

# LIVING With SPORTS

## SANDLOT DIAMOND IS VANISHING BASEBALL FRONTIER

BY CHARLES J. LIVINGSTONE  
CHICAGO (AP)—One of the most rapidly vanishing frontiers in baseball today is the sandlot diamond.

The victim of our rapidly changing scientific age, the sandlot is being bypassed by baseball experts and scouts in their rush to get "better trained" products for their teams. Scouts of organized baseball argue logically that increased competition and expansion have put such a demand on their time, that they can't be bothered training a youngster for years in the "Bush" leagues.

Baseball, they say, is a sport, sure enough, but it is also big business (both for the team owners and the players), and the product they put on display, even in the minors, must be appealing to their customers. Wild-swinging batsmen and erratic fielders are no more appealing to the discriminating, slide rule fans of our day, than yesterday's "Pier-Six" brawlers are to today's boxing fans. What they are saying, in essence, is that the frantic drive for the "finished product" (previously sandlot players) by far overshadows the hunt for raw talent.

Yet, it doesn't require a Houdini to see that the baseball people are overlooking a tremendous source of "natural talent" by bypassing the sandlot. There is no place in these United States where raw or "natural" talent is found in greater abundance than on the sandlot. There you'll find the wild-eyed youngster playing his heart out just for kicks; the muscle kid who can hit a baseball a mile, and the young strong arm hurler who can pitch all day, day after day, without developing so much as a twitch in his arm. There, also, you'll find the most daring base runner, and the fielder who takes pride in his ability to cut him down. In his words, you'll find natural talent of all types on the sandlot.

And yet you can go to a public park or playground year after year and would be lucky if you saw even the shadow of a baseball scout. Baseball scouts just haven't or won't take the time to scout the sandlot. There should be some way, therefore, to convince them that they are passing up a virtual gold mine of baseball talent.

## Hart Given Top Athletic Prize At A&T

GREENSBORO — A star half-back with the A&T College Aggies was last week singled out as the college's top performer at the annual All-Sports Banquet.

Ronald Hart, Suffolk, Va., a graduating senior in biology and the star offensive threat, was presented the Philadelphia Alumni Award for his all-around, high performance. Bernard White, Greensboro, co-captain of the swimming team, took for the third straight year the Gullford Dairies Award for the highest academic achievement among varsity players.

Two others were cited with special recognition awards. Clyde DeHuguley, a faculty member, was cited for his contribution to the sports program over a long and extended period. Al Attles, former Aggie basketball star and who led his team to two conference and tournament championships in a row in 1959 and 1960, and now standout performer with the San Francisco Warriors of the National Basketball Association, also received the special recognition award. Attles delivered the dinner address.

Nearly 100 other athletes, members of varsity teams in: football, basketball, baseball, track and field, tennis, swimming and riflery, were honored at the occasion and were presented monograms and sweaters.

ent. The answer perhaps rests with the baseball fan himself. Every time you see a sensational young player in your neighborhood or park, contact the officials of the local baseball team and urge them to at least look the kid over. Enough of this kind of action, I am sure would result in a refocusing of attention on the sandlot. I am not trying to second-guess the scouts or glibly coaches in college, semi-pro or even Little League baseball who are doing a bang-up job developing the talent at their disposal. I am just trying to spotlight a situation which I think is being overlooked.

In fact, the coaches in these categories will tell you themselves that it's a waste of time to try to teach a kid who hasn't the natural ability. It's like a Jack Blackburn trying to teach a dumb, classless pug how to fight. Tools, equipment and the greatest trainers and farm systems in the world don't mean a thing if the basic ability isn't there. Resourcefulness and determination are not enough. Either a kid has it or he hasn't.

Who, for instance, taught the great Willie Mays his classic catching style, or split second time, quick throwing and hitting? Who taught such stars as Mickey Mantle how to switch-hit and change a baseball; Stan Musial to crouch and still hit line drives and homers; Hank Aaron and Ernie Banks to be terrific wrist hitters; Maury Wills how to steal bases, or Satchel Paige and Bob Feller how to pitch?

I'll tell you who taught 'em. Just nobody. These stars had the natural ability to do these things from the start, and experience and training merely helped them to develop their natural talents. I'll tell you something else. Some of the greatest players of all time came off the sandlot. Ask Mays, Aaron, Paige, Minoza, Feller and many others if they didn't play their early baseball on the corner lot, somebody's backyard and the sandlot.

## Now Manager: Patterson Promotes Ex-Trainer

NEW YORK (AP)—Former heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson last week promoted his one-time trainer, Dan Floto, to the status of manager, with the approval of the New York State Athletic Commission.

The commission, at its regular meeting, approved a one-year contract between Patterson and his new manager—Floto. Patterson, who fights fourth-ranked challenger Eddie Machen in Stockholm, Sweden, in July, has been managing his own fights since the contract of controversial Gus D'Amato, his ex-manager, was revoked by the commission on Nov. 23, 1959.

Since Floyd lost the title to Sonny Liston, who in turn lost it to Cassius Clay, D'Amato has tacitly criticized Patterson. He said recently that if Patterson had fought a hit-and-run battle like Clay he would still be the heavyweight champion.

In another action, the commission lifted its suspension of Rubin "Hurricane" Carter and technically sided with the fighter in his dispute with Carmen Tedeschi, who maintains he is legally Carter's manager. The commission refused to approve a contract by Tedeschi to manage Carter. Carter said he did not want him as his manager.

Carter previously had been suspended for failing to appear for a hearing on the new contract.

## ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE SUNDAY



SERVING IN AFRICA WITH PEACE CORPS — Peace Corps Volunteer Miss Stella Ann Ferguson of Savannah, Ga., is shown demonstrating basic basketball skills to a group of students at Government Secondary School, near Magburika, Sierra Leone, West Africa, recently.

## BEATING THE GUN

BY BILL BROWER

CHICAGO (AP)—That Willie Mays got off to his most sensational start in his major league admissions. Those of us who consider career should please his legion the uninhibited Willie as the greatest player of this generation are overflowing with joy. This looks like the San Francisco simply superlative outfielder's year to bag the most valuable player award in the National League for the second time. Willie won it in 1954 when the Giants, then playing at the historic Polo Grounds in New York City, grabbed the National League flag.

That was the year Mays made that fabulous catch in the World Series off the bat of Vic Verez of the Cleveland Indians. To these eyes, that was the most dramatic catch in baseball's history. More importantly, Mays' heroics in the deepest recess of the Polo Grounds turned the tide in that it stopped cold a Cleveland scoring threat.

The Giants won that first game, eventually in extra innings and Dots Rhodes went on to become a World Series hero. But there would have been no extra frame in that first game—except for that incredible over-the-shoulder snare by Mays of Verez's arching drive.

In the ensuing years, of course, Willie has received some of the acclaim that belongs to him, but the MVP has eluded his grasp. Two years ago, he was edged in the contention by Maury Wills, who had stolen 104 bases in a single season. But this year—with Orlando Cepeda out a good spell with injuries and Willie McCovey failing to hit consistently—Mays has been carrying the Giants offensively, as Juan Marichal has carried them on the mound.

For the first five weeks, Willie was pasting the ball with such regularity that there was speculation that he would hit 400. Willie himself disdained the idea. He was aware that he is subject to slumps and there would be dry spells for him at the plate.

Yet, hopefully, Mays' partisans hope that he will bat 400. In the fifth week of the season he fell into one of his periodic slumps and his average dropped below the opening for the first time since the opening week of the season.

Many of Mays' rosters were old-time baseball stars. Unanimously, they were cheering Mays, wistfully predicting that he would become the majors' first 400 hitter in 23 years. Ted Williams batted 400 in 1941.

Willie, always a power hitter, had rapped 17 home runs in 38 games. This started some to figuring whether Mays could exceed Roger Maris' production of 61 home runs in 1961.

The 33-year-old Mays, in his 13th season in the majors, started off with seven homers in April and had collected nine more through May 21. In 1957, when Babe Ruth collected his 60 home runs, he had only four in April and 12 in May.

Teachers' College, Winston-Salem.

Entries—All entries must be sent to Dr. R. Walter Johnson, 1003 Fifth Street, Lynchburg, Va. on or before June 16, 1964 with age identification card or money for same. The draw will be open and will be made June 16, in the College gym at 8:00 p.m. No entries will be accepted after that time. Extra entry blanks may be secured by writing Dr. Johnson for them.

The local committee, Athletic Director, C. E. Gaines, Luix Overby, Mrs. Martha Riley and David Lash, is arranging social activities for all participants.

Beautiful trophies—winners and runners-up—are being presented by the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Atlanta, Ga.

GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY!

Carl Hubbell, veteran farm director of the Giants and, once a great southpaw hurler, said: "Putting everything together, I'd have to say Mays is the greatest I've ever seen."

## Winston-Salem Tourney Set For June 19, 20, 21

WINSTON-SALEM—The sixteen event combined Sportsman South-eastern Tournament will be held June 19, 20, 21, 1964 in Winston-Salem, on the courts of Atkins High (three clay), Gray High (six clay), Salem High (five clay).

Thanks to Bill Cook, president of the North Carolina Tennis Association, sponsor of the Southeastern and David Lash, originator of and sponsor of the Sportsman Club, they have finally combined their resources to make this the biggest tournament ever held in North Carolina.

The tournament will give players, who have no ranking, an opportunity to establish a record for seeding in future tournaments. Seeding in this tournament will be based on 1963 ranking. Juniors will have an opportunity to play in their age groups, preparatory to play in the National Junior Championships August 10 through 14, at A&T College, Greensboro. Players may play in three events unless seeded in the top four, who may play in two events only.

Age Identification Cards A Must—All players must send money for age identification cards unless they are one. Junior cards are \$1.00; adults \$2.00. These cards are good for all ATA tournaments in 1964. Entry fees positively must accompany entry blanks or they will not be accepted. No exceptions.

Accommodations: Room accommodations may be secured at Winston-Salem Teacher's College by writing Mr. Jefferson Humphrey, Dean of Men, Winston-Salem.

## 489 NCC Grads Urged To Extend Horizons By Speaker

DURHAM — Federal district judge A. Leon Higginbotham of Philadelphia, Pa., urged North Carolina College graduates to accept added standards of mature responsibility, social and intellectual, as their goals for the future.

Speaking at the college's 39th annual commencement, he emphasized the role played by today's youth and urged the 487 graduates to "consider expanding your educational horizons; to look upon your educational attainments to end . . . as a beginning and not the end . . ."

Recognizing that many of the youths have been active participants in "the democratic nonviolent revolution of our day," he advised: "You must leave today with the recognition that there are additional roles which are just as essential as a picket line or nonviolent leadership of the protest . . . You must now excel as captains of ideals and captains of solutions just as you have previously excelled as captains of protest."

An audience estimated at more than 5,000 witnessed the first outdoor commencement in the school's history as President Samuel P. Massee, completing his first term as the institution's head, conferred degrees upon candidates from the undergraduate, graduate, and professional schools. Included were 345 bachelor's degrees, 119 master's degrees, six law degrees, sixteen Master of Library Science degrees, and one Doctor of Philosophy degree.

Judge Higginbotham, the principal speaker, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree; and Dr. J. M. Hubbard Sr., Durham dentist and vice-chairman of the NCC board of trustees, received the honorary Doctor of Humanities degree.

Higginbotham, stating that today's graduates are different from those of past generations who looked forward to becoming

ing leaders later in life, said, "You are leaders . . . Look at the role which youth are playing throughout the world today."

He cited the youthfulness of today's world leaders, many of them in their thirties, and pointed out that Jefferson was 33 when he wrote the Declaration of Independence, Hamilton but 30 when he wrote the Federalist papers, and Madison only 36 when he wrote the rest of them. Lyndon Johnson

was only 27 when he became state administrator for the NYA 29 when he first went to Congress 40 when he became a U. S. Senator, and 44 when he became majority leader of the Senate."

"Youth is symbolized," he declared, "by the late President Kennedy, who was only 43 at the time of his inauguration; the Attorney General was 35 at the time of his appointment; and key administrative agencies were headed by men in their thirties . . ."

### BURL ALLEN'S Ink TONGUE

Yes, a run-off between Freyer and Lake might have been less difficult, since Freyer could expect to attract more Moore votes from Lake than Lake votes from Moore.

Freyer is not our gubernatorial choice, but he is our circumstantial preference—even over the deceptive Dan Moore—for example: Moore's accusing Freyer of courting the block Negro vote was Moore's clever, indirect way of wooing the votes of the poor, white trash that voted for Lake! Nevertheless, regardless of who becomes governor of North Caro-

lina, we have no reason to be discouraged; for while we seek civil rights in every instance, our cause is never limited to a local or state government, but is pursued on a national level and on a federal basis.

It seems, therefore, that the very staunchest segregationists will become much less venomous in their practices when they realize that we know that, while they might seriously retard our crusade, the most that they can do against our program is just make a bigger mess for the decent Caucasians and us to clean up.

## Eat To Live Better

The old saying "you are what you eat" is a good one that still holds true. The body is made up of millions of cells. The kind and amount of food you eat determines whether you are building storm cells of good quality or weak ones that will not hold up under strain. Members of a Food and Nutrition Class now being conducted for young couples at the Jeffreys School heard this discussion and other points on "Eat To Live Better" this week.

Mrs. Natalie Wimberley.

## Two Grads Join Forces To Aid Shaw

Among the alumni on Shaw University's campus during the Commencement and Alumni reunions were Willie Morgan, special assistant to the Director of National Council Institute, a Federal agency of Washington, D. C., and Dr. I. L. Johns, prominent physician of Winston-Salem.

Mr. Morgan, class of 1951, has made a scientific contribution in a study of cancer and was sent to Moscow in 1962 to report on his findings. Dr. Johns, a graduate of Shaw University in the college of arts and sciences, and also the Leonard Medical School, has set up a trust fund for Shaw University in the form of R. J. Reynolds Tobacco common stock, with the accrued dividends thereon to be used for scholarship aid to deserving students of the University. Morgan has worked out a plan for the Shaw Alumni to contribute on a monthly installment basis to both the alumni emergency fund and the Shaw University Centennial Fund, which will be called the Morgan Plan.

home economics extension agent for Wake County, explained to the group that in order to build good bodies and live better we must eat food for fitness or follow the daily food guide. This guide lists four groups as follows and the specified amounts.

MILK—3 to 4 cups for children; 4 or more cups for teenagers; 2 or more cups for adults.

VEGETABLE—FRUIT GROUP—4 or more servings include a citrus fruit or other fruit or vegetable high in Vitamin C; a dark green or deep yellow vegetable; other vegetables and fruits.

MEAT GROUP—2 or more servings, maybe beef, veal, pork, lamb, poultry, fish or eggs; dry beans, dry peas or nuts may be used occasionally as meat alternates.

BREAD—CEREAL GROUP—4 or more servings should be whole grain, enriched or restored.

The daily guide is designed as a means of making sure that each individual gets the recommended amount of protein, calcium, iron, vitamins and other food nutrients necessary for good health. Other extension staff members participating in this series of classes are Mrs. Mary B. Graham, associate home economics agent; W. C. Davenport, agricultural agent; and M. W. Askew, assistant agricultural agent.

BABY CRIED IN MOTHER MAHLABATHINI, Zululand, South Africa (ANP)—The maternity ward at Nkonjeni hospital here was the scene of much confusion recently when an unborn baby was heard screaming in his mother's womb. The cries came from the womb of Mrs. Tryphina Khumalo. Whisked to delivery room Mrs. Khumalo gave birth to a baby boy, who lived only for a few hours. Doctors say this was the first time in their knowledge that such a thing has happened. One mother-to-be, quipped in passing, "Maybe he wanted to get out!"

## FUN AT THE FAIR

The New York World's Fair is as exciting a mixture of longues as the Tower of Babel. Some 76 countries are represented, including 24 independent countries in the African pavilion. The Fair's theme—"Peace Through Understanding"—is very apt.



And if you're among the 70 million Americans who'll attend the Fair during 1964 and 1965, you'll be able to eat in virtually every language. Food fit for Thai potentates, Hawaiian natives, French gourmets—anybody with an adventurous palate—is being served in more than 100 restaurants.

## CROSSWORD By A. C. Gordon

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- 1 - A world
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  - 19 - ...color of France
  - 20 - Preposition
  - 21 - Frick's title
  - 22 - Dessert
  - 24 - Roman god
  - 25 - A cut-up story
  - 27 - ...light
  - 29 - Met
  - 30 - Bachelor of Educational Music (abbr.)
  - 31 - Vegetable
  - 34 - Body part
  - 37 - Musical note
  - 38 - Boy nickname
  - 39 - Neil's label
  - 40 - Greek letter
  - 41 - Ancient goddess of the dawn
  - 43 - European flat fish
  - 45 - Stratum
  - 46 - A heart
  - 48 - Day before great day
  - 49 - Soap
  - 50 - Embark
  - 52 - Meat dish
  - 54 - Lusty dove
  - 5 - Right (abbr.)
  - 6 - Time period
  - 7 - Film
  - 10 - Occasion
  - 11 - Hourly
  - 15 - Stilled
  - 18 - Prudent
  - 23 - Speck
  - 28 - Occurred
  - 31 - Boy's name
  - 32 - Figure
  - 33 - Conscience
  - 35 - Smattering
  - 36 - Fragment
  - 37 - Fish egg
  - 38 - Vegetable
  - 39 - Degree of progress
  - 42 - Most precise
  - 44 - Spanish dance
  - 45 - ...-up
  - 46 - Endure
  - 47 - Fast break
  - 48 - Roman numeral
  - 49 - Fertilization
  - 50 - To secure
  - 51 - Dance step
  - 52 - Legal Necessity (abbr.)
  - 53 - City of gods

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## 400 YEARS AGO

Queen Elizabeth I was the symbol of the glory of England 400 years ago. To her people, she stood for beauty and greatness—she was Gloriana. During her reign her country grew in wealth and power. William Shakespeare immortalized this Merrie England in his towering tragedies and bubbling comedies.

In honor of the 400th anniversary of his birth this year, Graup W (Westinghouse Broadcasting Co.), is presenting 56 TV and 26 radio half-hour programs entitled "The Fair Adventure: Readings in the Plays of Shakespeare." They're heard throughout the country, and Dr. Frank Baxter, one of the greatest teachers of Shakespeare and pioneer TV educator, is the host.

Dr. Baxter has devoted his life to the study of Shakespeare, and, through TV and radio, has taught more people about the playwright than any other expert. Shakespeare was the third child, and oldest son, of a tanner and glovemaking. An actor and theatre manager as well as the most-often quoted writer in the world, Shakespeare died in 1616, aged 52.

## White Label DEWAR'S SCOTCH WHISKY

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