

Long Layoff Hurt Patterson; King Rusty In TKO Win Over Roy Harris

LOS ANGELES — (ANP) — Floyd Patterson's faulty showing against the hitherto obscure challenger, Roy Harris, must have convinced the champion, and even his querulous manager, Cus D'Amato, that long periods of layoffs, no matter for what reason, are costly.

Defending the world's heavy-weight championship he won from aged Archie Moore in an impressive performance nearly three years ago, Patterson succeeded in stopping Harris, heavy from Cut and Shoot, Tex., on a 12th round technical knockout in Wrigley Field here early last week. But his showing was far from spectacular, even though he dealt the powder-puff challenger severe punishment during the encounter.

Joe Louis, who was at ringside and interviewed during the fight, thought it was a knockdown, however. He also was unimpressed by Patterson's showing.

It was Patterson's third title defense. He stopped Tommy "Hurricane" Jackson and amateur-stunper, Pete Rademacher, in the other defenses. Patterson collected more than \$400,000 from the combined gate-takeover television receipts. Harris collected a \$100,000 guarantee. The fight drew some 20,000 customers in the Los Angeles hall park.

Little Blues Expecting A Good Year; 15 Lettermen Returning

By ALTON LEE THORPE

Coach Pete Williams and his 1958 Ligon High football team have prospects for a good year this season with 15 lettermen returning.

The letter winners are center Charlie Watkins; guards Bobby Gardner and Bobby Rogers; tackles Albert Hawkins, James Lane and Edward Thorne; ends Raymond Henderson and James Wood; half backs Wm. Crockett, Nathaniel Rochelle, James Stewart; quarterbacks Bennie Mack, Garland Hunt and Napoleon Johnson; fullbacks William Roberson and William Tate.

According to Williams, the Little Blues expect to have plenty of dash at halfback with Crockett and Stewart, who are both splendid runners.

Mack and Johnson saw a lot of action at quarterback last year and will give Ligon two experienced field generals.

The Little Blues have been working out for a week now and Co-Captains Johnson and Watkins report their squad is rounding into fine shape.

The coaches put the Little Blues through a practice game Friday between the Gold and Green. The Gold Squad won 20-0.

The Gold team was made up of lettermen from last year's club and will likely represent Ligon's first unit. The Green was composed of 16 reserves.

William Roberson, a reserve fullback, looked good in action, stepping off several nice gains.

"I think with a little more defense improvements, and better downfield blocking we will be in good shape," commented Williams.

Ligon's first game will be with Elizabeth City on Sept. 5 at Chavis Park. Kickoff time is 8 p. m.



SOMETHING TO SHOOT ABOUT — Roy Harris, left, battling heavyweight from Cut and Shoot, Texas, shoots out a left while sustaining cuts on the face from wicked blows delivered by heavy-weight champion Floyd Patterson in their title bout at Los Angeles.

Calif., last Monday night. Patterson hung onto his title via a twelfth-round KO, when the Texan failed to answer the bell for round 13. (UPI TELEPHOTO).

Eagles Bank On Tan Rookie Crop

(Editor's note: This is another in the series on the prospects of National Football League teams with tan players.)

CHICAGO — (ANP) — The Philadelphia Eagles came up with a prized tan rookie in Clarence Peaks, the former Michigan State star, in the 1957 National Football League campaign.

The Eagles' new coach, Buck Shaw, hopes that he will be able to uncover one or more tan standouts among the six rookies on this year's training roster.

And Shaw is looking for another good season from Eddie Bell, one of the best defensive halfbacks in the league.

Peaks, used occasionally as a running passer, had two completions and also was on the receiving end of 11 aerials for 99 yards. Although he was hampered the first part of the 1957 season with pulled muscles, Peaks saw action 225 minutes in 12 games.

OTHERS TO SHOW WELL

Bell, one of football's deadliest tacklers, hasn't missed a minute of pro action in three seasons due to injury. He played 370 minutes in 1957.

Richardson, a 191-pounder who plays fullback in Big Ten competition, might provide some help for the Eagles' offense. He had his best season as a junior in 1956, when he led the Big Ten with 634 yards in 144 carries. A workhorse, Dillard set a Purdue record for times carrying the ball in a one season—193.

Richardson and Jacobs could provide line strength.

Richardson, who nearly made the Eagles a year ago, believes he can do it this season. He weighs 247 pounds and is a tackle.

Thompson was recommended by his college coach for defensive duties. He weighs 190 pounds.

Hinds, a kickoff and field goal specialist, is a 240-pounder and plays either way as guard or tackle.

Rhinehart, a 190-pound end at the Missouri, Mont., school, was named his alma mater's outstanding athlete in 1957-58.



LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON — Wearing his dad's old number (39) Roy Campanella, Jr., 10, displays his batting form at Montreal Canada, August 18 Young Campanella, son of the paralyzed ex-Dodger catcher, is the mascot of the Dodger Rookies. The Rookies were in Montreal for a game against the Montreal Junior All-Stars. (UPI TELEPHOTO).

Jackson Tigers Face A Nine-Game Schedule

JACKSON, Miss. — Faced with a nine-game schedule, which is probably the toughest in the athletic history of the College, the Jackson State Tigers will swing into preseason training Monday, September 1. Coach John A. Merritt issued the call recently to 36 members of last season's squad and 15 outstanding freshmen.

The Tigers lost eight players by way of graduation, including Lewis "Fister" quarterback, Hubert Ray "Smiff" center, Adlan Lewis, guard; Wade Sittan, tackle; Curtis Starlin, tackle; James Williams, guard;

All-American Ray Self, center; and Ernest Williams will present the biggest problem to the coaches.

Williams was the Tiger's top quarterback during the 1956 and 1957 seasons. Self was a stellar performer at center having been shifted from full back to that position for the 1957 campaign. That this move was a good one is substantiated by the fact that Self became the College's first All-American performer.

Starling and Lewis were both starters in the 1957 squad. During spring training the Tigers' coaching staff began grooming Willie Neal, 230-pound Oak Park high School luminary for the signal-calling post. Neal has all of the equipment to make a top-ranking signal caller and could develop into one of the nation's best in the coming season. Tiger coaches also are considering the shifting of Archie Cooley, 198-pounder from Laurel and Aaron Jones, 193-pounder from Starkville to center.

The best bet at this stage is that Cooley will remain at fullback and Jones, an end, will be shifted to the pivotal post.

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ELUDING TACKLER — Robert Mitchell of the All-Stars (Illinois) left, eludes two Detroit Lion tacklers after taking a pass from King Hill of Rice Institute. Mitchell went 80 yards for a touchdown after passing Jim David, (35) and Bob Long (86), both Lions. The All-Stars led at half time, 17-7, and went on to win the game. (UPI PHOTO).

Detroiters Capture A Golf Tourney

TOLEDO, Ohio — (ANP) — Detroiters monopolized first-place honors in the rain-marred Midwest golf tourney here last week.

Dr. Dennis Robinson fired a 27-hole total of 100 to capture the men's championship. Play was out from 36 to 27 holes because of a heavy rainstorm during the finals.

Three Motor City female golfers finished at 124 and on a toss of a coin, Thelma Simmons was declared winner. She had been deadlocked with Frankie Wych and Excie Oehler.

Good Year Predicted For Panthers

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — (ANP) — The Philander Smith College Panthers will be paced during the 1958 football season by Harrison Johnson, recognized by the NCAA as a top-notch TD-maker, according to Coach M. L. "Mike" Summerville.

Coach Summerville stated that the swiftly-moving Johnson, an All-Conference Gulf Coast halfback, will be out to better his 1957 record of 10 touchdowns and 4 extra points, and lead his teammates to the Conference Championship.

Johnson, a 6' 1 1/2" lb. junior, comes from Memphis.

The Panthers will be strengthened by 23 returning lettermen. Other 1957 All-Conference players expected to spark the Philander team are Big Manual Twillio, 6' 2" senior tackle, Curtis Fountain, sophomore, and Wilbert Gaines, junior, ends.

Additional seasoned gridironers helping to brighten the outlook for the Panthers include: Charles Osler, Norman Handy, Solomon "Jackie Hill, Elijah Pitts and Sam Pitts.

Girl, 17, Is First Gov. Of Confab

BATON ROUGE, La. — (ANP) — A talented, 17-year-old Shreveport high school senior was named the first governor of Bayou Girls State, which closed an eight-day session on the Southern University campus last week.

Voted into the top post of the mythical state was Thelma E. Robinson, daughter of Mrs. M. L. Robinson of Shreveport, and an honor student at Booker T. Washington High school. She was sponsored by Bayou Girls State by the Shreveport chapter of Delta Sigma Theta sorority.

Bayou Girls State is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Louisiana, and is a plan for educating youth in the duties, rights and responsibilities of American citizenship. It is wholly a plan for training in the practical techniques of government.

My Neighbors



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Henry Blackmon, Jr. Of Raleigh: American Baritone Captivates Europe

If the American music public doesn't know a great deal about Henry Blackmon, Jr., it certainly ought to. Europe does.

This gifted young baritone, who hails from Raleigh, N. C., so captivated European audiences during recent concert tours, that he has been acclaimed America's one-man "goodwill ambassador" and hesitated with requests to return.

This he will do—on Sept. 19—and it is safe to say that American prestige will improve as a result.

Blackmon's popularity abroad started in 1955, when he toured Europe with the Porgy and Bess Opera Company. In addition to serving as voice con-

sultant for the company, he scored such a hit with the usually staid and conservative European audiences, that he was invited to return at the conclusion of his engagement by the United States Information Service in Holland for a short concert tour.

He accepted, and scored such a success that he was asked to extend his tour to Germany and Belgium. In all, he gave 104 concerts in the Netherlands, Germany and Belgium.

At the conclusion of the tour, friends prevailed upon him to remain in Europe, where he had established a reputation as a leader

and oratorio singer. He was also in demand for radio and television appearances.

Meanwhile the Dutch had fallen in love with him. At a recital with the Frysk Symphony Orchestra in Amsterdam, Queen Juliana was so charmed by his voice, that she personally presented him with a bouquet of flowers and requested recordings of his voice. Blackmon's first album of recorded music was released in Europe last June. It included two Negro spirituals.

Blackmon's European tour was highlighted by a concert in the Decade of New American Music, Brussels, Belgium, a song recital at Scheveningen, Holland, the Frysk concert, and a salon concert at the American Embassy in Amsterdam, attended by ambassadors of 10 European nations.

Music critics in Europe rates him with the best. One called him "the singer who can easily take his place among the great baritones."

Beating The Gun

By BILL BROWER FOR ANP

Before Bobby Bragan was abruptly given the gate as the manager of the Cleveland Indians, he fined Minnie Mino for (not all things) not hustling. Bragan accused the Cuban outfielder of failing to run out a double.

This deeply grieved Mino, who prides in his unflagging devotion to baseball. He has been a never-say-die player in his eight seasons in the major league. He is a man who loves the game, gives his all and a little bit more. There was a time in the 1954 season, when he enjoyed his greatest season with the Chicago White Sox, that Mino was held together with a couple of yards of tar.

BEANING VICTIM

Almost each season, Minnie has been beamed. But these mishaps do not deter him from action. For a spell this season, he rode the bench because of an injury. He was a deeply hurt player.

This hasn't been one of Mino's glorious seasons in the majors. Until recently, he had trouble keeping his batting average above the .280 level. That's all right for some players, but not Mino. He strives for the .300 mark.

In recent games, he has given indication that he will reach. He had an 11-game hitting streak going last week and had reached 296. In one stretch, he connected for 17 hits in 37 trips for a .459 clip.

A TEAM MAN

But Mino's value to his team hasn't always been measured in his contributions in terms of hitting and fielding. Minnie has a way with his teammates. Given at times to zany behavior, he provides comic relief when things are going bad. His hustle is an inspiration. Minnie, when with Chicago, was the heart of the "Go-Go" White Sox.

He was the one player, Frank Lane wanted when he became general manager of the Cleveland Indians. He was the one player, Paul Richards, then manager of the White Sox, wanted when Lane acquired him in that big trade in 1951.

"First division, nuts," said Richards. "Players like Mino win pennants."

The White Sox, of course, didn't win any pennants with Mino. But the team played in the first division for seven seasons. It had been, until the arrival of Mino, a traditional second division team.

When he was reunited with Mino in the trade that sent Al Smith from Cleveland to Chicago during the winter season, Lane declared:

"Minnie was one of my best trades for the White Sox. He was the keystone of some mighty good years there. He's got plenty left, but he isn't as good as he was then."

If the Mino trade turned out good for the White Sox in 1951, it was a barter for the Indians. It conceivably could have cost the Indians an American League pennant or two in those years (1954 excepted) when they were playing bridesmaid to the New York Yankees.

"I told Hank Greenberg at that time I wanted Harry Simpson," Lane recalled. "But the man I really wanted was Mino, and I gambled on Greenberg, switching him. He did."

Greenberg, Lane's predecessor,

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