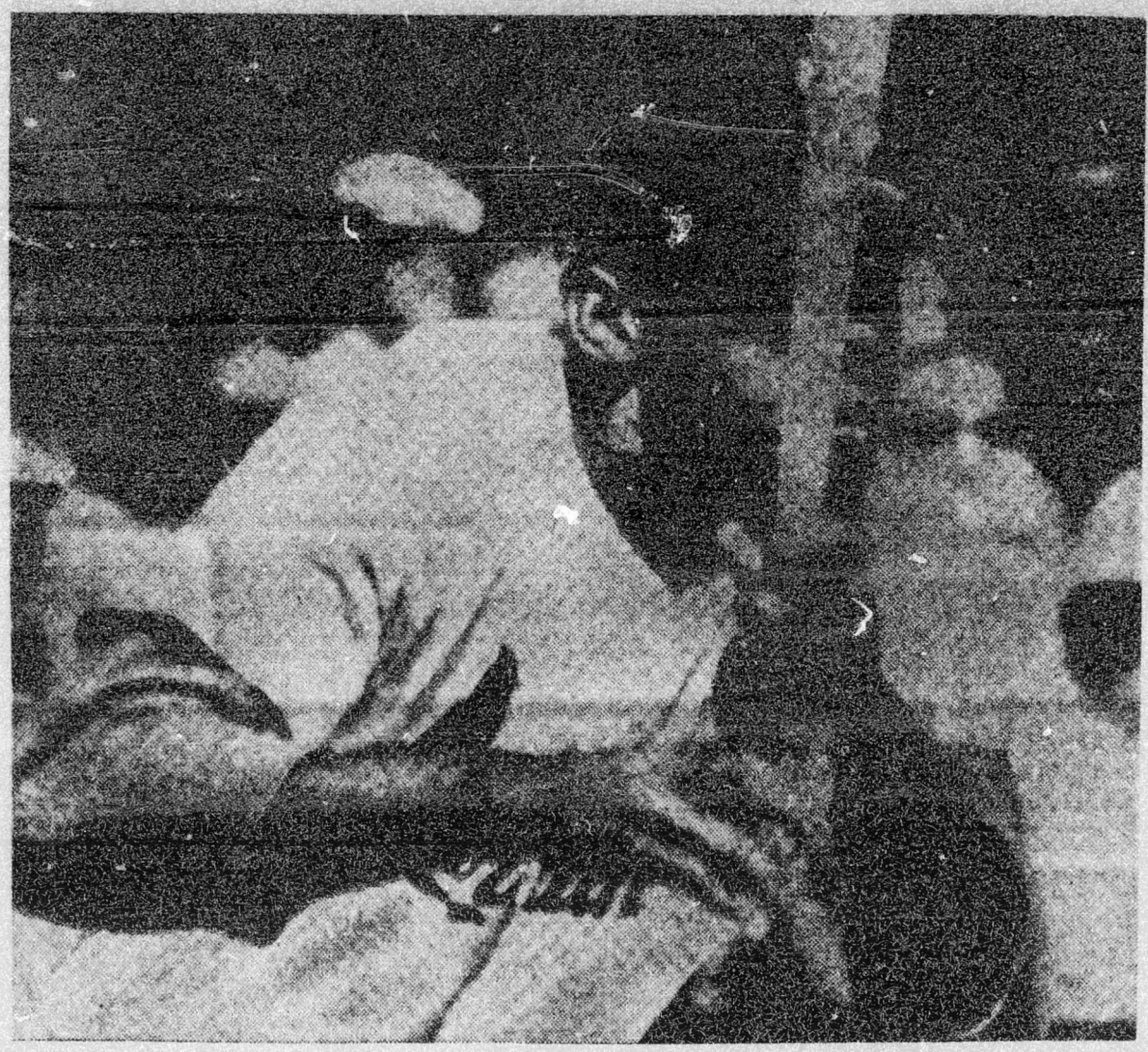


"Bobo" Nickerson Pulling Crowds To Clowns' Games



"King Of Merriment" Draws 12,000 Fans

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. (ANP) — What is the secret of the world champion Indianapolis Clowns' success? Is it top-notch baseball, or comedy routines? General manager Syd Pollock believes it's a combination of both. Of course, when you speak of merriment, the name Bobo Nickerson pops into mind. The latest comer to the Clowns' tom-foolery squad, Bobo last year proved to be the magnet that helped draw a record 12,000 fans through the turnstiles of Forbes Field, Pittsburgh.

They're still talking about his pantomime, juggling and unbelievable skill and speed at catching baseballs and bats.

Speaking of catching on the run, Bobo's been compared with the famous Gabby Street.

Of course, Bobo has a good edge being credited with catching a ball dropped from a plane traveling at 12 miles an hour. The fastest Rapid Robert Feller pitched was about 100 miles an hour, so that means Bobo could've handled Feller's deliveries in stride.

Bobo also prides himself on being the only baseball comic who can toss a bat as high as the stadium light standards and catch it on the way down-by the handle. And so convinced is Pollock and business manager Ed Hamman that he's tops that they've offered a cash prize of \$1000 or paid trip to Hawaii, for anyone who can duplicate the feat.

Bobo's assuring then that they haven't made a bad gamble at all. And to prove it he's tossing bats alongside the highest buildings in St. Louis - just to keep in practice.



GIANT KICK — Willie Mays of the San Francisco Giants, who tripped in third inning of March 30th exhibition game against the Chicago Cubs, tried and did stretch it into a home run when he kicked the ball out of the glove of Cubs' catcher Sam Taylor. Umpire is Vinnie Smith. Cubs won, 10-8. Mays hit 3 home runs in a game last weekend. (UPI PHOTO).

SLUGS HOME RUNN — Bill White St. Louis Cardinals new outfielder-first baseman, slugs a home run at a game with the Detroit Tigers at St. Petersburg, Florida last week. White came to the Cardinals from the San Francisco Giants for Sam Jones, pitcher, recently. (UPI TELEPHOTO).

Baseball Statistics To Be Flying Thick, Fast Soon

Any baseball fan can tell you the number of home runs Mickey Mantle belted last year or the salary of Ted Williams. But can he tell you who wore the first baseball glove? Or what player was the first to catch a ball dropped from the Washington Monument?

Statistics will be flying thick and fast now that the baseball season is here. But for those who really want to impress their wives or girlfriends, here are some baseball facts compiled by the research department of The World Book Encyclopedia.

The first catcher's mask was developed in 1878 for a Harvard player who preferred being called a sissy to have his fine Barrymore profile smashed.

Still wondering about the Washington Monument? Well, Billy "Pop" Schriver of a Chicago ball club caught a ball dropped from the 500-foot level of the memorial in 1892.

Just a grandstander, but—that's baseball.

NCC Netters Lose Tennis Match To Ivy League's Cornell; Set A Precedent In Bi-Racial Playing

DURHAM — North Carolina College's tennis team, the CIAA's defending visitation and tournament champions, ventured out of the loop last week to meet Cornell University, the power of the Ivy League, in a two-day match on NCC's clay courts.

Cornell, on its southern tour, sharpening its attack for Harvard and Yale, challengers for the Ivy League crown, proved far too strong for Jimmy Younge's net crew as they walloped the Eagles in nine successive matches.

The encounter established a precedent in that it marked the first time that an athletic team at NCC has ever competed against a predominately white major college here.

NCC's No. 1 netter, Zack Davis, lost his second straight singles matches of the season as he succumbed to Cornell's top-ranked racketeer, Don Rubell, 1-6, 0-6, after a full 40 minutes of thrilling tennis.

Rubell, playing with the shrewdness of a "Davis Cupper" on the

wet clay courts, simply played too much tennis for Davis, who is a fairly good racketeer himself. His strong overhead game was the most telling factor as he explored all of Davis' weaknesses in putting away the match in straight sets.

The longest and tightest duel of the afternoon took place on the no. 3 court between NCC's sixth-seeded netter, Larry Ennett, and the "Big Red's" John Mimikes. Ennett lost after extending Mimikes to a deuce count in every game in the last set, only to drop the match 4-6, 1-6.

The first clash between a player and his arch-enemy — the umpire — occurred June 19, 1846, when the Knickerbocker Club of New York played the New York Baseball Club at Elysian Fields in Hoboken, N. J. A player named Davis was fined six cents for cursing. The umpire was Alexander Cartwright, a leading player for the Knicks, who had chosen to umpire instead.

That game was also the first instance of team baseball as we know it. The New York Club won 23 to 1 after four innings.

Artists Attend Atlanta Meeting

ATLANTA (ANP) — A national conference of Negro artists held a two day meeting (March 28-29) here in connection with the formal opening of the 18th annual Atlanta University exhibition of paintings, sculpture and prints by Negro artists.

Margaret Taylor Burroughs, Chicago artist and author, was general chairman of the steering committee. Eugene V. Dunn of Atlanta was chairman, host committee.

Notables including, Lee Katz, Atlanta artist, James D. Parks, Bernard Goss, painter, Marion Perkins, Potential Contributions of the Negro spoke on the themes "The Sculptor Artist to Society," and "The Artist and Society."

"Ole" Archie Says He Will Fight "Sugar" Ray In Sept.

NEW YORK (ANP) — Light heavyweight champion Archie Moore is confident he will defeat Yvon Durelle of Canada July 15 and then move on to the proposed title bout with middle-weight kingpin Sugar Ray Robinson.

Before winding up a visit here last week, Moore, who some said pulled "a fast one" in sidestepping Robinson for the rematch with Durelle in Montreal, said he wants to fight Ray in September. He indicated by the choice of the date that he is hopeful the bout with Ray,

if he actually comes off, will be an outdoor affair.

Regarding Durelle, whom Archie stopped after getting off the deck four times in a great fight last year, Moore said: "He was lucky, just lucky in our last fight. But he won't be lucky again. I know I can beat him."

Furthermore, said Archie, Durelle will never get him on the canvas four times again.

The big problem for Moore now is making the weight for the July 15 bout. Last week he scaled 210 pounds, way over the light heavy-

weight limit of 175. However, Archie is noted for making weight, claiming to obtain the secret from an Aborigine in Australia.

With Moore signing to defend, July 18, the pressure is now on Robinson. Ray is being pressed by the National Boxing Association to defend his title. The NBA claims he is way over the six months required of champions for title defenses.

Also, former middleweight champion Carmen Basilio is pushing his bid for a rematch.

It Pays To ADVERTISE



CHAMP TAKES A BREATH — Heavyweight boxing champion Floyd Patterson sits on the superstructure of a bridge near here and stretches himself during a break in his road work March 24th. The champ always wears heavy boots for roadwork. Patterson is scheduled to defend his crown against Eusebio's Brian London at Las Vegas, Nevada on April 21st. The bout is scheduled as a bonus for Patterson's title defense against Sweden's Ingemar Johansson at New York June 22. (UPI PHOTO).

Negro American League Releases '59 Schedule

NEGRO AMERICAN LEAGUE SCHEDULE

The schedule for the Negro American League, as released this week by officials of the organization, is shown below. Note that the Raleigh Tigers, members of the NAL, are listed in the body's schedule.

1959 SCHEDULE

Birmingham—with-Kansas City	May 17-18-19-20-21-22
Raleigh—with-Newark	May 17-18-19-20-21-22
Detroit—with-Memphis	May 17-18-19-20-21-22
Birmingham—with-Newark	May 17-18-19-20-21-22

TRAVELING TIME FOR ALL TEAMS MAY 23

Detroit—with-Birmingham	May 24-25-26-27-28-29
Kansas City—with-Memphis	May 24-25-26-27-28-29
Raleigh—with-Newark	May 24-25-26-27-28-29

TRAVELING TIME FOR ALL TEAMS MAY 30

Kansas City—with-Memphis	May 31; June 1-2-3-4-5
Detroit—with-Raleigh	May 31; June 1-2-3-4-5
Birmingham—with-Newark	May 31; June 1-2-3-4-5

TRAVELING TIME FOR ALL TEAMS JUNE 7

Kansas City—with-Memphis	June 7-8-9-10-11-12
Detroit—with-Raleigh	June 7-8-9-10-11-12
Birmingham—with-Newark	June 7-8-9-10-11-12

TRAVELING TIME FOR ALL TEAMS JUNE 13

Birmingham—with-Memphis	June 14-15-16-17-18-19
Kansas City—with-Raleigh	June 14-15-16-17-18-19
Detroit—with-Newark	June 14-15-16-17-18-19

TRAVELING TIME FOR ALL TEAMS JUNE 20

Newark—with-Detroit	June 21-22-23-24-25-26
Raleigh—with-Kansas City	June 21-22-23-24-25-26

TRAVELING TIME FOR ALL TEAMS JUNE 27

Kansas City—with-Detroit	June 28-29-30; July 1-2
Memphis—with-Newark	June 28-29-30; July 1-2
Raleigh—with-Birmingham	June 28-29-30; July 1-2

TRAVELING TIME FOR ALL TEAMS JULY 3

Memphis—with-Birmingham	July 4-5-6-7-8-9-10
Detroit—with-Kansas City	July 4-5-6-7-8-9-10
Raleigh—with-Newark	July 4-5-6-7-8-9-10

TRAVELING TIME FOR ALL TEAMS JULY 11

Memphis—with-Detroit	July 12-13-14-15-16-17
Memphis—with-Birmingham	July 13-14-15-16-17
Kansas City—with-Raleigh	July 13-14-15-16-17
Newark—with-Detroit	July 13-14-15-16-17

TRAVELING TIME FOR ALL TEAMS JULY 18

Memphis—with-Birmingham	July 19-20-21-22-23-24
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Cardinals Hope To Improve 1958 Showing; Loaded With Top Stars

(Editor's Note: This is another in the series of stories on the prospects of major league teams and their fan players.)

BY BILL BROWER

CHICAGO (ANP) — The St. Louis Cardinals, a distinct disappointment last season (finishing in a tie for fifth place in the National League race) are out this season to prove it isn't so. The Cards haven't won a pennant since 1946, maintain they are not that bad.

The Redbirds, once a NL power, first, the erstwhile Brooklyn Dodgers, now homesteading in Los Angeles, took over the dominant role in the senior league. Now the seat of power is Milwaukee.

St. Louis conceivably might have given the Braves a harder run for its money in the 1958 campaign, had the Cardinals given Sam Jones, the curvballing righthander, more support. Jones, the strikeout leader in the majors, was the hardluck pitcher, the victim of an uncommon number of close decisions.

But Jones will not be around with the Cardinals when the season gets under way next month. He was traded to the San Francisco Giants in exchange for first baseman Bill White and third baseman Ray Jablonski.

That certainly is a pity, of course. Jones won 14 games and lost 13 in 1958. He struck out 225 batters in 257 innings and compiled an earned run mark of 2.58. What's more, Sam seems to have curbed the wildness which plagued him throughout his career.

baseballer; Joe Durham, drafted from the minor leagues after he failed to make it with the Baltimore Orioles in the American league; Marshall Bridges, southpaw hurler acquired in a purchase from Sacramento of the Pacific Coast league; Dick Ricketts, a righthander, and Bob Gibson, both righthanders from Rochester of the International League.

Also having a try is a young Puerto Rican shortstop, Julio Goetz, whom experts say is a real comer but who might not be ready this season.

Slated to join the team later is Curt Floyd, last year's regular centerfielder now completing a six-month military stint.

RICKETTS SHOWS PROMISE

Crows came to the Cardinals last winter in a trade with the Cincinnati Redlegs. Big George is likely to wind up in a pinch-hitting role. With the Reds last season, he had a sensational early season

spurt at the plate and then his hitting slumped. He ended the season with a .275 batting mark, seven home runs and 81 tallies, most of them in his early-season spurge.

Ricketts is considered to have the best chance among the newcomers to stick. The former Duquesne University basketball and baseball star forsook a high-paying pro basketball career to gamble his athletic future on baseball.

The skyscraper moundman explained his decision this way: "I wanted to prove to myself that I could or couldn't play big league baseball."

He won 15 and lost 13 for a weak-hitting Rochester team last season. Some experts said he had the best fast ball in the IL last season and also owns a good slider.

Dick's teammate, Gibson, was also a double-figure winner last season. The former Creighton University (Omaha, Neb.) basketball and baseball star has been impressive in spring training outings.

Russell's Rebounding Key To The Celtics' Victory

BOSTON, Mass. (ANP) — Rebounding impressively, Bill Russell played a key role Wednesday night in pacing the Boston Celtics to a 130-125 victory over the start Syracuse Nationals in the final game of a best-of-seven series for the Eastern Division title.

A few days earlier, the Nats had beaten the Celts in Syracuse to square the series at three-all.

Russell was topped in scoring by teammates Jim Ramsey, Bob Cousy, and Tom Heinsohn, but was the Celts ace on defense, blocking

a number of shots and grabbing off rebounds to frustrate the opposition. He also scored 18 points on eight field goals and two free throws. Ramsey scored 28 and Cousy and Heinsohn 25 and 20 each.

The victory moved the Celts into the National Basketball Association series with the Minneapolis Lakers, surprise conquerors of the St. Louis Hawks in the Western Division playoffs.

Former Seattle ace, Eigin Baylor, is the key player on the Lakers squad.

of the Cardinals when the season gets under way next month. He was traded to the San Francisco Giants in exchange for first baseman Bill White and third baseman Ray Jablonski.

Sigmas' Regionals Underway

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Spring Regional Conferences of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, a national college Greek-letter organization, have already begun. The conferences have adopted the fraternity's 1959 Conclave theme, "Preparation For Economic and Social Security In An Integrated Society."

In addition to conducting the fraternity's work regionally, the conferences are also focusing their attention to preparation for the 45th Anniversary Conclaves to be held in Washington, D. C., December 27-30th, inclusive.

The names, places and dates for the conferences are as follows: Southwestern Regional at Arkansas April 3rd and 4th; Lone Star Regional at Wiley College, Marshall, A and M College, Pine Bluff, Ark.; Tex. April 16th, 17th and 18th; Southern Regional at Atlanta, Ga., April 17th and 18th; Eastern Regional at Richmond, Va., May 1st, 2nd and 3rd, and the Great Lakes Regional at Buffalo, N. Y., May 8th and 9th.

The number of dairy cows bred by artificial breeding associations in North Carolina jumped 33 per