## SPORTSBEAT

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BATTER UP . . . PLAY BALL On Monday, April 13 Vice-President Nixon,

substituting for President Eisenhower, will throw out the first baseball to officially open the 1953 Back In Business season for the major leaguers. As usual the Washington Senators and the New York Yankees will get a head start on the other members of the American League in their

Of course we have already opened the season down this way. The "Eagles" of North Carolina College are sporting a three game winning streak—a practice win over Shaw and conference wins over Howard and Winston-Salem.

Because the action in baseball is rather slow and deliberate, it gives the fans considerable opportunity to sec-ond guess managers and coaches, discuss managerial strategy and maneuvers, and debate the decisions of the umpires. Every fans feels that his "buck" admission entitles him to that privilege, and it does. But with that privilege goes the responsibility for knowing the game.

#### Diamond Dizziness

Now most of us feel that we know more about the game Now most of us feel that we know more about the game of baseball than that poor fan who thought that the player should be punished for "stealing second base"; that the manager who "lifted the pitcher in the ninth" must have been a circus strong man; that the batter who was "digging in at the plate" was sure to ruin the pretty playing field; that the "loaded bases" were sure to have a hangover; and that a "squeeze play" should not be performed in public places. And I agree that we do know more than that fan.

How many of us, however, know enough about the ele-

How many of us, however, know enough about the elementary rules of baseball to assure reasonable enjoyment from our "buck" investment? Before you yell kill the umpire (the bum is all wet) you should have some knowledge about the rules the umpire is applying. See how well you can do with a few of the rules which are applied in a game.

#### Test Your Baseball Knowledge

- Answer the following questions as you read along.

  1, What constitutes a legal pitch?

  2. What is involved when a pitcher balks?

  3. When may a batter advance toward first base on a third strike missed by the catcher?

  4. What is the Infield-Fly rule?

  5. What is the Infield-rule governing two runners occurring.
- What is the rule governing two runners occupying the same base? (It happens in Brooklyn, you know, so it can happen here.)

Now check your answers against the digest of answers

- 1. There are two legal pitching positions: (a) the wind-up and (b) the set position. In the wind-up the following rules apply:
- 1. The pitcher must stand facing the batter with the pivot foot (right foot for a right handed pitcher) on, or in front of and touching the pitchers plate (rub-
  - 2. The pitcher must use a natural movement, and may take one step backward and one step forward with his free foot (the one not touching the rubber.)
  - (b) In the the set position the following rules apply:1. The pivot foot must be on, in front of and in contact with the rubber and the free foot in front of the rub-
  - ber as the pitcher faces the batter.

    2. The ball must be held in both hands in front of the body for at least a one second stop (even after the
- 2. A balk occurs when runners are on base and the pitcher violates the legal pitching delivery, i. e.:

  1. Failing to make a delivery after normal pitching
- 2. Feinting a throw toward first base and failing to com-
- plete it.
  Failing to step directly toward a base before throwing to that base.

- 4. Delivering pitch while foot is not in contact with rubber or dropping ball while touching the rubber.
  5. Removing hand from the ball in set position except in the delivery or failing to come to a one second full
- 6. Making a quick-return pitch.
  The penalty for each of these (there are a few more) is that each runner advances one base. The batter remains at the plate
- 3. A batter becomes a base runner and is liable to be put out when three strikes have been called and the third strike is not caught, unless there is a runner on first base
- with not more than one out.

  4. On the Infield-Fly rule the batter is automatically out when he hits an infield-fly before two are out when runners are on first and second bases or first, second and third
- bases.

  5. When two runners occupy the same base (a la Bums) the second runner shall be out when tagged. The first runner is entitled to the base.

More questions and answers next week—Address questions on baseball to the SPORTSBEAT, Carolina Times.

### Side Lights

The governor of Mississippi would have had a red face had the basketball team representing his state in the NAIA tournament at Kansas City defeated East Texas State College. Tenn. A. and I. was to play the winner of the game between East Texas and the Mississippi school. The governor wired the coach not to play Tenn. if his team defeated the Texas school. Although Mississippi lost, the coach and the players agreed unanimously to play Tenn. State if they had defeated East Texas.

Stop me if you heard this one . . . Remember the rookie who reported that the cap of his uniform was too big. The coach replied, 'see that it stays that way."

It certainly is team work that counts. The Philadelphia Athletics in 1952 had the best rookie, Harry Byrd, the most valuable player, Bobby Shantz and the batting champion, Ferris Fain but still finished fourth.

### **Taxicab Drivers Contest**

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### **Faces Formidable Foes**

**Delay Of Title** 

Jersey Joe

**Bout Can Help** 

The fight crowd here is saying

receipts as some insiders feel.

ploody nose caused the title de

now lay off boxing for the great-er part of two weeks to protect

of training. He must fight back

into condition swiftly, yet at the

same time box with a caution which is foreign to him. Moreover, Joe has shown many times that he can come

his injured nose.

NEW YORK

# **Shaw Returns To Football**

# **Gridiron Bears**

RALEIGH Shaw University will return to football this Fall—and with a

After a year's lay-off because of financial difficulties, the Bears have lined up for them a formidable array of opponents which should not only provide them with a warm, lively welcome after their year's absence but one which should also cause some concern for their coach.

Athletic Director James Lytle announced last week a nine game schedule which includes such national powers as Bethune Cookman, Maryland State, Va. State, Allen and A. and T.

Conspiciously absent from the Bears' schedule this season is North Carolina College. For countless years bitter rivals, these two clubs will not meet this year because of a schedule Shaw's schedule includes six

CIAA opponents and three in-tersectional foes. In taking on Bethune Cookman, Maryland State, Virginia State, Allen and A. and T., the Bears have tackled a man-sized job. They travel to Miami, Fla. on November 28 to play Bethune-Cookman. team which bowled over all of its opponents last season in steam-roller fashion. On Oct., 10, they take on Virginia State, to gain the most by the five a club which is expected to take home CIAA honors this season, Maryland State, Allen and A. and T. are perennial

The complete schedule, as listed by Lytle this week, is as follows:

Raleigh: Virginia State, Oct. 10 Petersburg; A. and T. Oct. 17, Raleigh; Allen, Oct. 24 (Homecoming), Raleigh; Maryland State, Oct. 31, Princess Anne; Bluefield State, Nov. 7, Raleigh incoln, Nov. 14, Raleigh; John son C. Smith, Nov. 21, Charlotte; and Bethune-Cookman, Nov. 28,



Three million babies were born in a single week in a Kentucky town of only 10,000 population! (The parents were the Walter, Paul and James Millions.)

### **NCC Nine Nets 2 Loop** Wins; Beat Bisons, Rams North Carolina College's baseding three more in the second second inning. Johnson walked Winston-Salem got to Johnson three, hit one batman and gave art in the conference race with

eall team winged off to a good vacation victories the fourth over CIAA opponents. On last Friday, the Eagles outclashed Howard, 15-13, and nipped Winston-Salem in an abbreviated contest on Easter Monday,

The victories gave the Eagles a 2-0 conference record. Earlier this season, they defeated Shaw

in a practice session.

William Lowe gained credit for the victory over Howard while Linwood Johnson pocketed the Winston Salem victory. In an old fashioned slugfest

the Eagles spotted the Howard nine an eight run margin and came from behind to win 15-13. The visiting Howard Bisons jumped on NCC pitchers Sutton and Thomas for nine runs in the first three frames, to lead at the end of the first half of the third 9-1 The Eagles came back in their half of the third with sever runs to close up the gap to 9-8. They caught Howard in the fourth with a single run and went ahead in the fifth with three more. They added three more in the sixth to ice the con-

After the first three innings the Bisons were effectively hand cuffed until the sixth when they that Jersey Joe Walcott figures got 2 and the eighth and ninth, in which they got one each.

week postponement of the cham-Don Henderson stroked pionship bout between Rocky with none aboard in the Marciano and Jersey Joe. This is providing the reason for pushsecond for the Eagles and Jackson equalled this feat for the ing back the date is the physical risitors. Jerome Evans led the condition of the Champion and not due to lagging box office NCC attack with three hits in five trips. Linwood Johnson,

Of course the official announcement was that Marciano's fense, originally scheduled for April 10th to be dropped down to May 15th at the Chicago Stavictory. The game halted several and dium. And if you operate on this basis you can see it is a break for old Joe. For Rocky must

runs in the first inning and ad-

alent. So from a mental stand ack successfully after a long And while Marciano is doing layoff. Marciano has yet to prove all types of substitutes for actual ing work, Joe can work as he vork to old Joe's favor. pleases to keep in top condition. Rocky, too, won't be able to cut loose in his final two weeks

start in the conference race with for their only two counters in up a single. The Rams bunched three

Joe Battle's booming single, their four hits in the fourth to aided by a walk and an error get across their two runs. Wally gave the Eagles their first pair Green blasted a double scoring of runs in the first inning. Wild- Haynes and Page, both of whom ness on the part of the Rams' hurdler, Johnson, gave the Ea-

The Eagles play Shaw next gles their next three runs in the at Raleigh Saturday, April 11.

### LOOK Mag Out On Shaky Limb: Pick Phillies And Chisox To Win

The magazine's sports editor, to "a strong hunch supported by to Paul Richards' "genius." Giants.

Behind the White Sox, Look

righthander, spun a four hit game in the abbreviated five inning affair with Winston-Sa-fourth. In the second division: to give the Eagles a 5-2 Boston, Washington, St. Louis GIANTS SHIP Detroit. In the National, times because of rain, was finally stopped after five innings.

The Eagles did their damage

Cardinals fourth. The Chicago early, shoving across a pair of cubs head the second division, runs in the first inning and ad-Braves, Cincinnati and Pitts-

The Phils' infield of Torgethis point, the layoff should and the outfield nucleus of Ash-

NEW YORK
Pre-season baseball prognosticators generally were shaken ace pitchers Robin Roberts and from their formchart apathy curt Simmons can start fast and today when a national magazine Karl Drews can repeat as a forecast the Chicago White Sox steady number three hurler. So placed fourth in the 100 yard steady number three nurser. So placed fourth in the 100 yard and the Philadelphia Phillies spake Mr. Cohane. He sees the Would meet in the 1953 World Series. The surprising appraisal and the Dodgers' hurling inademake yarden in the current issue quate, their superb defense the 120 hurdles were Fairly of ing.

Tim Chane, went so far as to predict the Phils would whip the Chisox, four games to two, in the Series. Admitting the note old age) will happen to Yankees and Dodgers are the As for the Chisox: Their se-"form picks" and that such as and partially on a "sharp de-Chicago and Philly are long shots, Cohane insisted his col-hitting attack," and a maneuections were made according verable mound corps, well suited Coome solid considerations"-not hane sees lefty Billy Pierce winthe least of which is the vital ning 20; describes Saul Rogovin age factor which he sees vitally as a "money pitcher," and old affecting favorites like the Joe Dobson as "tough in the Yanks, Indians, Dodgers and spring and fall"; and thinks even erratic Tommy Byrnes might

WICHITA, KANSAS

Despite the hope that Rafael on, Ryan, Hanner and Jones, Noble would at last be able to and the outfield nucleus of Ash-burn and Ennis are rated good catcher got his walking papers

# Eagles' Hurdles Ace Excels As

College's stellar hurdles ace, walked off with first places in both hurdles events and fourth place in the 100 yard dash here last Saturday as A. and T. College racked up 58 points to finish first in a four-way track meet between CIAA schools.

The host Hampton harriers placed second with 29 points. North Carolina College finished Winston third with 24 and Salem had 20 points.

Calhoun ranked with the best imber toppers in the nation in winter action, negotiated the 120 high hurdles in the winning time of 14.9. He breezed thr ough the 220 low hurdles at a Gary, Indiana speed merchant

of Look magazine (out Tues., aging and their domination of A. and T. and Ayers of Hamp-April 7).

And T. and Ayers of Hamp-the second division clubs wan-ton, in that order. The same two finished in identical order in the 220 hurdles with Barkley of A. and T. nailing down a fourth place

NCC's Charlie McCullough, a hardwood star, won his specialty as usual, the high jump with a leap of six feet, Charlie Glenn got a third place in the shot put with a 39 feet effort, Hill placed third in the broad jump with a 20 feet, five inches leap and Niles finished second in the two mile to complete NCC's scoring.

On Saturday, the Eagle thinclads are scheduled to take part in the Winston-Salem Relays at Winston-Salem along with 10 other schools which are expected to enter the meet.

Scheduled to be on hand for the Winston-Salem Relays, in addition to NCC, are St. Augustine's, Shaw, A. and T., Blue-field, J. C. Smith, Hampton, Allen, West Virginia, Virginia State and host team Winston-Salem.

this week along with other Giant hopefuls. Noble was sent outright to the Minneapolis club so that there is little chance he will be back with the erent club until next year, if then. So hurt was he about it all to himself that he would go back to Cuba to play baseball.

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Pictured above are three of ant, one of America's top tap Billy May and his orchestra, and the top stars to be featured in dancers, (center) Sarah Vaugh- a top flight supporting cast of THE RECORD SHOW at Raleigh an, and (right) the very, very the nation's best comedians an Memorial Auditorium on April funny Gil "the" Lamb.

14. They are (left) Stuffy Bry- along with Nat "King"

dance artists, promise to provide

