the lightweight champion of the world, kept a pre-fight promise last Wednesday night when he stopped challenger Ralph Dupas with a slashing two-fisted attack in the eighth round of their scheduled 15-round fight here.

As 11,000 fans, the largest fight crowd in Texas, boxing history looked on, Brown slowed up Dupas systematically, then cut him down with a barrage of punches in 2:21 of the eighth round. He floored his opponent three times before Referee Jimmy Webb intervened to save Dupas from further punishment. Before the fight, Brown predicted that he would knock out his man within seven or eight rounds.

A Negro, Dupas officially is considered white, altho he had to undergo severe court tests to prove it.

There still is some disagreement about his present status.

Wednesday night, Texans who benefitted from Louisiana bias, tossed a total of \$68,740 into the hopper for the privilege of watching the fight from a rinkside. Millions others throughout the nation viewed the action from living room seats.

BROWN SUPREME

Brown was in command throughout. Except for his customary slow start, he was not extended by Dupas, who contented to stab and run. A body attack finally slowed him down. A right to the jaw late in the seventh started him on the way to ruin.

CHALLENGES LANE

Immediately after the fight, Brown issued a challenge to Kenyon Lane, the No. 1 contender. "I hope brother Lane was watching because I plan to do the same thing to him in 90 days," Brown announced.

Pinetops May Festival Attracts 5 Big Bands

By J. B. HARREN

PINETOPS — The annual May Day festival of the G. W. Carver High School was presented indoors May 7th due to the recent heavy rains. The weather did permit the parade to be executed in order with six floats and six bands participating along with marching groups led by Boy Scouts.

"Theme of the festival was: 'Flowers of Other lands in An American Flower Garden.'"

The Queen of May was Maggie Barnes, who ascended her throne with her attendants, Bettye Ann Statton, Bettye Grant, Jessie Whitaker and the Jordan Barbara

Fender and Peggy Hussey were flower girl and ring bearer, respectively. Various dancing groups performed before the queen and her court, alternating with selections from the bands who were festival guests.

Guests of the Carver band were: Conetoe high school band; Suggs high band, Farmville; Pattillo High band, Tarboro; Phillip high band, Battleboro; and Booker Washington band, Rocky Mount.

Carver principal Samuel A. Gilman, his teachers and students, attempted to impress the part "Flowers from other lands" have played in making Americans happy



FISTIC FURY — Tony Anthony, right, rocks Artie Miller with a savage right uppercut during their light-heavyweight bout at the St. Nicholas Arena, New York City recently. Anthony unleashed a shattering salvo of 12 straight punches to knock out Miller in the 6th round. Earlier, he had battered Miller with 22 consecutive punches without drawing a return. (UNITED PRESS PHOTO).

Over 18 Million Listeners Heard Basilio-Robinson Bout On Radio

NEW YORK — (ANP) — An estimated audience of more than 18,000,000, in and out of homes combined, listened to CBS Radio during its exclusive coverage of the world middleweight championship fight between Carmen Basilio and Sugar Ray Robinson on March 23.

According to Nielsen, more than 7,750,000 families were reached — over one quarter more homes than

by the previous Basilio-Robinson fight on another network.

These figures were considered all the more remarkable because of the lateness of the hour. The fight was broadcast from 11:00 PM-12:25 AM, Eastern Time, but nearly two-thirds of all radio families were tuned to the 193-station CBS Radio Network hookup.

The figure of 18,000,000 individual listeners, as estimated by CBS Radio, exceeded the network's pre-fight estimate by 20 per cent.

The broadcast also made history when sports writer Wendell Smith became the first Negro to broadcast a title fight. He worked with Jack Drees, noted fight commentator.

VSC Gives Account Of Track Prowess

PETERSBURG, Va. — The Virginia Staters again gave a grand account of their track prowess at the Pennsylvania Relays held recently in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Competing with some of the top runners in the nation, State still managed to capture its share of the glory.

In the class mile relay the Staters led the pack for three laps but a strong finishing drive put on by Roanoke College forced the Trojans to take a second place ahead of Connecticut Teachers in 3rd and U. S. Merchant Marine Academy in 4th place.

Members of State's relay team were Eugene Carmichael, Harry Smith, Milton Johnson, and Randall Davis. The winning time was 3 min. and 25 sec. V. S. C. had a second place time of 3 min. and 25.1 sec.

Virginia State also took a third in the first heat of the 440 yard relay and of the 28 college and universities participating, State had the 5th fastest time in this event. The Trojans also took a 4th place in the one half mile relay with a time of 1 min. and 31.5 seconds.

man, Vero Beach, Fla., lightweight Jim George, Akron, Ohio, light-heavyweight; Dave Shepard, middle heavy weight and Jim Bradford of Washington, D. C. heavy-weight.

Keno is a two time Olympic champion and Berger and Vinci won Olympic titles at Melbourne in 1956. Verebovs as well as Bogdanovskiy are Russian Olympic gold medal winners.

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