

Behind The Play In Sports

BY DON DE LEIGHUR

SOUTH OF THE BORDER, BASEBALL MAY DEVELOP INTO A THREAT TO WHITE BIG LEAGUE POLICIES

NEW YORK — It might be well that Branch Rickey acted when and as he did as regards placing Negroes into organized white baseball, because sooner or later, competition elsewhere would finally bring out the desired result. You see, the war brought a lot of things to the spotlight and among them, the introduction of purely American sports to various parts of the world. Occupation troops in Japan are re-introducing baseball to the Japanese public. And it will be recalled that the Nippones took to our national pastime in pre-war days like ducks to water. Eventually baseball will be staged in all parts of the world and then the fun will really begin. Rickey, acting from the start, did what he thought and knew was right in first giving Robinson an opportunity, and later, making it emphatic with the signing of Lou Gehrig to his Montreal Royals farm club. But to date, none of the other clubs has shown an indication that they plan to depart from the age-old principle of color exclusion.

or promoters haven't come up with the idea of bringing in all-star teams from the Canal Zone, the Mexican, Puerto Rican or Cuban Leagues to the states for a barnstorming tour against outstanding Negro nine? Instead, they elect to squawk and cry the blues over the upbuilding the Senors pull off to entice top flight colored players South of the Border.

It might clear up a lot of things if fans up his way could get a look-in at the type of baseball the Latins play. — all apologies due Alex Pompey and his New York Cubans.

TRI-STATE INVITATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT MARCH 21, 22, 23 FAYETTEVILLE
Teachers College in Fayetteville, will have the Tri-State Invitational High School Basketball Tournament on March 21, 22, 23. Sixteen teams will be selected according to their season's record and competition. Each team will be restricted to eight players due to lack of space.

Broncos Swamp St. Augustine's 69-18

FAYETTEVILLE — In a easy coasting contest at the Fayetteville Gymnasium, the Broncos Cagers trounced a St. Augustine's quintet last Saturday night before a jam-packed crowd.

The game took an early start with H. McAllister making a crisp shot. Then Worsley and Simmons dumping in fancy lay ups to give the Broncos a 6-0 advantage over their host. The Victors ran hot and hit Murray, J. McAllister and Boone from all angles of the hardwood. At this time St. Augustine's was able to hit for two field goals and free tosses, while the Broncos chalked up 18 field goals and 4 free throws. The Fayetteville quintet leading 40-6 at intermission held St. Augustine's scoreless the third quarter but lightened up the 4th and only racked up 12 more points. The Broncos permitted their host to hit for 12 makes the final quarter after having added 8 baskets and 1 free throw. The game ended with the Fayetteville Five leading by 31 points.

BANTU LECTURER AT CAPE TOWN

CAPE TOWN, S. C. (A.P.) — The University of Cape Town has appointed its first native lecturer. He is A. C. Jordan, who will be the lecturer in the Bantu language. He is 30 years of age, holds an M. A. degree, and is the author of several books in the Bantu language.

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While the big league moguls are still trying to duck an inevitable issue — that of coming out with a clearer policy as regards Negro players in the face of what Rickey has done — Promoter Juan De Dios Amador, down in Balboa, Canal Zone, is going ahead and demonstrating that all races can get along well playing on the same teams.

MONTGOMERY BARELY WINS IN PHILLY

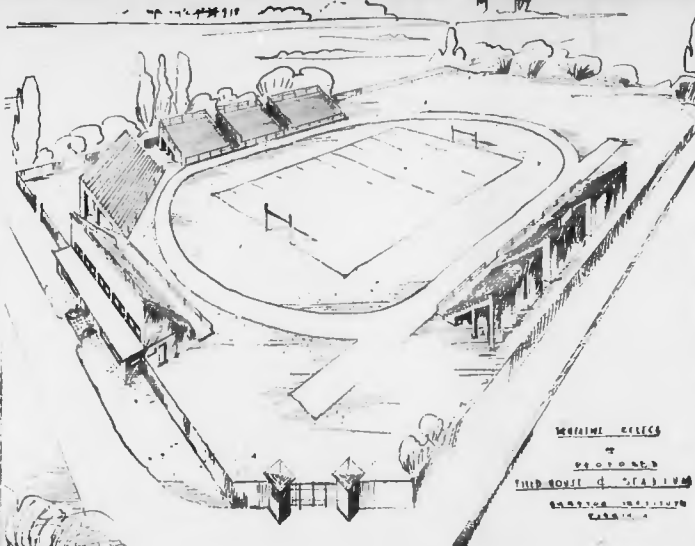
PHILADELPHIA, Pa. (C) — Bob Montgomery, lightweight champion as far as New York and Philadelphia are concerned, won a ten round decision over veteran Leo Kodak of Chicago by the skin of his teeth. Montgomery weighed 140 and Kodak, 138 1-2.

Shaw Lassies Add Two More Games To Record

RALPHIGH — The Shaw University girls cagers kept their record clean with two wins the past week Wednesday night the Raleigh Lassies defeated the girls from West Virginia State 41-33 at Smithfield. Shaw took an early lead which it never relinquished. Bonnie Briley accurate Shaw forward, was credited with 21 points and Doris McNeil, 10. Mildred Bell and Jessie Johnson accounted for 6 and 4 points respectively.

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Above is shown a drawing of the new development planned for Armstrong Field at Hampton Institute. Recently approved by the Board of Trustees of the college, it will accommodate ten thousand spectators and will provide lights for night contests and a field-house. Estimated cost \$85,000, of which \$10,000 has already been contributed by the Hampton Athletic Association.

Bill Bell Reports To Duties At A. and T. College

GREENSBORO — William M. Bell, former Ohio State University gridiron star and member of the all-American football squad of 1931, reported at A. and T. College last week to take up the duties of head coach and director of physical education. The new coach had just been discharged from the Army in



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Volunteering for the Army in March, 1943, Mr. Bell entered the service as a private. He was commissioned at the OSC, Miami Beach, Fla. March 4, 1943 and was

BEATING THE GUN

BY ALVIN MOSENFELDER

DAN PARKER — INCONSISTENT

NEW YORK (A.P.) — MY SIX FOOT-FOUR INCH IRISH friend, Dan Parker, sports editor of the N. Y. Daily Mirror, often has a strange way of seeing things as I've repeatedly pointed out. In his column dated February 13, Parker had this to say of Ray Robinson's first professional fight in the state of New Jersey which I reported to you recently.

That Ray Robinson "you know" number in Elizabeth recently was about the worst excuse for a match date, which covers a multitude of transgressions. The idea of serving up a sacrificial victim to the best welterweight in the ring today just to let Elizabeth fans see what he looks like doesn't justify such a mismatch. Looking back on Elizabeth as well as elsewhere want to see fight, not under-word champions crowning some poor helpless fellow "scattered to the winds."

For the edification of Mr. Parker, in the interest of fair play, promoter Kobb, a worthy fine champion, the way, we reply to this manner. Promoter Kobb tried to get the best white and colored welterweights to face Robinson in a match in which all of Robinson's purse went to the paragon of the field. None of the boys wanted any part of Robinson, Rickey, not hold his man like Parker would lead his public to believe, snugged at the match where worthier ones took a runoff powder I just won-

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\$65,000 Stadium For Hampton

Hampton Institute, Va. — Plans for remodeling and expanding the present facilities of Armstrong Field at Hampton Institute in a memorial stadium honoring Hampton men and women who served in World War II have been approved by the Board of Trustees of the college, according to an announcement made recently by Charles H. Williams, chairman of the physical education department at Hampton.

Proposed by the Hampton Athletic Association, which has already contributed \$10,000 for this purpose, the development will cost about \$65,000 and will provide 10,000 seats for spectators, a field-house with lockers, dressing-rooms, and showers, and floodlights to make possible the playing of games and other events at night.

In financing the venture, the \$10,000 contributed by the Athletic Association is being supplemented by a loan affected through the action of a special committee of the Board of Trustees. The loan will be repaid with the net profits from all football games and with donations from Hampton athletes, other alumni and undergraduates who are especially interested, and friends. It is expected that the project will be completed and the loan repaid within five years.

As when the first concrete strands at Armstrong Field were built, Hampton students in the building trades will be employed by the contractor or supervisor charged with the construction of the stadium.

Wilson, Honorary Captain of Tigers Quintet

NEW YORK CITY (C) — Twenty-two year old Arthur J. Wilson, a second year senior at Princeton's basketball team, has been elected honorary captain of the Tigers Quintet for next year, according to coach Wesley Foster. Wilson, a former South University star, won Princeton's last national title in Chicago, and was a Naval ROTC student.

A 50-gallon wooden barrel can serve as a good bed for strawberry plants, says John H. Harris, Extension horticulturist.

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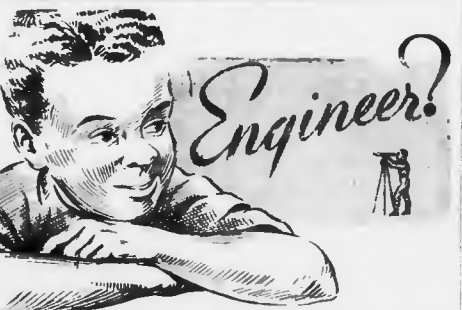
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