

CITY-WIDE TENNIS TOURNAMENT SCHEDULED

Beating The Gun

BY ALVIN MOSES

AN OLYMPIC INCIDENT
NEW YORK (ANP) — WEDNESDAY MORNING, July 28, early risers heard a strange radio comment. On the threshold of the opening of the 14th Olympiad, a sour note cropped up in the peculiar attitude of Dean Cromwell, 68-year old coach of the American Olympic squad.

Darney Ewell, the veteran sprinter who at the Evanston, Ill., American finals looked Mel Patton, Cromwell's pet, complained of a coaching technique designed to impede his winning chances. Cromwell forced Ewell to work out on a "Go your mark, — get set, — Go!" routine which is entirely foreign to Olympic rules and standards according to the radio commentator who voiced Barney's indignation.

When this writer was first to comment on Cromwell's biased remarks against Negroes and Jews, there was much eyebrow raising and looks as if to say: "Does he really know what he's yapping about?" I submit that a radio broadcast heard by millions of the world over should possess truth, bias, or fact, don't you agree with me?

SATCH PAGE — PUNCTUALITY I)
The sad-faced fellow man has gone and done it again. Leroy (Satchel) Paige, legendary baseball twirler, made the headlines the other day when he failed to show up at Yankee stadium for a game because he felt rainfall would bolt it out. For the love of pect, how do we dope matters out like that, Leroy???

A fine of \$50 was slapped on Paige and an additional fine for missing the train that carried his mates to a Boston game. The ancient axiom, "Punctuality is the keystone of success" still holds good and is worthy of daily practice by one and all. Hit or miss and catch-as-catch-can methods have no place in American big business and major league baseball is a . . . billion dollar industry, let us not forget as we look to new careers in that constantly widening horizon.

MR. BRUNDAGE APPROVES
Avery Brundage, United States Olympic committee president whose views on the fundamental concepts of amateurism have often brought hot coals down upon his head, voted on my side of the fence this time. While Barney Ewell was away with contesting Yankee Olympians, his wife and baby residing at Lancaster, Pa., needed money to live on until the head-of-the-house returned to his wigwam.

A number of persons who have read my attacks upon Brundage when I felt he deserved same, wrote in saying they knew Brundage would not permit a Lancaster Citizens committee to take care of Ewell's family since this would be construed as an infraction of strict AAI rules. We are happy to report that Mr. Brundage, at a London meeting approved the fund-raising.

20TH CENTURY ANGLES FOR LOUIS
Joe Louis has retired. Would you want any better authority than the indignant remarks of the peerless ringman himself that were aired over radio and thru the papers two weeks ago? Despite all this weighty evidence, Sci Strauss, that alter-ego of ailing Mike Jacobs, sits and stew with British-born Ted Broadbribb, manager of Freddie Mills, world's lightweight king, about a September fight between Louis and Mills!

Mills, who was unable to whip the colored-American scrapper Lloyd Marshall who in turn was himself slaughtered by this column's candidate, Ezzard Charles, spoiled a Louis-Lesnevich bout had Joe decided to keep on. A former English carnival slugger who met all comers in these country-fair shows, Mills might sign for a Charles bout with Babe Culhan, president and matchmaker of the Meadowbrook N. J., bowl club plans for a Mills-Louis shindig fall.

NEWARK EAGLES CHATTER
Manager William Bell of the famed Newark Eagles, an Effa and Abraham Manley baseball institution popular with colored and white Jews alike, has solved his catching problem according to a release reaching this desk. Ziggy Marcell, son of the great Oliver Marcell third baseman of the Lincoln Giants of 30 odd years ago, has filled the breach acceptably.

Prior to Marcell's taking over backstop duties the club had Early Ashby who was replaced by Willie Ryan. A split finger made Ryan useless to the club. The return to the Eagles lineup of hustling and hard-hitting Lonny Pearson, ex-Renaissance basketball player, has lifted the morale of the Manley-men considerably. Monte Irvin had been shifted to the initial hascock while Pearson was out of action. The former Orange, N. J., high school star has been returned to left field by Bell and Pearson will hit in the third-slot match of the dismay of opposing pitchers.

It was unusual to see Pearson sitting on the bench after 13 good years with the Eagles during which he earned a reputation unequalled for drive and hustle. In 1946 Pearson led the Negro National league in all departments. He joined the Eagles direct from that sensational Jersey organization known as the Orange Triangles. Get in there and win your fans back, Lonny, your batting-slung that resulted in two weeks of bench restlessness should be out of your system ere now.

NEGRO BASEBALL STANDINGS
Baltimore Elite Cubs and the Philly Stars are out in front in the second and final half race for the NNL flag (Baltimore 7-2), Phila—5-2) . . . N. Y. Cubans have won 3 and lost 5 while the Black Yankees occupy the cellar berth with one win in six starts . . . in club batting Homestead Grays with 294 is 4 points above Baltimore in team hitting. Baltimore Elites are the smoothest with 569 followed by Philly Stars with 559 and Blank Yankees with 557 . . . For the 21 games Crowe, N. Y. Yankees, has batted A. he leads the league with an imposing 384 . . . The titular heads . . . I see it based on greatest number of games played in would be, Buck Leonard, Homestead with 379 (37 games); Lucius (Big Boy) Easter, Homestead, with 377 (44 games) — and Lockett Baltimore, 369 (42 games) —

Fields, the Homestead Grays pitcher whom recently I predicted would be scouted by big league hunters-in-ivory, has won 5 games while dropping the dice but once; — Bell, Homestead, has a 3 win to no defeat standing—Burke, Baltimore has a 4-1; Gaines, Baltimore, 6-2—Golden, Newark, 3-1—Walker, Homestead, 5-2, Max Manning, sky-kicking moundsman of Newark, Eagles 73—Fartlow Philadelphia, 7-3; Bill Byrd, Baltimore, 7-3—Black, Baltimore, 9-4; Parker, Homestead, 6-3; Thurman, Homestead, 6-3; . . . Williams, Newark has the poorest pitching record in the league having started 5 times and still to register a winning performance.

MELTIN' POT
Sportsmen in this neck of the woods stop me to talk about Jimmy Powers' recent full column piece on Joe Louis' financial straits. Some say it is the bunk pure and simple; a few think Yarn Bill Corum, Bob Conzidine, Leonard Cohen, Joe Williams and E. J. Powers ran out of reader-interest material and re-hashed a other writers, colored and white, have written about since the notorious \$17,000 income tax yarn that cropped up while we were still testing out the atomic bomb on the hapless Japs at Hiroshima and other Nippon landmarks—remember??—

Well, we stopped to chat with Joe Louis and Ray Robinson (p.m., Saturday afternoon, July 31, in front of Hotel Theresa, NYC) but the confab had to do with golf, nothing else—Probably we will have something to say about Powers' fable that said part: "No one will ever be able to dig (probably) into the Detroit and Chicago underworld of gambling, numbers rackets and backstage peddling of the paper or contract on Louis. He was taken away from his original manager, a settlement house Negro, by another Negro more influential in the Michigan colony. Then he was brought to Chicago where still another Negro cut himself in for 25% and procured Jack Blackburn as trainer. After Mike Jacobs there were more slices with 10 percent going to Jim Braddock and Joe Gould".

R. CAMPANELLA, CROWD STOPPER

BY ALVIN MOSES
NEW YORK (ANP) — Traffic lights mean little to sport-conscious citizens when an idol goes into view. Such was the case on that very humid Friday afternoon, July 30, in front of Tom Tighman's tavern-restaurant 230 F. M. The ex-Baltimore Elites backstop was formally dressed in dark trousers and a white slipover. Despite this, some persons in the small group that quickly swelled to sizeable proportion after the news got around, recognized the rife-throwing Brooklyn Dodger catcher, Roy Campanella.

Police men who seldom stop to

RALEIGH TENNIS PLAYERS TO VIE FOR LOCAL TITLE

The hotly disputed question of Raleigh's city tennis champion is expected to be settled during the coming week as the local racket wielders take to the Chavis Park courts for the Capital City Tennis Club's city-wide open tournament.

When the tournament was last played to a conclusion in 1945, the title was won by Walter Browning. Not played in 1946, the affair was raised out the following year.

By dint of his 1945 victory, Browning has since laid claim to the title of "city champion" although the rightness of this title has been hotly disputed by local players both on and off the courts.

A purely stag affair for this season, at least, the competition has been limited to men's singles and doubles, for which more than twenty entries have been received.

The drawings have been scheduled to take place early Sunday afternoon at the Chavis Park Courts. Play will be started immediately thereafter.

The deadline for entries has been set for Friday. Entries may be made with members of the Capital City Tennis Club or at the office of the CAROLINIAN at 118 East Hargett Street.

Among the entrants to date are the 1945 winner and runner-up, Walter Browning and J. E. Speed and Louis Chippey, Lincoln University player and favorite to win this year's championship.

Officers of the Capital City Tennis Club include, William Curtis, president; J. E. Speed, vice president; John Blount, secretary; and Walter Browning, treasurer.

SOUTHEASTERN TOURNAMENT DRAWS COLORFUL FIELD

DURHAM — Sunny skies and an imposing list of entries this week marked the opening of the Eighth Annual Southeastern Tennis Tournament which is being played on the courts of the North Carolina State College for Negroes.

Included among the entrants in the tournament, which has been described as the "Gateway to the Nationals" are the current men's and women's national singles champions, George Stewart of Panama and Miss Althea Gibson of Wilmington.

Other entrants and guests at the tournament which promises to be one of the most colorful in the career of the event are New York's Attorney Edward Dudley, recently nominated as U. S. Minister to Liberia; Jimmie Yeargan, assistant District Attorney, New York City, and Bill Anderson, fire inspector for the City of New York.

States represented as homes of the players include California, Kansas, Michigan, Maryland, District of Columbia, New Jersey, New York, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and the Republic of Panama.

For the first three years of its history the Southeastern was held at Kittrell College. For the following five years it was played on the courts of the Virginia State College at Petersburg. During World War II it was suspended for the duration.

Many of the 45 entrants in the men's singles and the 32 teams entered in the doubles are expected to leave Durham following the playing of the finals Saturday to South Carolina State College at Orangeburg where the nationals will be held from August 16 to August 21.

NNL SCHEDULE

Aug. 10 Homestead Grays at Newark; N. Y. Cubans at Baltimore; Aug. 11 Homestead Grays at Newark (Trenton); Aug. 12 N. Y. Cubans at Homestead Grays (Washington); Aug. 13 Homestead Grays at Baltimore; Aug. 14 Newark at Baltimore (Wilmington); Homestead Grays at N. Y. Black Yanks (Albany); Aug. 15 Homestead Grays at N. Y. Black Yanks (Rochester); Newark at Baltimore; Other clubs not scheduled.

NNL RESULTS

Aug. 3 N. Y. Cubans at Newark (rain); Aug. 5 Baltimore at Phila Stars (rain); Aug. 6 Phila Stars 5, Baltimore 1; Aug. 8 Phila Stars 4, N. Y. Cubans 3; Homestead Grays 4, N. Y. Black Yanks 3 (1st); Homestead Grays 4, N. Y. Black Yanks 2 (2nd game).

Unusually willing to answer baseball or other questions as fast as they were shot at him, we listened with the crowd until his admirers were finished with their favorite, introducing ourselves just when he was set for a final take-off. The things we write about fol-



Dr. Chris Hunt, right, Raleigh, N. C., is being congratulated by the ageless patron saint of the game, Dr. John McGriff, of Portsmouth, Va., who bowed to the youthful Dr. Hunt in straight sets 6-2, 6-0. This victory advanced Dr. Hunt to the quarter finals in the men's singles.

'Dream Game' To Be Played In N. Y. On August 24th

Once in a life time we see the unusual, but with the Negro National and American Leagues vying for superiority over each other, there is one extraordinary event in store at the third annual All Star "Dream Game," to be held at the Yankee Stadium on Tuesday night, August 24.

In the two previous meetings each league has won a victory. The Nationals were victorious 6-3 before 25,000 fans at Washington, D. C. in 1946. However, last year the West arose and smote the Easterners, the National League, 8-2 before 40,000 at the Polo Grounds in New York City, which was the largest crowd ever to witness a Negro sporting event in the East.

CHAIRMAN NAMED
Alex Pompez, a New York sportsman and owner of the New York Cubans is chairman of the committee on arrangements for this "Dream Game." He won the honor for heading the committee because he did such a magnificent job last year in handling the affair in such grand manner. He loves the sporting fans and always endeavors to give them the best.

Performers in this All Star baseball contest extend themselves to the fullest measure as they have no similarity in their positions in their respective leagues, which is the reason they were selected. Then too, they have an eye on awaiting stars who went up for a trial or to the Big Leagues. Such a term is a manager's Utopia. Even the fans in this year's crop of All Stars will eventually latch on with the majors.

'Keece Coach To Direct 4-H Camp Play Activities

ROCKFORD (ANP) — A visit to a local hospital was made by Jackie Robinson to see a very sick Jewish boy. It was revealed here last week.

Although Jackie Robinson told no one about his visit, not even his teammates, now it can be told. One day a doctor posted on the Dodgers bulletin board that a sick Jewish lad in the hospital would be very happy if one or two Dodgers would visit him for a few minutes.

The next morning the first visitor to the hospital was the Dodger second sacker. He knocked on the patient's door, introduced himself to the nurse and the boy. Both gave him an excited welcome. Jackie then presented the lad an autographed baseball from the Dodgers and some toys. He also gave him a handshake and a pop talk. The lad sighed: "Gee, Jackie Robinson, and he came here just to see me." When Robinson was leaving, many of the nurses spoke to him and congratulated him for his gesture. A few days later the physician wrote a note thanking Jackie for his visit, and told him that the boys seemed to have a new incentive to get well.

SATCHEL PAIGE IN INITIAL WIN AT CLEVELAND

CLEVELAND (ANP) — Leroy "Satchel" Paige won his first major league start August 3 in a night game when he pitched the Cleveland Indians into first place and a 5 to 3 victory over the Washington Senators.

The largest crowd ever to see a Cleveland night baseball game, 72,443 fans, saw Paige allow three runs and seven hits in seven innings to become the first Negro pitcher to start and win a game in the American League.

He was lifted in the last half of the seventh inning for a pinch hitter. In this game Larry Doby helped Paige's cause by slugging out a double and driving in a run in the fourth inning and scoring two runs himself during the game.

Paige allowed four bases on balls and struck out six. His major league record is now two wins and one loss.

In the first inning the Senators went after Paige as if they wanted to know him early. After the first run had made an out, the second man, Kozar slammed out a hit, Gil Cen then walked and Stewart followed with a smashing triple to score two runs. Paige then got the next two men on easy outs.

After that he was not in trouble until the fifth inning when the pitcher, Early Wynn, doubled, went to third on an out and scored on a long fly.

UGA TOURNAMENT PLAY SLATED FOR AUGUST 23 TO 27

INDIANAPOLIS (ANP) — Pro and amateur golfers, men and women, are all eyeing Indianapolis for the big golf tournaments being held here Aug. 23-27. The National Open, National Amateur and the National Women's championship meets will be held at the Coffin Municipal golf course at this time.

Champion Howard Wheeler will be there to defend his title against such men as Ted Rhodes, Charles Scifford, last year's runner-up, Bill Spiller, Solomon Hughes, Zeke Hartfield and others.

In the amateur division Tut Holmes will try to hold his title against the challenge of Judsen Grant, Joe Louis, Leonard Reed, Matthew Bivins and toher title seekers. Mrs. Thelma Gowan of Detroit is the women's titlist.

NNL STANDING
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Phila Stars 10 3 769
Homestead Grays 5 3 625
Baltimore 9 6 600
Newark 4 3 561
N. Y. Cubans 4 7 363
N. Y. Black Yanks 2 10 166

Handicaps Fail To Halt Win For Track Stars

LONDON (ANP) — Spearheaded by such names as Harrison Dillard, Mel Whitfield, Arthur Wint, Aero McKeeney and numerous others, Negro stars have in a manner not their own in the 1948 Olympics against competition from all races from all over the world.

Forecast of things to come was brought out dramatically for the first time when Harrison Dillard, erstwhile world's best hurdler, startled 65,000 fans to win the 100 meter dash by a hair over Barney Ewell. In this race, another Negro star, Lloyd LaBeach of Panama, was third only a step behind.

Then came two whites, Alistar McCrouqudale of England and Mel Patton, the favorite and pet of American track coach Dean Cromwell of Southern California. Sixth in this race was another colored star, McDonald Bailey, who was not included on the British squad until the last minute.

Steele Wins
Willie Steele, despite an injured heel, won the broad jump for America. The injury kept the San Diego college star, considered by many a second Jesse Owens in the broad jump, from doing better than a 25 feet, 8 inch leap. In this same event, Herb Douglas of Pittsburgh came in second, and Lorenzo Wright of Wayne was fourth.

Mel Whitfield, doubling as an air force sergeant and a student at Ohio State, ran on a wet track to a new Olympic record in the 800 meters run. His time was 1:49.2. Art Wint of Jamaica, who fell short in his challenge for victory, came in second.

Barney Ewell, probably the hard luck man of the Olympics, was clocked in the same time as winner in the 200 meter dash, but lost his second dash race by a whisker to Mel Patton, who redeemed himself after his loss in the 100.

Lloyd LaBeach whizzed in third, and Herb McKinley streaked fourth.

Wint Victor
There was too much Art Wint in the 400 meter race for Mel Whitfield in his attempt to become the first American in years

Dollars Seen Aiding Negro Players In Pro Football Circles

NEW YORK (ANP) — The recent addition of a number of Negro players to big time pro football is not an indication of a change in heart on the part of the owners. It is an economic move — Negro players draw dollars.

But the method of selection of these players leaves a lot to be desired. For the most part, the Negro players are accepted on the recommendation of their coaches and not as a result of solid scouting. Consequently, coaches with pat players who ran wild for old "hogwash" are touted as top flight pros, which may not be necessarily true.

In the same vein, Negro players who were in the American association — the minor league supposed to be the farm teams of the National league experienced some funny things last year. One team had two Negro players who were objected to by the management of a club where the team was in training. A colored team was asked if it could use the two blacks — of whom were top flight material — but they had been promised \$75 per game, and there isn't a colored team this side of heaven that can pay that money to a player.

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