MONTY IRVIN SPARKS PLAY OF LITTLE GIANTS

AT THE RINGSIDE

BY LUIX VIEGIL OVERBEA

SUGAR RAY TO DEFEND CROWN

After dickering for weeks with various promoters to get the best terms possible Ray (Sugar) Robinson has finally signed to put his welterweight title on the block July 11 against Kid Gavilan in Philadelphia.

Promoted by the Philadelphia Arena, Inc., the bout will be held at the Philadelphia Municipal stadium.

Robinson will receive 40 per cent of the gate receipts not including radio and television rights. Gavilan will take 18 1-2 per cent.

After failing to get such agreements with the International Boxing Club, Robinson balked at signing with IBC, mainly because of the boxing managers' strike for a share in television receipts from a fight.

At the same time the suit of the Twentieth Century Sporting Club against Ray was dropped. He was also suspended in 37 NBA states because he allegedly has failed to fill two engagements to fight in Houston, Texas.

LOUIS ANNOUNCES ADVANCE SALE FOR CHARLES-WALCOTT FIGHT PASSES $100,000 MARK

Advance sale for the Ezzard Charles-Jersey Joe Walcott title fight has passed the $100,000 mark, Joe Louis reported this week.

"Exactly $101,124 has been taken in and we still have almost three weeks 'til fight night. Of the 9,511 tickets sold, 3,052 were ringside seats. That's $69,433 right there," he stated.

Both Walcott and Charles appear to be in good condition for their June 22 title bout at Comiskey park in Chicago. Charles expects to weight i nat 178 pounds and Walcott at 194 pounds.

Both camps expressed confidence in their fighters, and both seem to be glad they are in the title bout. For Charles, manager Jake Mintz said:

"At 27 years old, my man'll be a rough customer for a guy as old as Walcott to handle."

Walcott spoke for himself. He said:

"I'm feeling good. I don't feel any different about this fight than I did about the two Louis fights. I'm still fighting for the heavyweight championship and it doesn't make any difference who you're fighting when the title is at stake."

LOUIS STILL MOST POPULAR FIGHTER

Joe Louis is evidently still the most popular fighter in or out of the ring. This was demonstrated only last week during the training drills of Ezzard Charles.

When the announcer declared "Ladeez and gentlemen, the ex-heavyweight champion of the world has just walked in," the crowd turned aay from Charles who was boxing in the ring, and cheered Louis.

But many critics are attacking Louis' IBC and its monopoly although the group has staged no more than to promotions. Maybe some of the criticism should be thrown at the kind of fighters now in action.

The results of the Detroit Cerdan-LaMotta middleweight title fight and the Charles-Walcott bout will determine what kind of future the IBC can expect.

On the side Louis apeared at a benefit show in Chicago. He also visited the Shell house gymnasium and the boys on the St. Elizabeth grammar school and high school boxing teams.

Beating The Gun

BY AL MOSES.

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POLISHING STONE

NEW YORK (ANP) — Jackie Robinson is today, major league baseballs most widely talked about player. The modesty and truthfulness of keenly intelligent Jack Robinson becomes apparent in every interview he has. For example he was asked about his surge in the RBI's column and his answer was:

"Credit all of my batting improvement to hours of patient tutering by George Sisler a baseball immortal who was a 400 hitter in his prime."

Reggie Pearman, NYU mid-distancer, in running a sizzling 88,9 yard dash at the 73rd Annual ICAA Track and Field Championships on May 27 at Randalls Island stadium loafed all the way because of a spiked left knee out, put on as game an exhibition as you or I will ever see.

Don Newcome, through suffering from slight stiffness in the shoulder, was so eager to go out and pitch his turn against the champion Braves that he has endeared himself to mates who had heard he (Newcombe) was a playboy instead of the workhorse that he is.

ROBBIE'S HITTING KEEPS THE DODGERS IN THE HEAT OF RACE

BROOKLYN (ANP) — Jackie Robinson's clutch hitting is keeping the Brooklyn Dodgers in the big-money race.

The Negro second baseman again demonstrated his ability to hit in the clutch agains the National leagues two other leading teams, the New York Giants and the Boston Braves, last week. In the Dodgers' Memorial day double-stint against the Giants it was Robinson's circuit smash in the 13th inning, his seventh of the season, that gave Brooklyn a nervewrecking 2 to 1 win the first game.

Robinson's homer was not the towering Larry Doby or Luke Easter type, but it left the ball park and did the same damage as though it had landed 600 feet away. He batted two for four in that game and registered two singles for the same average in the night cap which the Dodgers lost 7 to 4.

The previous day, Robinson singled with the bases loaded in the seventh to drive in two runs and put the Dodgers ahead 3 to 2 over the Boston Braves, National league champions.

These two days of consistent hitting boosted his batting average near the .350 point to make him top man on the Dodger roster and he had driven in 36 runs to push him far ahead of the pack in runs-batted-in the National league.

2 WINS—ONE LASS

DOVER—The Dover Blue Socks have won two and lost three of the baseball games which they have played so far this season.

Pendleton's Base Stealing Worries Average Pitcher

ST PAUL (ANP) — The American association, one of the nation's three Triple-A leagues, is well acquainted with Jim Pendleton, formerly of the Chicago American Giants, Negro American league team.

Pendleton's hitting is not of .300 calibre thus far in the season, but he has more nerve on the base paths than the average pitcher can tolerate. His 17 stolen bases as of last week, is one big reaon why the Brooklyn-owned St Paul Saints are leading the league and are expected to take the pennant.

The 180 pound, 6-foot, one inch centerfielder never played baseball until he was in the armed forces, but caught on quickly with the American Giants. A Dodger scout saw him in South America, signed him up, and at the Dodgers Vero Beach spring training camp, the newcomer lead the entire camp in batting.

They tried him out in the infield, but later decided that the 23-year-old trainee would do better in the garden. Pendlton has exhibited strong arm, much to the pleasure of General Manager Mel Jones. Jones says the young man from St. Charles, Mo., is the fastest things in baseball — minor or major.

INDIANS' HOPES ARE BOOSTED BY PAIGE'S VICTORY

CLEVELAND (ANP) — Ageless, fabulous Leroy "Satchel" Paige, the man whom many thought was suffering from old age, took the mound last week and struck another brilliant feather in the Indians' headgear.

The fact that Paige went 11 innings and still looked strong at the finish not only gave the Tribe its first Sunday victory of the entire season, he caused a number of big-name sport authorities to take cover for accusing Tribe President Bill Veeck of hiring a side-show attraction last year, instead of a pitcher.

They said Veeck knew Paige couldn't pitch, but since he was a Negro and would "draw a crowd," Veeck hired him anyhow. Now, the facts speak for themselves. Paige is now being hailed as the pitcher who may yet keep the Indians in the pennant race.

His triumph over the new-look Chicago White Sox was not an ordinary victory. The game had passed the halfway mark, before he allowed over 1 hit. He gave up eight hits in the 11 innings, struck out seven men and walked only three.

The Satchel was unusually fast, collected and relaxed. In several instances he casually outwitted his opponents, reminiscent of the old Paige of the Negro circuits.

With Boby Feller ron the lame list, along with other Tribe starters, Lou Boudreau will rely heavily on the great control-artist for the next month to keep his team in the running.

Browns Sign Motley

NEW YORK (ANP) — Any football news that can push baseball off the front pages in sports these days is indeed news, but comes word that the Cleveland Browns have again signed "Magnificent Motley" to a 1949 contract.

Good news for Cleveland perhaps but sad, sad news everywhere else when the rest of the league recall with a flinch, the pulverizer, who promises to do his stuff again this year.

GRAYS KEEP UP WINNING WAYS

BY W. R. BURNEY

The Kinston Grays Baseball Team is still moving at very fast speed. In the baseball competition to date, they have won 22 games and lost 3. This record was made by playing some of the leading teams south of Washington, D. C.

The big guns in the hitting department here have been Merritt, with 8 home runs and H. Collins with 6 triples and 4 doubles. The following are all well over the 300 mark: Kornegay, Rudolph, Leonard, and Hobgood.

The great part of the pitching load is being carried by A. Collins, and E. Solomon. They have won 8 and 5 games respectively.

For games with this great team write Kinston Grays Baseball Club, 513 Harvey Street, Kinston, N. C.

RHODES QUALIFIES TO COMPETE IN OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

CHICAGO (ANP)— Ted Rhodes, Los Angeles Negro, was second best last week at the Olympic Fields course to qualify for the National Open to be played at Medinah June 9, 10 and 11.

The great Negro golfer was outstanding in the field of 174 and his 144 points for 36 holes was topped only by the 141 points compiled by Marty Furgol, young professional from Alburquerque, N. M.

Rhodes put together a deuce of 72's, while Furgol picked up four birdies an donly two bogies to register 73-68 and nose out the Californian.

Rhodes is believed to be the only Negro of the 17 qualifiers at the Olympia fields meet.

TEXAN WANTS TO HALT ROBINSON-GAVILAN BOUT

HOUSTON, Texas (ANP)—Promoter Ralph Smith said last week he will ask the sovereign state of Texas to stop Ray 'Sugar' Robinson from defending his title against Gavilan or any other challenger in Philadelphia this summer.

The Smith rebellion was provoked, according to Smith, by Robinson's failure to fulfill an agreement for a fight in Houston. And if Promoter Smith and the state of Texas can do anything about it, Robinson will have to mix dukes with somebody in the Lone Star state before he fights in the city of brotherly love.

The irate promoter said he would go so far as to ask the Texas Labor commission to halt the Philadelphia fight. Just what authority the commission has over boxing in Pennsylvania Smith didn't explain.

STADIUM ECHOES

BY VERNON JARRETT

SAN DIEGO (ANP) — It was a great day for democracy here in the triple-A Pacific Coast league when Big Luke Easter, Orestes Minoso, John Ritchey, Luiz Marquez and Frank Austin matched speed and bats in a three-game series between the San Diego Padres, Cleveland Indian farm team and the Portland Beavers. The legendary First Baseman Easters who was leading the league with a .400 batting average and 18 homers at the time, rammed out only one hit in the first two games but came back in the third to bat three for four. Padre Leftfielder Minoso, on 24 hour recall option from the Indians, had hit safely in his 13th taright game. Both Minoso and his Spanish speaking pal, Leftfielder Marquiz, of Portland, chased up, down and across the garden like madmen to convert extra-base hits into easy outs, and Catcher Ritchey of the Padres displayed flashes here and there of Roy Campanella.

Easter is still the most feared man in the circuit. He was walked three out of four times at bat in the Padres previous clash with the Los Angeles Angels to end his consecutive hitting streak at 16 games. In the first game of the double-stint with Los Angeles, Luke conributed his 18th homer of the season and Minoso rapped out his first with one aboard. Minoso started with the Padres May 21 with the distinction of making two bobbles in the field, but he came back in the same game by driving in a run in his first appearance at the plate. Big Luke patted him on the back and hit four for four himself.

In the Triple-A International League . . . Montreal pitcher Dan Bankhead has racked up his fourth straight win in his 8 to 2 win over the Rochester Red Wings. He showed improved control by walking only three men and giving up only five hits.

In the American Association, another triple-A league, St. Paul Centerfielder Jim Pendleton, who never played baseball until he entered the armed forces is leading the circuit in stolen bases with a big 17. His teammate Second Baseman Schuez is the closest thing to him with the Saints. He has seven to his credit. Pendleton was bought by the Dodger farm team from the Chicago American Giant of the Negro American league.

TENN. STATE FIRST LINCOLN GRID FOE

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Tennessee State College is scheduled as the opening opponent for Lincoln University's (Mo.) fall football season. The game will be played on Lincoln's home ground. Other home games for the Missouri institution include those with Langston and Morris Brown, as well as the Homecoming battle with Fisk University.

Lincoln will go away to play Louisville Municipal, Kentucky State, Philander Smith, Wilberforce State and Arkansas State teams.

HORNETS GET JAMES A. BAILEY

CHICAGO (ANP) — James A. "Old Dude" Bailey, 215-pound tackle from West Virginia State college, has been signed by the Chicago Hornets, of the All-American conference.

Bailey, who made the mythical Negro All-American team last season, is the fifth Negro player to join the Hornets' roster. He is 22 years old, stands six-feet, two and one-half inches and was captain of the West Virginia eleven. Outstanding in track, Bailey won four letters in college.

European crop conditions, as of mid-May, continue to point to a total crop production below that of the favorable 1948 season but considerably above that of the drought year 1947.

With a flip of the wrist (steel), manipulator's "hands" tear off a match, strike it against folder, and light a cigaret for Miss Jane Campbell, laboratory receptionist where these mechanical "hands" have been developed, according to National Patent Council. The "hands" can perform delicate chemical experiments, operate machine tools and do countless other tasks, and are especially valuable when remotely controlled in a radioactive area.

OBSERVES 50TH ANNIVERSARY AS ATLANTA U. GRAD

George F. Porter of Dallas, Tex., a graduate of Atlanta University in 1899 has returned to his alma mater for the celebration of his 50th anniversary as a graduate of the Atlanta institution.

Mr. Porter has been a resident of Dallas since 1916, and in the 33 years that he has been in that city, he has been "a power house of service" among the Negroes.

As the founder of the Dallas Branch of the NAACP, and its executive secretary for many years, Mr. Porter spearheaded the fight for Negro mail carriers, Negro census takers, Negro MP's, the right of Negroes to live on any street in Dallas, the equalization of teachers' salaries, and the right of Negroes to serve on the jury. So bitterly was his last effort received that in the violence that ensued as a result of the fight, he was thrown down the ston esteps of the Dallas Court House, which according to some of America's best radical autnorities, finally cost him his sight.

Since his gradutaion from Atlanta University, Mr. Porter has been a high school teacher and an insurance man.

SEPIA PIN-UP BEAUTY WEDS

NEW YORK CITY (ATLAS) Jeni Hobart, model and Sepia Pin-up beauty was secretly married to Wesley Johnson on May 24, it was learned this week. The ceremony took place at Saint Catherine Rectory in New York.

The bride is only 20, but for the last three years she has been among the highest paid models and is remembered for her luscious rose on the Sepia Art Pin-Up calendar of 1948. Wesley is brother to the former Wini Johnson, Broadway musical comedy star, now the wife of Dr. Lambright of Cleveland, Ohio, and Bobby Johnson of the dance team of Bobby and Foster Johnson.

MENTALITY MYTH DENIED BY SAVANT

MONTREAL, Canada (ATLAS) — There is no superiority in mentality according to Dr. Benjamin Pasinik, who received the "1500 Lester N. Hofheimer research award here last week. Dr. Pasminik presented new findings in studies based on intelligence-testing techniques developed in the Yale University child clinic, from which it was positively found that the American Negros mental powers are not inferior to whites.

JOB CLINICS VITAL TO PREPAREDNESS OF NEGRO YOUTH

Industrial circles expressed keen interest in the recent clinics conducted at the North Carolina College at Durham and Lincoln University at Missouri. Both institutions laid emphasis on job opportunities for graduates although the latter devoted considerable time to business and industrial opportunities.

The necessity for Negro youth to be aware of the trends in job possibilities in many new fields of endeavor cannot be over-emphasized, observers agree. The widening horizons in many phases of American industry make it imperative that college-trained youth be intelligently prepared to participate in those for which he or she may qualify.

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SALES EXPANSION EFFORT URGED

A word of caution which is felt to be of especial interest to the progressive Negro businessman is that of a noted advertising executive. In remarks to a Toledo, Ohio group, Leonard W. Trester, spokesman for advertising, declared that if present business conditions are to be met there must be renewed sales activity.

The business leader indicated that advertising and promotion will become more significant than ever, "frills" will be less popular, and local promotion and point-of-sale will become increasingly important. 'At a time when business and industry have unusually high break-even points," it is almost defying fate to cut production, he declared.

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RAIL WORKERS HONORED

A Negro station hand from Columbia, South Carolina drew national attention recently for his unselfish work during the "March of Dimes" campaign. James Jones, Southern railroad worker, collected over $2500 during the drive, for which he was honored by the citizenry.

In commenting on the achievement, A. L. Wiggins, Board Chairman for the system, stated, "The success of his efforts proves that any citizen who is genuinely interested in the public welfare, can make an outstanding contribution in service."

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STEEL USE AIDS JOB LEVEL

According to spokesmen for the steel industry, the high level of employment during the post-war period was appreciably influenced by the half-billion dollars spent by steel producers for new plants and equipment.

It was also indicated that the planned spending of $627 billion by the industry in 1949 should provide an even larger volume of purchasing power to workers.

Because of the large force of Negro industrial workers in the so-called "heavy" industries, it is felt to be an encouraging sign of continued employment in this phase of our industrial economy.

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PUSH-BUTTON FEEDING

You can sleep a little longer, down on the farm, if feeding the chickens is an early-morning chore. A newly developed automatic poultry feeder operated by an electric motor and controlled by a time clock now does the work, it is claimed.

A supply of feed is carried from a storage bin on a conveyor, which runs along the bottom of a trough. If "chickee no likee," it is returned to the bin for another trip.

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AND WE QUOTE

"It ought to be completely unnecessary to think that the Negro's stake in American industry should be any different from that of any of his fellow American citizens."—Willard S. Townsend, labor leader.

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WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT?

It is reported that a package of cigarettes, after tax, costs about 70 cents in Britain. Despite the high price it is said to be common for 100 or more Britishers to line up before a tobacco shop. And ours are more healthful too!

Forgotten Inventor

CARDS DESTROY CHANCE OF DON'S SECOND WINNER

BROOKLYN (ANP)—Big Right hander Don Newcombe was enroute to his second win the major, but blew up a 4 to 1 lead in the last few minutes of the ninth inning of the Dodgers battle with the St. Louis Cardinals.

Newcombe, after yielding one run in the first, had pitched seven scoreless innings before a supporting crow dof 32,092 and the ninth was two-thirds gone, when Newcombe opened the door for three Cardinal runs. However, he was not credited with the loss. He was relieved by Jack Banta, the losing pitcher, and the game went five extra innings.

Newcombe was credited with 3 strikeouts, 3 bases on balls, 1 wild pitch and a balk.

Jackie Robinson, batting two for six, smashed a double, stole two bases, and scored twice. Roy Campanella hit one for five and drove in one run.

PEARL BAILEY TO STAR IN SHOW AT ROSE HORSESHOE

NEW YORK CITY (ATLAS) — Pearl Bailey, the thrush voice singer-comedienne will headline the still-going-strong Diamond Horseshoe show, beginning June 1st, sharing billing with Miss Bailey will be Gil Lamb, the comic-contortionist. The duo is booked their for four weeks with options for additional time.

WALCOTT, CHARLES READY FOR GONG

CHICAGO (ANP) — Jersey Joe Walcott and Ezzard Charles should give boxing one hullava battle here in Comiskey Park, come June 22, if the examining doctors know what they're talking about.

Walcott was examined at Peaceful Valley Country club and Ezzard Charles at Sunset Hills Golf and Country club, hardly 10 miles from each other near Momence, Ill. Doctors J. M. Houston and Alfred Dogis of the Illinois Athletic commission said the two contestants were in good shape for the scheduled 15-round title matcne.

Both Charles and Walcott have administered vicious beatings to sparring mates over the past week during two and three-round drills.

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MEET BRICE DIXON

He is a successful Chicago business man. A former student at Commerce Tennessee State College, Nashville, Tennessee, Dixon owns and operates The Rhythm Record Shop and is credited with having the most complete swing and jazz collection in the U. S.

Because of his business contacts he is popular and well known with many prominent folk in and out of the entertainment world and is also a successful salesman associated with the Apollo Records Distributing Company, 719 S. State Street, Chicago, Illinois. A Navy vet Dixon is considered the best dressed man on Garfield Boulevard.

Using fungicidal dusts to control leafspot is one of the most profitable practices a peanut grower can follow.

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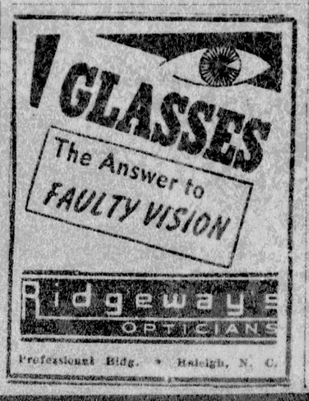

PACES TEAM TO 3 OUT OF 4 VICTORIES IN N. J.

JERSEY CITY (ANP)—The New York Bears have met Negro Outfielder Monty Irvin of the Jersey City Little Giants and they haven't felt the same since.

The Orange Negro batted .652 in a four-game series with the Newark farm bands of the New York Yankees and proved to be the chief wrecking force as the Little Giants won three out of four.

Sporting a total average of a-bove .350, Irvin got nine hits in 14 times at bat, drove in 11 runs. In the first game of a double header here in Newark, he was held to one double, but came back in the nightcap to rain two doubles and a triple in three official times at bat. His first-frame two-bagger and single in the sixth accounted for four runs batted in.

In Sunday's game, he gave the collection plate a home run, a double and three singles to his New York Giants farm team. That was enough to get him into baseball heaven. But he kept trying to drive the Bears into torment with 410 and 400-foot smashes into centerfield, all of which were caught by Centerfielder Leon Culberson.

It was Irvin, an old teammate of Larry Doby on the defunct Newark Eagles team, who opened the Giants' third frame of the nightcap with a walk and stolen base, and trekked home on a single by Caller. In the same inning he put the game on ice with a steaming double to drive in the fifth run.

HARRISON DILLARD TO TOUR ISLES

NEW YORK (ANP) — Harrison Dillard, Olympic sprint champion and the world's top hurdler, was among the nine U. S. track stars slated to leave last weekend for a track tour of the British Isles.

Other Negroes listed with the former Baldwin Wallace star were Dave Bolden of Colorado, quarter and half miler and Herb Douglas, Pittsburgh sprinter and broad jumper.

The tour was slated to get underway June 6.

LUCASTA TO PLAY SUBWAY CIRCUIT

NEW YORK CITY (ATLAS) — "Anna Lucasta", "The Respectful Prostitute" along with several other Broadway hits have been booked for the Bronx, Brooklyn, and points west for this summer.

There will also be a "Hotel circuit" which will play Hotels throughout New Jersey sea-side resorts. "Anna Lucasta" is expected to tour them with a white company of actors.