

SPORTS

'Black Bomber' To Tangle With 'Big Cat' Williams Monday

BY PETE HOLDEN

NEW YORK - Bobby Mashburn, Harlem's 24-year-old 210-pound, fancy dancing, hard-hitting "black bomber," is scheduled to tangle with the "ancient" Cleveland "Big Cat" Williams of Texas, in a ten round semi-final boxing event. The show will take place in Denver, Colorado's Mile High Stadium, on Monday evening, July 10, at 9:30.

Appearing on the same card in the main boxing bout will be Don Lyle, a 215-pound heavyweight, also from New York, who will take on the former World Boxing Association light-heavyweight title holder, Vincent Rondón, who has since turned heavyweight.

The 28-year-old Lyle boasts

a pro-fighting record of about 10 fights, against no losses, and most of his wins were by KO. Lyle, like Mashburn, trains in Bobby Gleason's gym in the Bronx and Bobby Lewis is Lyle's trainer, while Mashburn's trainer is Pat Colavite. Mashburn's Manager is a well-known name in Harlem sports circles, John Crain. Mr. Crain is the former assistant trainer for Henry (Hank) Armstrong, when he held a coveted three titles at one time.

When the "black bomber" presents his calling card to Denver's boxing fans, it will read something like this: a 6'4" Harlem born and bred bomber who boasts an enviable record since he turned professional

in 1968. He has a total of twenty-one fights, of which he won 16 by KO, two by decision, against three losses.

The "Black Bomber's" opponent in the Colorado slugfest is by no means a bum as they say in the fight game. The "big cat" as Cleveland Williams is known in fight circles, has fought some of the world's best fighters, among which appeared the likes of Muhammad Ali and Sonny Liston. The "big cat" is expected to neatly pack all of his experience into his best "Sunday punch" and attempt to deliver it to the youthful "black bomber," whose style of fighting, some boxing observers say, is a carbon copy of Muhammad Ali's, an idol of Mashburn.

On the youthful side of the ledger, the "black bomber" will donate to "big cat," an approximately 13 year age "disadvantage." Somewhere in back of Mashburn's mind must be a mental picture of a sparring round with Muhammad Ali just before one of the latter's fights. According to Mashburn, he and Ali, toe to toe, were exchanging a series of blows when the bell sounded ending the round and both men continued to battle until they were separated.

The "black bomber" said -- "All I slapped me on the back and said, I like that." Bobby further states that soon thereafter Ali fired all of his sparring mates except Bobby.

In a similar sparring incident with Floyd Patterson in an upstate (New York) training camp, Floyd let go with a haymaker, and Bobby quickly ad-



BOBBY MASHBURN..... Harlem's "Black Bomber"

mits that he dropped momentarily to the canvas. However, Bobby by that same token admits, that later on during those same sparring rounds he "returned the compliment" to Patterson.

The "black bomber" who began his boxing career in Manhattan Recreation Department's Highbridge Recreation Center in Washington Heights here, under the direction of Recreation Director Artie Salzman, worked his way up through the golden gloves bouts here in New York. He later transferred to another Manhattan Recreation gym on West 28th St. in this city's old Hell's Kitchen section.

There he was under the tutelage of another recreation director, Gil Clancy. Bobby did his homework well and has, since he turned professional in '68, fought in Philadelphia, New Jersey, Portland, Maine, Detroit and he fights regularly out of Sunnyside Gardens in Queens. When Bobby and Don boarded that jet last Friday (June 30) for Denver, the 80 year old Bobby Gleason who looks more sixtyish, and who has trained some of the best fighters in the business was sure enough, on that flight. Bobby Gleason would never be in New York City when two of his up-coming stars were fighting in Denver.



FINISHING BLOW - Las Vegas, Nev.: Bob Foster, lands a hard left that knocked out young Mike Quarry in 4th round of scheduled 15-rounder for light heavyweight title of the world in Las Vegas, Nevada, June 27. (UPI)

In Ruth Derby Aaron Reaches New Milestone

SAN DIEGO Chalk up another milestone for Hank Aaron.

The Atlanta Braves slugger has passed Lou Gehrig and moved into second place on the all-time RBI list.

THAT MEANS Aaron is trailing only Babe Ruth in both homers and RBIs.

Aaron's feat came when he hit a two-run homer in the ninth inning to give the Atlanta Braves a 4-2 victory over the San Diego Padres in the first game of a doubleheader before the Padres came back to win the second game by the same 4-2 score.

AARON HOMER was the 683rd of his career and gave him 1,892 RBIs, one more than Gehrig. Ruth leads with 2,209 RBIs and 714 homers. Aaron hit his 15th and 64th homer in an 8-6 loss to San Diego the next day.

"I never gave it (the number two spot in RBIs) much thought," Aaron said, "but now it means a great deal to me."

AARON'S HOMER in the ninth, his 14th of the year, followed Ralph Garr's single.

Aaron's home run came off first game loser Mike Corkins, 0-3, who also served up Willie Mays' 600th home run.

Millan opened the scoring for Atlanta in the first game when he singled to lead off the first inning. He moved to third on walks to Aaron and



HANK AARON Ruth Nemesis

Cary and came home on Mike Lum's infield out.

SAN DIEGO came back with two runs in the third. Corkins homered for his first hit of the year and doubles by Dave Roberts and Nate Colbert added the second run.

Atlanta tied the score 2-2 in the seventh on singles by Garr, Aaron, and Lum. It set the stage for Aaron's ninth inning homer.

Brewers Acquire A's Ollie Brown MILWAUKEE, Wis. (UPI) — Outfielder Ollie Brown of the Oakland A's was sold to the Milwaukee Brewers on waivers. Brown will replace AWOL outfielder Billy Conigliaro on the Brewers roster.



NO DEFENSE- Las Vegas, Nev.: Jerry Quarry (R) covers up under a barrage of lefts and rights from Muhammad Ali moments before the referee stopped the fight during the seventh round of a scheduled 15 round North American title bout at the Convention Center June 27 in which Ali retained his title. (UPI)

Bill Taylor Named MVP Of Coaches' Grid Game

LUBBOCK, Tex. Football, in the form of the Coaches All-America game, might have once been on unsteady ground. But no longer. The series started in 1961 in Buffalo, N. Y., and had some ho-hum years there and in Atlanta.

BUT FOR the past three Junes the game has drawn more than 40,000 persons in Lubbock and the American Football Coaches Association voted once again last weekend to return to the Texas Tech campus next year.

The official temperature at game time was 95 degrees, the blinking sign at the bank around the corner from Jones Stadium read 101 degrees and a thermometer placed on the Astroturf just before kickoff soared to 120 degrees.

YET THERE were 42,314 persons in the stands, the second largest crowd ever to see one of the series.

Bear Bryant of Alabama, president of the Coaches As-

sociation who guided the East team to an upset 42-20 win over the West to even the series at 6-6, is delighted the game has found a profitable home.

"People here have proven during the past three years that there can be an interest in the game and that it will work if played in a college town instead of one competing with the pros.

"TELEVISION is giving it more and more each year, and since moving to Lubbock we have been in the black with the game."

The game itself was something less than a classic. The heavily favored West committed three major mistakes in the first half — a blocked punt, a fumble and an intercepted pass — and all three led to East touchdowns.

THE FIRST one was scored by Bill Taylor of Michigan, who wound up gaining 92 yards in 17 carries and winning the game's most valuable player award.

From then on, in succession, the East got scores on a 15-yard pass from quarterback

Paul Miller to North Carolina teammate Lewis Jolley; on a one-yard plunge by Alabama's Johnny Musso; a 25-yard run by Curt Watson of Tennessee; another one-yarder by Taylor and finally a 15-yard toss from Miller to John McMakin of Clemson.

Not only did the West bobble the ball more times than it could afford, but the attempt by Coach Chuck Fairbanks of Oklahoma to put in the Wishbone-T offense proved to be a bust.

Final Olympic Tryout May Aid Elmer Austin

GREENSBORO, N. C. — A trip to the final Olympic basketball tryouts at the Air Force Academy in Colorado might help North Carolina A and T's Elmer Austin make a big year even bigger.

Austin went to the trials June 12. This past season the 6-4, 190-pound forward led the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) champion Ag-

gies in scouting, 21.3, and rebounding, 10.4.

"I'VE BEEN to some pro clubs for tryouts since the draft," he said from his home last weekend, "but these trials should give me even another chance to be seen."

Austin's opponents thought enough of his talents to vote him "Player of the Year" in the MEAC after the league's

Elvin Hayes Is Traded To Baltimore Bullets

HOUSTON — Center Elvin Hayes, the leading scorer in the history of the Houston Rockets and one of the top players in the National Basketball Association, was recently traded by the Rockets to the Baltimore Bullets for forward Jack Marin and undisclosed future considerations.

President Ray Patterson said the considerations had not been determined and they could be either draft choices, existing players or cash.

THE 6-9 HAYES, who averaged 27.4 points a game in his four years with the Rockets, became expendable when Houston acquired 6-11 OTTO MOORE from the Phoenix Suns last spring.

Hayes was expected to move to forward next year with Moore playing center. THE 6-4 MARIN is one of the best forwards in the NBA, Patterson said. He has an 18.7 point average for his six years in the league, including a high of 22.3 last season.

Marin, 27, a graduate of Duke University, led the NBA in free throw shooting last season with an .894 percentage.

HAYES, 26, who was a three-time All-America at the University of Houston, led the NBA in scoring as a rookie in 1968-69 with a 28.4 average. He has not missed a game in four seasons and has a 328 game streak intact.

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