

Willie Mays Named Captain Of San Francisco Giants



First Negro Ever Named To Position

BY LAWRENCE BROCKENBURY
SAN FRANCISCO (ANP)—The times are changing! Al Dark, manager of the San Francisco Giants, named Willie Mays field captain of the Giants. This is the first time a Negro has been named a team captain in the major leagues.

The Giant manager just got in under the wire as only a few minutes later the Methodist elected the first Negro Moderator in history.

There have been other Negro captains in sports. . . Elgin Baylor is captain of the Los Angeles Lakers, and Wayne Embrey is captain of the Cincinnati Royals in basketball, but Mays' captaincy tops these in prominence.

Dark says: "Willie Mays, as far as I'm concerned, is managerial material." Dark wouldn't expand on his comment on Mays' managerial possibilities, but in commenting on his appointment of Mays as captain, he stated, "I put a lot of importance to this job."

The position of field captain has not been filled since Dark was captain of the team from 1950 under Leo Durocher. Willie Mays commented, "I'm very proud to be captain."

Dark, a southerner, showed of what stuff he is made. He could have allowed the position to remain unfilled, since most of the other teams don't have any captain, or he could have appointed one of the white players to be captain.

I said when Dark got that job in 1961, that anybody that tithes his money to church must be a good guy.



UNLIMBERS PITCH—New York Yankee pitcher Al Durocher, unlimbers a pitch in the seventh inning May 27 as the Yankees downed the Cleveland Indians, 7-2, at Yankee Stadium. Downing quited the Indian batters with his fast balls and sinkers for shutout ball over the first seven frames, but weakened in the eighth when Larry Brown clouted one into the seats. (UPI PHOTO).

WESTCOAST SPORTLIGHT

BY L. L. "Brook" BROCKENBURY
"BASEBALL HAS DONE IT"
By Jackie Robinson, J. P. Lippincott Co.

LOS ANGELES (ANP)—With this article, I conclude my series on Jackie Robinson's new book.

I am just giving a brief sketch on the book; you have to read it fully to know how it deals with integration in baseball.

I promise to give you Jackie Robinson's opinion of Branch Rickey, the man who dared them to try to stop him from showing equality to all races.

At one time, when speaking of Branch Rickey, Jackie said: "He was like no one I had ever met. He seemed to know more about the problems that Negroes face than any white man in my experience. He knew every team, its threat and underhand device of the bigots. He shouted their damnable curses at me, then pulled up sharply. 'Can you take it without fighting back?'"

"I didn't think I could. I didn't see why I should."

"If you can, he continued, 'I'll sign you to a contract with our Montreal club. And if you play the kind of ball you're capable of, I'll put you on the Dodgers when you're ready, physically and mentally, to break this thing wide open."

"I—I think I can," Robinson replied.

"Thinking isn't enough. Can you?" Rickey asked.

"I can," replied Robinson, and he did.

status.

The Pirates last won the NL pennant in 1959.

Of Leo Durocher, Jackie says: "My experience with Leo Durocher came in 1948 after his suspension was lifted and before he went to the Giants. He impressed me as a man who would use anybody, any tactic, do anything, to win. Leo is a great uplifter. We can lift any team out of a losing streak as cleverly as he can pick an unexpected play out of his hat."

From the foregone, it's quite obvious that Jackie gives due credit to Branch Rickey for his leadership in the fight to make baseball truly the all-American game.

I agree with Jackie "Baseball Has Done It." If you really want to get a better insight into Jackie, his new book is the way to do it.

Wilt's Colt Wins Race In Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA (ANP)—Rivaltime, a two-year-old colt partially owned by Wilt Chamberlain, San Francisco Warriors basketball star, won one of four \$8,425 races run at Liberty Bell Park here last week. Called the Benjamin Franklin Races, the races are named for the former great American statesman.

Wilt's pacer, driven by jockey George Sholly, won by 3 1/2 lengths over Archer Hanover in the first of the four races.

After the race, Wilt beamed happily as he led the colt into the

Archie Thinks Liston, Patterson And Johnson Can Whip Cassius, "The Lip"

NEW YORK (ANP)—Not only Sonny Liston, but Floyd Patterson and Harold Johnson are capable of beating lippy Cassius Clay, ex-light-heavyweight boxing champion Archie Moore claims.

And, Old Archie indicated, he himself might try for another crack at Clay and the heavyweight title. Moore was stopped by Clay in the fourth round.

He expressed his views in an article appearing in the current issue of Sports magazine. Information for the article was obtained in a taped interview with Moore.

Moore said Clay was lucky to win the title from Liston in the first place, when Sonny was unable to continue fighting because of an injured shoulder after the sixth round. Archie criticized Liston for sitting out the rest of the bout, saying: "I was very disappointed with Liston's quitting to Clay. A

man who holds a championship owes it to the people to go down fighting."

He said Patterson, on the other hand, has just the style to beat Clay. ". . . Patterson knows how to slip a punch and counters with volleys of his own," Archie commented.

Johnson, he said, "is an excellent boxer, a crisp puncher and can absorb a good deal of punishment. He said Harold deserves a crack at the heavyweight title."

Turning to himself, Archie said that if a proposed elimination tournament among Clay's challengers is held, "I might just want to get into that."

Might Make Deal For Lenny Moore

NEW YORK (ANP)—George Halas, owner-coach of the world champions Chicago Bears, hinted here last week that he might make a bid for fleet halfback Lenny Moore of the Baltimore Colts football team.

Moore is one of the most shifty and elusive runners in the National Football League and many teams have cast covetous eyes toward him.

Halas dropped the hint that he was seeking a Moore-type flanker back to newsmen at the annual spring meeting of the NFL here. Asked to explain the deal further, he said:

"We have been talking to people. It could be that we will make a deal."

When a Baltimore writer asked "Papa Halas" if he was suggesting obtaining Lenny Moore, the Bears chief answered in just, but left little doubt that he felt he could persuade the Colts to part with Lenny in "the right deal."

It was reported that the Bears have four big defensive ends they might throw into such a deal for Moore.

DRIVE SAFELY!

PATTERSON ARRIVES IN STOCKHOLM—Arriving in Stockholm May 27 for July 5th fight with Eddie Machem, former heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson right, is greeted by promoter Edwin Ahlquist. Patterson, the only fighter to ever win the heavyweight crown twice, hopes to use Machem as a stepping stone to still another shot at the title held by Cassius Clay. (UPI PHOTO).

Boxing World Needs Commissioner: Mag

The boxing world needs a commissioner, just as professional baseball and professional football have commissioners in complete charge of the sport, the May issue of Ebony magazine declares.

In an article entitled "A Plan To Save Boxing," Ebony's managing editor Herb Nipson writes "Instead of a federal bill to control boxing, it would be better if the federal government would use its influence in creating a National Boxing Commission."

Ebony suggests that such a national commission could select a boxing commissioner. Such a plan, the article says, would be better for the sport than to wait and let the Justice Department appoint a Federal commissioner of boxing, as proposed by the Senate antitrust committee which is investigating boxing as a sport.

Ebony says a National Commission, made up of representatives from each state, could license promoters, fighters and managers which would "clean up" boxing and free it of its hoodlum elements.

Ebony says the commission could be financed by setting aside a small amount from each fight staged by promoters.

In addition, the magazine suggests ranking the top ten fighters in each weight class, and staging an elimination tournament, televised to pick a champ each year.

Such a plan, Ebony says, would assure each fighter getting a crack at the title. "The great Sugar Ray Robinson was the 'uncrowned king of the welterweights' for years because champion Freddie Cochrane would not meet him in the ring," Ebony points out.

Pirates Find Giants' Killer In Bob Veale

SAN FRANCISCO (ANP)—The Pittsburgh Pirates, making their first serious bid for the National League's pennant in several years, have found a Giants killer.

He is Bob Veale, who pitched a two-hitter to stop Willie Mays and company cold, as the Pirates swept a double header from the hard-hitting Giants, 3-0 and 5-3 here Sunday (May 24).

A tan hurler with plenty of stuff on the ball, Veale, a leftie, had Mays and other Giants sluggers eating out of his hands enroute to the victory.

In fact, Veale had a no-hitter going until the fifth inning, when Harvey Kuenn singled with one out. Shortstop Jose Fagan got the other hit.

Tom Butters beat the Giants with the help of Bob Priddy and tan Al McBean in the nightcap. However, he gave up 10 hits.

Pitching was once the Pirates' strongpoint, and with Veale and McBean in form, they are giving signs of returning to top hurling



SPEAR ONE—Big Buster Mathis (L), the 298-pound belter from Michigan, spears Joe Frazier, of Philadelphia, with a long left during their bout in the recent Olympic trials held in Singer Bowl at the N. Y. World's Fair. Mathis won the heavyweight berth on the U. S. Olympic team by gaining a three-round decision over his smaller foe. (UPI PHOTO).

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