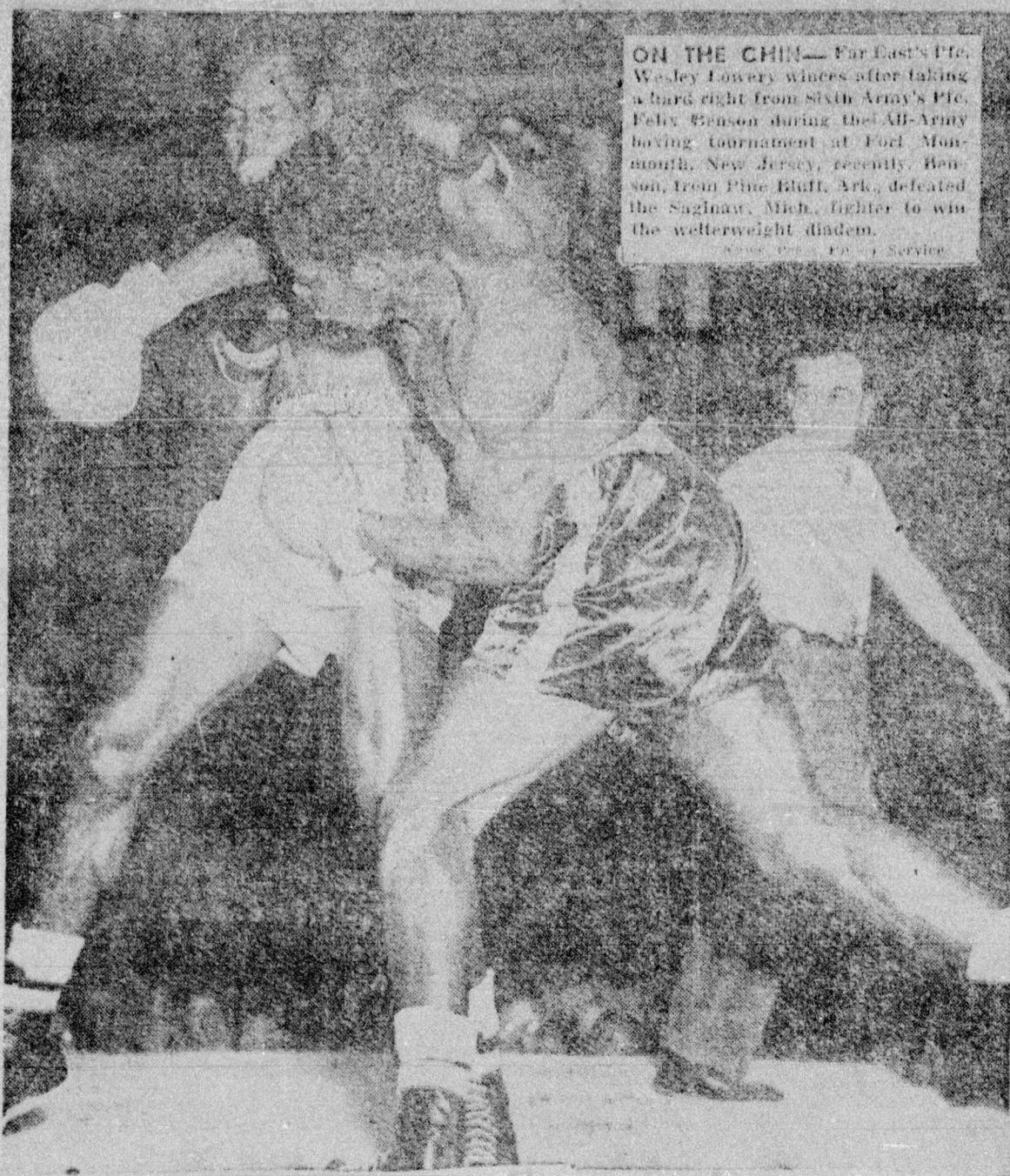


JERSEY JOE IS WINNER AND STILL CHAMPION



ON THE CHIN — Far East's Pte. Wesley Lowery winces after taking a hard right from Sixth Army's Pte. Felix Gibson during the All-Army boxing tournament at Ford, Mountaineer, New Jersey, recently. Gibson, from Pine Bluff, Ark., defeated the Saginaw, Mich., fighter to win the welterweight division.

Dr Martin Says

BY D. J. B. MARTIN,
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AMERICAN LEAGUE
THE FABULOUS EAST
WEST GAME

Probably the most famous enterprise in Negro baseball is the famous East v. West game, played annually in Chicago. Ever since it was started back in 1936, it has been a showcase for colored diamonds.

In the days of all Jim Crow segregation, the game served as a reminder to major league clubs that, unless they too were willing to integrate their teams, all unorganized, able-to-play Negro ball players would be left out.

Today, however, a large number of white fans stream into Comiskey Park to see the colored greats perform. They saw such men as Jackie Robinson, Monte Irvin, Ossie Blue, Satchel Paige, Henry Thompson, and Eddie Sutherland play in the East.

In living color, 20 years before they displayed their talents to the major leagues, many Negro scouts eye the game and follow players named for the teams in their regular Negro American League play.

To me, however, this is not the players' game in which they strive for a major league future; this is a scout's hobby. To me, the East v. West game is primarily a tilt for one man. It gives baseball-loving fans throughout the nation an opportunity to see current Negro greats on the diamond at the same time.

— D.J.B.M.

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Willie Mays Will Always Be Remembered In N. York

BY AL WHITE

NEW YORK (AP)—Leo Durocher, New York Giants manager, sadly told reporters last week his problems really began when Willie Howard Mays left for the army.

Never in the 75-year history of the National League had any rookie so completely captured players, managers, public as had the 21-year-old colored star from Fairfield, Ala.

Never had any rookie in either major league had such a brilliant future—not even the vaunted Whitey Ford of the Yankees nor their equally highly publicized Mickey Mantle.

Durocher, who should know, said Willie possessed every one of the five qualities necessary for a player to make the big time. He had power, speed, better than average batting ability, strong arm. Giants brought him to the parent Durocher even went so far as to bring him home. It was a long chance—a say, Mays eventually would become a right-hand Negro who had had come in, a right-hand batter, as Joe DiMaggio, the godson in the white men's league, who happened after Willie arrived at a point named Rogers Hornsby who pulled out hitting averages that haven't been equaled since his time, but DiMaggio is the outfit paragon, and Durocher declares without hesitating

that Willie Mays is his successor.

What makes it more clinching is that the Giants can truthfully say Mays is a product of their own farm system, being the first Negro rookie to be brought thru the processing stages like the highly touted and costly bona fide Mays didn't cost the Giants much more than a couple of grand. Right now they wouldn't sell him for half a million even if he is in the wings facing a two-year stretch.

The Giants took Mays from the Birmingham Black Barons, right after he had finished high school. Mays was sent to Trenton, N.J., where he began banging the ball at a merry clip. He was so well prepared that he was promoted immediately to the fast Triple-A club in Indianapolis for seasonings. He stayed there less than two years, but the draft board didn't think his \$300 a month helped them much—they'd rather the army pay it.

Now the Giants have been affected by the departure of the great centerfielder who saved runs every day with his speed, hitting, and defense.

Today, 18 colored players are under contract to six big-league clubs. Ten clubs still refuse to take up where the leaders have shown the way.

The die-hards in the American League are Boston Red Sox, New York Yankees, Philadelphia Athletics, Washington Senators and Detroit Tigers.

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AGING CAMDEN CLOUTER CLIPS YOUTHFUL JOE

Jersey Joe Proves Ruler of Charles In Slow 15-Rounder

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—In a New York amateur title bout, Jersey Joe Walcott of Camden, N.J., barely held on to his heavyweight championship. Thirty-six-year-old Joe, a 15-round decision over challenger Edward Charles of Gibbstown.

Zach Clayton, famed basketball star of the past, refereed the bout, thus becoming the first Negro ever to referee a heavyweight championship battle.

A disbelieving crowd of 21,273 fans paid a record \$275,000 to see Walcott defend his crown for the first time since he won it from Charles last year. The gate was estimated by \$275,000 from radio and television.

In losing this bout, Charles added his name to the list of heavyweight champions of the past who have succeeded. Only tried in recent years, Charles lost despite the fact that the ancient Walcott, at least 33 years old and pounds older, looked healthy in the earlier rounds.

With Pennsylvania scoring eight on the basis of rounds Walcott scored a unanimous decision. Referee Clayton gave Walcott a 9-6 majority, Judge Jack McMenamin the reversed the Walcott—Charles Putnam bout in which Walcott won his title over Walcott an 8-7 margin and Judge Tommaso gave it to Jersey Joe, 8-7, with 2 even.

Walcott clinched victory, barring a lousy try, taking most of the early rounds, and coasting in the final five, keeping out of Charles' way enough to avoid a k.o. He scored with effective rights—the ones that sent Joe Lewis to the canvas three times—and good left hooks—the blow that won him the crown.

In the late rounds when he evidently had slowed down quite a bit, Jersey Joe was content to keep out an annoying left jab and let Charles go.

Charles, always a cautious fighter, was even more careful than usual in this bout. Not only did he seem to have a fear of Walcott's left hook, but he also was careful not to bump into a right. Because of this caution, many fans felt that he was a bit gun shy in respect to Jersey Joe.

Even in the late rounds when Joe's fatigued.

He was fresher than the champion and had the upper hand. Charles did not take any undue chances. It appeared that a little more aggressiveness may have given him a k.o.

After the bout, Jersey Joe, who weighed 181-1/2 pounds for the bout, was hasty. He said he was now ready to earn some money with his crown, the St. Louis Browns to a 7-inning 3-2 victory over the Washington Senators.

Coming into the game in the 12th inning, Page gave up only 4 hits and no runs in 5-2-3 innings. He struck out four men and walked two. He now has a 5-1 pitching record, earned as the league's top relief hurler.



"FATHERS OF THE YEAR"—Winners of the Fathers of the Year Awards for 1952 held at the Annual Award Luncheon, Wahlert Astoria Hotel recently, brought together a million dollars' worth of talent. Among these, left to right, were: Henry Fonda, "Stage Father of the Year," Sam Levenson, "TV Father of the Year," Brigadier General David Sarnoff, "Father of the Year," Sugar Ray Robinson, "Sports Father of the Year," H. V. Kaltenborn, "Radio Father of the Year," and Norman Mailer of Warner Brothers. Middleweight champion Ray Robinson intends to win the "big one" for his family when he faces Joe Maxim for the light heavy title on June 28th.

Satch Pitches And Bats Way To Fifth Victory

WASHINGTON (AP)—Ansel Lowe, Washington Post, found himself father again last week, combining P with his usual sharp pitching chores to lead his team, the St. Louis Browns, to a 7-inning 3-2 victory over the Washington Senators.

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In the batter's box, Page usually a weak hitter, pounded out three hits in three times at bat. His decisive hit came in the top of the 11th with one out and teammate Joe DeMaestri on second base. DeMaestri scored what proved to be the winning run as Page held the Senators in the last half of the 11th.

WILL REPORT

NEW YORK (AP)—Willie Mays, sensational Giant rookie who was inducted in the Armed Forces last week, May 21, was transferred from the induction center at Camp Kilmer, N.J., to do his basic training at Fort Dix, N.J., on June 10.

Mays, who has been called the Giants' "million dollar baby" was denied exemption from service and transferred from his native Birmingham to New York for entry into the army.

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NIT QUEEN . . . Charming Maureen "Little Mo" Connolly, 18, women's national singles tennis champion, demonstrates her powerful serve prior to a benefit match. Miss Connolly is on her way to England to appear in various tennis events.

JOHNNY WYROSTEK, bought from the Reds, may make the Phillies permanent contenders . . . Leo Durocher still has designs on Rex Barney, the former Brooklyn wild-man pitcher—says he knows Barney can win in time . . . Three types of weapons are used in fencing—sabre, epee, sabre.

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