

RALEIGH TIGERS DROP LEAGUE OPENER, 6-3

Beating The Gun

BY ALVIN MOSES

ACCENT ON YOUTH

NEW YORK (ANP) — PLAY BALL rang the cry throughout the nation on April 20 as thousands of Americans of all colors and ages filled costly ball parks in this eastern section of the country.

THRILLED SPEECHLESS

"I am so excited over what I saw transpire at the Polo Grounds a short few hours ago, that I hardly know what to say in a few words by way of description.

"Of course, JACKIE ROBINSON and ROY CAMPANELLA were the real highlights for me. I was in there rooting for them as were thousands of youngsters like myself that made up the 52,000 fans, a record crowd.

"Now for the thrills. Imagine how my heart was beating when my startled eyes glimpsed the 15th Regiment band of the N. Y. National Guard unit parading across the field to the dugout section of the two teams.

"White and colored neighbors sitting next to me were all smiles, conversation was unrestrained and spontaneous, the name of Jackie, my boy Jackie, struck my ear-drums as white and colored Dodger rooters paid homage to this 23-year-old model ball player who has accomplished so much by just being himself.

THE MELTING POT

Travel with the magic of telegraphy and wireless-photos to both the traditional PENN and DRAKE relays, previews of the Olympic trials.

Montgomery, Gathers and Conway were the "Brownies" who shone with the brilliance of the "Kohinoor diamond" over Friday and Saturday, April 23-24, aided a little by their great white teammate Al Welch.

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Watching the Cuban Stars practice at the Polo Grounds I was impressed with the gracefulness of an outfielder named Jerry Benjamin. Since this is an official statistic, I am only 15, might I ask if Benjamin should not be on a team like the N. Y. Giants or the World Champion Yankees?

At For a kid you have rare judgment, Jerry Benjamin is one of Negro baseball's best players over a stretch of years. He, at least, has been deserving of a chance to try for a regular berth.

The death of Jackie Durbin robs the fight game of a boxer as promising as Henry Armstrong was. I read your frequent articles on what should be done in such cases and wonder if writing letters to governors and the President wouldn't help?

Detroit Accepts Doby — DETROIT, Mich. (G) — A swarm of youngsters holding score cards, rushed at Larry Doby, the handsome young outfielder of the Cleveland Indians, for autographs.

Cleveland had just defeated the Detroit Tigers. But the real victory was against the long-standing policy of discrimination at Briggs Stadium. Doby was the first Negro regular to ever play in Detroit, and the fans cheered him all the way.

Larry Doby came up from the Negro National League, and was signed to a player contract by the Cleveland Indians. Incidentally, Doby has just smashed his second home run of the budding season.

Donna Ashman, fast Jamaica girl miler, is now engaged in workouts at St. Augustine's College and is expected to participate in the CIAA contests on May 8-9. Coach Russell S. Blount had announced the half-mile race, but Donna's participation in the race and finished second.



Eddie Hunter, one of Vaudeville's greatest cool face comedians, is managing a large apartment house on Harlem's Sugar Hill.

Air Show Will Feature Negro Stunt Flyers

GREENSBORO — A bevy of the nation's most sensational Negro air performers will furnish breath-taking acrobatics during the second All-Negro Air Show.

Headlining the show will be Charles Fox, director of the Fox Flight School of Norfolk, Virginia, whose avidity for inverted flying has evoked the declaration that he flies upside down more than right side up.

Moses Asks Ring Cleanup After Darthard Death

NEW YORK (ANP) — You have read of the passing of still another 18-year-old prizefighter. I don't care a hoot about the fact that this was a white, colored, Chinese, Italian or anything one finds in the geography books.

He was an American, like you and me, and he represented the only potential our nation can proudly boast of when lawless ruffians like the late unlamented Heller and Goebbels wind up the world for what we call the "atomic blow."

My words, no matter how carefully expressed, cannot bring promising young Jim Durbin back to his bereaved family. A fatalist would say it was the way he was designed to go. His number was just like yours. A. J. Time will balloon up one bright morning, so what? It just so happened that I do not go along with such check-point pin-point track meet of Show University, St. Augustine's College and N. C. College at Durham, occurring before the runners had even started the half-mile race, but Donna's participation in the race and finished second.

NCC IN 19-7 WIN OVER LINCOLN U.

DURHAM — After trailing Lincoln University for 10 innings in last Friday afternoon's game at Durham Athletic Park, the North Carolina Central team went ahead to win 19-7.

Lincoln U. scored 240 runs in 10-11 innings. The N.C.C. scored 200 runs in 23-19 innings. The game was umpired by Henderson and Rice.



NEW FISK COACH — Jack Adkins, newly elected head coach at Fisk University, is spearheading the drive to return Fisk to her former high place in the sports world.

Shot Put Ace Develops Skill With Practice

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (ANP) — Hours of steady practice have helped shot put ace Charles Fonville of Michigan develop from a freshman who tossed the ball 46 feet 1.2 inches two years ago in his first meet to the champion who tossed the 16 pound shot 58 feet 1.2 inches a few weeks ago for a new world record.

Only through developing his own style has Fonville been able to increase his throwing distance by nearly 10 feet in 27 months. Unlike previous champions, Al Bleas and Jack Torrance, Fonville is not extremely large or muscular.

His coach, Ken Doherty, said, "Fonville spends more time in practice than any shot putter I have seen. He works longer and does more practice puts. Each day he will toss the shot from 50 to 100 times, working on speed and timing."

And speed and timing is where Fonville roars his power. He has been often compared to Joe Louis for his natural coordination and reflexes. He streaks across the pit circle, steps suddenly and throws. "Did you ever see a man cross the ring so fast?" Bill Easton, director of the Kansas relays, said. "Any one else would never have been able to stop. He'd have fouled out of the circle."

2,000 FANS ATTEND NAA OPENING GAME

RALEIGH — Showing a fine regard for the pre-season holiday, the Raleigh Tigers, the Durham Eagles and the Charlotte Hornets opened their season on Sunday at Chavis Park.

On Monday night, however, the Tigers evaded the series by scoring a 4-3 victory over the Eagles in a road game played at Whiteville.

SHAW BEARS DOWN LINCOLN U. BY 10-4

The Shaw Bears made the most of seven hits to whip the Lincoln University Lions 10-4 Friday afternoon on the Chavis Park diamond.

Lions Sign Bob Mann

DETROIT (ANP) — The Detroit Lions football team, like Alton Ben Adhem, awoke from a deep dream last week and signed Bob Mann, Michigan's crack pass snatching end, who happens to be non-white.

Anne Brown, Singer To Marry Norwegian

OSLO (G) — Anne Brown, concert artist of "Porgy and Bess" fame, will marry a Norwegian here on May 11, according to the Norwegian marriage license office.

She will wed Thorleif Schjelderup, a lawyer and one of the world's best ski jumpers.

Two months later, the Michigan star achieved the superlative, not just a 57 foot throw but a 58 foot 1-4 inch leave at the Kansas relays, a new world record.

BASEBALL Negro American Association Baseball League DOUBLEHEADER SUNDAY MAY 9 CHAVIS PARK - RALEIGH, N. C. RALEIGH TIGERS - VS - BALTIMORE PANTHERS First Game Called 2 P. M. Admission 60c Includ. tax

Weekly Schedule

Table with columns for Day, Time, Home Team, and Away Team. Includes entries for Monday Night, Tuesday Night, Wednesday Night, Thursday Night, Friday Night, and Saturday Night.



Strike Out — B. Cook, shortstop for the Durham Eagles, takes a healthy cut at the first pitch of the league season for "strike one" to start off the Negro American Association opener Sunday



BEFORE THE HOSTILITIES—Tiger Manager Lamb Barbee and Eagle Manager "Big Jim" Williams shake hands just before the start of Sunday's Negro American Association opener Sunday at Chavis Park between the Raleigh Tigers and the Durham Eagles. — Shown also are Plate Empire Livingston and Eric Umpire Henderson. — Carolinian Photo by Shepherd.