

# CITY RECREATION PROGRAM GETS UNDERWAY



## STADIUM ECHOES

BY VERNON JARRETT

SAN DIEGO (ANP) — Sensational LUKE EASTER, first baseman for the San Diego Padres, has reportedly demanded more pay from Padre President Bill Slater. The local newspaper reported that Luke is dissatisfied with his estimated \$6,700, including a bonus. It is believed that Easter asked a share of the big gate receipts that he has attracted in the Pacific Coast league. Easter has denied that he and Slater met in extra meetings over the roof of an evil, but he admitted that there was cause for alarm over his bank check, which continues to swell after each game. If the league's home run king is unhappy over the money question he has a legitimate beef. Teammate Max West is reportedly working under a \$45,000 three-year contract with the Padres, a nice \$15,000 per year.

Rumor has it that ORESTES MINOSO, brilliant infield-outfielder of the Cleveland Indians, now loaned to the Padres on 24-hour recall option, doesn't want to play in the majors. He doesn't want to play back to Cleveland would cost him \$10,000. He couldn't play winter league ball in Native Cuba.

FARNELL WOODS, shortstop from Venezuela, has been assigned to San Diego after his purchase by Cleveland.

The Padres now boast four Negro players, EASTER, MINOSO, Catcher JOHN RITCHIEY and WOODS. In Portland recently, Beaver Outfielder LOUIS MARQUEZ, former New York Yankee farm hand in Newark, N. J., almost came to blows with Catcher Frank Kerr of Sacramento when Marquez slid into home plate. Marquez felt that Kerr made

an unnecessarily hard tag, and Kerr thought that Marquez's splash were too high. They were on the verge of swinging clubs when separated.

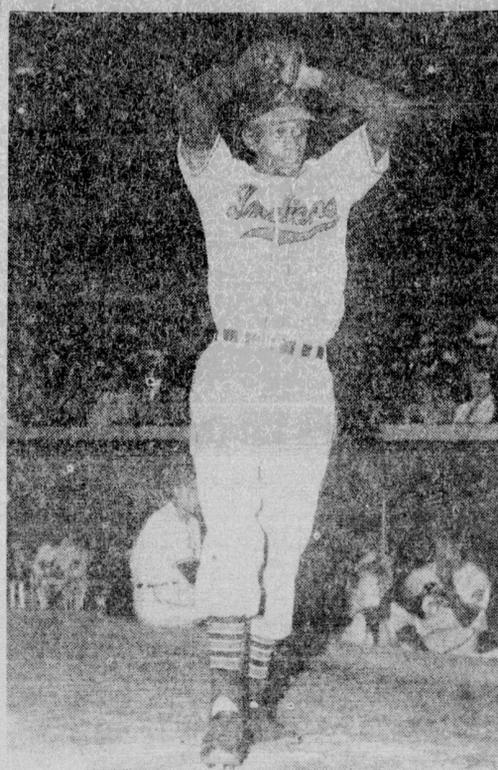
ARTIE WILSON, former Birmingham Black Barons infielder, and recent property of the Cleveland Indians, is one of the most consistent batters in the league. The Oakland star inchers around the 300 mark.

In the INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE, the injured Rightfielder MONTE IRVIN was returned to the Jersey City Giants lineup, much to the disgust of opposing pitchers. Against Toronto he dragged his ailing ankle off the bench as a pinch hitter, and promptly drove in two runs off a sharp angle to give the home team a comfortable 7 to 3 lead.

In this same day Short Stop HENRY THOMPSON, formerly of the Kansas City Monarchs and the St. Louis Browns caught his reave in the right-up and completed a perfect 9. Hank had been taken to the hospital several days earlier after being knocked on the head with a pitched ball.

Tuesday night Negro Pitcher FORD SMITH, also of Jersey City, hurled a four-hitter to beat Toronto 5 to 3.

In the MERICAN ASSOCIATION, another triple-A league, the newest pitching star is Second Baseman RAY DANDRIDGE, recently purchased by the New York Giants from the New York Cubans and assigned to the Minneapolis Millers. He is batting around the .376 mark and is being lauded by local sports writers as one of the sweetest batsmen in the circuit.



**DEFEATED IN FIRST STARTING ROLE AGAINST BOMBERS** — Leroy (atchell) Paige received his first starting assignment against the New York Yankees at Yankee Stadium on Saturday. Paige, with the ageing right arm, was troubled by lack of control at the outset and the

Yankees jumped to a quick 2-0 lead. Though he got stronger, the innings were not to overcome the New Yorker's early advantage. Paige was lifted for a pinch-hitter in the sixth inning. Larry Daly slammed his eleventh homer of the year in the 7th.

## NEWCOMBE WINS FOURTH VICTORY

CHICAGO (ANP) — Pitcher Don Newcombe of the St. Louis Dodgers won his fourth straight victory without a defeat when he held the Chicago Cubs to only six hits for a 2-1 victory.

He was aided materially by catcher Roy Campanella who consistently kept the ball in the park into the third inning, making it give the Dodgers a 1-0 lead.

Newcombe was in trouble only once on a walk and a hit. The Dodgers came back in the ninth inning to break a 1-1 tie.

Jackie Robinson batted two for four but did not figure in the scoring. He continues to lead the league in batting with a mark of .258 and in runs batted in with 33.

## EASTER LEADING PACIFIC COAST IN HOMERS AND RBIs

SAN DIEGO (ANP) — Luke Easter, the Pacific Coast league's most emotional hitting star since Ted Williams has taken over the league lead in home runs and runs batted in.

Shortly after San Diego Padre Manager Bucly Harris moved the big first baseman up to the cleanup spot, batted in his 22nd and 23rd home runs in a double header against the Hollywood Stars and moved ahead of teammate Max West by one home run.

Easter's two-week tench warm-up due to his bum knee gave West a good lead. Easter's three runs batted in for the day boosted his total up to 87, 10 ahead of his nearest competitor.

Meanwhile, the big fellow's knee is reportedly worse, although Trainer Les Cook has devised a new brace to give him more freedom of action.

## AT THE RINGSIDE

**BY DUEX VIRGH OVERSEA FOR ANP**  
**IRVING'S FIRST TITLE BOUT ARTISTIC SUCCESS**

The first bout promoted by the International Boxing Club proved to be sensational Thursday night at the Regatta stadium in Detroit when the match between the two contenders, all Bronx fighter Jake LaMotta and the all-American contender, the former champion of the world, Rocky Marciano, was held. LaMotta, who was a 1948 U.S. Light Heavyweight Champion, and Rocky Marciano, who was a 1948 U.S. Light Heavyweight Champion, fought for the championship of the world. The fight was held at the Regatta stadium in Detroit. LaMotta won the fight by a technical knockout in the 11th round.

## YOUNG TRACK STAR

JOLET III (ANP) — Last week a 13 year old 7th grade student of Joliet Central Junior high school amazed the city when he completed in all 10 events of the city grad school track meet, and won nine of them and finished second in the tenth one.

Young LeRoy Sykes has every high school and college coach eyeing him for the future. Competing against 40 other athletes LeRoy did the following:

- Was first in 50 yd. dash, 36.1; 100 yard dash, 1:11; 200 yard dash, 3:28; 440 in 1:51; the 880 in 2:41; the 120 yd. low hurdles, 1:02; high jump, 4 ft. 11 in.; broad jump, 19 ft. 1.2 in.; and anchored 440 yd. relay team to win in 3:58. His best of 31 ft. 1.2 in. was only good enough for second.

## NAL MEETS IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO (ANP) — Negro national managers will convene on Monday this week end to discuss the important phases of the future of the league at the semi-annual meeting of club owners of the Negro American League.

Dr. B. Martin, president of the league and owner of the Chicago American Giants, will be most of the speaking. Among the topics to be discussed are the second half league schedule and means of getting the better publicity in the newspapers. Club owners will not only seek to get the cooperation from Negro journals, but also will work out a program in which they will be more helpful to the press.

## SMITH HURLS HITTER: IRVIN BATTING AT .424

JERSEY CITY (ANP) — Ford Smith, former Kansas City, Motown pitcher, who got off to a fast start with the Jersey City Little Giants here this season, limited the Toronto Maple Leafs to four hits to shake up a 5 to 1 victory.

Smith, who won 10 games and 10-13 for the Monarchs last season, struck out eight and displayed his feisty form in the clutches. Smith walked eight batters, but kept the need to pull out of trouble each time.

The Negro moundman was aided by two Negro strikers, Rightfielder Monte Irvin and Shortstop Henry Thomas. Irvin had bunched both men for several days, but they came back last week in to time form.

Irvin, the former Newark Eagles star, has always been amenable to Toronto pitchers. In 19 games with the Maple Leafs he has hit 13 times in 33 tries to the plate to maintain an average of .424. The International League's leading batter helped Smith's cause with a single, a double, one walk and two errors.

Smith's old teammate in Kansas City also found himself handy with the bat. Thompson batted two for five, including a double. Smith connected one for four for himself.

## HOMESTEAD GRAYS LEAD AMER. ASSO.

WASHINGTON (ANP) — The Homestead Grays, 1948 Negro baseball world champions, are riding high this season at the top of the Negro American Association with a record of 22 wins against only two losses.



**HEADS ST. PAUL'S COACH** — Joseph E. Thompson, II has been appointed to the position of Director of Physical Education and head coach of St. Paul's Polytechnic Institute for the 1949-1950 School Year.

Mr. Thompson received his undergraduate training at Benedict College, Columbia, South Carolina where he was one of the "honors" foremost athletes. He holds a Master of Science degree in Physical Education from Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana.

He is a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

The Administration of St. Paul's announced his appointment recently and indicated that the name of the new backfield coach will be disclosed soon.

Mr. Thompson plans to begin building gold offensive and defensive teams when the "Tigers" return for practice September 1.

## TRAINING INST. CONDUCTED AT DURHAM JUNE 16

The summer program of the Raleigh Recreation Department will begin on June 16, 1949, and continue through the 20th. The Training Institute for summer personnel was conducted at Durham June 16-18.

The program is similar to previous years, and is designed to provide recreation workers with a variety of activities, including games, and sports, social activities, dramatic activities, dancing, music and outdoor activities, mental health activities, collecting activities and health education. The program seeks to promote activities suited to the various age levels and for both sexes. Special programs have been arranged for special days.

The entire program of activities is built around the core curriculum of recreation.

The summer program is divided into nine activity weeks. They are: Club and Activity, Sports Activity, Education, Nature, Story, Health Education, Art, Dramatic, and Creative and Goodwill activities.

Tournaments will be held in boxing, tennis, horseback, and 7-hole tennis. Besides musical attractions, there will also be picnics at Chevis Park and Dr. Plummer's Park.

There is a softball and baseball commission, headed by Fred J. Carbone, Frank W. Wilson, Leonard W. Ligon, chairman, and Nelson H. Harris, Jr., Director.

In this set-up there are five leagues. The Major League is composed of players from 21 years of age up to the Minor League, players from 18-20 years. The Senior League, ages 15-17 years; the Junior League, ages 13-14 years and the Youth League, ages 10-12 years.

The Senior League is composed of six teams. Lightner's Episcopal, Gillet's Dragons, South Park, Hustler, Jewell, State Stars, and Turner's Florist. The games are played on Saturdays at 8:30 p. m., on Wednesdays at 8:00 p. m., and on other days at 6:00 p. m.

The other leagues will be organized Monday among both boys and girls at Chevis Heights Center, Washington, Blue Center, Oberlin Playground, and Old Soldiers Field Playground.

Each play center is under the direction of trained personnel. These are under the supervision of Program Director George H. Mitchell, Jr., Sr. are Julius F. Knight, Archie Branch, Marjorie Brown, Nelson H. Harris, Jr., Wayland Horton, Sannie N. Copeland, Mildred Bond, and Roy D. Moore.

Government potato purchases in North Carolina through June 14 total 666 cars size B and No. 2s. The market for No. 1 potatoes started to drop on June 4 because of the heavy shipments reaching the market.

This will be the fourth time that the Eagles have participated in the classic having played Kentucky State in 1942, Tuskegee Army Air base, 1945 and Tennessee State in 1946. The Eagles defeated Tennessee 14-0 although the Tigers went on to win the National Championship that year.

This will be the third time that Coach Herman Riddick has taken the team to the classic and it will be his third meeting with West Virginia State. It is still a popular topic of conversation throughout CIAA circles that West Virginia clinched the CIAA title for 1948 with a successful pass in the last 50 seconds of their game against NCC in Durham; the final score was 7-2.

The Jaquet waxing of "Black Velvet" was selected a "Fill Of Tomorrow" by 1948 disc-jockeys in the weekly "Billboard" magazine survey, and further indicates that it may very likely turn out to be the biggest disc hit to date, "King" Jaquet.

Baltimore (ANP) — Sammy Jefferson, former Cleveland Browns outfielder and presently one of the best all-around men in the International League, connected for a home run last week. It was his first home run since he was traded to Baltimore in 1948.

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## Beating The Gun

BY AL MOSES

Dear Al Moses,

Thanks for your swell editorial piece on Don Newcombe which appeared in the Kansas City Call last week. The "big boy" must have read it and it pointed out to him that he looks like the best thing in baseball to me and my friends. Listen Al, one more thing — Don't Jersey Joe Walcott lose to two colored 1/2, 10 years ago at Roseland Place, N. Y. C? What were their names? Reggie playboy Stewart, Kansas City, Kan.

(A) Yes, My friend, lion-hearted George Brothers, out of the Salem Crescent A. C., whipped Walcott. He was also stepped by Tiger (Jack) Fox. Both were held at Al Douglas' Rockland Palace Sporting Club.

(Q) Al, I'm sitting here in Per. City watching Roy Campanella while the ball 450 feet or so great a distance as Doby or any of their smashes. At the same time I watch Don Newcombe pitch for a Newhouse or Feller at his best even though he still does not pace himself properly. He winds up leading the league doesn't make you all but cry to think that Joe Williams or Dick Redding with Wiley or Mackey catching there would have done years ago? Paris (Texas) Boswell, YBCA, 130 W. 135th Street NYC.

(A) I have used up two crying-towels after reading your note. You are so right Texas. Ask "Kid Lee," your friend for years, how Mendez would have done for Lee played ball with him in Kansas City after he quit the prize ring.

(Q) Saw where some writer in your town, thinks Ezzard Charles might fatally hurt "old man" Joe, Joe Joe Walcott. Do you save in that opinion? Walter Bulsten, Springfield, Mass.

(A) Against Joe Baksi, my man Ezzard Charles deepened opinion that he might not handle a good heavyweight too well. Against Joe Maxim, he proved he was at-a-total-loss against a "cutie." Admitting that Walcott is an old man (ring sense) and like Louis should give way to youngsters, I held in my original opinion that fighting like he did against champion Louis, Walcott will win. The Charles who murdered Fluor Ray months before Louis exhibited with him was a punching tool. The Charles who figured in the sad Sam Ervin ring death was a demon. Walcott cannot be discussed in the light of comparison with Baroni or Ray. He is a cutie, entire than Joe Maxim and "double Z" has his work cut out unless his dynamite explodes early and often.

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## JACKIE LEADS IN ALL-STAR POLL; CAMPY SLIPS

CHICAGO (ANP) — Jackie Robinson's team mates from the Brooklyn Dodgers, Roy C. Klepper, Robinson's team mate, Charley Smith, second place in the poll for the first time, led with 52.2% of the vote for catcher. He has 52.2% of the vote for first base. Smith of the Philadelphia Phillies.

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## NEGRO AMER. LEAGUE

(ANS OF JUNE 12)  
EASTERN DIVISION

W. L. Pct.		
New York	14	3 737
Philadelphia	22	12 673
St. Louis	12	15 439
Brooklyn	11	25 383
Louisville	7	26 212

WESTERN DIVISION

W. L. Pct.		
Kansas City	19	12 610
Chicago	18	17 492
Indianapolis	15	17 422
St. Paul	17	12 339
Memphis	14	19 448

BATTING

AD R H Pct			
Dave Brown	112	24	47 420
Steve Bhan	105	30	51 323
Washington Ryan	111	12	42 378
Pearson Johnson	122	18	45 380
Posien Chicago	149	29	58 359
Davis Baltimore	130	22	46 348

LEAGUE LEADERS

RUNS BATTED IN: Brown, Kan. City, 96 and Pearson, Ind. 24  
RHS: Steve Bhan, 93, and Posien, Chi, 29  
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DOUBLES: Howard, Kan. City, 18 and Brown, Kan. City, 12  
TRIPLES: Portsmouth, Memphis, 7 and Pennington, Chi, 6  
HOME RUNS: Summers, Chi, 5  
STOLEN BASES: Hib, Chi, 8  
PUTOUTS: Perry, Bhan, 6-0 and Robinson, Memphis, 4-1  
STRIKEOUTS: McKinnis, Chi, 48 and S. Jones, Louisville, 33.

SAY YOU SAW IT IN THE CAROLINIAN THANK YOU!

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