

# SOUTHEASTERN TO DRAW TOP NET STARS

## Beating The Gun

BY ALVIN MOSES

NEW YORK (ANP) — THE PEOPLE WE TALK TO: — Detective George Wober, looking as fit as the proverbial fiddle, stops on Seventh Ave. and 132nd St. to hold my hand to talk about a lifetime of playing golf now that he has retired. . . . Only 15 years ago this same ace-nyman and I met in the YMCA (135th St.) gym when I was boxing instructor there. . . . LIPPY LYONS, former rubber to Jack Demsey and other boxing greats, buttonholes us for a look-back to the days of old Olympic field, 136 St. and 5th Ave., home of many of the greatest colored baseball players in hemisphere history. Lyons, is a pal of the once "strongest man" battalion (Fire Dept.) Chief Wesley Williams. . . .

The boxing world mourns the passing of BATTLEING JIM JOHNSON, playmate of the late Jack Johnson whom he fought in Paris, and one of the roughest gloved men in fist history. . . . DICK (Cannonball) REDDING, Lincoln Giants pitcher whom Babe Ruth was unable to hit successfully in barnstorming tilts with colored teams, is seriously ill and hospitalized at the writing; his once great body is racked with a strange malady that took the muscles from his heroic frame as if by the fabulous voodoo witch practitioners of Haiti. After we visit Redding we will have a story for you and later a resume of his baseball career. . . .

EDDIE YOUNGER, Renaissance basketball star, is the "right arm" of tall and good-looking GEORGE GREGORY, headmaster (smile) of FOREST HOUSE in the Bronx. That is quite some staff Gregory has up there, by the way, most of them star athletes during their college days like PIERCE, Harvard university; SKINNER, T.O.M. WOODS, YOUNGER and a few more of like stature. — HILTON (Scummy) SLOCUM, known as the "boy wonder" of an early Bob Douglas Renny team, never tires of showing close friends or mere acquaintances photos of his two sons whom he worships. Like any proud daddy should. . . .

### DIDJA-KNOW THAT

Four colored men, John Arthur Johnson, Sam Langford, Joe Jeanette and Sam McVey, were the best heavyweight fighters in the world 38 years ago? . . . That Jack Johnson fought them all at least once prior to his whipping Tommy Burns and James J. Jeffries but that Johnson, would not face any of them in a championship contest after that claiming he wanted to be the "only Negro to ever hold the heavyweight championship of the world?"

Carlos Torrienti, called by many white and colored baseball experts the finest outfielder in Negro baseball history, once outdid Babe Ruth (Havana) in piling out home runs back in 1923? — That Jelly Gardner, Rube Foster's Giants and other crack teams, was a centerfielder out of the mound that spawned such as Terry Moore and incomparable Tris (Gray Eagle) Speaker? . . .

The best hitter I ever saw against top-ranking colored pitchers over a stretch of years was ball shouldered JUD WILSON, Homestead Grays. Wilson spent most of his baseball days with the Gray, amounting to 22 years up to 1945. Scrapy Brown, a hustling ball player in his own right, takes a lot of credit for keeping Jud interested in baseball back in the days when rookie Wilson was a member of the Baltimore Black Sox (1924-32). SACHEL PAIGE, never held any terrors for Jud Wilson to whom every pitcher was his. SWORN ENEMY in a baseball playing sense, I mean. . . .

The first time he battled against Paige (1929), "Ole Satch" was unable to get him out. That was down in Cuba. . . . Wilson battled tremendously against such immortals as Lefty Grove, Dizzy Dean, Milton Smith, Paige Yeakley, No-Hit Williams Dick Redding Slim Jones, Willie Foster, Cyclone Joe Williams, etc., Wilson whited a two-run homer off Lefty Grove.

## Paige Draws 135,000 To Yankee Stadium

BY ALVIN E. WHITE

NEW YORK (ANP) — Making his big league debut 20 years later, Satchel Paige, specialist and competent baseball pitcher, was instrumental in drawing 135,000 people to the Yankee stadium Wednesday and Thursday. This banner crowd saw Satch pitch three innings and allow only one hit by the powerful sluggers of the New York team. . . .

On Wednesday, relieving for one inning, Satch was called upon to face Tommy Henrich, Yogi Berra and Joe DiMaggio. Satch stuck out Tommy making him miss the third pitch easily. Yogi attempted to drag a bunt running up to hit the ball, but it rolled straight to old Satch who nonchalantly tossed the Yank catcher out, then he got the might DiMag to hoist a fly to Larry Doby in center. . . .

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At Wednesday's game, photographers hounded Satch they shot him from all angles, in the dugout, outside down the line, up the line, everywhere. Autograph hounds followed the pitcher all around the side of the diamond and begged for autographs. . . .

When his name was announced to pitch, a mighty roar went up from the crowd, but when he had finished his one inning stint, the stands roared and cheered the man who perhaps could have been the world's greatest big leaguer pitcher — IF! . . .

P.S. — Ol' Satch just took it in stride, no grinning, no clowning. Thursday night, Satch relieved Bob Feller and Tommy Byrne of the Yanks smashed a feeble single to left. Then came the Yank second baseman George Starnes, followed by Tommy Henrich, who lined out. Charlie Keller and Joe DiMag. The latter struck out on a pitch which Cleveland catcher, Jim Hegan lost. He didn't know what it was nor where it was, so Joe reached first, but that was all second on. . . .

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# WHITFIELD SETS RECORD IN 800

## STEWART AND GIBSON ENTER NCTA OPEN MEET

An entry list of more than 200 players, including Miss Althea Gibson and George Stewart, national women's and men's singles champions, as well as a majority of the nation's ranking stars will take to the North Carolina College courts at Durham Monday to compete in the ATA-Sanctioned Southeastern open championships. . . .

The tournament, the last sanctioned one to be played before the beginning of the Nationals, is sponsored by the North Carolina Tennis Association and marks the revival of what in years past was one of the greatest and most colorful tournaments of the circuit. . . .

Events listed for the tournament which will be conducted from the ninth through the fourteenth include men's, women's juniors' boys' girls' and veterans' singles; men's women's mixed, junior and veterans' doubles. Social Program . . .

Social events designed to add color and entertainment to the tournament week include a dance and reception in the N. C. State Men's Gymnasium on Monday night from 9:30 to 11 p.m.; a splash party from 8 to 10 p.m. Tuesday; sports movies at 8 p.m. Wednesday; a splash party at 3 p.m. Thursday and a dance from 9:30 to 12 Friday. . . .

The tournament schedule calls for the playing of the opening round matches on Monday, beginning at 10 a.m., second round Tuesday, third round Wednesday, quarter finals Thursday, semi-finals Friday, semi-finals Saturday at 1 p.m. . . .

Nationally ranked players who have come in their entries include Robert Mitchell, John Chandler, Louis Graves, Nathaniel Jackson, Carl Williamson and Dr. Hubert Eaton as well as Misses Romaine Petis, second-seeded woman singles player; Nina Davis, third-seeded, and Elise Thornton of Los Angeles. . . .

Highly seeded in the junior bracket will be Clyde Freeman of Washington, D. C., national junior champ, and Kelly Wilson, midwestern junior champion. . . .

Other entrants include Dr. Ellwood Downing, Dr. J. L. McGriff, and John McGriff, nationally known father and son team; Dr. "Whirlwind" Johnson and Frank Jackson. . . .

## NY BLACKHAWKS TO BE REVIVED

NEW YORK (ANP) — The New York Black Hawks football team returns to semi-pro competition this fall. An announcement that Earl Fay, former South Carolina State football player and until recently member of a strong amateur aggregation, has obtained rights to use the name of the former crack outfit, was made here this week. . . .

Associated with Fay, who will also coach the Hawks, will be Lesbe Metterman, who got his start as water-boy with the Hawks 10 years ago. Metterman finished Commerce High school and was frequently mentioned for all-city quarterback honors in his last year at this school. Enlisting in the armed forces, and served with distinction, playing football with three service teams. Metterman was sought by several colleges before he enlisted in the army. . . .

Coach Fay announces that he will have his charges out for their first practice on August 15. Many of them have been keeping in condition through the winter but competition will be keen for places on the team. Former players who served under Fay will get a thorough going over and opportunity to make the grade. It is expected that a number of other college players will seek to join the Hawks when they start working out. . . .

The team will play most of its games away from home and travel throughout the east and New England. Plans are being made for a full season and Coach Fay is looking forward to a busy fall. . . .

Previously the team he coached carried as many as 33 players. He plans this year to pick the best 22 men, perhaps three or four more before he plays his first game. . . .

## NNL RESULTS

July 26, N. Y. Black Yanks 5, N. Y. Cubans 4; Baltimore 7, Philadelphia Stars 1.  
July 27, Philadelphia Stars 10, N. Y. Black Yanks 6; N. Y. Cubans 3, Baltimore 2.  
July 28, Philadelphia Stars 8, N. Y. Black Yanks 7.  
July 29, Baltimore 7, Homestead Grays 1; Philadelphia Stars 7, N. Y. Black Yanks 3.  
July 30, Homestead Grays 3, Baltimore 2.  
July 31, Newark 4, Baltimore 2.  
August 1, Philadelphia Stars at Homestead Grays (Wash. 2 Runs); Newark at Baltimore (2 Runs).  
Other clubs not scheduled. . . .

## Mixed U. S. Team Peps Up Olympic Village

LONDON (ANP) — The United States Olympic delegation, 360 strong, moved into the Olympic Village last week like "Gang Busters" and took over the village the same as McArthur and his army took over Manila back in 1945. . . .

For the past two weeks the pace in the village has been typically English: slow moving, with everything leisurely done. It would be thought, because all the athletes housed there were English in raising. . . .

Well, the Yanks speeded up that tempo. There has been a steady stream of Americans to the laundry with huge bundles of soiled clothing, the tea-smell in the athlete's lunchroom has given away to the aroma of good old American coffee; the post office boxes are literally bulging with red, white, and blue bordered airmail envelopes; and the Olympic Village in general is noisier than one of those old-time American carnivals. . . .

Many of the other teams coming from countries much closer than the United States, took off two or three days to get rid of their "seasickness" but not those "bloody Yanks." They were out on the track two hours after their arrival in their quarters a-running and a-jumping as if they never left home. . . .

The weight lifters and boxers weren't very far behind the trackmen in their preparations for a workout. The weight lifters, led by our own invincible Davis, filed across the parade ground in good old Indian fashion to the gymnasium set aside for them on the other side of the parade ground. The boxers started their workout before they had arrived at the gymnasium. They shadow-boxed and jumped rope all the way from their living quarters to the boxing gymnasium. At first, I thought we had an all-Negro boxing team representing the United States, because the first six boxers who came out were Negroes. Later I learned only eight out of the 16 were Negroes (60 per cent but but but). . . .

## "Louis Fought His Last Fight," Say Marshall Miles

NEW YORK (ANP) — "The statement made by Joe last week still stands," Marshall Miles told this reporter Sunday night at the Hotel Theresa where he is stopping for a few days. . . .

The statement that Miles, manager of the Brown Bomber was referring to was Joe's denial to the 20th Century Club as well as Nat Fleisher, publisher of the Ring magazine, that a bout between Lesnevich and Joe was in the making for a few days. . . .

## "Hesitation" Pitch By Satchel Paige Brings Howl

NEW YORK (ANP) — William Harridge, prey of the American League, stunned Satchel Paige's sea of admirers by his ruling announced through the daily press on July 21. The Washington Senators lodged formal protest against a Satchel delivery now known as the "hesitation pitch." The claim was made that the delivery constitutes . . .

## WELTERWEIGHT TITLE GIVEN UP...

BY CONRAD CLARK  
NEW YORK (ANP) — Ray Robinson, welterweight champion, Monday refused an offer from Sol Strauss, acting promoter of the 20th Century Sporting Club, to defend his title against Kid Gavilan of Cuba on September 22 at the Yankee stadium. . . .

According to the "boys" this practically declares the title vacant, although Ray has until December to formally declare that he has relinquished the title. . . .

Robinson is tentatively signed to meet the winner of the Tony Zale-Marcel Cerdan middleweight title bout here at Ebbets field in Brooklyn on September 8. . . .

With Joe Louis and Sugar Ray giving up their crowns, the Williams of Trenton, N. J., who holds the lightweight title, would then be the only Negro title holder in boxing. . . .

With the rejection of the offer by Ray to fight the Cuban, Strauss has now turned to a match between Gavilan and Livie Minoli of Italy at the Garden on September 2. . . .

## SPEEDSTERS BOOST HOPES FOR VICTORY

Two septa Americans burned up the track at the Olympic Stadium at Wembley, England last week to secure first places and to boost American hopes for continuation of the track and field supremacy which has existed since the Olympics were resumed in 1896. . . .

The two were Harrison Dillard, crack hurdler from Baldwin-Walace whose failure to qualify in his specialty was viewed as a major blow to American hopes at the time, and Mal Whitfield, a start sergeant in the 100th Fighter Squadron at Lockbourne Air Base. . . .

As though in atonement for his failure to qualify for the hurdles, Dillard equalled the world record of 10.3 seconds to outrun the highly touted favorites and win the finals of the 100 meter dash. . . .

A day later the stocky Whitfield took the measure of the world's greatest middle distance runners and smashed all existing records to win the 800 meter run just three yards ahead of Arthur Wint of Jamaica who had been considered the favorite in the event. . . .

Racing through a drizzle the soldier and Ohio State University track star covered the distance which is equal to the regular U. S. half mile, in one minute, 49 and two-tenths seconds. . . .

## 200 EXPECTED AT NATIONAL TENNIS MEET

ORANGEBURG, S. C. (ANP) — The 31st national championship of the American Tennis Association will be held at South Carolina State A and M College August 16-21. It was announced here last week. The biggest sports event of the year for the 32-year-old organization, it is the only national tournament officially recognized and conducted by ATA. . . .

More than 200 entries from 150 member clubs in the United States, Canada and the West Indies will participate in 11 events to decide the national champion. Ratings in tennis for the year's performance depend primarily upon participation in sectional and major tournaments sanctioned by the ATA. . . .

Seeding and drawings will take place August 15. All entries will close August 16 and continue to the finals on August 21. . . .

Number one seeded position in the men's singles bracket will be taken by George Stewart, an A. and M. student from the Republic of Panama. Other top-notchers in the usual 16 seeded player list included Lloyd Scott, Prairie View College, 1927 runner-up; Dr. Reginald Weir, New York, first ATA player to compete in a USITA sanctioned tournament; Dr. Richard Cohen, Plainfield, N. J.; John Chandler, Fanwood, N. J.; Louis Graves, Wayne University, Detroit; Harold Mitchell, Pasadena, Cal.; Francis Powell, Tuskegee Institute; and Carl Williams, Howard University. . . .

Defending champions in other events include Miss Althea Gibson, Wilmington, women's singles; John B. Garrett, Tuskegee veteran's singles; Clyde Freeman, Washington, junior singles; Blanche Winston, New York, veteran's women's singles; Wilma McGehee, Chattanooga, girls' singles; and Wilbert Davis, New York, boys' singles. . . .

Chandler and Mitchell hold the championship in the men's doubles; Margaret and Roumania Petis-Tuskegee, women's doubles for more than 10 years; Stewart and Ora, Washington, Philadelphia mixed doubles, and Clyde and Wendell Freeman, Washington, junior doubles. . . .

Preparation for the big event has been underway for more than a year at State A and M College. The invitation was first extended in 1946 at Wilberforce, and officially accepted in 1947 at Tuskegee. The local chamber of commerce and city council are cooperating with the South Carolina Tennis Association in support of the event. . . .

The annual ATA meeting will be held August 18. On the social program are a sports dance, August 17, and the annual ATA ball, August 20. . . .

promised more pools as soon as funds were available. The city's aim, he said, would be to establish swimming spots available to every colored boy and girl in the city. . . .

## Barney Ewell Fights Odds In Olympic 100-Metre

UXBRIDGE, England (ANP) — Call him "Old Folks," "Baldy," "Father Time," "Pappy," or what have you, but aging Barney Ewell is out to win that 100-meter Olympic championship this week despite the terrific odds against him. Last Wednesday, he seemed to pour out more sweat and kick up more cinders than usual during his workouts. . . .

He seemed angry with the cinders, or himself, or someone. He wants to win that first place and for that reason he is driving himself into shape. . . .

In the first place, Barney knows that this is his last chance at an Olympic title, for he has gone past the usual sprinting span. Most runners legs go back on them after they have passed the 30-year mark, and Barney has barely turned 30, though his bald-looking head and grey hair on his chest make you think he might be 40. . . .

One bright hope has been the weather. For the past few days, the sun has been beating down more like a middle west summer. The English do not hesitate to tell us this is unusual weather and that perhaps tomorrow night, there will be snow. . . .

Back to Ewell, he has long learned that he must do almost twice as much work as the younger fellows in order to keep at top running peak. He is among the first to come out to practice and the last to leave. Most of this feat has been yelling "enough" long before Barney is ready to quit. . . .

Barney seems to be working on the idea that he must compensate his waning strength with marbles. He has checked the practice track and found it rather firm and springless. He knows what that will mean to young legs traveling the route, so he began his workout on the grass in center of the field. This cuts down the possibility of shin splints. . . .

Photographers, who are as thick as flies on the practice field, do not hinder Barney in his training. Knowing he could not practice if they interrupted his workout, he has politely asked them to stick around until he finishes. . . .

That's Barney Ewell in training. Our only hope in the 100-meter Olympic race. . . .

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