

Jackie Robinson Flawless, Hitless In First Game

BROOKLYN (NNPA)—Jackie Robinson, making his debut as the Dodgers' first baseman in the opening game of the 1947 season against the Boston Braves at Ebbets Field last Tuesday, fielded his position flawlessly but went hitless in three times at bat.

A crowd of 26,623, a number of whom had been attracted by the presence of Jackie in the Brooklyn lineup, were on hand to see the Dodgers win by a score of 5 to 3, with Robinson figuring in the winning rally.

The first time he faced Johnny Sain, Robinson grounded out. He tied out the second time.

He came up the third time in the fifth with runners on first and third and one out. He fouled off the first pitch. Phil Masi, the Boston catcher, caught it but ran into the Braves' dugout and dropped the ball. Jackie took a called strike or the outside corner, then hit a grounder through the box which looked like a sure hit for a man of his speed.

Shortstop Dick Culler of the Braves made a diving stop, and

PINEVILLE HIGH WINS THIRD STRAIGHT GAME

CHARLOTTE—Pineville High School won its third straight baseball game Friday afternoon from the Theological Seminary team of Johnson C. Smith University by the score of 9 to 2. Eugene Wall limited the Theologians to three hits and struck out twelve in five innings. Only Amos who hit a single and Brown who hit two doubles were able to collect safe hits off the curve ball artist.

Captain William Smith led the Pineville attack with triple, double and single. John Gilliam hit two timely doubles.

On Thursday the Pineville team won a close 8 to 7 Piedmont conference victory from Huntersville High School. The big gun in this victory was sounded by John Gilliam who tripled with the tying and winning runs on base.

Calvin Mobley's 190 pound right hander, limited the Huntersville boys to four hits but errors proved to be costly. Captain William Smith had one of his two consecutive perfect days at bat.

Pineville's next game will be a night game with the Highland High School in Gastonia on Friday April 25.

N. C. College To Be Scene Of Track Carnival

DURHAM—North Carolina College here will be the scene of the third annual North Carolina Track Carnival Saturday, May 3. High school track teams from all over the state have been invited to compete for the State Championship and competition in the collegiate division will come from schools of the CIAA as well as others located in North Carolina.

Defending champions in the scholastic division will be Second Ward High of Charlotte.

Championships will be awarded on the point system of 5-3-2-1 in all events, according to a statement from Leroy T. Walker, track coach at North Carolina College. He further stated that trophies will be awarded to the scholastic and collegiate meet winners.

There will be awards for the relay first, second or third, and for the individual scoring. The highest number of points.

Drawings will take place on the morning of the carnival at nine o'clock in the office of the College gymnasium.

Coach Walker has urged that each school planning to participate will have a representative at the drawing. In all events, he stated these may enter but only two may start. In the relays six may enter but only four may start.

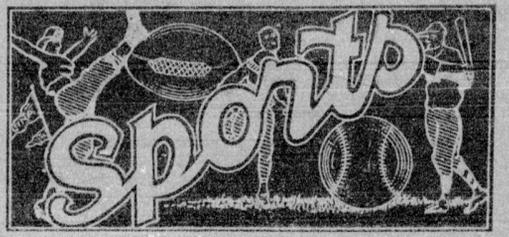
Preliminaries are slated to begin at 10:30 A. M.

LINCOLN TRACK TEAM OPENS SEASON

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.—The Lincoln University track team opened its season with a victory over Wilberforce University and Stowe Teachers College in a triangular meet held on Lincoln field, April 12.

Despite a cold wind that swept across the track and the heavy turf, the Tigers chalked up enough first and second in both field and dash events to ring up 68 points and place the field Wilberforce garnering 45 points; Stowe, 27 points.

Led by Howard Barton, Kansas City, won first in the pole-vault and discus throw. Lincoln presented a well-balanced squad. The Tigers won six first, 11 seconds, and six thirds.



CHICAGO GIANTS BREAK CAMP, HEAD NORTH

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first string catching job with Jake Tolbert, veteran of last season with the Giants, getting the relief role.

Thomas Turner, ex-Army star and veteran player from the Mexican league, has won the first base assignment. James McCurno, seasoned outfielder, appears to have rounded into form.

Taylor is pleased with his pitching staff. His regular starters will include Gentry Jessup, Clarence Locke, Walter McCoy and Paul Lumps.

SHAW BEARS LOSE TO ALLEN UNIVERSITY 8-6

RALEIGH—The Yellow Jackers of Allen University, scoring in all but three innings, topped the Shaw Bears 8-6 Saturday afternoon at Chavis Park.

Rogers went the entire route to the visitors, fanning 7 and giving up 9 hits. Hilliard, who started for Shaw, left the mound in the sixth and was relieved by Statham. The Yellow Jackers collected 13 hits and cashed in on 4 errors by the Bears. It was Allen's third victory this season over Shaw.

The Bears will meet the Johnson C. Smith Bulls Friday afternoon at 3:30 in Chavis Park and are scheduled to take on the Delaware State College nine Monday afternoon.

Harris Signs For Dodgers Eleven

NEW YORK (NNPA)—Elmore T. Harris, football and track star, signed a contract last Thursday to play football with the Brooklyn Dodgers next fall in the All-American Conference.

In signing a contract to play professional football, Harris passed up a certain berth with the 1946 United States Olympic team, for which he was the No. 1 choice for the 400 meter run, and spurned scholarship offers from Illinois, Ohio State and Boston University.

Harris is known to track and field followers for his feats on the Madison Square Garden boards and elevators during the past few seasons. He is the current holder of the National Amateur Athletic Union 400 meter championship.

Harris began his football career in high school at Normal, Ala. He was a half back at Morgan State College at Baltimore in 1943 and 1944 and during those two years was picked as an All-American. He scored thirty-seven touchdowns at Morgan.

Signed along with Harris was

A. AND T. WINS OVER DELAWARE

By J. Paul Howard
GREENSBORO, N. C.—After trailing the Delaware State Hornets for the first six innings last Friday, the hustling A. and T. Aggies put on a terrific seventh inning rally, scoring seven runs to defeat the Delaware lads by a final score of 11-6. The Aggies with four wins in as many starts thus were able to maintain their undefeated record for the current season.

The contest took place at Cone Park here and was the longest game of the season, two hours and 40 minutes having been used to complete the rather one sided tilt.

From the outset it looked like Delaware's ball game. This opinion was further confirmed in the second frame when big Taylor Wheeler, Hornet first baseman from New Rochelle, lammed one of Edward Martin's offerings over the center-field fence, bring Pete Peters home with this circuit clout. Then after trotting A. and T. to a single score segregation increased their lead with four more runs in the fifth.

In the lucky seventh a flurry of singles, doubles and triples intermingled with a couple of costly miscues on the part of the Hornets resulted in the Aggies piling up seven runs. Then in the eighth A. and T. added three more runs to run their lead up to a comfortable 11-6 margin.

AGGIE NINE TO MEET EAGLES; NETMEN TO OPEN; WITH SMITH

By J. Paul Howard
GREENSBORO—In what promises to be the chief collegiate baseball attraction in CIAA circles this week, the A. and T. Aggies will encounter the North Carolina Eagles here Saturday, April 26.

This contest will mark the first meeting of these traditional rivals this spring. Competition is always keen between these North Carolina schools and widespread interest is being shown in Saturday's game.

Last fall the A. and T. college football team whipped the Eagles by a 17-0 upset at Greensboro. Then during the basketball season the White Kids from Durham blasted out two triumphs over Aggie centers in as many meetings. And now these schools' baseball teams will meet on the diamond at Greensboro's Memorial Stadium.

Both outfits will be battling for blood with every indication that the game will be a thriller in the offing.

At the same time the Aggie ball club is battling it out with rivals from North Carolina College. Coach Eldridge Williams' net squad will be prying the lid off the carnival season with their opening match against J. C. Smith. While the Aggie tennis group remains an unknown quantity at this time, Williams plans to pick his starting quartet from the nine candidates trying for places on the team.

LINCOLN SCHEDULES DREXEL

LINCOLN, Pa. (ANP)—Lincoln University has scheduled Drexel Institute of Technology for a dual track meet on May 14 on Lincoln's campus. The Lincoln team is expected to be in top-notch condition by that date as they will have participated in six track and field meets. On the other hand Drexel always fields an excellent team of this class.

It is interesting to note that the Drexel team will be the first to compete on the new \$20,000 Lincoln track grading Rendall field.

JACKIE ROBINSON GETS FIRST HIT AGAINST BOSTON

BROOKLYN (ANP)—First baseman Jackie Robinson, Dodger infielder, broke the ice for himself in National league competition by getting his first hit in the fifth inning against the Boston Braves last Thursday. Although Jackie has been responsible for runs through sacrifice hits, this was his first sacrifice hit.

Henderson's Comments

BY EDWIN E. HENDERSON

The horrible spectator situation at Howard University was the scene of some of the best track and field performances during the running of the opening Relays at Howard University April 12.

The spectator control is as impossible today as it was when the first track meet for colored boys was held on the campus at Howard in June 1906. At that meet the writer was general manager. We controlled the crowd by roping off the field. This is no criticism of the athletic control at Howard for they had planned to use the city school stadium which proved unavailable.

There is little excuse for the largest college we have not to have an up-to-date stadium.

The competing schools were M Street High School, Armstrong High School and Howard Academy of Washington; Howard High School of Wilmington and Douglas High School of Baltimore. Howard University athletes in that city were all prep school boys. However the ages of many of the boys compared with the college boys of today.

Let's look at the records then and now:

100 yard dash	1:06-1907
200 yard dash	2:23
400 yard dash	5:46
800 yard dash	12:14
1 mile run	5:56
120 high hurdles	18.5
220 low hurdles	29.0
440 yard dash	50.7
880 yard dash	1:21.1
1 mile run	36.11
100 yard dash	1:06
220 yard dash	2:16
440 yard dash	49.0
880 yard dash	1:54.1
1 mile run	1:58.1
1500 yard dash	4:25.1

JOE BAKSI REFUSES LOUIS TITLE BOUT

NEW YORK (ANP)—The 26th Century Sporting Club was handed a surprise last week by Nate Wolfson, manager of Joe Baksi, when he informed Nat Rogers, bout arranged for Mike Jacobs, that the club need not expect a title match between Louis and Baksi this summer. The only explanation advanced by Wolfson was "I have a bit of a headache now." Baksi won a one-sided technical knock-out over Bruce Woodcock in London on Tuesday night of last week.

Wolfson's announcement left Rogers with no choice other than to fight either Jersey Joe Walcott or Mello Bellino for a title bout with Louis at Yankee stadium on June 26.

Meanwhile, the champion has made it clear that he will retire from the ring if no match is arranged. Said Joe, "My mind is made up because a man can go on just so long if I wait until next year it may be too late, so I am anxious to find out what plans can be worked out for me." In the event that Joe should retire, he has indicated that he will accept an offer to enter the insurance business in Detroit.

Noted Track Stars To Appear In Penn Relays

PHILADELPHIA (NNPA)—Faced by Herb McKenzie and Bill Mathis of the University of Illinois and Herb Douglas of Pittsburgh, with the possibility that Baldwin Wallace's ace timber-topper, Harrison Dillard, might be included, a list of seven finalists will descend upon the Franklin Field for the fifty-third annual running of the University of Pennsylvania Relay Carnival Friday and Saturday.

H. Janison Swartz, director of the meet, has received entries from more than 3,000 colleges, high schools, prep, elementary and parochial schools. He announced a 77 event program which is one of the largest in the country's history. There will be twenty-two events on Friday and forty-five on Saturday.

With Howard, Hampton, Lincoln, Morgan, and Virginia State among the early entrants, Colored Intercollegiate Athletic Association followers will have an opportunity to witness a preview of the championship. Lincoln with her sparring of Howard Thomas, Cranford, New Jersey, high school ace, will be one of the favored, while Howard for its fine show in the indoor meet held here also captures the public's eye.

Among the high school entries, Coach of Washington, coached by Howard's famed Sid Hall, set the nod over Douglas and Howard.

Capital Classic Creates Conflict In CIAA Circle

WASHINGTON (NNPA)—Washington is talking about the commercialization of college sports which has brought into conflict a game between West Virginia and Tennessee State in the so-called Capital classic, and a game between Morgan State and Howard, a regularly scheduled CIAA conference game. Both games are scheduled to be played here October 18.

If college football is to be commercialized, students and fans reason, why shouldn't the players be paid?

Some Howard alumni argue that Howard brought about the present situation by deprecating its football and letting a stadium built with \$190,000 of taxpayers' money go to ruins. Now, Howard has to play its football games at Brooks Field, a high school playground, and its baseball games on the Monument Grounds, which is an open federal park where no admission can be charged.

This column believes there's nothing wrong with athletics at Howard that a good football coach, a training table and training quarters won't correct.

In the old days, under Ted Morrison and Louis Watson Howard tuned up against Morgan and needed only a football to beat West Virginia State. The other CIAA teams, except Lincoln, were ignored, and Atlanta, Fisk and Wilberforce played inter-sectional games. The Howard-Lincoln Thanksgiving Day game was the classic and people journeyed from as far west as the Pacific coast and from as far south as the Gulf of Mexico for this event.

But nowadays the so-called classics attract the hoodlum ele-

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ments and the gamblers by odds, just as they on the Washington Redskins and the New York Giants.



All for a penny!

IKE WILLIAMS TKO'S CONTI IN SEVENTH

ALLEN TOWN, Pa. (NNPA)—Ike Williams of Trenton, New Jersey, won a seven-round technical knockout over Frankie Conti here last Tuesday night putting the Haverhill, Mass., lightweight down for three nine counts but finding it impossible to make him say "down."

Fighting under his new manager, Frank Palermo, for the first time, Williams, the National Boxing Association's lightweight champ, was declared winner after two minutes and thirty six seconds of fighting in the seventh round.

After Williams had dropped Conti for nine counts in the fifth and again in the sixth, Referee Jack Saurino halted the fight when Conti struggled to his feet following a nine count in the 7th.

Conti's manager, Sam Lenoff, rushed into the ring, claiming Williams had hit Conti while Conti was falling. The referee ruled it was perfectly legal since Conti had both hands off the floor, Saurino said he pulled the fight because of Conti's condition.

Conti weighed 139 1/2, Williams 137 1/2.

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