

# Jackie Robinson May Quit Game Over Trade To Giants Sports Pioneer To Decide On Future

NEW YORK (AP)—Jackie Robinson, surprised and disappointed over his being traded by the Brooklyn Dodgers to the New York Giants, will decide this week whether he'll remain in baseball or call it quits.

Robinson, who will be 38 on January 31, has talked often of retiring during recent years.

He has asked the Giants for a few days to think over his future plans.

Giants' vice-president Charles Feeney said he had talked with Robinson and had been told he was undecided about his future.

"He's going to get in touch with us as soon as he has made up his mind," Feeney said. "I'm sure he will play and that he can help us. It will take him a day or two to get used to the idea."

Robinson, a nine-year veteran with the National League champions, was traded to the Giants in exchange for pitcher Dick Littlefield and an undisclosed sum of cash, rumored at \$30,000.

It is also reported that the Giants acquired Jackie to fill the first base chores left vacant by the entry into the Army of Bill White, another fan player.

The move came as a complete surprise. Jackie was not considered on the block.

A rugged competitor, Robinson, although 38, played good ball for the Dodgers last season, and was one of the stars in the last World Series, won by the New York Yankees. He batted .275 during the season, hit 16 doubles, two triples and wacked 10 home runs.

Jackie also showed well during the Dodgers' recent tour of Japan. Contacted at his home in Stamford, Conn., Jackie had this to say:

"I'm naturally disappointed leaving Brooklyn, but that's

baseball for you. I've had wonderful years in Brooklyn, received wonderful treatment from the Brooklyn fans.

"But we realize that baseball is like that. There are no hard feelings. The Brooklyn club has to protect its own best interests. I thought I helped the Brooklyn club last year and didn't figure I would be traded.

"I had no inkling of it until last night. But they have a lot of young players. I hope they can win again, unless the Giants can win it. I've always heard nice things about Mr. Stoneham."

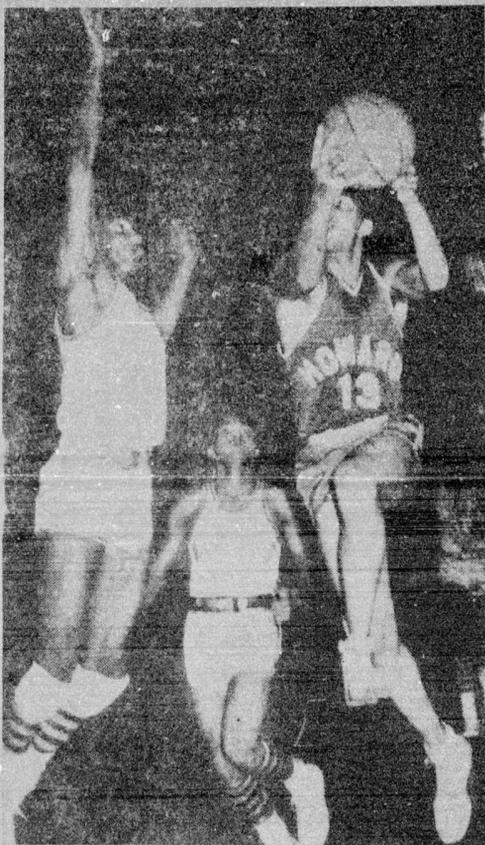
Asked whether the move might prompt his retirement, Jackie said:

"I really haven't had a chance to give it much thought. I did play practically every game in Japan on our trip. How much longer I can go on is on a year-to-year or maybe a day-to-day basis."

One of the hardest hit by the news was Robinson's son, Jackie, Jr. He wept when he learned of the trade.

Jackie has been making news with the Dodgers ever since he joined the Brooklyn organization in 1946, becoming the first Negro to enter organized baseball.

Branch Rickey, who spearheaded the drive that landed Robinson, was then general manager of the Dodgers.



SYPHAX SINKS TWO FOR HOWARD—Flashy Howard University guard, John Syphax (No. 13) is shown above as he drives

to sink a field goal in recent cage contest with the NCC "Eagles". Even though Syphax was the evening's high scorer, with 17 points, the Eagles won the contest, which was their CIAA opener, 83-53. NCC players attempting to guard the Bison ace are: Donald Burke (No. 46), forward from Pittsburgh, Pa., and James "Chip" Sligh (No. 31) from Winston-Salem. Carlton Bell (No. 38) Eagle forward, is seen coming up court in background.

## Ed Sullivan Gives Jackie Robinson Spingarn Award For Good Work

NEW YORK (AP)—The N. A. A. C. P.'s Spingarn Medal for distinguished achievement last week was awarded to Jackie Robinson of the Brooklyn Dodgers, who became the first athlete to receive the honor over the past 41 years.

Jackie, who won lasting fame by becoming the first of his race to successfully crack baseball's long-standing race taboo, received the coveted gold medal at a luncheon sponsored by the NAACP in the Roosevelt Hotel here. Watching Jackie receive the award were several former recipients of the honor. They included Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, United Nations Undersecretary; Dr. Channing H. Tobias, chairman of the NAACP's board of directors; Dr. Percy Julian, famous research chemist; and Thurgood Marshall, special counsel for the association.

Congratulatory messages were received from Branch Rickey, the baseball "Mahatma," who channeled Robinson into the major leagues; Mayor Robert Wagner; Julian Jack,

Manhattan Borough president; John Cashmore, Brooklyn Borough president; and Floyd Patterson, newly crowned heavyweight boxing champion.

Jackie was cited "for his superb sportsmanship, his pioneer role in opening a new field of endeavor for young Negroes and his civic consciousness."

Ed Sullivan, emcee of the Toast of the Town television show made the presentation. Robinson's wife and son, Jackie, Jr. witnessed the ceremony.

The Spingarn Medal is awarded annually "for the highest achievement of an American Negro."

## DO RUSSIANS TRY TO IMITATE 'TROTTERS'

SAN FRANCISCO — When the championship U. S. Olympic team arrived here from Melbourne last week, the first thing sportswriters asked coach Gerald Tucker was: "How good are the Russians?" The Americans beat the Russians twice in the Olympics under Tucker's direction. "Well," he said, "they are about

one hundred percent better now than they were in 1953. They really throw that ball around. I think they try to copy the Harlem Globetrotters."

When informed of Tucker's comment, Abe Saperstein, owner of the fabulous Trotters, confirmed the Olympic coach's belief. Before departing on a 35,000 mile tour to Europe and the Far East, Saperstein commented:

"I know definitely that the Russians have been copying our style of play. They have scouted us whenever we played in Europe, and I learned from an unimpeachable source that they have every movie ever made of the Globetrotters."

Meantime, the Trotters continue their merry pace, unbeaten so far this season. During the holidays, they play in the following cities: December 25, Cincinnati; 26, Columbus, O.; 27, Marion, O.; 28, Altoona, Pa.; 29, Philadelphia; 30, N. J.; January 1, White Plains, New York.

## Hampton Quint Delaware State Beats Shaw And

HAMPTON, Va.—Led by Captain Ed Amos, 1956 CIAA scoring champion, and Freshman Harold Wilson, the Hampton Institute casters won two of a three-game home stand, last week, besting Shaw, 30-64, and Delaware State, 53-49, and losing to a nifty Fayetteville five, 77-59.

Watson pumped in 26 points, and Amos 22, as the Pirates humbled Shaw with the Bucs tallying 30 points in the second half. Delaware fell during the final three minutes of play.

After a 41-45 deadlock, Watson hit on five free throws, ending the HI scoring. In the Pirate-Harriet affair, Watson had 20 markers, and Amos 15.

During both contests, Amos and Bland Brokenborough were towers of strength in the rebounding column.

Ronnie Evans, John Morgan, Ted Bonner, Roosevelt Wright, and Bobby Johnson all scored in the double figures to lead the Fayetteville Broners to their second Hampton win in as many games this season. Evans and Morgan scored 21 and 18 for the winners, and Thurston Gault contributed 17 for the Bucs.

Hampton's record stands at 2-2, counting early season losses at Fayetteville 81-70, and A&T, 39-51, with three games remaining before the holiday break.

## BEATING THE GUN

BY BILL BROWER FOR AP

Season's Greetings: To Joe Louis, with the hope that Uncle Sam will soon make him a present of relieving him of his income tax debt.

To Don Newcombe, with the hope that he will win 30 games for the Brooklyn Dodgers—and finally a world series game.

To Jackie Robinson, with the hope that his trade to the New York Giants will present a new challenge to this graying veteran, who thrives on rising to the occasion.

To Althea Gibson, with the hope that she can conquer Shirley Fry in the British and American tennis championships.

To Roy Campanella, with the hope that he will stage the comeback of the year in 1957.

To Archie Moore, with the hope that he will retire from the ring after boxing's most prized possession has eluded him.

To Floyd Patterson, with the hope that he will have a long and honorable reign as boxing's heavyweight king.

To Sugar Ray Robinson, with the hope of one more glittering victory in defense of boxing's middleweight title, then rest on his unblemished prestige as the game's greatest craftsman of this generation.

To Willie Mays, with the hope that he will recapture his brilliance of 1954 and again attain the stature as baseball's premier performer.

To Hank Aaron, another National League batting champion for the game's most under-rated player.

To Ollie Matson, with the hope that he will have less misfortune in his sensational long runs.

To Maurice Stokes, with the hope that he will regain the form that can make him professional basketball's outstanding performer.

To Will Chamberlain, with the hope that he will continue to blossom into the greatest college player of all time.

To Bill Russell, with the hope that he will take a crack at pro basketball to prove that his amazing college performances were no fluke.

To Jim Parker, Jim Brown, Clarence Peaks, Lamar Lundy, Abe Woodson and many other fine college seniors, with the hope that they can continue their football careers in pro football.

To Rafer Johnson and Milt Campbell, with the hope that these two brilliant all-around athletes will renew frequently their keen rivalry in the decathlon.

To Charlie Jenkins, Lou Jones, Arnie Sewell and others of the U. S. Olympic team, with the hope that their excellence on the track will be sustained for many years.

To Larry Doby, with the hope that, whether he's traded to Detroit or not, he will have that one good year that will stamp him with the greatness that belongs to him.

To Detroit, Boston and Philadelphia major league baseball teams, with the hope that they will see the light and change their ways.

## Ligon High's Little Blues Cop Fifth Place In Final Football Standings

ROCKY MOUNT—The Commissioner's office of the North Carolina Negro High School Athletic Association today posted the final standings of the football league throughout the State. The office pointed out that only those teams that had completed and filed their summary sheets with the Commissioner had been listed in the final standings. It was pointed out that the Double A Division would have co-champions this year with Ligon High of Chapel Hill and Durham High of Lexington sharing the crown. Their championship game ended in a 6-6 tie. New Bern, following their conquest of Raleigh and Winston, went on to win the State crown in the triple A division by defeating William Bunn at High Point by a score of 13-12. William Bunn High had advanced to the finals by defeating Asheville, Second Ward of Charlotte, and Atkins of Winston-Salem.

Table with 4 columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct. Rows include xxBarber H. New Bern, xxPenn. H. High Pt., Atkin High, W.S., Stephen Lee Asheville, Ligon, Raleigh, Atkin, Kinston, 2nd Ward, Charlotte, Bonk T. Rocky Mt., Dudley, Greensboro, Ellard, Goldsboro, Smith, Fayetteville, W. Charlotte, Charlotte, Mary Potter, Oxford, Washington, Randle, xx-State Champion and Eastern Division Winner, xx-Runner-up and Western Division Winner.

Final rating of Double A teams in NCHSAA that filed summary sheets

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Final Ratings of 6-Man Football Teams in NCHSAA that filed summary sheets

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EASTERN ALL-STARS GIVE FREE RIDF TO HEAD COACH—A host of N. C. Eastern All-Stars are pictured above as they give their head coach, Peter H. Williams (with cap) of Raleigh, a free ride after their victory over the Western All-Stars in the

N. C. Shriver's first annual Youth Bowl Game played in Durham recently. The Eastern team defeated the Westerners 15-0. Players who are identified are Emmett "Red" Tilley, No. 33, left foreground, Hillsboro High

School ace of Durham who was the leading ground gainer in the All-Star Gil and Rossie Barfield (No. 29) extreme right, Green County Training School flash from Snow Hill who scored the first TD of the afternoon on a 21 yard sprint.



GREATEST HOUR—The 41st Spingarn medal, presented to Jackie Robinson, the versatile Brooklyn Dodger star, left, is admired by television star, Ed Sullivan, right, who made the presentation during a recent NAACP luncheon in New York. Instituted in 1914 by the late J. E. Spingarn, then chairman of the association's board of directors, the medal is awarded annually by the NAACP to a Negro American for distinguished achievement. Looking on, center, is Roy Wilkins, executive secretary of the NAACP. (NEWSPRESS PHOTO).

## Va. State Trojans Over St. Paul's Quint 67-55

PETERSBURG, Va. — The Virginia State Trojans turned on the steam in the last four minutes to top a flighing St. Paul Five 67-55 at Darrel Hall Gymnasium, Ettrick, Virginia recently.

Leading by a 53-49 margin, guards Lorenzo Wood and Glenn Spratley sparked a 14-point VSC spurt.

Johnny Johnson, Trojan captain, led all scorers with 17

points, but it was his 13 which gave VSC a slim 25-22 half-time advantage.

Lorenzo Wood with 12 and Percy Oliver with 11 also hit in double figures. Wood, playing only part of the second half, hit with uncanny accuracy from the field in the closing stages.

Booby Scott led St. Paul with 13 followed by Don Bailey and Jim Robinson with 9 each.

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