Elites Pry Lid Off Sunday Against Monarchs

Kansas City Opens 3-Game Series in Sabbath Twin Bill

New and Old Faces Here to Open Baltimore Elites' Season Sunday

Giants Boast Stronger Club With Addition of Lenny Pearson, Leon Day, Henry Bayliss

The curtain will be raised on the local Negro American League season Sunday at Bugle Field, with the Kansas City Monarchs furnishing the opposition for the Baltimore Elite Giants, in an opening day double-header at 2 p.m. The two teams follow up with a single contest Tuesday night on the same field.

The Elites will be making their debut in the American loop which became a ten-team circuit following disbanding of the Negro National League. Aside from Baltimore, the Philadelphia Stars and New York Cubans were granted franchises, and another NNL member, the Newark Eagles, transferred its ownership to Houston, Tex.

The Elites, sensing a need of better player personnel to cope with the keener competition anticipated in the new league has assembled an aggregation that has given every indication of being able to meet the challenge.

Day in Outfield

The Elites are better man for man, than they have been in several seasons. The acquisition of Lenny Pearson to supplant the popular Johnny Washington at first base, was the first of a series of trades and deals made by President Vernon Green to strengthen the club.

The next was the exchange of Jonas Gaines, lefthanded pitcher, for Leon Day, a local boy. This transaction has given Baltimore, in Day, a player likely to make the difference between a winning or losing club.

Secured for the purpose of aiding the pitching staff, Day has snatched an outfield berth. When Mike Finney was lost for the season due to a hand injury, and Henry Bayliss, picked up in another Green maneuver, had not reported Day was sent to the outfield and Frank Russell to third

Here are four players upon whom the Baltimore Elite Giants are pinning great hopes for a 1949 Negro American League pen nant. They'll be seen in action Sunday as the Elites open their campaign with a double-header against the Kansas City Mon archs. In left panel, Lenny Pearson, right-handed hitting first sacker, obtained in a trade which sent Johnny Washington to Houston; left center panel, Leon Day, pitcher-outfielder, who also figured in a trade with Houston, one which sent sort sider Jonas Gaines to the Texas club; right center panel, Pee Wee Butts, veteran shortstop, regarded by many as the cream of the shortfielders in the game; right panel, Junior Gilliam, Butts's partner in the highly-rated Elite keystone combination, now in his third year as the Elite secondbaseman.

Catching Improved

Hayes, one-time Black Yankee maskman, is a welcome addition to the backstopping department. He's a first rate receiver, smart, and has a good throwing arm.

The Elites pitching is as good as any in the circuit. The most improved flinger on the squad is Alfred Wilmore, 23-year-old Philadelphian, who has always displayed promise, but lacked control. The slender righthander has worked extremely hard during spring training to overcome this weakness.

Rob Romby, who is slated to hurl one of Sunday's games, possibly the opener, worked well. Joe Black did not come to training camp due to scholastic commitments. The other mainstemmers, Bill Byrd, Leroy Ferrell, Specs Davidson and Silvester Rodgers, are in tip top condition and ready to go.

Kansas City Strong

The Monarchs have an array of young talent, plus standbys like Willard Brown and ex-Homestead Gray slugger Bob Thurman, each of whom walloped 18 home runs in the Puerto Rican League Their doubleplay team of 20-year-old Curtis Roberts and Gene Baker, have pulled hurlers out of many a tight spot.

Earl (Red) Taborn, hustling young receiver, is well known to local fans. Pilot John O'Neil, divides his first base duties with Bonnie Serrell, and Herb Sousell at third makes for a well balanced infield.

Nathan City will probably start one of its three lefthanders, Jim LaMarque, Gene Collins, who held the Chicago American Giants to one hit in a spring contest, or Gene Richardson, against the Elites.

Garmatz to Toss Ball

The usual opening day ceremonies will be held with festivities getting under way at 1:30 p.m. The Blue Helmet Drum and Bugle Corps, Federal Post No. 19, will supply the music. Congressman Edward A. Garmatz, Third District, who will be introduced by Joe Neal, popular CIO group leader, will toss out the first ball.

Bolton to Toss Ball

The usual opening day ceremonies will be held with festivities getting under way at 1:30 p.m. The Blue Helmet Post No. 19 will supply the music. State Senator William P. Bolton (Dem., Balto. County) will throw out the first ball.

The Elites, rained out twice in North Carolina this week, will arrive in the city tonight (Friday) and hold a special drill at Bugle Field Saturday afternoon.

Probable lineups

KANSAS CITY		ELITE GIANTS	
Sousell, 3b		Gilliam, 2b	
Roberts, 2b		Butts, ss	
Serrell, or		Pearson, 1b	
O'Neil, 1b		Lockett, lf	
Brown, ss		Kimbro, rf	
Thurman, rf		Day, p	
Taborn, c		Bayliss, cf	
Howard, c		Hayes, c	
Baker, ss		Robinson, c	
Cooper, lf		Bonnby, p	
LaMarque, p		Byrd, p	
Collins, p		Wilmore, p	
Richardson, p		Ferrell, p	
McDaniels, p		Davidson, p	
		Chalmers, p	

Hampton Loser

WILKES-BARRE, Pa — Sonny Hampton, Buffalo, N Y. lightweight, was outpointed by Santa Bucca, Philadelphia Italian, in the eight-round windup on a boxing card here Monday night.

Starts Saturday

The jaunty Detroit Tigers will furnish the opposition Saturday when Satchel Paige toes the mound in his first starting assignment of 1949. Manager Lou Boudreau named the Lean One just before the club left Cleveland for the Motor City series.

Thompson Hits Homer as Jersey City Wins

JERSEY CITY — Henry Thompson hit a home run and Monty Irvin got two hits in three at bats here, Tuesday, as the Jersey City Little Giants defeated Buffalo, 5-4, in an International League contest.

Thompson is the Giants shortstop, and Irvin, right fielder. Thompson also figured in a double play with Pavlick and Fletcher, while accepting four chances afield.

Baseball

GAMES THIS WEEK

MAJORS

Friday—
Phillies at DODGERS
INDIANS at TIGERS
Saturday—
Phillies at DODGERS
INDIANS at Tigers
Sunday—
Phillies at DODGERS
INDIANS at Tigers
MINORS

Friday—
MONTREAL at Syracuse
Rochester at NEWARK
Toronto at JERSEY CITY
Saturday—
MONTREAL at JERSEY CITY
Buffalo at NEWARK
Sunday—
MONTREAL at JERSEY CITY
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NEGRO AMERICAN LEAGUE
Opening Games
May 1
Kansas City at Baltimore
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Memphis at Chicago
Philadelphia at Cleveland
Indianapolis-Cubans at Newport News
NEGRO AMERICAN ASSN.
May 1
Richmond at Norfolk
Durham at Raleigh
Charlotte at Washington
Greensboro at Winston-Salem
TIDEWATER LEAGUE
May 1
Portsmouth at Norfolk
Franklin at Richmond
Elizabeth City at Smithfield
COLLEGE GAMES
May 1
N Carolina State at Howard
Morris Brown at Fla. A. & M.
Saturday
N.C. State at Delaware State
Morris Brown at Fla. A. & M.
Howard at Union

Scorebook

INCLUDING APRIL

BATTING

Campanella, Bklyn.	26	7	12	.462
Irvin, Jersey City	34	7	11	.458
Austin, Newark	21	2	7	.333
Thompson, Jer. City	25	3	7	.280
Marquez, Newark	18	2	4	.222
Doby, Cleve	23	5	5	.217
Jethroe, Mont.	23	6	5	.217
Robinson, Bklyn.	36	5	7	.194
Milosco, Cleve.	1	0	0	.000

HOME RUNS—Campanella, 3; Thompson, Austin, Jethroe, Doby, Robinson (2), Irvin (2), Marquez (2). DOUBLES—Campanella (3), Irvin (3), Thompson, Marquez, Doby. STOLEN BASES—Jethroe (3), Robinson (2), Irvin (3), Thompson (2), Campanella, Marquez.

Fielding

Jethroe, Mont	15	0	0	1.000
Austin, Newark	9	0	0	1.000
Thompson, Cleve.	11	0	0	1.000
Irvin, J.C.	10	0	0	1.000
Marquez, New.	15	0	0	1.000
Robinson, Bklyn	24	20	1	.971
Thompson, J.C	12	18	1	.952
Campanella, Bn	31	4	2	.924
Minoso,	1	0	0	.000

Pitching

Player & Club	W	L	Sct	RS	W	T
Newcombe, Mnt	4	0	17	8	2	0
Bankhead, Mt	10	11	10	13	1	0
Smith, J. C.	9	5	8	2	0	0
Paige, Cleve	0	0	3	0	0	0

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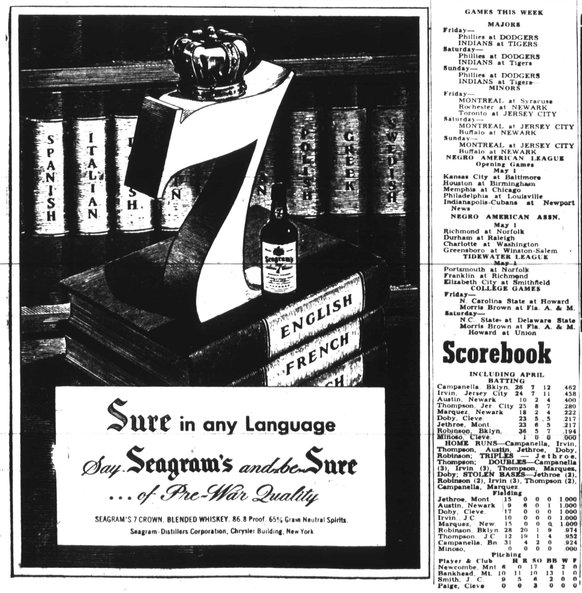

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AFRO SPORTS

Dyer Speaker at Annual Sports Night Celebration

Over 60 players, managers, coaches and officials attended the Sports Night program, conducted by the Division of Amateur Sports of the Bureau of Recreation, Lexington Center on Tuesday.

The program consisted of movies of the 1948 World Series, an interesting talk by Bill Dyer, local sports announcer; a discussion of baseball rules and changes, led by G. Andrew Miller, president of the Maryland Umpires' Association, and a basketball award to the Horsemen A.C. champions of the 1948-49 season.

After a brief review of sports in general, Dyer pointed out the important role that the colored athletes have played, and expressed the opinion that the highlight of their contributions has not been in their winning performances but in the gracious and sportsmanlike manner in which they have conducted themselves.

Dyer pointed out that colored athletes had done the bulk of the work for the last three major leagues, and that Louis, Doby and Jackie Robinson, along with the Harlem Globetrotters have contributed much to their respective sports.

He urged the sandlotters not to be disheartened by the poor facilities and handicaps they face here, but to work diligently and insist upon their rights. He claimed that many of the leaders who were opposed to integrated sports 10 years ago have been converted.

Play Begins Sunday In Rec Leagues

The Monumental Baseball and the Industrial Softball leagues will open their schedule on Sunday, at Druid Hill Park.

In the opening baseball game Eastside C.C. 1948 champions, will meet the Dolphins at Druid Hill No 2 at 2 p.m. Dr. Bernard Harris, member of the Recreation Board, will be on hand to toss out the first ball.

The league consists of the following teams: Bluefields A.C. Dolphins A.C.: Eastside C.C.: Post Office, Howel Barber School; Westside Eagles; Agenda A.C.; Social Security.

Softball play will get underway at the Druid Hill Enclosure at 1 p.m. with Crown Cork and Seal playing the Locke Insulator ten. An elaborate opening ceremony has been planned for the first post-war Softball League.

Included in the schedule are Monarchs, Tailoring Institute; Crown Cork and Seal; Martin Jets; Locke Insulator, Social Security; Baltimore Building School. Fred D. Crosby will be on hand to toss out the first ball.

It is expected that the Club Softball League will start its schedule on May 8 on P.S. No 122 field. The following teams are included: Bisons; Lucky Strikes; Lothaxville Flyers; Spartans; Sama Sportsmen.

6 Complete 3-Mile Swim at Druid YMCA

Charles Little, Preston Washington, David Garlington, Bosworth Harmon and Walter Smith completed the three-mile swim on Monday morning in the pool at the Druid Hill Avenue YMCA Aquatic Club.

Highlights of the 1948 World Series and an instructional picture on double play completed the evening's program.

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Givens Fashions One-Hit Game for Dunbar Poets

Dunbar Ace Hurls 7-1 Win Over Douglass High Nine

East Baltimoreans Also Top Rockville Schoolboys, Clash With Carver Monday

George Givens exhibited no "givin'" nature at Druid Hill Park on Wednesday afternoon, his stinginess limiting the Douglass High School baseball team to one hit while he and his Dunbar mates were fashioning a 7-1 victory.

The Poet ace, mixing up an assortment of blazing fast balls, curves and changeups, completely baffled the Duck batters and enabled Sugar Cain's youngsters to annex their second diamond victory in as many starts. He struck out 16.

On Monday, Dunbar outlasted the Rockville High School nine to gain an 8-6 decision. Although it took them 12 innings to do it, the Poets grabbed the overtime verdict again behind the airtight flinging of Givens.

Givens went to the rescue of Willie Rhone in the seventh inning after the Rockville lads had found the range on Rhone and had tallied two runs to knot a lead which Dunbar had held throughout. The clever Poet hurler then proceeded to hold off the opposition for five innings until his mates could bunch the hits necessary for the win.

In the Wednesday affair, the Cainmen jumped into an early advantage and thought they were seriously threatened. Givens led the attack on Duck Pitcher Buddy Strong, collected three hits and scoring two of his team's runs.

The lone Douglass run came about as a result of Alexander's hit and an untimely Dunbar error.

Monday afternoon the Poets tangle with the defending champion, Carver, at Druid Hill Park diamond.

DOUGLASS	ab	r	h	DUNBAR	ab	r	h
Barnes,3b	3	0	0	Watson,cf	2	0	0
Payne,c	3	0	0	Smith,3b	4	0	0
Burrell,rf	3	0	0	Powell,ss	3	3	1
Alexander,2	2	1	1	Alexander,1b	2	3	1
Smith,1b	3	0	0	Givens,p	4	2	3
Curry,cf	2	0	0	Boykins,3b	3	0	0
Tyson,ss	2	0	0	Johnson,c	2	1	1
Gibson,2b	2	0	0	Jennings,rf	2	0	0
Strong,p	2	0	0	Stevens,lf	3	0	1
Totals	23	1	1	Totals	25	7	7

Druid Hill Y Swim Team Begins Practice

The Druid Hill Avenue YMCA swimming team will begin practice sessions Thursday at 4 p.m., in preparation for competitive swimming meets in this area throughout the summer, according to T. Madison Garrison, aquatic instructor at the Y, has requested that members of high school swimming teams desiring to swim with the Y contact him sometime prior to the opening practice.

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AFRO SPORTS

Dunbar Nine Tops Second Army, 9-7

FORT MEADE, Md — The Second Army and Howard University baseball nines played an extra inning game for the second time this week on Thursday, with Howard scoring two runs in the eleventh to nose out the Soldiers, 9-7.

It was the Second Army's third loss of the season, and the first in eight games.

The box-score:

HOWARD	ab	r	h	2ND ARMY	ab	r	h
Jones,2b	4	1	1	Buchholz,cf	5	1	2
Goodson,ss	4	1	1	Sawyer,2b	5	1	2
Young,1b	5	1	1	Gilley,rf	5	2	1
Moore,lf	4	1	1	Klein,1b	5	1	1
Carrel	4	1	0	Klozyk,lf	5	1	2
Eugene,rf	5	1	1	Bowden,3b	5	0	0
Thompson,c	5	1	1	Kinzer,ss	5	0	0
Banks,2b	4	0	0	McCarthy,c	5	0	0
Jefson,p	4	1	1	Sherba,ss	5	0	0
				Allison,p	1	0	0
				Hunt,p	0	1	0
				McKee,p	0	0	0
				Traut,p	2	0	0
Totals	42	9	9	Totals	46	7	9

xFlied out for Breeden in 9th
yFlied out for Hunt in 4th

Howard	0	0	4	3	0	0	0	0	2—9
2nd Army	0	0	4	0	0	3	0	0	0—7

Errors — Monteiro, Banks 2, Buchholz 2, Sawyer, Breeden, Sherba 2. Allison. Runs batted in — Goodson, Young, Monteiro, Eugene, Banks, Jefferson, Gilhooley 2, Wiodarczyk 4. Two-base hits — Goodson, Monteiro, Buchholz, Klein. Three-base hits — Jones. Home-run — Wlodarczyk. Stolen bases — Young, Eugene, Jefferson, Sawyer, Klein, Rowe, Jefferson, Sawyer, Klein, Traut. Left on bases — Howard, 5; Second Army, 8. Base on balls — Jefferson, 6; Hunt, 3. Strikeouts — Jefferson, 4; Hunt 4; Traut, Hunt, 5 in 4 innings; Traut 4 in 7. Hit by pitcher — Traut (Goodson). Losing pitcher — Traut. Umpires — Clicking for the AFRO, Curds were

	Times	Yds.	Yds. Per
	Tried	Gained	Carry
1. A. & P. Loft	11	16	11 .964
2. A. & P. Loft	11	16	21 .963
3. L. Hawkins	11	21	05 .959
4. J. Bright	11	22	14 .954
5. G. Fowler	11	18	24 .953
6. J. Bright	11	22	23 .952
7. M. Wilson	11	20	01 .950
8. C. Covell	11	23	04 .948
9. C. Covell	11	22	55 .946
10. C. Carr	11	21	22 .946

Howard Fairfield Tigers Dispute Over Marquez

Who will get the $10,000 for Outfielder Louis Marquez? This long discussed question may be answered by Baseball Commissioner Albert (Happy) Chandler within a few days.

The four-way dispute over Marquez, the New York Yankees and the Baltimore Elite Giants on one side, and the Cleveland Indians and the Homestead Grays on the other, has been in the Commissioner's lap since early in February.

The Indians claim they had a 120-day option on the former Morgan State outfielder when the Yanks purchased his contract on last Feb. 2 and sent him to their Newark farm club. Owner of Marquez is currently playing. The Baltimore Elites' interest in the Puerto Rican star's services was granted by the Grays, with whom Marquez played for the last three seasons.

2 Points Involved

The case of Marquez drew considerable attention during with the dispute over Artie Wilson, former Birmingham Black Barons infielder, who was signed by the Cleveland Indians over protest of the Yankees. Several weeks later, the Grays' sale of Luke Easter to the Indians drew a protest from Dr. J. B. Martin, president of the Negro American League and owner of the Chicago American Giants.

All three cases, coupled with the intricate and puzzling involvements, were tossed in Chandler's lap for settlement. Attorneys for three players are currently performing the required baseball testimony, no decision has been issued by the Commissioner's office.

Wilson and Easter are playing with the Cleveland farm club, the San Diego Padres. Marquez has added fuel to the fire by insisting he was a "free agent" when signed by the Yankees, a situation which, if approved, could lead to a neat bonus to him for signing.

Decision Expected

Chandler has interviewed President Bill Veeck of the Cleveland Indians, George Weiss, general manager of the New York Yankees and received data on the cases from the other principals involved.

S. H. Posey, former business manager and now general manager of the Homestead Grays, has a date with the Commissioner at his Cincinnati office on Monday. Posey is believed to be the last of the principals to be called in on the case, and it is felt that the Commissioner will announce his decision shortly after talking with the rotound Grays' official.

Chandler was in Washington this week to see the Yankee-Washington Senators play, but declined to discuss the case.

Involved Cases

The cases of Marquez and Easter grew out of the folding of the Negro National League. Both played with the Grays last season and were signed to regular contracts, which contained the celebrated baseball reserve clause.

When the NNL broke up, however, it was felt in some circles that the Grays would discontinue operations and, acting on this belief, the member teams of the expanded Negro American League drafted the Grays' players. In this draft, Marquez was assigned to the Baltimore Elite Giants, and Easter to the Chicago American Giants. Both players were playing in Puerto Rico at the time.

At approximately the same time, the Yankees announced that they were preparing to sign Artie Wilson, who was also in Puerto Rico, to a contract for their Newark farm. The news had hardly hit the street when Veeck flew to the Islands and signed Wilson to a Cleveland contract. This brought a protest from the Yankees.

Then a week later the Yankees announced the signing of Marquez to a Newark contract, and Veeck promptly countered with a protest on the basis of the 120-day option he had with the Grays which was dated last Nov. 25, and signed by Veeck and Posey.

At the same time, Veeck announced purchase of Easter's contract from the Grays for $10,000, the same purchase price put on Marquez and Wilson. This brought a protest from Dr. Martin. In the Marquez case, the Yankees did business with Vernon Greene, president of the Baltimore Elite Giants.

Payments for Easter and Wilson already have been made, and apparently these cases will be settled without further controversy, but as far as can be learned, no money has been exchanged in the Marquez deal which leaves the question, "Who will get the $10,000?" still unsettled — ART CARTER.

Allen Birds Capture 100-Mile Pigeon Race

The second 100-mile special pigeon race flown under joint auspices of the Long Eagle and Northwestern Pigeon Clubs from Orange, Va. last Sunday was won by a bird owned by William Allen.

Allen's birds, flying under the A. and P. Loft banner, took first and second, gaining the trophy. The winning bird was clocked in 11 hours, 16 minutes and 11 seconds, with the second place pigeon only five seconds behind.

The birds were liberated at Orange at 7:30 a.m. The weather was cloudy with northwest winds prevailing along the entire course.

Clocking for the 600 birds were

	Times	Yds.	Yds. Per
	Tried	Gained	Carry
1. A. & P. Loft	11	16	11 .964
2. A. & P. Loft	11	16	21 .963
3. L. Hawkins	11	21	05 .959
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6. J. Bright	11	22	23 .952
7. M. Wilson	11	20	01 .950
8. C. Covell	11	23	04 .948
9. C. Covell	11	22	55 .946
10. C. Carr	11	21	22 .946

Howard Fairfield Tigers Nine Seeking Game for Sunday

The Fairfield Tigers baseball team would like to book a game with a club not having grounds, for Sunday, May 1. Any team interested, please contact John Widgeon, 1700 Brady Ave.; phone, CUrtis 1653-W, between 2 and 4 p.m.

4 Pass Life Saving Courses at Y Pool

Melvin H. Cade and Herman Stowe, Morgan State College students, successfully completed the Druid Hill Avenue Y's winter American Red Cross senior life saving course this week along with Eugene Diamond and Preston Washington who completed the junior life saving course.

Applications for the spring water course are now being accepted at the Y's physical education office. For further information, call or contact T. Madison Garrison, aquatic instructor.

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Big Don Hurls Second Shutout of Season

NEWARK — Don Newcombe, Montreal's top hurler, pitched his second straight three-hit shut-out victory here, Tuesday, as the Royals beat the Newark Bears, 4-0.

Newcombe, who opened the International League season with a 5-0, three-hit triumph over the Baltimore Orioles last Thursday, struck out 13 Bears and walked only three for Tuesday's sensational win.

In addition, Big Don started the Royals' game-winning rally with a single past the mound in the eighth inning, one of the two hits he collected off four at bats. He also tallied a run.

Sam Jethroe, Montreal center fielder, went hitless.

Marquez Gets 2 Hits

Luis Marquez, former Washington Homestead Grays outfielder, with the Bears collected two of the three hits off Newcombe and was a base on balls. The third safety was made by Bill Mole, Bears first baseman.

Frank Austin, Bears' shortstop, was out in the line-up because of an injured knee. He said he regretted that he did not get a chance to bat against Newcombe "because he didn't give me a chance." Austin is the National League.

Marquez faced the big hurler from Union County for the first time.

Jackie Stars as Bums Make Triple Play

BROOKLYN — Jackie Robinson was the middle man in a brilliant triple-play engineered by the Dodgers here Tuesday as the Bums defeated the Boston Braves, 5-2, and took first place in the National League standings.

The third-inning triple play, the first made at Ebbets Field since Aug. 8, 1944, electrified the 10,019 fans and snuffed out a would-be Braves rally.

The count was deadlocked at 1-all when the Braves opened the third with successive singles by Johnny Sain and Eddie Stanky. Alvin Dark then socked a liner to short leftfield off Preacher Roe and Gene Hermanski, playing his first game of the new season, raced in and made a seemingly impossible catch.

Whips Ball to First

The alert Hermanski immediately as Hermanski, in a split-second, made an accurate leaping throw to Robinson, who doubled Sain off second, and whipped the ball to Gil Hodges at first to catch Stanky off the bag and complete the triple play.

That sensational fielding got Roe out of trouble and the lanky lefthander weathered the storm the rest of the way, the Braves bushing across No 2 in the ninth.

The Dodgers collected nine hits off Sain, with Robinson and Roy Campanella, catcher, contributing one apiece, both singles. Each

Morgan Beats Lincoln in Dual Tennis Match

Morgan, State College defeated Lincoln University, 3-0, in a dual tennis match oin Morgan's court, Monday.

Only three matches were played at all singles. Ken Freeman defeated Hilton Davis, 6-1, 9-7, and Henry Holland defeated Cooper Comegys, 2-6, 8-6, 6-4.

Also scored a run.

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Terry Moore Underdog In Bout With Ratford

Doug Ratford of New York, a no worse against Terry than they scrapper Baltimore ring fans have been wanting to see since he whipped Sonny Boy West in Washington a few weeks ago, is due in the city Sunday morning for his Monday night fight at the Coliseum.

To test him, the Century Athletic Club has selected a top-ranking local welterweight — Terry Moore.

While Ratford's score over West was a surprise to Baltimore sock students, who had thought Sonny Boy practically invincible, it probably shouldn't have been.

Ratford whipped Gavilan

Hard-fighting Doug has more commendable feats than that to his credit. His record shows that he has licked Kid Gavilan — not just once, but twice — these victories point Ratford out as something special indeed in view of Gavilan's recent antics.

The Cuban is now rated No. 1 contender for the welterweight crown and lately turned in two hard-fought triumphs over Ike Williams, the lightweight champ.

Ratford Given Edge

As far as Monday's rumpus is concerned, Ratford must be conceded an edge over the rising local youngster. In his last two bouts here, Moore lost to Bee Bee Jefferson and Billy Cox to Robinson to Hodges, which checked another Braves scoring

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