

DIXIE CLASSIC SHOULD BE A THRILLER

The fourth annual Dixie Classic will be held in Reynolds Coliseum, home of the State Wolfpack, December 29th through the 31st. State has won the last three classic championships but they will have to beat some still competition both regional and inter-sectional to win this one.

This years teams are slated to make the contest hotter than ever. Brigham Young is rated the top team in the Sky-line Conference. Pennsylvania and Princeton are rated number one and number two in the Ivy League and Holy Cross is rated the best team in New England. Holy Cross and State are co-favorites to win the title.

In the big four, Duke has been averaging ninety points per game and their opponents have been averaging almost as many, but with an improved defense they could give plenty of trouble. The Blue Devils have lost only to Wake Forest. Carolina is undefeated so far in season play. The Tar Heels, however, will have to play without Co-Captain Jack Wallace who has just had an appendectomy and will miss the Classic. The Deacons have already posted wins over Duke and State, the favorite, and have lost only to Lee-McCrary, a semi-pro team. Dickie Hemric, Deacon All-American Candidate, and Jack Williams, Sophomore Sensation, are pacing the Wake attack this season with a powerful one-two punch that is hard to stop. Besides being a deadly shot, Hemric is a Demon under the backboards and Williams scores when Hemric can't. Williams has outscored the All-American Candidate in two games this season.

State has another power house this year and they have lost only to Wake Forest, by one point. The Wolfpack expressed their anger over losing to the Deacons by swamping Rhode Island and impressively beating Eastern Kentucky in two inter-sectional battles. State made a terrific come back Thursday night over a fired-up George Washington crew winning a 75 to 68 decision. The Pack came from a 14 point deficit to win the game showing they have punch in the clutches. State and Holy Cross are rated in the top ten teams in the country and if they should meet in the finals it would be pretty much of a toss up.

Here is the way the games are scheduled for the opening day: Monday Dec. 29th at 2:00 pm—Holy Cross vs. Carolina. Second afternoon contest—Princeton vs. State, 7:30—Pennsylvania vs. Wake Forest. Second Night Contest—Duke vs. Brigham Young.

SUGAR RAY ROBINSON RETIRES FROM THE RING

Middle Weight Champion Sugar Ray Robinson announced through the National Boxing Association Thursday that he was retiring. This naturally came as a blow to Sugar Ray boxing fans. His reasons were that he was "slowing down" and couldn't give his best anymore. Ray is 32 and he has only lost three fights in his pro career of 137 fights. He was rated by many as "pound for pound, the best fighter in the ring." Ray is planning to turn to dancing as his career and he owns a string of businesses in Harlem which he bought while fighting.

Ray has gained the reputation of being the cleanest fighter in the business and boxing fans all over the world are going to miss him.

Connie Mack Hale At 90

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — Connie Mack turned 90 today still erect and spry and eager for another baseball season to begin. The famous "grand old man of Baseball" celebrated his birthday anniversary at a small dinner party of family members and a few close friends Monday night.

For years Connie celebrated on Dec. 23 but several years ago discovered he actually had been born on Dec. 22.

Outmoded tenant-landlord agreements are regarding the mechanization of North Carolina farms, according to N. C. State College farm management specialists.

Hoyt Wilhelm Acknowledged As Most Valuable Pitcher

NEW YORK (AP) — Hoyt Wilhelm, New York Giants' knuckle-ball ace, was officially acknowledged the most effective pitcher in the National League for 1952, according to earned runs and won-lost averages released today.

Marking the first time in league history that a rookie ever topped both columns, Wilhelm was the earned run leader with a 2.43 average and also led in won-lost percentage with an .833 mark on the basis of his 15 victories and only three losses.

Robin Roberts, the Phillies' consistent fireball star, racked up the most victories, 28, while losing only seven. It was the first time a National League pitcher won that many games since Dizzy Dean gained 28 victories in 1935.

Roberts also started the most games, 37, and completed the most, 30. In addition, Roberts pitched the most innings, 330, faced the most batters, 1,310 and gave up the most hits, 292.

Roberts' team-mate, Curt Simmons, and Ken Raffensberger of Cincinnati tied for hurling the most shutouts, each with six, while south-paw Warren Spahn of the Braves led in strikeouts with 183.

Joe Black, Brooklyn's relief specialist, finished the most games, 41. Teammate Carl Erskine pitched the league's only no-hit, no-run game on June 19 against the Cubs. Eddie Yuhas of the Cardinals posted the longest winning streak, 10 games.

TODAY'S SPORT PARADE

By OSCAR FRALEY (UP Sports Writer)

NEW YORK (AP) — Fearless Fraley's facts and figures:

While they had 22 plays on nine of their farm clubs selected on minor league all-stars teams, the New York Giants aren't expecting too much help from their young hopefuls with only five slated to report in the spring.

These are outfielder Jim Rhodes, shortstop Darvyl Spencer, catcher Ray Katt, third baseman Rance Pless and right hander Mario Piconne, but all of them have been up before except Pless, who led the Southern Association at Nashville with a .364 batting mark.

Video viewers next Friday will see one of the most promising young fighters in any division when Vince Martinez comes back after a layoff since June to box Don Williams. Martinez, 23-year-old welterweight who laid off with bruised hands, is a dynamic puncher and how he goes against the much more experienced singer should make interesting watching.

Delvin Miller, trainer of Direct Rhythm, gives the world's fastest living pacer a 50-50 chance of breaking the all-time 1:55 record of his sire, Billy Direct. The latter set the mark in 1938 and the four-year old Direct Rhythm paced a mile in 1:56 1-5 two months ago.

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