

# RASKI WON'T SEE JOE LOUIS IN SEPTEMBER

## RASKI CHANGES MIND ABOUT BOUT WITH LOUIS

NEW YORK CITY (CNS) — Joe Raksi has a mind as changeable as a woman's as the say goes. One week he won't fight Joe Louis, next week he will. Latest report has it that the heavyweight contender will not fight Joe in September and we quote "There will be absolutely no title bout between Joe and me this year."

## HOOSMAN WHIPS WALKER

BALTIMORE, Md. (NPA) — Al Hoosman of Chicago, won a unanimous decision over Cuddy Walker of Columbus, Ohio, in a close fight at the Coliseum last Monday night. The winner left the ring with his left eye slightly out after a bleeding mouth and nose had been repaired. He sustained the damage in rounds of inside fighting by Walker. Walker bore no marks of the battle.

## Senator Gets Report On Jackie

WASHINGTON (ANP) — Jackie Robinson is letting along fine with the Brooklyn Dodgers baseball team, Sen. Donnell (R., Mo.) was told last Friday.

The senator brought the matter up at a senate public welfare subcommittee hearing on legislation to set up a national commission against discrimination in employment.

Fred E. Ray, Brooklyn Negro, chairman of the social service commission of the National Baptist convention was testifying in support of the bill. Donnell interrupted to ask how Robinson is being received in Brooklyn.

Ray said he had sat among white persons at several ball games to learn their attitude toward Robinson. He said there was some "mild" reaction against him at first, but that generally "people seem to pull more for Jackie than for the others."

Incidentally Robinson's batting average is beginning to climb above the .300 mark, while the batting average of other "Leaves" on the team are sinking.

## DODGERS IN 5-1 WIN OVER CUBS

CHICAGO (ANPA) — With Jackie Robinson's first first base hit, playing center baseball, Brooklyn made a three-game sweep of their series with the Chicago Cubs here, winning the final game last Wednesday, 5 to 1. The series drew 33,852 paid admissions.

The Cubs led, 1 to 0, until the sixth inning. Then Johnny Schmitz, Jackie's catcher, bled Robinson with the club run. Reese scored on Carl Furillo's fly to center field. Jackie scored again in the seventh after he had got his second single to lead the bases. Reese singled, scoring Gil Hodges, Dodger catcher. Russ Meyer relieved Schmitz and struck out Furillo but walked Duke Snider, forcing in Ralph Branca, Dodger pitcher. Russ Meyer relieved Meyer. Meyer walked Johnny Jergensen, forcing Robinson across with the last run of the game.

At bat four times, Jackie was credited with two hits and two runs. He also stole a base to retain his league leadership of pinbatted bases with nine.

Robinson's batting average thru last Thursday's game follows: G A B R H 2B 3B HR Pct. 55 213 44 64 7 1 4 .300

Robinson enjoyed a free trip around the bases in the eighth inning of the game against the Chicago Cubs which Brooklyn won last Wednesday at Wrigley field by a score of 5 to 3.

Jackie was safe at first on an error by Don Johnson, Cub third baseman. Gene Hermanski, Dodger left fielder, sacrificed and when Jackie saw third base uncovered he started for that bag. Johnson threw to the base, expecting somebody to cover but when nobody did the ball went into the Cubs dugout and Robinson scored.

The Dodgers had tied the score at 3-3 in the sixth. Eddie Stanky, Dodger second baseman, walked and went to third on Jackie's single. Robinson moved to second when Tom Dalesandro, Cub left fielder, tried to catch Stanky at third. Hermanski singled to center, forcing Stanky and Robinson.

## 3,873 FANS SEE NEWARK DOWN PHILADELPHIA

NEWARK, N. J. (NPA) — The Newark Eagles gained partial revenge last Tuesday night for three defeats handed them by the Philadelphia Stars by swamping the Philly nine, 15-4 before 3,873 fans, including 1,500 women present at the first ladies night since the war.

The Eagles collected sixteen hits, including three homers, off the Philly pitchers.

Neither Barney Brown, who started for the Stars, nor Warren Peace, Eagles pitcher, saw the finish. Peace was removed for a pinch hitter in the second inning after the Stars had tagged him for four hits and three runs. Brown was taken out in the fourth after giving up eight runs and six hits.

An ex-GI, Nelson Thomas, relieved Peace. He saved up five hits and held the Stars scoreless until the ninth, when Pinch Hitter Roy Partlow got a home run. It was Thomas' second victory of the season.

Lennie Pearson was the batting star for the Eagles, with a home run, triple and double. Larry Doby and Rookie Robert Wilson also hit for the enroute. Doby's round tripper was his eleventh and put him one behind the twelve with Josh Gibson won the home run championship last year.

The victory increased the Eagles' lead in the Negro National League to one and a half games over the Baltimore Elite Giants.

Afield Jackie handled ten chances without an error. At bat four times, he got only one hit but scored two of the Dodgers' five runs. The Dodgers made four double plays, in three of which Robinson figured.

By T. MELVIN

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## BASEBALL-EXTRA

The annual joint meeting of the Negro National and American leagues was held at the Hotel Theresa June 10-11 climaxed by a gala dinner for newspaper men at Small's Paradise, on the last night's session. — It was undoubtedly the finest ever to be given the press which was well attended by scribblers from various states. The Negro National league leader John H. Johnson, its president, was the host and honored guests included Raymond Jones, (housing commissioner); Samuel J. Fittles, ex-police official and at present successor to Lou Gehrig as commissioner of department of correction; Charles Suttles, Manuel Barfield and Basketball promoter, owner and sportsman, (Colonel) Bob Douglas.

Dan Burley was Master of Ceremonies and he along with Fritz Pellard's Sun Tan studio entertainers provided an unforgettable evening of entertainment. The annual East West classic will be held at Comiskey park, Chicago, on July 27. Credit McGinnis of the Chicago American Giants was given a clean bill of goods as Ray Brown, Homestead Grays, both will join in their respective clubs. Speeches were made by both league leaders, Wendell Smith, Pittsburgh Courier spoke for newsmen, and a pension plan and welfare fund was abandoned (for players) at this time.

## Raleigh Tigers Down Jacksonville In Twin Bill

RALEIGH — The Raleigh Tigers, members of the Negro Southern league, took over first place in league standing by taking both ends of a double-header from the Jacksonville Eagles 10-3 and 10-4 Sunday afternoon at Canis Park.

In the first game the Tigers took a 1-0 lead in the first inning when Rieburg walked Womble with the bases loaded. The Tigers collected four more runs in the third on singles by Harris and Davis, and a double by Womble. Jacksonville was able to collect one run in each of the last innings.

Womble batted in five runs for the Tigers. He was also the leading batter in the first game with two for four. Sampson led the Eagles with two for four also.

The Tigers opened the second game with a barrage of doubles. Clark led off with a double and Davis sent Clark across the plate with another double. The Tigers collected two more runs in the second inning. With the Raleigh club leading 5-0, the Eagles came to life with a four run outburst in the fifth inning. Knuckles was relieved by Mack who got credit for the victory.

Clark got a home run in the fourth with no one on bases. The scoring was climaxed when Barbee hit Turner's first pitch approximately 400 feet for a grand slam homer. Clark and Davis, with three for four and Byron with two for three were the leading hitters in the second game.

First Game

Table with columns: Jacksonville, Ab, R, H, O, A, E. Rows: Denard, rf; Byron, 2b; Washington, lb; Sampson, lf; McLaurin, c; Dressed, cf; Smith, ss; Lamar, 3b; Rieburg, p.

Score by Innings

Table with columns: Jacksonville, Ab, R, H, O, A, E. Rows: Jacksonville, 000 000 111-3; Raleigh, 104 000 230-11.

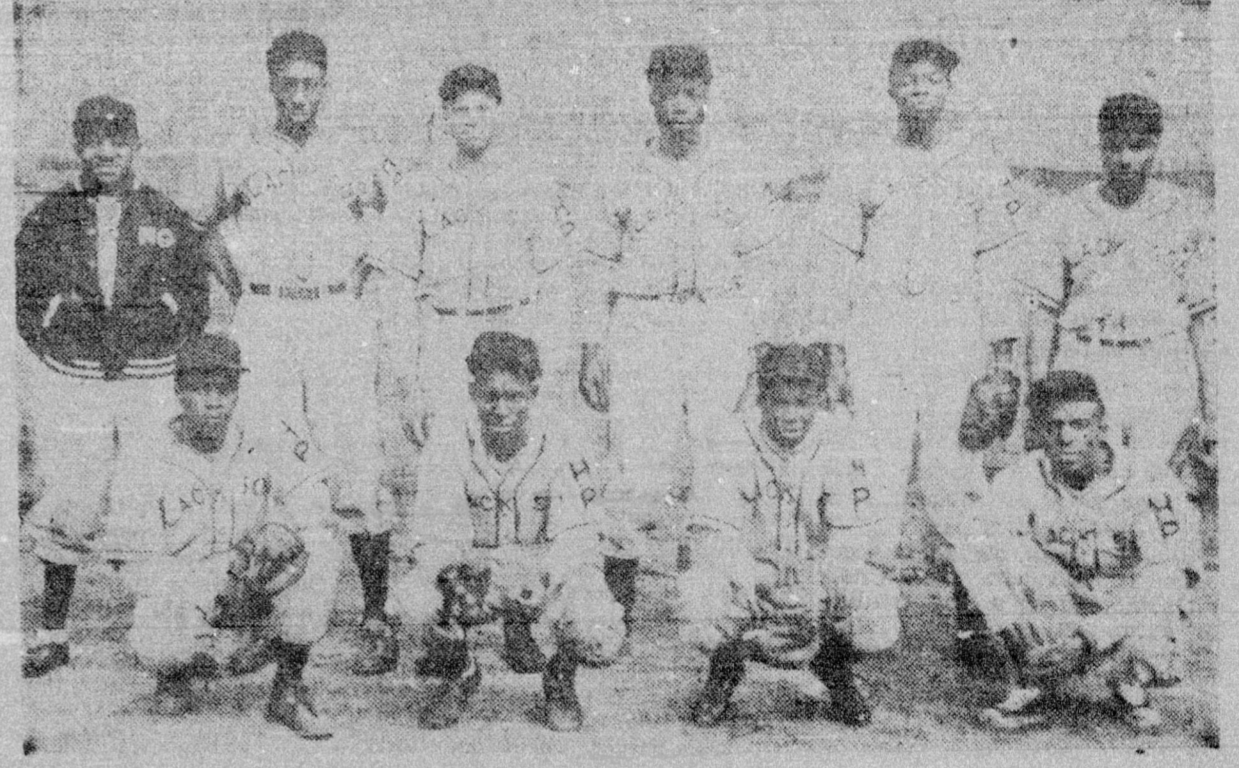
Runs batted in: Womble 5, Hatlen 2, Davis, Barbee, Smith, Sampson. Two base hits: Womble, Davis, Smith, Sampson, Cooper. Strikeouts: Cooper 10, Rieburg 7. Bases on balls: Cooper 10, Rieburg 4. Double play: Clark, Knuckles 10. Womble to Davis.

Winning pitcher: Cooper. Losing pitcher: Rieburg.

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Eagles Defeat Yankees, 6-5

Trenton, N. J. (NPA) — The Newark Eagles defeated the New York Black Yankees of the Negro National League at Dunn Field last Thursday night, 6 to 5.



Pictured above is the Black Sox baseball team of the Carl Chavis Memorial YMCA of High Point, North Carolina. They are scheduled to play the tough playing Trinity Cardinals at the High Point College Stadium July 4th at 3:00 P. M.

## Henderson's Comments

By Edwin B. Henderson

For the NNPA News Service. Our plaudits to the sports writers and newspaper men who walked out on a Jim Crow banquet here, for them to enlist their aid in promoting the Moore-Sheppard fight. Ten per cent of the gate was used to swell the Cancer Fund. Both boxers were colored. Most of the profits goes into the pockets of white managers and promoters. Washington, D. C., sports promoters were asked to raise a part of the quota allotted cities over the Nation. No colored citizen was appointed to the citizen's committee. A local promoter, who pulls the strings for big time fight sponsors, was given money to stage a Jim Crow dinner for the colored fringe upon you street. The sporting fraternity was invited. They came but they read a resolution instead. In it their manhood rebelled against submitting to being good enough to help promote a fight between two colored pugilists but not American enough to eat with the white committeemen at the Stalter. Sooner or later colored people are going to learn to refuse the porridge of Jacob's offering in return for their birthright of manhood respect. Again, let us applaud the newspaper-men who told off the cancer committee. As a result, three of their number were, as a very last gesture, invited to serve on the committee as full members and meet and eat together whenever the cancer committee convenes.

## Charlotte Parks Softball Schedule Underway

CHARLOTTE — The city softball league, sponsored each year by the Charlotte Park and Recreation Commission, had its official opening Monday, June 23. This year's arrangement and set-up will vary from last year's program by the teams playing every other day instead of daily.

Miss Lula Mae White, supervisor of playgrounds and recreation said she was well pleased with the smoothness with which the summer program has begun. The League is divided into two groups, the Red League and the Blue League.

The following is the schedule from June 27 to July 2.

June 27 — Pearl Street vs. Hill Street (Old Ball Park). Second Ward vs. YMCA at Second Ward. First Ward vs. West Charlotte at First Ward. Phalanx vs. Morgan at Morgan.

June 30 — Fairview vs. Second Ward at Fairview. Pearl Street vs. YMCA at Pearl Street. Brooklyn vs. Phalanx at Second Ward. First Ward vs. Morgan at Morgan.

July 2 — Hill Street vs. First Ward at Hill Street. Fairview vs. YMCA at Fairview. West Charlotte vs. Phalanx at Pearl Street. Brooklyn vs. Morgan at Second Ward.

## TENNIS FINALS SET FOR FRIDAY

DURHAM — Players of the Open Championships North Carolina State Tennis Association, which is being held in Durham, will end their finals Friday, June 27th.

On Tuesday, June 25th, the men's singles were as follows: George Stewart, seeded number 1; Dr. Robert Eaton, seeded number 2; W. L. Cooke, seeded number 3 and Dr. C. L. Hunt, seeded number 3. The two top seeded teams in men's double are George Stewart and Dr. J. L. McGriff, seeded number 1, and Dr. Robert Eaton and S. Hutchinson, seeded number 2.

Semi-finals will be held June 27th from 1 to 6 o'clock. Final affair of the occasion will be a dance given in W. D. Hill Recreation Center Hall Friday night, June 27th.



They not here don't you see all those distress signals down there.

## BEATING THE GUN

By Alvin Moses

New York (ANP) — The popular trend to play a pool game called "rocket a piece" in Harlem seems from many angles as if it is a safe bet. Take the pocket billiardist who is incapable of matching strokes or maneuvering strategy with the fellow who runs from 15 to 40 balls as against his modest six or 10, he has some chance of whipping this opponent on these counts.

Practice sessions at the art of banking balls as against snoot with the ever present missing element in straight pool, and learning as much as you can about safe play and the snooker proposition.

I am a very poor player. I find myself sitting long hours in the Willrose club watching such experts as PAUL (Detroit Slim), CRAHAM, BASIL (Gentleman), MAXWELL, Tennessee's gift to the New York sport picture, and one of the finest exponents of the baize and green tables I've seen since the days I was press agent for incomparable JAMES EVANS. "Harry," the boy wonder, New Jersey ex state champion, JERSEY ROY, the class, BABY COLES, translated Philadelphia, and CLINT MITCHELL, and CIGAR, kings of the "shortstops" in billiard circles, makes wonder shots.

Graham interests me from the angle of his wide knowledge of this game at which he was unbeatable back in 1929-35 when Evans was world's colored pocketball champion, and the only player of color to win the N. Y. State championship and make ROBERT RIPLEY's "Believe it or Not" column due to excellence in an exhibition testing special position play with the ivory.

Maxwell is as great a shotmaker and stylist as I've seen and there are mighty few of the top white stars I've missed since I started being a newspaper reporter back in 1922 at the age of 22.

All of us are phrase coiners unconsciously. I imagine that is why I am going to nickname Maxwell "Fluid Drive" because he is so smooth, calm and seemingly effortless during a tight game. Like bullplayers of the Gehrig era, Eddie Collins, Tim Lincecum, Ebbets, Frisch, Mondy, Dillgo and Landy type, Basil has that incredible "it" that causes you to remember them as finished products who arrived at their respective destinations by making hard situations appear easy.

He is an unbelievably great cushion maker in a class with the best. To venture to say, in this particular department, he tells me that when he was a real young fella, say around 22 or so, he played a game the equal of most players not entered in world tournaments.

MOTION PICTURE SHORT Maxwell is not entirely new to the nation at large as is New Yorkers like myself. Some time back out Chicago way, PATHE NEWS turned out a flicker that

## BREEZY



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