

Cards Threaten To Strike Against Robinson

BEATING THE GUN

BY ALVIN MOSES

"IS IT NEWS TO YOU THAT—" NEW YORK (AP)— JAMES EVANS, undisputed world's colored pocket billiard champion and one of the most fabulous figures of any race this particular sport has known, was virtually unbeatable in his prime. Last week we sat with Evans, who no longer gives billiard even a passing thought, and watched for hours with him while other kids gathered around the fringes of our round table.

In winning the N. Y. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP some dozen years ago or more, Jimmy whipped the best white players in the metropolitan area including Hueston, former world's title holder, taking 11 STRAIGHT GAMES without a loss. When your local colored pool sharks start filling you with their prowl, just ask them to call like for me please, how they think they would fare in top-notch company like Evans playing around with BETTING THEIR OWN MONEY (not backers' dough) and being the lone scapula entrant in the tournament?

Incidentally, it was during the progress of this tournament that Evans ran off 15 balls without the CUE BALL TOUCHING THE CUSHION. An upward-of-100, and one that gained immortality in him in the world-famous BELIEVE IT OR NOT BOB RIPLEY bible of information and fact. Page 20, debonair and an easy talker, Evans was also one of the finest mathematicians I ever met (not to hold a college degree), a good checker, player, a top card player for his special game, and like most Kentuckians, a lover of fast horses, and — pretty women. A good looker as far of complexion as is NAACP's WALTER WHITE, he was proud to be known to the fella as a Negro who did not care to pass.

Henderson's Comments

BY EDWIN B. HENDERSON

An athletic event in the Twelfth Street YMCA of Washington on Saturday, May 3, was noteworthy because of its unique appeal and interracial nature. This was the Central Area YMCA weight lifting contest. Weight lifting teams from Hagerstown and Baltimore, Maryland, Wilmington, Delaware, Camden, New Jersey, and Washington took part.

All of the lifters, except a representative from Wilmington and the Twelfth Street Y were white boys. The only team that could not get an appearance because of the racial pattern was the Central Y of Washington. As record breaking performances were turned by James Bradford of the Twelfth Street Street Y and Wilbur Dreyer of the Baltimore Central YMCA. Nearly thirty competitors engaged for crowns in various weight divisions.

Weight lifting is an old competition dating back to the original strength testing. Lifting makes strong muscles, bodies and men. The Shadow or man-beautiful results from muscle building through weight lifting.

The standard events are known as the Press, the Snatch, and the Clean and Jerk. In performing the "Press," the lifter pulls the weight to his shoulders and assumes the military position and awaits the referee's signal to begin pressing and pushing the weight overhead.

During the press, he must maintain the erect military position and must use no jerking movement of legs or shoulders to start press. He then holds the finishing position for two seconds when the referee signals him to lower the weight to the floor.

NABS BASEBALL STAR ON DRAFT EVASION COUNT

BIRMINGHAM (AP)— A Negro baseball star was arrested here last week by FBI agents on a four-year draft evasion charge. Willie Walter Crawford, 43-year-old former member of the Birmingham Black Barons baseball team was seized at a Polar Mints baseball diamond exactly four years after he failed to appear for induction in Knoxville, Tenn., according to FBI agent Ray J. Abbaticchio. Crawford had followed Crawford for a team in the minors, so now through a diamond career which he brings all of his prejudices and included performances with Chicka-dee into the City of Brotherly Love and New York league teams. Ab-Love urging his players to practice, Crawford, a pitcher, threw one of the best circles, and second baseman, played under Winchell under the Commodore. Crawford, a "Sneaky" School A. and "Sewell" Jackson. He was arrested in a baseball uniform with arms crossed.

TAN TOPICS

By CHARLES ALLEN



Continental Features
"The been meaning to drop in and thank you for the fine job you did in bringing me the world, too!"

JOE LOUIS SAYS HE WON'T FIGHT IN JUNE

NEW YORK (Calvin News Service)—Joe Louis, number one fighting man in the world, breezed into the sanctity of the offices occupied by the 20th Century Boxing Club full of talk, and when the talk had been tossed at So. Strauss, who is acting instead of the ailing Mike Jacobs, every person in the room could sense the crumbling of the mightiest boxing dynasty in the history of boxing. Joe Louis had taken over as the top man of boxing and he gave the owners with a finality which could not be denied.

Said the Bomber, I am not fighting in June. Let Jersey Walcott, Willie Petina, Joe Maxam, Ezzard Charles and anybody you think that could draw in a September bout, fight it out for the right to fight me. Perhaps I will fight the winner in September. If no worthy contender is unfolded, I will fight once in 1948 after which I will retire.

The Champion had spoken and the one mighty 20th Century big was forced to say "yes sir, Mr. Louis" and like it.

SMITH DOWNS SHAW BEARS 7-4

CHARLOTTE (CNS)— Smith scored his 197th game May 8th by defeating Shaw University 7 to 4. This was the first game Smith had played on its home field since 1935. Gilchrist Smith's tight hander, pitched seven hit ball until he was relieved by Richardson in the seventh. England was pitcher for the losing Bears. Shaw scored first in the third when Goodrich singled. Smith scored in the third and Shaw again in the fourth and fifth. At the end of the fifth Shaw led 3 to 2. In the sixth Shaw still led. Smith came back in the seventh and at the close of the game had beaten the Bears 7 to 4.

Martin of Shaw knocked the only home run of the game in the seventh. A large crowd witnessed the game.

The lineup:
Pos. Smith Shaw
CF Moore McLeod
SS Dickens Goodrich
3B Brooks Bellamy
RF Houston Martin
C Wilson Floyd
1B Hanches Nelson
2B Davis Jackson
3B Peck Joyner
P Richardson English

Griff relieved Wilson in the 3th. Freeman relieved Nelson in 7th.

DANVILLE BEATS HORNETS 3 TO 1

BY WILLIE L. JOHNSON

DANVILLE (CNS)— The Danville Stars used a combination of sharp hitting and Jesse Blackmon's sustained hurling to beat the Black Hornets 3 to 1 here Sunday May 11th, before nearly 1,000 fans.

It was one of three games this week the fans were treated to and the losing pitcher, headliner Robert Springs, ace Bee Butler, pitched his beautiful game as has been seen in these parts for many a day. The lucky right hander gave five hits, fanned eight and walked only one, but the Stars deserved the win.

Manager Jim Williams' crew wrapped up the game by scoring two times in the opening inning. White faced a tremendous poke into deep right-center for three bases, and scored on Wilbespoon's single. The Beet thrashed him into second on the throw-in and, then, came across when Pete Sims errored Latham's drive.

The Hornets moved up a notch in the third when Jim Sims, walked, followed by second on Springs' sacrifice and, then, scored when June Neal singled over second.

The Stars' third marker came by the unexpected route. June Neal, with two for four, led the Bears, while Sholea and Price Garcia starred against Latham, the Stars' speedy short fielder was best for the victors.

The Hornets, who played brilliantly, now have won one and lost one in the new Negro Carolina League. The eight members of this league are Charlotte, Winston-Salem, Durham, Greensboro and Raleigh in North Carolina, Richmond and Danville in Virginia and Columbia, South Carolina.

Batters: Blackmon, 2-0, and Bonney, Springs, 1-1, and J.Sims.



SHAW HURLING ACE— Charlie England, above, stellar hurler for the Shaw Bears is the wonder boy on the Shaw 1947 baseball team. Behind him brilliant pitching last week the Bears toppled the high flying A. and T. Aggies 12-11 when they met in Raleigh. The Aggies were boasting a nine-game winning streak. During the war years England starred with the Camp Lee Travelers, a predominately white aggregation.

'ROBINSON SCORES AS 'EXPERT'



"INFORMATION PLEASE" GUESTS — Jackie Robinson, former pitcher, the Brooklyn Dodgers' brilliant first baseman, not only answered questions on sports, but also proved himself a competent authority on poetry, movies, popular songs and firearms when he was a guest on Columbia network's "Information Please" in a program dedicated to the United Negro College Fund.

Philly Manager Out To Get Jackie--Winchell

NEW YORK (AP)— The call of the bat and box Chapman, the manager of the Philadelphia National League baseball team, announced himself in some heavy artillery when he, according to Walter Winchell, said it was part of the league's effort to limit Robinson on his race and to "hurl" systematic enemies at the only Negro in the big leagues.

Thereby qualifying himself as an unfit person to lead a major league team, Mr. Chapman, long a stormy petrel of baseball, invited his dismissal, according to the best thought in sports.

He disqualified himself as a member of the Yankees in the days when that team was a great outfit, and managed by great manager, Jake Ruppert, Ed Barrow and Joe McCarthy wanted no part of the fiery Alabamian and soon sent him on his way from the Yankees.

The Phillies resurrected him from Gon in Knoxville, Tenn., according to FBI agent Ray J. Abbaticchio, gave to him a chance to manage the team. The FBI had followed Crawford for a team in the minors, so now through a diamond career which he brings all of his prejudices and included performances with Chicka-dee into the City of Brotherly Love and New York league teams. Ab-Love urging his players to practice, Crawford, a pitcher, threw one of the best circles, and second baseman, played under Winchell under the Commodore. Crawford, a "Sneaky" School A. and "Sewell" Jackson. He was arrested in a baseball uniform with arms crossed.

CAROLINIAN SPONSORS SOFT BALL TOURNAY

RALEIGH (CNS)— Under the direction of the City Recreation Department, THE CAROLINIAN is sponsoring a softball tournament among the City elementary schools, the champions of which will be awarded a cup by a representative of THE CAROLINIAN. A. E. Weatherford of the City Recreation Department, announced this week.

So far Crosby-Garfield has defeated Lucille Hunter, 6-5 and Oberlin has defeated Crosby-Garfield 4-3. Oberlin and Crosby-Garfield played Wednesday in the championship battle, results of which has not been received at press time.

The Championship Game will be played in the Clavis Heights Park at 3:30 p. m. Friday. Admission will be free. As a preliminary game in demonstration, the Lucille Hunter City will play the Crosby-Garfield girls softball.

Coaches of the league teams are Baker for Oberlin, Williams for Lucille Hunter, and Hayward for Crosby-Garfield. Go out and witness some real softball played by these youngsters playing their heart out to win and to demonstrate good sportsmanship.

PRIEST LAUDS HIRING OF JACKIE

BROOKLYN (CNS)— Branch Rickey's hiring of Jackie Robinson, Brooklyn Dodgers' Negro first baseman, was hailed as a mighty blow against discrimination, by Monsignor Raymond J. Campion, chaplain of the Brooklyn Catholic Interracial Council.

Monsignor Campion, who is pastor of St. Peter Claver's Church here, declared:

"The Brooklyn Baseball Club of the National League and its president, Mr. Rickey, deserve the highest praise and support of the Catholic Interracial Council because it was the first baseball club in major league of organized baseball to include a recognized Negro player in its team.

"Mr. Rickey will never completely know an adequately appreciative and encouraging, hope and confidence has given the Negro race not only in Brooklyn but throughout the U. S."

The Rev. Charles W. Dillingham, pastor of the First Baptist Church of the City of Brooklyn, also expressed his approval of the hiring of Jackie Robinson. He said that he was glad to see the Negro race represented in the major leagues.

AGGIES DOWN SMITH, WINGS

GREENSBORO (CNS)— The Championship-bound A and T. College baseball team chalked up its tenth straight victory of the current season last week end, tearing in a sixth from 11-10 triumph over the highly tested Goschen Fed Wings Carolina League entry here last Friday and coming back strong the next day to blast out a decisive 10-8 victory over the hapless Johnson C. Smith Bells.

The Smith contest, last at home conference game of the season for the Greensboro collegians, was in every respect a rout, the A. and T. bunch scored practically all of the one sided tilt.

Behind the hurrying of Bruce Swartz Green, the pennant-streak Aggies began their scoring surge at the outset of the contest, scoring a run in the opening frame, another in the second and three in the third. The five run lead only seemed to spur the Gate City lads on to greater efforts for they clocked up an additional two runs in the fourth inning. Then without pausing to rest, which one of Smith's three relief pitchers was being mounted dirty, A and T's power-hits on hit balls banged out five more runs in their half of the fifth inning.

A and T kept up the monotonous regularity of banging out hits and tallying runs throughout the drawn out three and one-half hour tilt. By the sixth inning the puck was practically empty, most of the fans having left out of sheer boredom.

JOE LOUIS WATCHES JACKIE AGAINST THE GIANTS

NEW YORK (CNS)— Spectator Joe Louis watched the Dodgers' game against the Giants 9-8 on Sunday. Joe entered a box seat near the bums' dugout at Ebbets Field at the end of the Dodgers' fourth and exchanged hand waves with Jackie Robinson on first base. Later Jackie came over to shake hands with Joe.

National League Official Calls It "Madness"

NEW YORK (AP)— Good sportsmanship, one of the qualities that has made baseball America's favorite pastime, came close to taking a severe beating last week when the St. Louis Cardinals allegedly threatened to strike against the presence of Jackie Robinson of the Brooklyn team.

Charges, counter charges, and denials were tossed around by National League officials as they sought either to arrive at a compromise or to prove rumors about the strike.

According to Stanley Woodward sports editor of the New York Herald Tribune, Sam Breadon's hurried trip to New York to confer with manager Eddie Dyer was not to investigate the lowly state of his team, the St. Louis Cardinals, during the series with the Dodgers' last week. Breadon, instead, went to meet the possibility of a strike. Once back in St. Louis, however, Breadon denied that such was the case, saying, "There is absolutely nothing to that."

The strike program, allegedly drawn up by certain St. Louis players, was instigated by a member of the Dodger team, stated Woodward. The original plan called for a St. Louis strike on the first day of play, but this was later changed in favor of a general strike within the National League to be called on another date. Both Ford Frick, president of the National League, and Breadon, argued with the players against such a step.

"If you do this," Frick is quoted as saying, "I will be suspended from the league. You can find that the friends you think you have in the press box will not support you and you will be outcasts."

"I don't care if half the league strikes. Those who do will encounter quick retribution. All will be suspended and I don't care if it takes a week, the National League for five years. This is the United States of America and one citizen has as much right to play as another."

"The National League will be down the line with Robinson whatever the consequences. You will and if you go through with your intention that you will have the quality of complete madness."

Dyer, however, denied last week that the men on his team had even discussed such action. "The report was a lie," he said, "and Jackie Robinson is absurd. At no time to my knowledge did any of my players consider such a foolish action. They never discussed it with me, and I never discussed it with them. Mr. Breadon came here from St. Louis because he was alarmed over the poor showing made by the Cardinals."

"As for Jackie Robinson, I would like to state for myself and for all players: that if Brooklyn wants to use him and thinks he can be of value, that certainly is all right with us. He is an American the same as I am and he is entitled all the rights and privileges I am."

TRACK STAR WANTED FOR OLYMPIC TEAM

BY GEORGE C. GREAVES

FORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad (AP)— A cabled request for information as to whether McDonald Bailey, Trinidad track star, will be representing Great Britain in the 1948 World Olympic games in London was received by the Trinidad Olympic Games committee here recently. The cable was sent by the "News of the World."

Bailey, a member of the Trinidad Royal Air Force, is one of two West Indians who have been holding Great Britain's flag aloft in the Olympic Games committee here recently. The cable was sent by the "News of the World."

Last year, Bailey equaled the British record for the 100 yard dash at 9.7 seconds. He has been competing under British colors for the past three years. He is married to an English girl.

The local Olympic committee announced that they would make no announcement regarding Bailey's Olympic affiliation until they have received information from the International Olympic Games committee. Olympic officials said that they had applied for a single unit, or if that is not possible, for Trinidad to enter a team. The international committee will make a decision on the request when it meets in June.

NEGRO GIRL IS CROWNED THE HEALTHIEST

NEW YORK (CNS)— A five-year-old Negro girl, Lucille Green was named Queen of Health here this week in the annual Child Health Day Contest. In the "clog test" contest, she had over 100 points. She is the daughter of Dr. Edward M. De Tolla, pediatrician. Lucille, a winner over 21 other children, and Michael Simola, also five, was made her King. Lucille's mane, which she had a pink paper crown which matched the ribbon on her braids.

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