

DOBY FIRST IN AMERICAN LEAGUE BASEBALL

BEATING THE GUN

BY ALVIN MOSES

HE NEED NOT DIE VAINLY

NEW YORK (ANP) — JIMMY DOYLE, a pebble-faced Irish boy, had added his name to the ever-growing list of prizefighters who have died in the line of duty.

RAY (Sugar) ROBINSON is not the direct cause of Doyle's sad passing from a theatre of life in which he had risen to world-challenger status. But — somebody (or more than one) and some damnable system of spoliation is DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE for this young, smiling-Irishman's demise.

MEANINGLESS PROBS

A phase of American life in the overall picture is to probe, endlessly later, with the so-called findings later wrapped up in governmental red tape and windy-mouthed congressional suggestions. Why don't we, as supposedly CHRISTIAN NATION, do a turn-around and make Jimmy Doyle's ring passing monumental to worthwhile state revisions of boxing laws?

At the same time we might kick (and I mean unceremoniously at that) some of these snuffed shirts who draw upon salaries from a half-dozen sources other than their athletic supervision paychecks. Put teeth in boxing matters just as this column has long advocated lynch-law teeth. Bar some of these medics for life from all practices. Put in prison guilty officials who knowingly contribute to an athlete entering a ring against a man like Ray Robinson, after going through what the ENTIRE AMERICAN PUBLIC knows he did; six months prior with deadly-punching — ART LEVINE.

HAD IT BEEN YOUR SON?

Yes, we know boxers enter ring battles at their own risk. We also are cognizant of the fact that ring floors are supposed to be padded properly; referees are supposed to be human not sadists; government officials of the sports are supposed to do the part for which they are sworn into office. So much for that end of the roundtable pow-wow.

Suppose your son liked boxing as good a boy as was the late Jim Doyle, naturally you'd let him go out in this American sport second only to baseball in national interest. I ask you, parents, would you let him continue fighting if a doctor told you he had sustained a concussion of the brain under any circumstances? I say that if you loved the boy and had his full interest at heart, you would not.

No doctor, no athletic commission should have given the green light to Doyle in any event. I feel that he should not have been permitted to engage in what was called "trial bouts" prior to the fight with "Sugar boy." Many colored fighters have died recently, but as I say — they were colored fighters. Nothing was done other than the routine, perfunctory probe with its resultant hush-hush.

Well, let's make it safe for all American boys, COLORED and WHITE, fellow-American citizens and the Jimmy Doyle case should open a door that should remain open until never again will it be repeated by greedy managers, etc. under the unholy title of — LEGALIZED RING MURDER.

MELTING POT

CURTIS LEAK, Dr. Johnny Johnson's capable league-secretary, has churned out second-half info for the NEGRO NATIONAL BASEBALL LEAGUE with complete data on the 45-game playing schedule. The season closes officially on Sunday, September 14, with the Home-Steved Grays vs. Newark two-games, Elberts Field, Brooklyn; Philly Stars, N. Y. Cubans (2) at Polo Grounds.

As if our Robinson-Doyle piece needed justifying comes the news this week that JOSE BASORA, cream-complexioned Puerto-Rican

Second Negro Enters Big League; Bought By Indians

JACKIE GOING STRONG; RUNS HITS TO 21

BROOKLYN (NNPA) — Jackie Robinson, Dodger first baseman, on his streak of hits in consecutive games to nineteen last Wednesday night as Brooklyn trounced the New York Giants at the Ebbets field by a score of 11 to 3.

Robinson's daily hit followed singles by Ralph Branca and Eddie Stanky in the fifth inning and scored in the fourth inning. Dodger uprising, Robinson walked and scored when Carl Furillo tripled to center field.

Although the Dodgers took a 19-2 leading from the Giants last Thursday, Robinson got two hits in his trip to the plate, running his hitting streak to twenty games in a row. He beat out a bunt for a single in the fifth and doubled in the sixth.

Jackie made an error in the second inning when Dave Koslo, Giant pitcher, hit a grounder to him.

After hitting safely in the morning game, Robinson was held hitless in the afternoon game on Independence Day by Mort Cooper, Giant pitcher. He ran his hitting streak through twenty-one games on a row. The Dodgers won both ends of the holiday games, defeating the Giants 16-7 and 4-3.

At a total of eight times in the two games, Jackie was credited with one hit and one run batted in.

His batting percentage through July 4th is .311.

CHAMP JOE LOUIS CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY

NEW YORK, N. Y. (Global) — Joe Louis, heavyweight champion of the world who observed his tenth anniversary as champion on June 22, announced at that time that he intends to retire next year.

When he does retire Louis will have the most complete ring record of any heavyweight champion. He had defended his title a total of 23 times, more than any other fighter, and his record as a gentleman, a father and a clean fighter is unbeaten.

When he retires he hopes to become a country squire.

DOBY DRIVES IN SCORE, PLAYS ERRORLESS BALL

Larry Doby, 22, newcomer to the Cleveland Indians, and first Negro to play in the American League in recent years, singled to drive in a run as he made his bow as a starter. The Indians won the game from the Chicago White Sox 5-1.

Starting at first base, Doby handled eight chances without an error.

Doby said he will do his best to make good right where he is, but will go anywhere his manager sends him.

"It has always been my ambition to play in the majors," Larry said, as he settled down to the business of showing his stuff for the Tribe.

CLEVELAND (NNPA) — Larry Doby, hard-hitting second baseman of the Negro National League, became the first colored player to break into the American League and the second to become a major league player in modern times when the Cleveland Indians announced last Wednesday his purchase from the Newark Eagles.

The price tag reputed to have been on Doby was \$15,000.

The swatch cut by Jackie Robinson in the National League since he joined the Brooklyn Dodgers in spring training had paved the way for other colored players to be brought into the big leagues. The only questions were who would be the next player and who would follow the lead of Branch Rickey, Dodger president, who had broken the unwritten rule of organized baseball.

Since baseball is big business and Jackie had made the headlines in every city of the colored players by major league clubs was inevitable.

Doby left the Newark Eagles after the Independence Day double-header with the Philadelphia Stars at the Bears Stadium in Newark and reported in Chicago last Saturday for duty with the Indians.

Bill Vecek, Cleveland president, said Doby was scouted for the Indians by Bill Killefer, who reported that he had all the attributes of a "great ball player."

"I don't think any man who has the ability should be barred from major league baseball on account of his color," Vecek said. "The entrance of Negroes into both major leagues is not only inevitable, it is here."

In announcing the purchase, Lou Boudreau, Indian manager, said the acquisition of Doby "is a real baseball purchase — in my mind."

He added that "Race, color or color are not factors in baseball success, whether it be in the major or minor leagues. Ability and character are the only factors."

"Doby will be given every chance, as will any other deserving player, to prove that he has the ability to make good with us."

Doby is 22 years old. He has hit thirteen homers, sixteen doubles and eight triples while compiling a .438 batting average with the Newark Eagles this season.

Born in Camden, South Carolina, the 185-pound infielder played every sport in East Side High School in Patterson, New Jersey.

He starred for the school's city baseball champions in 1941 and

1942 before entering Long Island University. He signed with the Eagles in the spring of 1943 but entered the Navy in July of that year.

Doby returned from three years' service in the Navy to spark the Eagles to the Negro National League championship. Newark then defeated the Kansas City Monarchs in the Negro world series.

A left-hand batter and a right-hand thrower, Doby, who is married, also has had previous playing experience at other infield and outfield positions. Tribe officials said, adding that they would give him a "thorough trial" before determining whether he should be "farmed out" to a minor league club or retained on the Indians' regular roster.

In the Navy in 1943, Doby played at Great Lakes, Illinois, with seven well known stars as School Boy Rowe, Virgil Trucks and Bob Klinger, and compiled a batting average of .342.

A big league berth was described by Doby himself as the dream of his life but he said he wasn't sure whether he was "more surprised" or "more excited" or "more excited than he was."

The all-around athlete said "It's a big jump from our league to the majors, but I think I can make it."

Doby said he was introduced to "Mr. Louis Jones of the Cleveland public relations department about two weeks ago."

He went with Jones to see a Cleveland Yankee game, Doby said, and afterwards Jones told him Cleveland had scouted him "for two months and that all reports were highly favorable."

When Jones left him, Doby related, "He said, 'You will probably be in our organization in two or three weeks,' but I thought he was kidding. I did not hear anything further until this morning (July 5)."

Mrs. Effie Monday (owner of the Newark Eagles) phoned me to tell me to come to Newark and that Cleveland was purchasing my contract from her."

Doby said he heard again from Jones last Thursday asking him whether he wanted to fly or go by train to Cleveland.

"If it's all the same to you I'd rather go by train," Doby said he told Jones. "You see this is a big opportunity for me and I don't want to miss it."

He said he assured Jones he was not afraid of flying, but that "just this once let's take the train. I'm excited enough as it is."

Montgomery Preps For Title Battle

PLEASANTVILLE, N. J. (ANP) — Lightweight champion Bob Montgomery moved into Laomi Byrd's training camp here this week in preparation for the defense of his 135-pound crown against Champion Ike Williams on August 4 in Philadelphia at Municipal stadium. This match was finally made a month ago after fight fans throughout the country had clamored that the two meet in order to clear up the lightweight situation as Williams is NBA champ in all states except New York and Pennsylvania, in which the title is held by the Philly Bobo.

With a trio of \$25 a day sparring partners, Ralph Hill, Billy Morris and Larry Thomas, to box with, Montgomery is going about his training seriously as he realizes that in meeting Williams he will be facing the chief threat to his undisputed claim of world's light-

weight king. Members of his entourage in camp revealed that he is determined to repeat his 1044 knockout of his Trenton, N. J., foe in Convention Hall.

That battle still lives in the memory of hundreds of fight fans who say that it was one of the most savage ring encounters they ever saw as Montgomery gave Ike the thrashing of his life. With his clever boxing knowledge of the New York-Pennsylvania tramp cut his opponent to ribbons and thousands will flock to Municipal stadium to witness their second meeting in which Williams has sworn to avenge that defeat.

Trainer Dick Kane and his assistant, Billy Ferrone, are putting Montgomery thru a series of light workouts this week and beginning Monday will let him put on the heavy gloves to work out four



Charlotte Red Sox Return With Powerful Nine

By BRISCOE

The Charlotte Red Sox, formerly the Charlotte Hornets, has returned to the city with one of the fastest and hardest hitting clubs of the south. It is now under new ownership and management, featuring an entirely new line-up.

The club will meet the Columbia All Stars of Columbia, S. C. Tuesday night at Kannapolis, N. C. The pitcher, who is assumed will start for the Red Sox, will be Jussie Babbie, one of the fastest fire ball right handers in the Carolina League. The permanent starting line up up for the Red Sox will be as follows:

James Sheeler, short stop; George Mickey, center field; Calm Bur-

rows, first baseman; Ulysses Withers, second baseman; Pickett Ford, third baseman; Benjamin E. Wallace, catcher; Bill Bill Dwyer, right field; George Grier, left field. The pitching staff will be composed of Robert Grier, left knuckle ball pitcher; Jessie Blackley, fire ball right hander; Robert Springs and his substitute, William Bo Ee Weeks and his smother ball Jimmie Simms will also be seen very often behind the plate. This is one of the greatest clubs in the Minor League of Colored Baseball. The Red Sox are going to be hard to beat. The club is expected to leave Charlotte Wednesday, July 2nd on a four day tour, will return Monday to play the Goshen Red Wings of Greensboro, N. C. Monday night at Mt. Holly. This will be July 7th. Manager Sam Douglas is very proud to boast such a splendid club. The club is expecting a very successful and victorious season.

Stewart, Dubisette And Gibson Tourney Winners

DURHAM — George Stewart, sweet leftist of Panama, and Arthur Gibson, fast rising buster of Wilmington, N. C. along with veteran Dr. M. E. DuBisette, took the men's women's and veteran's singles crowns last week during the annual North Carolina open tennis tournament at Durham.

Dr. Eaton and Hutchin of Virginia, defeated Dr. McGriff and George Stewart in the men's doubles. Stewart topped Dr. Hunt for the men's singles title, Miss Gibson defeated Miss Miles, and Dr. DuBisette took Dr. McCauley in an upset.

All matches were played except the mixed doubles, which will be played before or at the National tournament scheduled to take place at Tuskegee Institute, Ala., some time in August.

The fast rising Wilmingtonian, Miss Gibson, ranks high in women's tennis competition, second only to Miss Romania Peters who defeated her in the national finals last summer.

McCauley's defeat by DuBisette marked the surprise of the tournament, taking the first set 6-4, losing the next, 6-6 then coming back to win the title by swatting the last set from his favored opponent, 6-4.

THE SUMMARIES

MEN'S SINGLES — Stewart, d. Dr. Hunt, 1-6, 6-0, 6-2, 6-1.

MEN'S DOUBLES — Dr. Eaton-Hutchinson, d. McGriff-Stewart, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, 2-6, 6-3.

VETERANS' SINGLES — Dr. McCauley, d. Dr. McCauley, 6-4, 6-6, 6-4.

BOYS' SINGLES — Melvin White (Va.), d. Nathan Garrett (N. C.), 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.

GIRLS' SINGLES — Joyce Cook (N. C.) d. Helen Moody, 8-6, 6-4.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES — Arthur Gibson (N. C.), Miss Sanson (N. C.), d. Doris Miles (N. J.) and Nellie Randall (Ark.).

COLORED STARS WON SEVENTH NATIONAL AAU

LINCOLN, Neb. (NNPA) — Colored track star ran track to form here last Saturday as they won seven events in the sixth National Amateur Athletic Union's track and field championships before 17,000 fans at the University of Nebraska Memorial Stadium.

Paul Doby Harrison, Dillard, the world's number one lumber tender from Belknap Wallace College, and Herb McKenley, undefeated champion of the 400-meter run, colored athletes flashed home first to win six of the nine individual track championships and one individual championship on the field.

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TIGERS DEFEAT NORFOLK ROYALS

RALEIGH — The high-flying Raleigh Tigers defeated the Norfolk Royals here last week in another slugfest, 10-6, at Chavis Park. Ray Robinson pitched for the Tigers.

In spite of the efficient tossing by Robinson, it took the three-hit batting of flatter, who led his club in batting during the evening, to do the trick.

Smith was tops for Royals with a perfect one thousand for four at-bats.

JOE LOUIS NO SLOUCH ON LINKS

By RUSS J. COWANS

DETROIT (NNPA) — Golfers are generally agreed that Joe Louis is no slouch on the links. In fact, the boys are in accord when they say that the Brown Bomber knows his way around, and is not subject to get lost on one of those intricate layouts.

But Joe is not satisfied. He wants to capture the championship in one of the big tournaments around the country, and he has his eye focused in particular on the amateur crown in the Joe Louis Invitational which will be held on the Rockham course here starting August 18 and continuing through August 21.

LOUIS HAS EUROPE ON HIS MIND

LOS ANGELES (CNS) — Europe is definitely on the mind of Joe Louis, what with \$320,000 involved for a series of exhibition matches. According to John Roxborough, Bertie Perry, a former manager of heavyweight Paulino Uzcudun had approached Joe with the proposition of four-round exhibitions on a three month tour through France, Spain, Italy, beginning early winter. Joe so far has not signed a contract.

ROBINSON MAY MEET MARTY SERVO

NEW YORK (CNS) — Sol Strauss, acting head of the 20th Century Sporting Club, flew to Cleveland even before the verdict on the tragically ending Robinson-Doyle match to map out plans for Sugar to defend his title again this September. And the challenger, Strauss is boosting for Sugar is none other than Marty Servo, erstwhile champion who defaulted the welterweight throne last year because of a sore nose. Servo is meanwhile training in Asbury Park and after a tuncup or two, will be ready to take on the present champ.

ROBINSON-WILSON FIGHT TO BENEFIT FAMILY OF DOYLE

LOS ANGELES (NNPA) — Ray (Sugar) Robinson, welterweight champ, last Monday was signed by Babe McCoy to meet Jackie Wilson at the Olympic September 23. They will fight a 10-round overweight, non-title bout, McCoy said.

Part of the proceeds from the fight will be given to the family of the late Jimmy Doyle who died in Cleveland June 25, shortly after being technically knocked out by Robinson in a title go.

TAN TOPICS

By CHARLES ALLEN



Must be telling the pitcher to throw a curve!

The Negro National League First Half Standing Of Clubs

The Negro National League submits a complete analysis of the final standings of the clubs of the first-half schedule for the gratuity of the fans. The record shows what each club did against the other with regards to total games won, lost and how many were played.

The Champions, Newark Eagles who just sold their star second sacker, Larry Doby to the Cleveland Indians in the American League, cling tenaciously to a half game margin over the New York Cubans to win the first half pennant race. The club against club records:

Club	Won	Lost	Total
Newark Eagles	7	4	11
Homestead Grays	5	3	8
Baltimore	4	2	6
N. Y. Cubans	3	2	5
Phila Stars	5	5	10
N. Y. Black Yankees	6	1	7
	27	15	42

Club	Won	Lost	Total
Newark Eagles	2	4	6
Baltimore	3	3	6
Homestead Grays	4	1	5
Phila Stars	3	1	4
N. Y. Black Yankees	3	3	6
	20	12	32

Club	Won	Lost	Total
Baltimore	3	5	8
Newark	3	8	11
Homestead Grays	5	4	9
Phila Stars	6	1	7
N. Y. Black Yankees	6	2	8
	23	20	43

Club	Won	Lost	Total
Newark	4	7	11
Baltimore	4	5	9
Phila Stars	2	4	6
N. Y. Cubans	1	4	5
N. Y. Black Yankees	3	0	3
	19	20	39

Club	Won	Lost	Total
Phila Stars	5	3	10
Newark	1	6	7
Baltimore	1	3	4
N. Y. Cubans	1	3	4
Homestead Grays	4	2	6
N. Y. Black Yankees	2	0	2
	13	16	29

Club	Won	Lost	Total
N. Y. Black Yankees	1	6	7
Newark	2	6	8
Baltimore	3	3	6
N. Y. Cubans	3	3	6
Homestead Grays	0	3	3
Phila Stars	0	2	2
	6	25	31

JIM STEELE

By MELVIN TAPLEY

