

Behind The Play In Sports

BY DON DE LEIGHUR

IT'S CUBANS VS. BLACK YANKEES FOR BASEBALL SUPREMACY IN NEW YORK'S TWO BIG LEAGUE PARKS

NEW YORK — New York's colored baseball fans seem in line to have their own homegrown baseball cavalry, with the Black Yankees and the N. Y. Cubans as the principals. It is already known that there is little love lost between Alex Pompez's men and the charge of James (Soldier Boy) Semler, cigarette-smoking boss of the Black Yankees. Now comes the recent 6 to 4 piling slumped to the Cubans in their Polo Grounds home yard at the hands of the lowly Black Yankees.

The Cubans, if you don't know, are entertaining notions about at least second place in the current Negro National League pennant scramble, although they now occupy fourth place. At one time during the season, they were on top, actually ahead of the Homestead Grays. Now, to get it on the chin from the traditional last place holders is too much for the Latin temperament to stomach.

One game ordinarily doesn't start a rivalry. Series of the New York Giants-Brooklyn Dodgers, or Chicago Cubs-White Sox variety are the result of years of contests. Interest in them mounts as the years roll on. While the Cubans have played the Black Yankees many times in the past, the situation then does not compare with the picture today, because now, both teams have New York playing grounds, near enough for all the fans to get there and in big time evenings.

POPEZ SAW THE POSSIBILITIES

Alex Pompez, astute, "frenzy-eyed" Cuban mogul of baseball, who saw the possibilities of the Polo Grounds as a permanent ground for his Cuban Stars Negro National League program, comes exclusively in Yankee form, on a whole, despite the fact that the Horace Stancham Negro National League games. But last night started working and when Pompez saw the possibilities of the Cubans like Alex began to work, they really began to work. Pompez had always dreamed of his own park in the metropolitan New York area and felt homeless at such a park. At one time he had an old playing field in the Bronx, but when the teams playing in the Bronx, Pompez lost out and the park was turned into a parking lot with barbecue stands and whatnot cluttering the grounds.

All this acted to keep the Cuban team, although they are as much New York as the Black Yankees, constantly on the road. Pompez, finally ducking back to New York Cubans. He had the chance Boudry of the Giants' front office that gave the Cuban impresario the Polo Grounds and also made him the Cuban Stars and also made him

THE LARGEST CITY IN THE WORLD AND DID IT WITHOUT PLAYING AROUND. BIG SPANISH-AMERICAN POPULATION

New York has a huge Spanish-speaking population, and most of them are dye-in-the-wall sports fans. They follow baseball, boxing and other sports as avidly as do American fans. To have their own team is the pride and joy of the average New York Latin and they adore Pompez for what he has done with the Cubans.

When the Cubans are home, Pompez can always count on at least 30 percent of his crowd being Latin. It could be argued, this attendance by Spanish-speaking fans, if the Cubans played more home games. Now they are able to, and in playing them, they have a natural made-to-order rivalry in the offing with the Black Yankees. Fans are still talking about that 6 to 4 licking the Black Yankees slapped on the Cubans. It was one of those cold, dreary days, too, and Cubans play best when it is good and hot. Nevertheless, the Black Yankees, with new power in their bats, blasted out three home runs that scored five runs and an additional run to boot, to make the Cubans feel mighty bum that Sunday afternoon, what with a slowly crowd of 7,500 on hand, many of them Spanish-American. To begin with, no one figured the Black Yankees would come up with such a powerful club. The team has been something of a dormrat for other NNL foes year in and year out, with the resulting disappointment to those who want to see New York with a winning team.

WILLIE WELLS IS KEY TO CUBANS

One man, or perhaps, two, are the key to the success of the Black Yankees these days. They are the perennial Willie Wells at shortstop and big George Seales on first base. Then there is the steady Marvin Barker, playing manager, who came in from the outfield to play third base, since the Black Yankees' front office has yet to locate a top third sacker who can also hit. Thad Christopher, converted from a catcher to a pitcher who can come through, despite his age. However, the fans are hollering because of a tendency on the part of Jim Semler to close his eyes to all his other pitchers and let Stanley pitch all games in New York's Yankee Stadium or Polo Grounds.

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These two former Morgan College stars exhibit "pushkin" comradeship as they prepare to lead the Winston-Salem Teachers College "Rams" of 1945. Howard K. "Brutus" Wilson (left), star wing back who ran Morgan teams from 1941 to 1945 and is now assistant coach at Winston-Salem Teachers College Football practices for the "Rams" got under way on Wednesday, September 5th.

ATKINS HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM HAS TOUGH SCHEDULE

WINSTON-SALEM — The Atkins High School "Camels," returning to the field after a nine-month layoff, faces a tough schedule for this season. Last year the "Camels" won six of their seven scheduled games. Their opponents will furnish stiffer opposition this year, team officials believe.

Among the tough teams to be played this year are Dudley High of Greensboro, and Hillside High of Durham. The local eleven will be made up of nine returning lettermen: Captain Clarence Parham, who has played first string end for the past two years, Monroe Sampell, Albert Hairston, James Ballentine, Evans Jones, Walter Lyttle, Richard Murray, Mansfield Spencer and Robert Shirley.

The schedule of the games has not been announced yet, but the first game is expected to be played the last week in September.

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Lincoln U. (Mo.) Football Schedule Is Released

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Collegiate football, as a major activity will return to Lincoln University this fall. Mr. David Rains in the absence of Coach Raymond H. Kemp, on leave, has issued a call for all interested gridists to report on September 11th.

The first game is scheduled for October 13 with Langston University in Jefferson City. Other home games include Philander Smith College, October 27, and Tennessee State College, November 17.

The Tigers will clash with Wilberforce University there on November 3 and Arkansas State College in Pine Bluff on November 24. October 20 and November 10 are open dates. There is some possibility an

'OLD MAN' OF 33 WINS DISCUS THROW

LE HARVE, France — Although he hasn't had a discus in his hand for four years, Claude Walton of Denver, now an American Red Cross club director here, recently won the discus throw in a huge Inter-Allied track meet in London. In addition, by placing third in shotput he brought in the points which decided the meet in favor of the Americans.

A graduate of the University of Colorado, Claude Walton was a teacher of physical education in the Chicago Park district before coming overseas for the American Red Cross almost three years ago. "I didn't expect to find myself in the meet," he explained. "I went over as coach for the Channel Boat team of GIs. In England, a Special Service officer suggested it might be a good idea if I took part. I figured I couldn't be any rustier than a lot of other people."

Claude Walton thinks his throw of 147 feet three inches was "lousy" but he is 17 feet better than the second contender, a GI, could do. The last event of the meet was the shotput and by virtue of Claude Walton's taking third, the final score stood 107 to 106 in favor of the Americans.

Claude Walton doesn't know when he'll see his Denver home at 3015 California Street again. If he can be assigned to the Red Cross athletic program for the Army of Occupation, he may stay over another year. But he doesn't think he will go in much for competitive sports in the future. "I'm getting to be an old man," he explains at 33.

Army team, may yet be engaged for a "seasonal" game October 8. The three game (possibly four) home schedule will provide spectators with the traditional high type grid performance and thrills. Coach Rains promises. The five game balanced schedule is in keeping with the limited prospects for qualified material expected to report this first post-time season, he added.

With the lifting of gas rationing and travel restrictions large capacity attendance is expected at all home games which have been well spaced on this schedule.

Homecoming, November 17, will be reinstated as an annual event this season. With Tennessee State as guest, an interesting, colorful game is expected to result, contributing to the center of the day's activity will be released later.

VENEREAL DISEASE — CHANCROID

BY CURTISS TODD Associate VD Education Specialist

CHANCROID is another of the venereal diseases. It is not as widespread in the United States as syphilis and gonorrhea. In this country it is found chiefly in the southern states. It is found more frequently in hot climates such as Central and South America, Italy, India, Morocco, and throughout the Mediterranean countries.

The disease is caused by a small germ, the Ducey Bacillus which can only be seen under the microscope. It is a communicable disease that is spread through sexual inter-



course, from male to female and vice versa. The first sign of the disease is a sore on the sex parts, which usually appears from three to five days after exposure and infection. Sometimes a swelling in the groin may occur. This sore may heal fairly rapidly or if the disease is untreated may spread to other parts of the sex organs and persist for months or years and destroy portions of the organs.

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