

Raleigh Grays Hold Wendell To No-Hitter After Losing To Kinston At Chavis Park

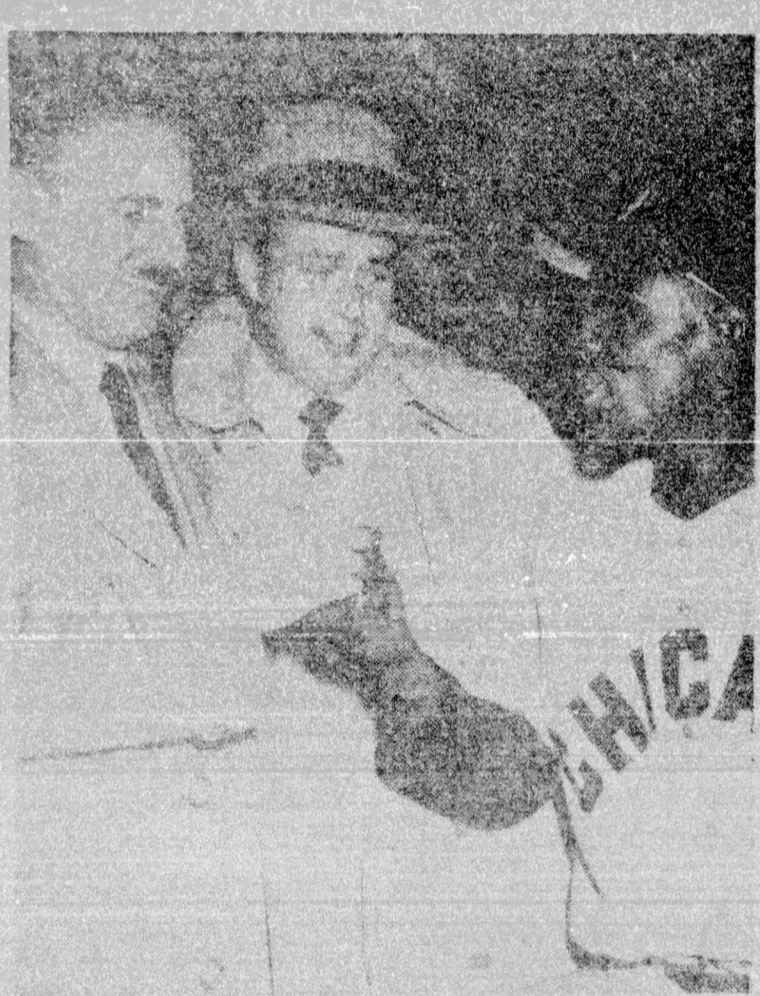
Warren And Statham Top Local Tilt

WENDELL — Southpaw Cicero Warren and right-hander Clifford Statham completed another no-hitter for the Raleigh Grays with a perfect performance by throwing a No-Hit, No-Run game before a crowd of about 700 in front of a Saturday night contest. The two moundmen of the Raleigh Grays performed with the best and the live of two seasons. Warren, who was the pitcher of the 1953 season, Warren, was the pitcher of Statham, held the mound for the first three innings, allowing only one wildcat to reach first base. Statham, who overpowered the Wendell outfit for the remainder of the contest pitched perfect to the next six batters to retire them in successive order. This was Statham's first mound appearance for the Grays this season.

These two hurlers were backed up by some very effective hitting power on the parts of their teammates, who deluged the losing Wendell pitcher, Hugh Whit, with a barrage of 16 hits in their 6-0 win. At least one hit was received by every man on the Grays lineup, with Floyd Hennesse, McGuire, and Black each collecting two each. Floyd, Hennesse, and McGuire each collected a brace of doubles, with Black beating out two infield hits.

Statham is expected to return to duty against the strong Central Prison outfit when they travel to Chavis Park in a night contest May 8. The Wendell outfit is expected to turn in their usual fine exhibition of baseball and provide some very rough competition for the improved Raleigh club. It is expected that the Raleigh team will be very much keyed up for this contest after the defeat suffered at the hands of the equally strong Kinston Grays last Saturday night in Chavis Park.

Through February 15, 1954, some 114 million tons of 1953-54 crop feed grains had been placed under the price support program, compared with 71 million tons in 1952-53.



'MINNIE' KEEPS PROMISE—Dr. Carlos Pilo Socarras (left), Cuban President-in-exile, and John Davis Griffin (center), his U.S. ally, receive a home-run ball from the Chicago White Sox's Minnie Mirosa after a recent game at the Yankee stadium, before the game. Mirosa promised Socarras he'd hit a home run against the Yanks in his honor, and he kept the promise by winning the game with a round trip blast. (Newspress Photo).

AM & N Lions Lose 2 Game Roster To Tigers 9-3 & 11-3

HOUSTON, Tex. — The Texas Southern University Tigers defeated the American and Negro League Lions in two games, 9-3 and 11-3.

The big bats of John Barber, Fred King and Lawrence Marshall ranged off to a lead in the first inning as Barber picked off the first pitcher of the game and promptly belted a 25-foot drive to start things rolling. The Tigers' lead was 3-0 at the end of the first inning. Barber's home run was the only one of the game. Barber also made some sparkling plays at the bat, including a double and a single to drive in 4 big runs. The sensational sophomore pitcher also made some sparkling plays at the bat, including a double and a single to drive in 4 big runs. The sensational sophomore pitcher also made some sparkling plays at the bat, including a double and a single to drive in 4 big runs.

Charles Edwards, TSU's top relief star, turned stuffer and limited the Lions to only 6 singles for his third win of the season, against only 2 setbacks. The big 201 pound right-hander shut out 5 and walked 2 as his hitting partner, big-league plays to help his cause.

Tennessee State U.'s Tigers In Tremendous Season Slump

NASHVILLE — Rain and wet grounds have played havoc with Tiger Coach Lawrence Simmons' first six baseball games of a 20-game schedule.

Tennessee State University nine have only played four seven-inning games, winning three of their first seven plays. The home stand was completed with a twin-bill 0-0 and 1-2 split with Central State College last Saturday. Coach Simmons has yet to see all of his pitchers work in order to get a starting four.

The remaining schedule is to be played on the road, after a week's layoff, opening at Alabama A. and M., Normal, Ala., April 26 and 27. Second base and right field positions are still questionable. The Tigers' three victories have shown a lot of power at the plate, good pitching, but weak spots in the infield. Converted football end and



Fritz Pollard's CLOSE-UP SPORTS

NEW YORK, (GLOBAL) — They call him Hurricane Jackson, because his unorthodox style, his amazing agility for his size, and the fact that he hits out in all directions with dynamite-laden gloves has made him a baffling opponent.

But up to last Monday night, he hadn't met Jimmy Slade, a young New Yorker who didn't seem at all baffled by Jackson's style. Somewhere Slade had learned how to duck, bob and weave, and catch his opponent so off guard that the force of a blow intended for him would simply hurt Jackson against the ropes. In fact, the bout at several points had the appearance of a wrestling match, with both fighters bouncing off the ropes, out of the ring, and with Jackson at times performing in an almost comic manner.

Kinston Club Wins Opener Over Grays

RALEIGH—The Raleigh Grays dropped a 5-1 contest to the Kinston Grays here in Chavis Park 2 losses. The Kinston team began a small group of fans, to run their season totals to 2 wins and to open their 1954 season before the game with a four-run outburst in the first inning. An error by Cecil LeSane, a walk by losing pitcher "Knuck" Womack, and a second error by LeSane, filled the bases. After Womack retired the next two Kinston batters in order, King hit a line drive single to centerfield with the ball going away from centerfielder Bill Hennesse to unload the bases with King holding at 2nd base. Roberts followed with a single to right field. Black's throw to the plate was wide, but Catcher Sam McGuire nailed Roberts going into second to retire the side.

Aggies Lose One, Win One

GREENSBORO—The A. and T. Aggies baseball team lost one to Maryland State and won one against Shaw University to drop place in the triad. CLAA flag into a doorway to be for the first time.

The loss was the first sustained by the Aggies in conference play since the early part of the 1950 season and caused the victory, Maryland State and Howard University with one loss each to move into the triple tie position.

The Maryland outfit defeated the Aggies 9-3 on last Friday.

Hot Stove League Notes

CLOWNS' WOMEN STARS — The women players of the Philadelphia Clowns are proving to be excellent drawing cards during spring training for the Negro American league club.

Both ladies are packing them in, although neither performs over a couple of innings or so in any one game. Miss Morgan usually plays two frames at second base each day. She has pitched errorless ball so far. Miss Johnson has hurled scoreless innings in four games.

Manager Oscar Charl is juggling his lineup each day to get a look at each player in competition. The Clowns announced they had sold singing Dick Harrison to the Tampa club of the West Texas-New Mexico league.

Currently the Clowns and Kansas City Monarchs are locked in a spring pre-season series.

MONARCHS PITCHING CORPS LOOKS GOOD — Although the Kansas City Monarchs have a lady star, Miss Tom Stone, the team is most excited about the performances of its pitching corps.

Top southaw is Dick Phillips, 24, who is a converted first baseman. As a pitcher, the Portsmouth team of the Piedmont team in organized baseball, he gave up only one hit in five innings.

Three right handers, all young-

Theatricality Yours

NEW YORK, (GLOBAL) — "Ser. breeze" recorded by Billy Eckstine on MGM label becoming a sure winner. Speaking of "Mr. B.", he's scoring at the London Palladium.

Johnny Ace at Harlem's Apollo... Nat King Cole traveling the Scandinavian countries... Betty Madigan and her platter of "Joy" making great noise.

Jo Ann Talley of MGM Records fame, tops whatever she does... Timmie Rogers, the great comic, now has formed a band composed of comics... Leroy Holmes doing fine as the newly appointed musical director of MGM Records... Ruth Brown still drawing as usual... Duke Ellington smooth as ever on NBC last week... Art Mooney has a hot platter out.

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After being knocked out of the box early in his first two starts, Ruben Gomez of the New York Giants won his first game of the season as the Giants defeated the Milwaukee Braves 3-1 in Milwaukee.

Gomez pitched six scoreless innings before being taken out in the seventh. He gave up one hit, walked one man and fanned one. He also drove in a run to aid his cause.

He suffered a wrenched back while on the base paths and had to be taken out of the game in the seventh.

Coach Eddie Hurt Says Team Will Accept Offer

BALTIMORE, Md.—The sprint medley relay team of Morgan State College, which won the Quarter-mile Relay Championship of America last Saturday at the Penn. Relays, has been invited to run in the Coliseum Relays, Los Angeles, Calif., May 21.

Coach Eddie Hurt, who received no notification Wednesday, said his team will accept the invitation. It was uncertain whether the mile relay team, which lost to Manhattan in the Philadelphia meet, will make the trip.

Probably running for the Bears in the famed West

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The Tigers from Texas Southern weren't through as they misplayed 2 game clinching runs in the eighth. Wilbert Sams started things rolling by tripping to right. Clem Martin reached first on an error on the second baseman scoring Sams. Martin stole second and scored on pitcher Willie Ross's line single to left.

The Tigers got two insurance runs in the ninth both batted in by Lawrence Marshall, catcher.

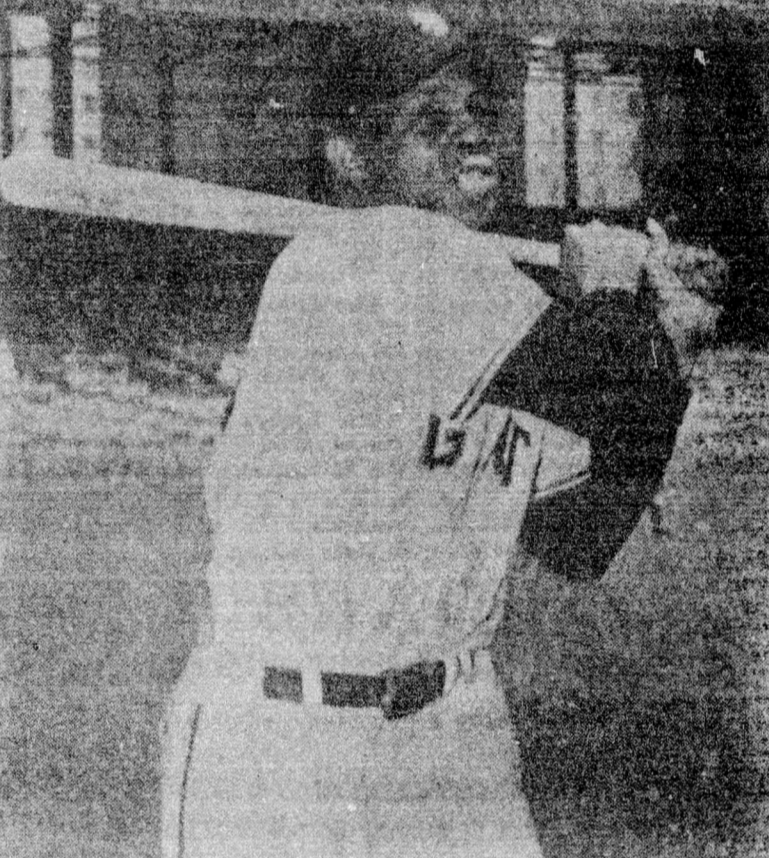
Willie Ross went the distance although he touched for nine singles, only 4 of the 8 runs off him were earned. Ross struck out 12 and walked 2.

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REPEAT PERFORMANCE—For the second year in a row, Manhattan College ran away with the one mile college relay at the 60th annual Penn relays. Crossing the tape is Lou Jones, Manhattan, with Josh Culbreath, Morgan State, finishing second. (Newspress Photo).



'MIRACLE MAN OF 1954'—Centerfielder Willie Mays, named in an article in the current issue of 50¢ Magazine as baseball's "miracle man of 1954," is proven to be the "Say, Hey, Willie" of pre-army days. The smiling Giant slugger has already sparked the New York Giants to a number of early-season victories with his extra-base clutch hits.

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Sarah Vaughan is a gal singer that we really wish would get a million-or-more smash sellers. The divine Sarah has had a hard road to travel while "giant" singers with half her voice have come up with hit after hit. It's hard to understand. Of course, there are some fine and truly top-notch voices who have had million sellers—Billy Eckstine, Leroy Holmes doing fine as the newly appointed musical director of MGM Records... Ruth Brown still drawing as usual... Duke Ellington smooth as ever on NBC last week... Art Mooney has a hot platter out.

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OUTSIDE RED ROMANIA—Two new arrivals to the U.S., Peter and Constantin Georgescu, journeyed out to Brooklyn last week to get their first glimpse of an American baseball game. Before the game, the fugitives from Communist Romania got together with Dodger stars, Jackie Robinson (left) and Peeeweé Reese, Valeriu Georgescu, their dad, is shown. (Newspress Photo).