

At The Ringside

LAMOTTA TO FIGHT IN CHICAGO

Lightweight champion Jake LaMotta has signed with the International Boxing Club to fight in Chicago March 22 at the Chicago Stadium. His opponent will be Ken Barnes, if Barnes gets the permission to fight in a bout to be held February 23.

The bout will be for 10 rounds and will be a non-title affair. This will mark Jake LaMotta's first appearance in Chicago as champion. Ten has been during the war he fought George (Sugar) Costello, who won at the stadium.

It also means that the IBC is showing its effort to bring the Windy City better fights with more greater energy. The unusual result of the Ike Williams-Johnny Brann affair proved to the IBC what a good bout can do on the money side in Chicago.

For Jake this bout will be a tuneup affair for his title defense in June. Jake has admitted that he has not been in the best of shape for his more recent bouts, particularly in the bout he lost to Robert Williams.

Nothing further has been said about his title opponent, not even good guesses.

MAXIM TO CHALLENGE CHARLES

Joey Maxim, fresh from a triumph over Freddy Mills in London for the light-heavyweight champion of the world, is back in the United States, and through his mouthpiece, Jack Kearns, reportedly is challenging Ezzard Charles, National Boxing Association champion for a title bout.

Although in the United States, Maxim never demonstrated much of a punch, he threw a terrific blow at London to score one of his rare knockouts.

To the fans an Ezzard Charles-Joey Maxim bout would not have much to offer on the surface, because neither fighter is much of a crowd pleaser. Charles is efficient but not sensational, and Maxim is clever, but not very artistic.

One sports writer, however, suggests an idea to make this bout really an attraction. He wants it billed as a fight for two titles, Charles is

natural 175-pounder, so the odds are to match them for both titles with Charles weighing 170, heavyweights and light-heavyweights 175 pounds.

On this basis they would be the first two men to fight in the ring for two championships at the same time. What a night it would be!

ROBINSON TO FIGHT FRENCH BOXER

Welterweight champion Ray Robinson, hot in pursuit of James E. Morley's middleweight championship, will fight a French boxer, Jean Waterzak, February 27 in a 10 round bout in St. Louis.

Promoter is Hans Bernstein. Waterzak, 27, has a record of 23 victories in 50 fights including 17 knockouts. Robinson has lost only one fight in his entire career and that one to LaMotta. In the meantime he has whipped Jake 4 times.

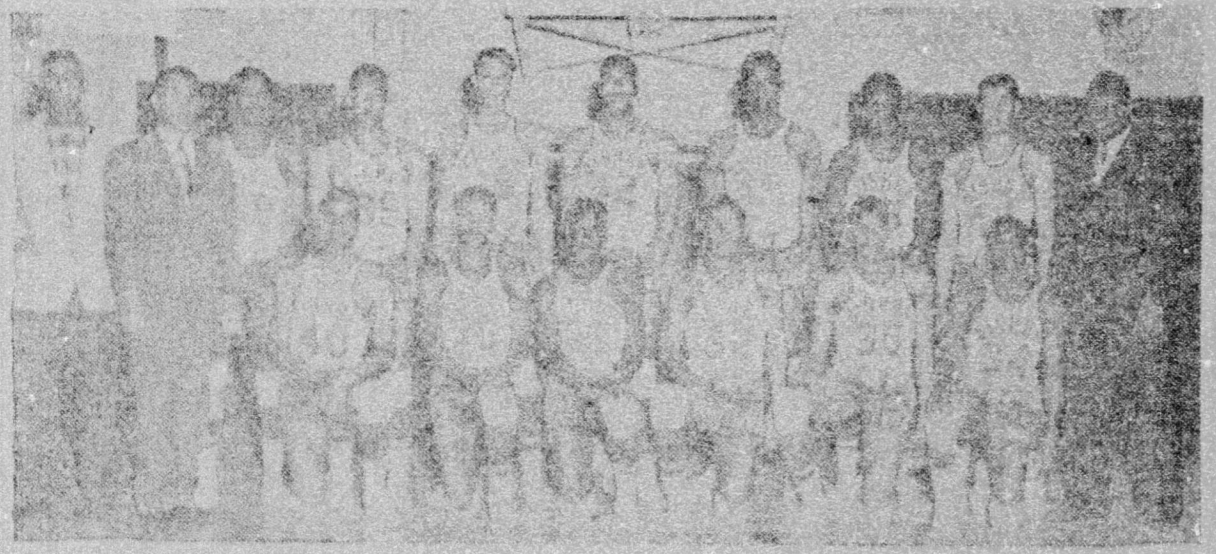
As an amateur Ray had a perfect record, and as a pro he has had one of the best records of any fighter any size in history.

St. Louis had another early night in his exhibition tour last week in Tampa, Fla. After going through three tame rounds, he floored Johnny Haynes for a count of eight in the final round of a four-round affair.

It seems that the Joe Louis-Jack Dempsey controversy will never end. The results of the recent half-century poll of sports writers naming Dempsey the best has sports writers and fan lining up on both sides of the fence.

Most writers now are piling on the fence by saying whoever got in the first blow would probably win. Many consider Dempsey at his best more a natural ferocious fighter than Louis. They also claim he was faster than Joe on his feet. On the other hand they say Joe's hands move faster than Dempsey. They also cite Joe's record as tops.

This is a question that can never be answered, so maybe it should rest. What would be interesting is a motion picture show of the best fights of both men. Of course, if you are discussing the best fighters of all times watch out for Jack Johnson or James J. Jeffries support.



CONFERENCE LEADERS — Here are 13 good reasons why the Bishop College Tigers are tied for the lead in the Southwestern conference basketball race. The Tigers have a 5-1 re-

cord for the season. The cage acts, standing, left to right, are: Matthew Bell, trainer; J. Forest Kelley, assistant coach; Reuben Fabius, John Brasley, Roddie Irvin, L. P. Waters, team cap-

tain; John Larber, Olen Nickleberry, Edward Stanton, and Coach Shannon D. Little. Kneeling, left to right, are: Marion Lee, John Smith, Owen Ruffin, Robert Holmes, Robert Brown. — (ANP)

Baseball School Seen As Source Of Material

Greenville, Miss. (ANP) — Hooper (Oose) Curry, manager of the Memphis Red Sox baseball team and Dr. Noble R. Frisby, local physician, have teamed together to establish something new in Negro baseball which might give fresh blood to the leukemic sports situation and revive its life for several more years — they are founding a baseball school to open Feb. 27 and last for two weeks.

Headquarters for the school will be at the new Negro baseball park that seats 4,000 fans. It will be called the Delta Negro Baseball school.

Diamond hopefuls from Memphis, Little Rock, Greenwood, Greenville, Clarksdale, New Orleans, Houston, Dallas, and Oklahoma City are expected to flock to the training ground.

Through this school and future classes in the coming years, Curry hopes to build up the quality of Negro baseball and also to provide a source of youthful talent to replace older players and those who have moved up to organized baseball.

The Delta school is reported to be the first baseball school ever established for Negroes in this country. Its aim is to develop young country boys with natural talent and move them out of the cotton fields onto the nation's leading baseball diamonds.

Aiding Curry in the conducting of classes will be a battery of Negro American league players including Buddy Woods, Red Sox pitcher, as hitting instructor, Bob Harvey, Houston Eagles, as hitting and fielding instructor, and Boyce Jennings, manager of the Greenville Delta Giants, assistant director.

Players enrolling in the school will pay a small fee and supply their own equipment such as uniforms and gloves.

After the training period the most promising players will be divided into teams which will play on a barnstorming tour before the start of the regular baseball season. (The Negro American league season begins May 7.)

Curry, 51, is one of the best managers in Negro baseball. Active on the diamond for 33 years, he has managed clubs in Philadelphia,

Gainesville, and Atlanta as well as the Red Sox. However, informed sources say he is scheduled to be replaced as manager of the Red Sox this Spring.

Dr. Frisby, who will operate the Delta Giants from his new baseball field declared that school will not limit its students to prospects in the Negro league, but would also keep in touch with major league scouts. He said:

"We want to keep an assembly line of stars moving up to not only the Negro league, but also into organized baseball."

In Chicago, Dr. J. B. Murray, often called the czar of Negro baseball and president of the Negro American league, expressed skepticism as to whether the plan would or would not succeed. He did add, however, that the league did not condemn the school.

DEMPESEY EXPLAINS PICK OF SCHMELING

CHICAGO (ANP) — The great mauler Jack Dempsey caused many fans to lose respect for his boxing judgment when he picked Max Schmeling to win over Joe Louis in the second bout. Few people actually know that Louis was Dempsey favorite but a chain of events brought to the public the mauler was the Schmeling.

Here's the story. After Dempsey visited both of the fighters' training camps, he predicted for the press that Louis would win by a knockout. As fate would have it at the same time, a magazine was on the stands with a story picking Schmeling to win by a knockout under Dempsey's byline. The story had been ghost-written without the fighter's consent by his good friend, Ned Brown.

When Dempsey phoned Brown for an explanation, the writer told him that the article meant an easy but badly needed \$500 and he actually thought Dempsey favored Schmeling over Louis. To hold up the honor of his friendship Dempsey changed his prediction to the press and came out for Schmeling.

Beating The Gun

BY AL MOSES

BROWNSKINNED "DENNINGERT?"

New York (ANP) — YES we know what you are thinking down there in the fifth-row section, but may we ask you not to judge ex-boxer HENRY ARMSTRONG other than you would like another to pre-judge you.

Speaking plainly with no punches pulled, we really don't go for Daddy Grace's doctrine but we say this without malice aforethought. But we will not join that sidewalk-whispering-army who snugly pass out such rot as this, these late February evening.

(a) They say Hank Armstrong has \$300,000 wrung from his business affairs while winning three titles but he'll double that sum in five years with his new association.

(b) We knew Hank niftily when he was up at Bowman's Melody room with Fee Wee Beale and his chorus of "good lookers" on the female side. Does he feel this resemblance of Pearl Bailey's brother, gious thing or is he following the etc, etc, etc?

Now look fellows and gals, a man's religion and the infinite are intangible motives from which these inner feelings stem and are not a man's to make pies out of.

OLD SATCH

Yes, I think LEROY (Satchel) PAUCE, legendary figure of Negro Baseball who is winding up his big league experiment, will be a good leaving card with any colored club if he fails to stay in "fact, anyway." There is a moral here, about "Old Satch" that ought to be hung out on the club and we and now.

PIZZER AT THE TAVOT OF SUCCESS

Produce and growers in Indiana are not at all interested in the new process of trans-

ferental behavior. The daily press made much of this in posing the "several reasons" including age in the Satch Paige case.

Tryin' yourself to be punctual for Satchel Paige was never that way whether with the Cleveland Indians or with the Kansas City Monarchs. Incidentally, we talked at great length the other day with "Soldier Boy" Semler, ex-N. Y. Black Yankees owner now in the poultry business, who gave Paige his first real chance to show at Yankee stadium.

There's nothing personal in all this, "Satchel," only we write for tomorrow's generation, the boys who will grow to inherit the \$35,000 salary (and more) that such brown ones as Jackie Robinson collect for playing the games-of-life, we merely on the spectacular baseball diamonds of our adopted America.

THE MELTING POT

BRANCH RICKEY must think long and hard at times about what sort of a 1950 "Rookie" Sammy Jethroe will turn out to be. While the price of \$150,000 was a brilliant piece of business on the part of the Brooklyn prexy whose shaggy eyebrows remind one of coal czar John L. Lewis, time may prove Jethroe was really worth the \$500,000 the Mahatma once tagged on '49 rookie sensation Don Newcombe eh what???

JERRY COLEMAN, N. Y. YANKEES and DON NEWCOMBE, former best of last season's rookies even though ROY SIEVERS was good taps in a Baseball Writers poll.

Henry County, Indiana growers tried "balanced" seed for the first time this year. They drilled 17 1/2 into field now using same amount of fertilizer and recording the results. Process of trans-

MAXIM WANTS LOUIS FIGHT

NEW YORK (ANP) — Joey Maxim, world light-heavyweight champion, who returned last week from England, announced that he wanted Joe Louis to come out of retirement and fight him for the "real" heavyweight championship. With Manager Jack Kearns, Maxim said:

"We're ready to take on Ezzard Charles, if he thinks he's champion. But, we like the Louis shot first."

Maxim said that if he couldn't get a shot at Louis, he might have to return to England without fighting here.

Round kernels of seed corn are not as good for planting as flat ones, and a lot cheaper, according to a seed specialist at State Col-



NCC TIES FOR 5TH PLACE IN N. Y. MEET

NEW YORK, N. Y. — Two CIAA track teams salvaged a handful of points in the National AAU men's junior indoor competitions at the Third Engineers Group Armory here last week.

North Carolina College's Eagles earned a fifth place tie with Colgate and Rutgers Universities, St. Francis, and the Polish Falcons, while Lincoln University's Lions ended in a dead-lock for ninth place with the Collegiate Track and Field Club and the Grand Street Boys.

The Eagles' Donald Leek, speedy hurdler from Gary, Indiana, set a new standard in the 60-yard hurdles event with a record of 0:08.0. Lincoln's James Gibbs finished third in the same event.

Leek has to his credit in track competition a 14.5 mark for the 120 high hurdles, posted during an intercollegiate CIAA meet held in Durham, N. C., last April; a 2:15 time in the Alabama State Relays' 220-yard low hurdles; and a second place in an Evening Star track meet where the winning time was 0:8.

North Carolina College is scheduled to participate in the Middle Atlantic AAU meet set for March 4, in Baltimore, Md.