

Jones Challenges Robinson After Win Over Crawford

Wants To Prove '55 Decision Over Ray Was No Fluke, 'Tiger' Declares

CHICAGO — (AP) — Saying he wants to prove his 1953 decision over Sugar Ray Robinson was no fluke, Ralph "Tiger" Jones, last Wednesday called for a title match with the current middleweight champion.

Jones hurled the challenge after stopping up-and-coming Mickey Crawford of Saginaw, Mich., in 104 of the 10th and final round of their nationally televised bout before a small crowd in the Chicago stadium. Jones was a 3-1 prefight underdog.

However, in the fight there was never any question about the better man. Jones, one-time high-ranking middleweight contender from Yonkers, N. Y., clebbered his man from the fourth round onward, scoring with left hooks to the body and long over-hand rights to the head. He was the aggressor throughout and virtually had to chase his 24-year-old opponent all over the ring.

In the ninth, he staggered Crawford twice and opened a cut over

his left eye. From that point, it was purely a question whether Robinson would see the limit.

In his dressing room later, Jones, unmarked, immediately challenged Robinson, whom he defeated Jan. 29, 1955, when the Sugar Man was in the midst of a comeback campaign. Robinson was soundly trounced by Jones, because Ray was off form. Later Robinson knocked out Carl "Bobo" Olson to regain the title.

Asked whom he would like to fight next, Jones replied, "Robinson. That's who I want. I have been trying to get him to fight me ever since I beat him. I even tried to get him mad so he will fight."

Does he think he can beat Robinson now?

"I think so. I think I have the style to beat him," the Tiger replied. "Anyway, I want to right him to see whether my win over him was a fluke."

Jones said he is adept at handling fighters who use Robinson's style, having fought many of them in the New York Police Athletic club. Although

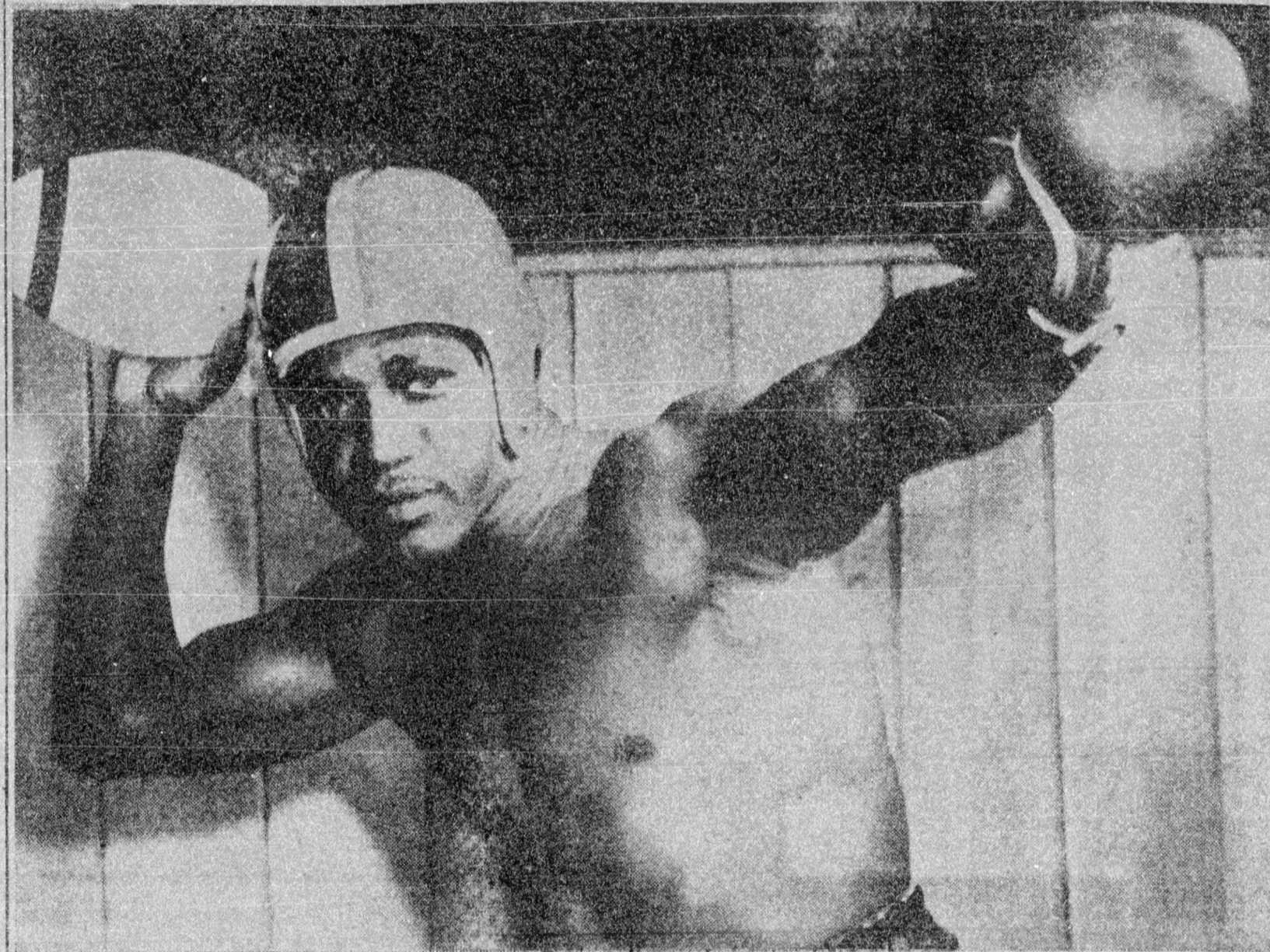
anxious to meet Robinson, he would settle for any of the top middleweights if it meant an eventual shot at the title. A possible alternate, he thinks, would be Carmen Basilio, former middleweight and welterweight champ.

While Jones was talking to reporters, manager Bobby Melnick went into a huddle with Truman K. Gibson Jr., IBC president. However, it appears Gibson, who has a lead on Robinson's services, was noncommittal. Melnick would say only that he talked to Gibson about possibilities for a title bout.

Melnick said if he fails to corner Robinson, he will challenge Basilio if this falls he will take his fighter to Europe where he would seek a fight with Charles Humes of France.

The Jones-Crawford fight, though matching two popular fighters, drew a crowd of only 876 and a net gate of \$207.55.

Each fighter received \$4,000 from the radio-television pool and a percentage of the gate.



ALL-ROUND ATHLETE — Charley Powell shows his versatility as he poses with a football, football helmet and boxing glove at his training camp in New York. Powell, a former San Francisco 49'er

football star, will make his New York boxing debut at Madison Square Garden on Sept. 19th against Bob Biebler, of Rochester, N. Y. (UPI PHOTO).

"Hurricane" Will Box In Canada

SHERBROOKE, Quebec, Apr. 10 — Banned by two boxing commissions in the U. S. Tommy (Hurricane) Jackson has apparently decided to resume his heavyweight career in Canada.

Hurricane is scheduled to fight unranked Johnny Vick of New York City in the main bout at the Sherbrooke Arena, this week.

The bout was arranged by promoter Warren Berwick.

lined with proficiency in all of the diamond trades. In the last three months—since he was traded by the Kansas City Athletics to the Indians — Power has played in five positions. What is important, he seems to be a finished performer no matter what spot he is playing.

BEST 1ST SACRED

He went to the Indians appreciated as the best-fielding first baseman in the league. He also was a .300 hitter, which made him just about the best first baseman, all things considered.

But Cleveland, at the time, needed more help at third than at first. Power was the man to provide it. The 27-year-old Puerto Rican showed Indians' Skipper Joe Gordon and his predecessor, Bobby Bragan, that he was sure and quick at the hot corner.

Since then, of course, Power has been in short, at second and in left field. At the moment, he is holding forth at second.

Gordon thinks that only experience at the keystones sack is keeping Power from stardom. "He's good now," says Gordon. "It's a matter of learning the moves a little better. That would come in time."

FILLS BILL ANYWHERE

Gordon, naturally, can't be sure how long Power will be the Indian second baseman. He might need him in some other position, and Power would be certain to fill the bill.

The Cleveland manager is certain also that Power could measure up to acceptable standards as a shortstop. He has played the position twice since becoming a member of the Tribe.

"Power's got tremendous range, great instinct, strong arms and sure hands," said the manager. "He's a born ball player."

All of his moving about has not affected Power's prowess as a hitter. He has been among the five leading AL batters mossa of the last two months and for a brief spell held the batting leadership.

"One of the few men who can put the bat on the ball where he wants to," says Gordon. "Hitting to or high or to any field. I see again, he'd lead the league if he'd just forged the long ball and go for line drives."

Power is a gifted showman. Some of his detractors call him a showboater. They pan him for his tendency to catch almost anything one-handed.

But Vic is not the least bit concerned. His knack for doing something on the spectacular side pays dividends. Ask the Detroit Tigers, Power stole home twice against them in one game—a feat that neither Ty Cobb nor Jackie Robinson was able to accomplish and hadn't been done for more than 40 years.

Some ball player, Power.

Rhode Island College Frosh Is Protege Of Bill Russell

BOSTON — (AP) — In recent weeks local sports fans have flunked at the sight of two human xylophones walking down the streets casually disrupting traffic.

One giant is Bill Russell, well-known star rebounder on the Boston Celtics' basketball team, and former star for the San Francisco Dons. The other is relatively unknown in this part of the country, James (Jim) Hadnot.

Jim was named the most valuable player in the California Tournament of Champions, playing for the McClyend's High school of Oakland. His squad had the distinction of going undefeated in 24 games over a three-year span, it lost only six games.

The younger edition of big Bill Russell had little trouble in averaging 24 rebounds per game and about 15 points in each one.

Jim came under the expert tutelage of Russell about three years ago in Oakland. They're neighbors and live only a few blocks apart.

Young Hadnot refused to answer positively whether he will play professional basketball.

"I have to make the Providence team first," he replied, "I'll worry about pro ball four years from now."

Jim let it be known that, as a former resident of Houston, Tex., he was not "exactly looking forward to all that now Bill's been telling me about."

With an attitude like that and an accompanying sense of humor, young Hadnot need not worry about making the Providence team, with flying colors.



CAMPY MUCH BETTER — Roy Campanella, Dodgers' three-time MVP, shows photographers last Wednesday the control of his arms he has regained since an auto accident paralyzed him from the neck down. The press conference, Roy's first since the accident, was held in the Institute of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation of New York University-Bellevue Medical Center. (UPI PHOTO)



EAGLES SOPHS PREP FOR CLASH — The above five North Carolina College sophomore gridgers are expected to be in top shape for the Eagle's opening football game in Durham on Saturday, September 27 at 1:30 p.m. on O.L. By Field. Standing left to right, Reginald Fryer, Charlotte quarterback; Harvey Rameur, Greensboro guard; Roscoe Barfield, Snow Hill back; Walter Browning, Jr., Raleigh back and punting specialist. Kneeling is James Brewington, 260 pound Greenville tackle. Other NCC home games are October 11, St. Augustine's; October 25, Maryland State (Homecoming); and November 27, A&T (Thanksgiving Carolina Classic).

'54 Series Catch To Be Seen:

Willie Mays To Star In TV Filmed 'October Classic' On September 28

NEW YORK — (AP) — Willie Mays, Giants' sensational outfielder will co-star with several other big names in big league baseball Sunday, Sept. 28, when the CBS-TV network airs its "October Classic" program, a special pre-World Series presentation of "The 20th Century," featuring eight top series thrills of the past, as seen through the eyes of sports columnist Walter "Red" Smith, and narrated by Phil Rizzuto.

Mays' starring act will be his miracle catch in the 1954 World Series, against the Indians' Vic Wertz.

The presentation will be seen at the time usually given over to "Air Power." It was produced by the CBS Television network, and is sponsored by the Prudential Insurance company.

BEATING THE GUN

BY BILL LBROWER

Unlike in the National League, which has produced many, there has never been a fan player in the American League to win the most valuable player honors. There is no great optimism this season that one will set such a precedent.

Perhaps a good case could be made for Elston Howard, the versatile New York Yankee. For a couple of months, certainly, Howard was the most valuable Yankee by dint of his performance on the field as well as his all-around ability. But in the MVP voting, Howard is likely to be overshadowed by teammates, such as Bob Turley or Mickey Vernon.

POWER IS LIKELY PROSPECT

It's our hunch that the first fan player to take the MVP in the AL will be Vic Power, who for our money, is one of the most versatile performers in the history of baseball.

Some of his staunchest admirers will claim for the Cleveland Indians the distinction of being the AL's best player. Whether or not that evaluation might be favored with exuberance is hard to tell. But we say, without fear of contradiction, that he rates among the five best.

The remarkable thing about Power is his versatility com-

Howard University Concludes Second Week Of Football Drills

WASHINGTON — The Howard University football team concluded its second week of football drills recently and Coach Bob White was "pleased," but not overly optimistic with the team's progress.

Of the 40 men in camp only 13 were veterans, and seven of these were freshmen last year. Many of the 27 new men have shown well in practice, but have yet to face a real test.

"It is too early to say how they'll do and there are too many boys here that I have to see under actual game conditions," White said. "One thing I can say is that the squad is much farther along at this point than it was a year ago."

White's big problem a year ago was his line, and in an effort to correct this weakness the Bison mentor has devoted most of his time to the development of a formidable forward wall. Most of the past week's drill was centered around dummy drill.

Highlighting the second week's activity was the selection of a tentative first team. Already ticketed for starting berths are three new linemen. They are Olen Reaves, 6 foot-2, 210-pound end from Waycross, Ga.; Bob Shelton, 6 foot-3, 215-pound tackle from Washington; and Sterling Parker, 6-foot-2, 230-pound guard from Fairmont Heights, Md. Parker is just out of high school, while Shelton and Reaves played service ball for three years. Shelton was with the championship Bolling Air Force Base Generals and Reaves saw action with the Shaw AFB squad.

Completing the starting line will be sophomore end Bernie Quarterman of Charlottesville, Va.; co-captain and tackle Mill Buck, a senior from Bridgeton, N. J. and center Hank Ingram, a sophomore from Washington.

As the Bisons prepare to open their 65th varsity season of varsity football, two newcomers and two second year men should comprise the squad's backfield. The newcomers are halfbacks John Ware and Howie Williams, both ex-servicemen. Ware, a local boy, played for Baldwin-Wallace of Ohio before entering the service; while Williams was the star of the Carver High team at Spartanburg, S. C. during his preservice days.

Charlie Smith, Dunbar High (D.C.) grad who saw limited action last season, appears to have won the quarterback berth. An accurate passer, Smith still lacks the polish that White likes in his signal-callers. Al Stover, who played for Maryland State and spent three years in the service before entering Howard last year, will start at fullback. Although Stover is a step slower than the other backs, he is a hard runner and an excellent linebacker.

Dillard U. Releases Grid Slate

NEW ORLEANS — Coach Armand Pierre of Dillard University has announced a nine-game football schedule for the Dillard Blue Devils, winners of last year's Gulf Coast Athletic Conference gridiron crown. Dillard last year scored eight wins against one loss.

The 1958 schedule follows:

Sept. 27, Philander Smith, Little Rock; Oct. 4, Bishop, New Orleans; Oct. 11, Morehouse, New Orleans; Oct. 18, Fisk (Homecoming), New Orleans; Oct. 25, Texas A&M, Tex.; Nov. 1, Tougaloo, New Orleans; Nov. 8, Rust, New Orleans; Nov. 15, Tuskegee, Tuskegee, Ala.; Nov. 22, Xavier, New Orleans at Xavier Stadium.

The cotton fiber is a single cell. Last year, tobacco growers in the five blue-oiled states received \$546 million for their entire crop. This year, 1958, with a better growing season and a larger crop, prospects are that they will receive \$625 million or \$85 million more than last year.

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