JACKIE SIGNED TO $35,000 CONTRACT

Robbie Becomes Highest Paid in Dodger History

One-Year Pact Surpasses Previous Salaries of Camilli, Vance; Campy Ready to Ink Pact

BROOKLYN—Jackie Robinson was signed to a $35,000 one-year contract by the Brooklyn Dodgers on Tuesday.

The ceremony, conducted in the Montague Street offices of President Branch Rickey, made the Dodger second baseman the highest paid player in Ebbets Field history. It is a one-year pact and includes no special bonuses based on attendance or performance.

Although Robinson nor Rickey would comment on the exact amount of the agreement, it was generally conceded that the figure was $35,000. This would be a high for Dodger salaries, the nearest previous approach being the $100,000 for three years which Dazzy Vance drew when he was the National League's outstanding pitcher.

Other top-bracket men whose big-checks Robbie exceeds were Dolph Camilli and Dixie Walker.

Predicted Quick Okey

The business was transacted as much as Jackie had told the AFRO it would be handled two weeks ago. At that time, Robbie said:

"I'm not anticipating any great amount of trouble in getting together with the club. I've never had any in the past and the way it is done, there's really no reason to expect any this time. Mr. Rickey simply telephones me and tells me to come into the office to see him. I go in, he tells me what he is willing to pay and I tell him what I think I should receive, and we work from there.

That is what happened this time. Rickey telephoned his star infielder on Friday and they made an appointment for Tuesday morning. Jackie gave assurances he had never told anybody he intended to demand $50,000, and they two came to terms quickly. He was back that afternoon for the press conference which Rickey called for the purpose of making the announcement.

Signing No Surprise

While Jackie's signing caught most of the sports world unprepared, those anticipating a wrangle between the player and his boss, it came as no surprise to Robbie's intimate friends.

It was rather generally known that the matter would come up sometime this week. Both Robinson and Rickey had agreed some weeks ago that they would clear up the matter before the time of his departure for Hollywood for a movie assignment.

Mrs. Rachel Robinson, Jackie's wife, presented her husband with a baby girl Thursday, Fifth Avenue Hospital last Friday (Jan. 13). Mr. Robinson left for the Coast on next Friday (Jan. 20).

Jackie will be "starred in a more dignified role" in his life, "The Jackie Robinson Story."

First In Fold

In affixing his signature to the contract, Robinson became the first of the Dodger players to be brought into line for 1950. Rickey told newsmen that he made Robbie first simply because he wanted to clear up the matter before any player left for Hollywood. He denied that it was due to any fear that Robinson would be a holdout or even a problem.

While Jackie was the first in the Brooks' fold officially, it is believed that Ralph Kiner and Roy Campanella have already come to terms. The Manhattan and his erstwhile catcher conferred on Jan. 17th. Formal signing of a $13,500 contract remains as a mere ritual for the benefit of sports writers and photographers, to take place within the next ten days.

No word has been received on the status of Don Newcombe. It is believed that the big righthander will prove a more stubborn customer than any of the other players, certainly more difficult than either of his two teammates.

Youth Big Factor

Chief reason for this is the fact that Big Don has in his mind pretty well set on a certain figure, one that in excess of that to which Rickey will agree. The latter has long followed an unwavering policy of upgrading salaries in accordance with the age of the player.

His argument, though seldom expressed vocally, is that a 23-year-old player (like Newcombe) cannot be paid on a high scale because he has too many years ahead of him in which to demand advancing salaries. SAM LACY.

Making Bid for Monumental Title



Members of the Ten Strong basketball team of East Baltimore are, left to right: Kneeling—Alexander Thomas, Lawrence Bynam, Vernon Watts, Henry Gordon; standing—Coach Stanley Burrell, Walter Black, Ruby Armstead, James Griffin, John Johnson, Wilbur Tyree, coach.

AFRO SPORTS

Panthers Bow, Agates Win In Torrid M-A-A Action

The Royal Panthers gave the Horsemen a real stiff battle before they went down to defeat 41-32, before a large crowd at St. Francis Hall Saturday night, in the feature Maryland AAAA Unlimited league game.

Starting slowly, the Panthers got under way in the second half and nearly caught the high flying Horsemen, but the early lead built up by the South Baltimore five was to much to overcome.

Easterwood notched its sixth league win at the expense of St. Pius, who forfeited, while the Afro Agates trounced the United Public Workers, 39-28.

This Saturday night the Sportsmen meet the underleated Easterwood Club.

3-Way Tie in Intermediate

The Eagles A.C. downed a strengthened Enon Baptist five 24-21, in the feature game of the Maryland AAA Intermediate League game Monday night, at St. Francis Hall.

This victory helped the Eagles to keep pace with the Crusaders and Northwestern Police Boys Club. All are locked in a three-way tie for second place.

Police Boys Club downed the Red Robins, 35-32, while the Crusaders won on a forfeit from the Finos.

The Cougar-Adelphi's, defending champions scored their sixth victory, by beating St. Peter Clavers, 42-28.

UNLIMITED LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pct.
Easterwood	6	0	1.000
Horsemen	5	1	.830

Sportsmen	5	1	.830
Afro Agates	3	3	.500
Royal Panthers	3	3	.500
United Public Wkrs.	1	5	.166
Bisks	0	6	.000
St. Pius	0	6	.000

SCHEDULE
Sat. 21
Royal Panthers vs. United Public Workers—6:30 p.m.
Easterwood vs. Sportsmen — 7:30 p.m.
Sun. 22
Bisks vs. St. Pius—6 p.m.
Afro Agates vs.—Horsemen—7 p.m.

INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pct.
Cougars	6	0	1.000
Eagles	4	2	.667
Crusaders	4	2	.667
Northwestern	4	2	.667
Red Robins	2	4	.333
Enon Baptist	2	4	.333
St. Peter Claver	1	5	.167
Finos	0	6	.000

SCHEDULE
Monday
6 p.m.—St. Peter vs. Enon Baptist
7 p.m.—Red Robins vs. Crusaders
8 p.m.—Cougars vs. Eagles

Agates Face Olde Tymers in 'Dimes' Tilt

Mrs. Doris C. Wheeler, chairman of the Turner Station Division of Dimes Committee, this week announced the appointment of the services of the Turner Station Olde Tymers, of the Afro Agates to assist the local March of Dimes campaign.

The two basketball teams have been scheduled to play a benefit game, Saturday, Jan. 28, at the beautiful new Sollers Point High School gymnasium.

J. Bruce Turner will call a square dance following the basketball game. The Afro Agates, made up of the Afro staff members are all past their peak as basketball players as are the "Old Olde Tymers, and the game should be interesting.

Olde Timers Drill

To the youngsters it should be enlightening to see how basketball was played in the days the game is to be staged under the old rules of jump ball after each basket, no 10 second or 3 second rule and a controversial last 3-minute rule.

The Olde Tymers have all finally recovered from the aches and pains of their last gamp with the Wizards and are again practicing On Saturday, Feb. 4, the Y Olde Tymers are to play the Chick Webb Center staff team at Sollers, Point High School.

16 Vie in Pool Tournament at Y

Sixteen junior and senior boys competed in a pool tournament at the Druid Hill Branch YMCA on Saturday.

Russell Sands, who outlasted his 15 opponents, will be awarded the Boys' Department Award of Merit, at the annual Father and Son Banquet, to be held in March.

Other participants are to receive the Certificate of Award of this banquet. Gerald Smith was second and Morris Seesome third.

RESULTS OF THE TOURNAMENT

Opening Round

G. Smith d H. Taylor — 15-4
B. Taylor d H. Dudley — 15-10
R. Sands d Blackmon and Epps — 15-0
C. Hadley d W. Wood — 15-10
C. Hadley d E. Diamond — 15-14
G. Smith d N. Dudley — 15-3
R. Sands d D. Waters — 15-4
Nelson d L. Mahel — 15-14

Quarter Finals

G. Smith d Benjamin Taylor — 15-8
M. Seasoms d D. Mitchner — 15-2
H. Taylor d C. Hadley — 15-3
R. Sands d R. Newborne — 15-3

Semi-Finals

G. Smith d M. Seasons — 15-4
R. Sands d C. Chaney — 15-7

Finals

R. Sands d G. Smith — 25-13

Gerald Smith Y Ping-Pong Champ

Gerald Smith captured the YMCA Junior ping pong tournament by defeating Benjamin Derby, Taylor in the finals, on Saturday, Jan. 14.

RESULTS OF THE TOURNAMENT

Opening Round

W. Ligon d O. Dickerson — (Forfeit)
G. Smith d W. Smith — 21-7—21-3
N. Carroll d J. Chaney — 21-16—21-11
B. Taylor d M. West — 21-7—21-11

Semi-Finals

G. Smith d W. Ligon — 21-7—21-3
B. Taylor d N. Carroll — 21-7—21-11

Finals

G. Smith d B. Taylor — 21-17

Tests Loom for Rhoden, Morgan Relay Team in Saturday's Millrose Carnival

George Rhoden, Morgan State College's super quarter-miler, who won his first indoor championship of the season last Saturday by stepping the 600-yard run in the Philadelphia Inquirer Meet in 1:15.3, will face stronger opposition on Saturday, Jan. 28, when he competes in the Millrose Games in New York's Madison Square Garden.

Rhoden served notice in the Inquirer run that he is ready for all opposition, and indications are that the native Jamaican who holds the national 400-meter AAU title, CIAA 440-yard crown and was a member of the 1948 Jamaica Olympic team, will get tough competition.

As of Wednesday the lineup for the Shepherd 600, one of the Millrose features, will include only four topflight runners. Charles Moore of Cornell, who won the Star Meet's 600 in Washington with Rhoden and Herb McKenley finishing 2-3, and Frank Fox, former-Seton Hall luminary, and Rhoden already have been selected with the fourth man to be picked from Hugh Masicon, New York University's ace 440-man, and Bob McFarlane of Canada.

Won by 4 Feet

Rhoden beat Fox by four feet in the Philly carnival and was nosed out by Moore in a neck-and-neck stretch finish in the Star Meet. He took the lead from the starter's gun and led on every lap in the Inquirer run, and will be out to duplicate his performance in the Garden.

The up-coming Jamaican will have a double duty in the Millrose Games for he also is listed to anchor Morgan's board-burning relay quartet. The Bear four is scheduled to run the one-mile relay against the top array of collegiate teams including Seton Hall, NYU, Cornell, Manhattan, Georgetown, Villanova, Army, Penn and Yale.

Several of the teams named for the event may not start, but under any circumstances the race probably will be run in two sections with the best time determining the winner.

Fast-Stepping Quartet

Morgan's baton-passing combine, which includes Sam Lacy, Bill Brown and Bob Tyler—besides Rhoden, stepped 3:29.2 in winning the mile relay from Lincoln and Howard in the Philly meet and did under 3:11 for the "short mile" in the Star's Meet against the same teams. The Washington race was not officially clocked as authorities found the track 69.3 yards short. Against Saturday's "hot" competition, the Bears should be at their best.

LaBeach, brother of Lloyd LaBeach, is the No. 1 man, Tyler, who won the CIAA century championship in 9.5 and the 220 in 21.8 last spring and holds both the 100 and 220 meters national Junior AAU titles, is the No. 2 runner, with Bill Brown, CIAA half-mile champion, No. 3, and Rhoden, anchor. Brown also is a provisional starter in the Millrose 880.

Coach Eddie Hurt has arranged an attractive indoor schedule for the Morgan thinclads. After the Millrose competition, the Bears relay four and probably Rhoden and several others will compete in the Boston A.C. Meet on Feb. 4, with the remainder of the squad battling the Baltimore Olympic Club in a dual meet at the Fifth Regiment Armory in Baltimore.

Armory Meet Feb. 8

Then will come the annual 175th Regiment-South Atlantic AAU games at the Fifth Regiment Armory on Feb. 8 which promises to be the largest-scale meet in the history of the city.

Fred B. Leidig and Lt. Col. Roger Whiteford, co-chairman of the meet, are arranging a stag-studded field and have assured Morgan that its topflight relay team will be in competition with the best collegiate teams available.

Rhoden will get another test in the Baltimore games as McKenley and George Guida of Villanova are slated to provide opposition for him in the meet's 600-yard run, which Guida has won twice. — ART CARTER

Sonnyboy West Tangles With Midwest Champion

Sonny Boy West, the popular C.C. lightweight, returns to the ring time the Century Club fight program Monday night, at the Coliseum.

The Washington youngster, undefeated here, takes on Leroy Willis of Detroit, who comes to town claiming the lightweight championship of Michigan.

In pitting the fast scrapper in this region against the top man in Detroit, Promoters Lou Fisher and George Goldberg have come up with what should amount to a real battle.

One of the best of these was the mill two weeks ago between this same West and Sammy Angott, former world lightweight title holder. Sonny Boy took another stride toward recognition as one of the top battlers at his weight, by stepping two brisk rounds to a sparkling draw with the former champ.

Late developments indicate that the Century Club is handing Sonny a hard-to-handle fighter in Willis. The newcomer from Detroit, after being knocked out by Harold Jones in 1947, came back in 1948 to draw with Jones and then hand Harold a stiff beating.

This Harold Jones is the same Baby Face Jones who put the past Monday stopped Teddy (Red Top) Davis of Brooklyn, one of the most popular scrappers here in the past year. Prior to his licking by Jones, Red Top had lost only to West here and had never failed to go the distance.

Here's another tip on Willis's fighting qualities. In 46 he lost only two fights—one to Champion Willie Pep, the other to Beau Jack.

Basketball

RESULTS LAST WEEK

W. Va. State 52, Howard 39
Morgan 62, Virginia 56
Union 62, Morgan 56 (overtime)
N.C. College 80, Va. State 51
Va. State 75, St. Paul 59
St. Paul 57, Hampton 37
Md. State 58, Shaw 42
Winston-Salem 67, Elizabeth City 61
Shaw 68, N.C. College 58
N.C. College 72, J. C. Smith 68
Howard 71, Delaware 63
Md. State 68, Lincoln 56

GAMES THIS WEEK

Friday, Jan. 27
Howard at Union
W. Va. State at Wilber. Coll.
Hampton at Virginia
Va. State at Morgan
Wright Kitty Hawks at Bluefield, Va.
Saturday, Jan. 28
Jan. 30—W. Va. State at Howard
Morris Brown at N. C. Howard at Va. State
A. and T. at Winston-Salem
Shaw at Elizabeth City
Jackson at Tougaloo
Ft. Valley at Clark
Fisk at Xavier
Morgan at Delaware St.
Howard at Delaware St.
St. Paul at Shaw
Lincoln at Dillard
Ky. St. at Lincoln, (Mo.)

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LINCOLN ONLY UNBEATEN TEAM:

3 Teams Set Sizzling Pace in CIAA Race

By ART CARTER

Mid-term examinations and new semester enrollment will cause a brief slowdown in the CIAA basketball race this week end, but it is apparent that tournament champion West Virginia State College and once-beaten Union University are head and shoulders above the rest of the 16-team loop as the quintets rolled swiftly toward the time of the annual conference tourney set for Turner Arena on March 9, 10 and 11.

Lincoln University, unbeaten in conference competition, currently leads the league in percentage victories, but the Lions have not faced the toughest part of their schedule and have played only one road game—that against Delaware State College. Home wins have been over Morgan, St. Paul and Howard.

On the other hand, W. Va. State and Union, with 10 and 8 games, respectively, and losers only to each other, have turned back the major foes on their seedule and loom as shoo-ins for the tournament opening round. Lincoln is certain of making the grade, too, if the Lions can keep up the winning pace on the road but their chances of going through the slate unbeaten are not too good.

Despite the lack of full-fledged activity in the conference race last week, a number of surprises were recorded. Morgan State College, always a power in the dribble carnival, was upset by Shaw, and Morgan, displaying its latest strength, turned the tables on the Trojans of Virginia.

Thus, after the first three teams—Lincoln, W. Va. State and Union—the battle for the next qualifying spots in the tournament will be a neck and neck race with 11 of the remaining 13 teams still having a chance to gain one of the eight coveted berths.

Examinations end this week end and beginning next week the conference fives renew the struggle for the conference title and tournament participation with no holds barred. For 10 days West Virginia which boasts the best record in the Pacific Coast starmstorming trip, Douglass High School's basketeers appear Wilk with eight counters was best for the losers.

Cardoza

	G.	F.	P.
Curry, f	7	0	14
Avon, f	2	2	6
Rogers, c	3	2	8
Curry, g	3	1	7
Payne, g	1	0	2
Wise, g	2	0	4
Gray, g	0	0	0
Tyson, g	0	0	0
Total	18	5	41

Douglass

	G.	F.	P.
Johnson, f	1	2	4
Hughes, f	2	0	4
Banks, c	2	1	5
Holmes, g	1	0	2
Gundrey, g	1	0	2
Total	7	3	17

Douglass Routs Cardozo Cagers

WASHINGTON

Douglass High School's basketball Ducks ran roughshod over a hapless Cardozo High School five, here Wednesday afternoon in the Douglass gym.

Rushing into a commanding lead at the outset, the Ducks were on the front end of a 14-6 lead at the end of the first quarter. At the close of three periods, the locals were enjoying a 32-24 advantage.

Curry and Avon Childs shared high-point honors with 14 markers apiece. Wilk, with eight counters, was best for the losers.

Cardoza

	G.	F.	P.
Curry, f	7	0	14
Gore, f	2	2	6
Curry, f	3	2	8
Watson, f	1	0	2
Avon, c	6	2	14
Brown, g	0	0	0
Brown, g	0	3	3
Harvey, g	0	0	0
Harvey, g	0	2	2
Total	8	12	28

Douglass

	G.	F.	P.
Johnson, f	1	2	4
Hughes, f	2	0	4
Banks, c	2	1	5
Holmes, g	1	0	2
Gundrey, g	1	0	2
Total	7	3	17

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