Final NAL Batting Averages For '52

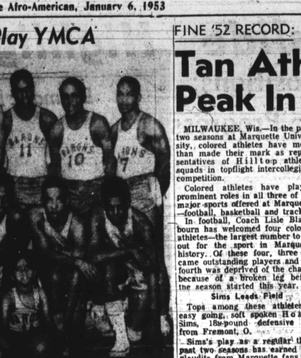
TEAM BATTING

	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	PCT
Indinapolis	76	2643	446	741	109	29	38	389	.280
Birmingham	88	2842	477	780	127	34	29	403	.274
Chicago	83	2908	320	553	91	22	32	293	.265
Memphis	77	2450	414	626	97	26	47	345	.256
Philadelphia	63	2008	284	492	85	14	13	226	.245
Kansas City	51	1744	213	417	63	22	24	181	.237

INDIVIDUAL BATTING

Steele, Ed. Birm	16	50	10	19	7	0	0	10	.380
McDoniels, Booker, KC	12	29	1	11	0	0	0	2	.379
Colas, Jose, Mem.	19	81	16	30	8	1	2	18	.370
Aaron Henry, Ind.	26	112	29	41	8	1	5	33	.366
Williams, John, Chi	23	41	9	15	3	0	0	7	.366
O'Neill, John, KC	32	92	19	36	10	0	3	13	.364
Williams, Roy, Chi-Ind	57	202	33	70	9	3	3	46	.347
Jones, James, Phil	61	202	41	69	16	2	1	40	.342
Kimbro, Henry, Bir	82	290	75	99	25	5	4	55	.341
Toledo, Julio, Ind	45	164	23	56	5	1	2	31	.341
McLaurin, Felix, Chi	47	159	28	54	11	4	0	32	.340
Kelly, Walter, Mem	28	54	8	18	3	0	0	4	.333
Richardson, T. W., Bir	13	33	6	11	1	1	0	14	.333
Wilkes, James, Ind	75	292	63	95	13	4	5	34	.323
Tugerson, Jim, Ind	17	40	13	13	2	1	1	11	.325
Kellman, Leon, Mem	19	68	10	22	3	1	1	18	.324
Dennis, Wesley, Bir	87	323	53	104	18	2	14	79	.322
Durham, Joseph, Chi	50	183	44	57	14	3	7	31	.311
Castillo, Ervin, Bir	28	95	19	29	8	3	0	11	.305
Owens, Alphonse, Chi	16	33	2	10	1	0	0	5	.303
Hardaway, Curtis, Ind	62	227	59	68	17	2	3	31	.300
Smallwood, Dewill, Ind-Phil	21	60	5	18	4	0	0	5	.300
Rainer, Lawrence, Chi	61	235	54	70	13	4	4	23	.298
Jackson, Ike, KC	49	188	30	56	10	3	6	32	.298
Russell, Frank, Bir	52	155	20	46	7	2	2	22	.297
Haywood, Buster, Ind	21	44	5	13	3	0	0	5	.295
Brooks, Ed, Bir	80	299	66	88	11	6	0	34	.294
Douse, Joseph, KC	19	17	3	5	0	0	0	2	.294
Patterson, Willie, Phil-Chi	22	214	32	62	11	3	2	39	.290
Gaines, Willie, Phil	18	44	4	13	1	0	0	7	.295
Harris, Isiah, Mem	38	97	17	28	6	1	0	41	.289
Jenkins, James, Ind	59	212	27	61	7	1	0	20	.288
Brown, Willie, Bir	59	212	32	61	11	2	0	27	.287
Merchant, Henry, Ind	71	272	60	78	7	4	0	27	.287
Jones, Casey, Mem	45	178	29	51	8	4	0	23	.287
Curry, Goose, Mem	22	35	5	10	0	0	0	8	.286
Sand, Sam, Ind	62	199	28	56	7	2	0	26	.281
Sheller, Willie, Mem-Chi	64	238	41	67	10	3	0	26	.277
Valentine, James, Mem	54	200	28	55	5	2	4	23	.275
Hancock, Leroy, Chi-Mem	53	179	35	49	8	2	0	22	.274
Bayliss, Henry, KC	49	184	18	49	11	2	1	17	.266
Robinson, Norman, Bir	51	177	31	47	3	2	0	5	.265
Phillips, Richard, KC	15	38	2	10	2	0	0	3	.263
Scott, Will, Phil	61	227	25	59	12	1	4	32	.260
Smith, George, Chi	59	219	29	57	9	3	0	23	.260
Whittington, Don, Phil	48	147	21	38	1	3	0	24	.258
Banks, James, Mem	47	159	31	41	11	1	0	20	.258
Everett, Curtis, KC	17	60	6	15	2	2	0	11	.250
Godfrey, Bir	11	24	6	6	0	0	0	2	.250
Wilkinson, Frank, Mem-Phil	12	12	1	3	0	0	0	0	.250
Chisholm, Joseph, Mem.	61	178	36	44	6	1	0	19	.247
Benson, Herb, Ind	38	112	14	27	4	0	2	18	.241
Johnson, James, KC	10	29	3	7	0	2	0	1	.241
Williams, Rube, Ind	70	269	33	64	14	2	0	28	.238
Long, Carl, Phil-Bir	74	265	27	63	10	8	1	37	.238
Johnson, Charles, Mem	26	85	11	20	3	1	3	12	.235
Vimmons, Ernie, Ind-Phil	25	94	14	22	3	0	1	9	.234
Scott, Joseph, Mem	18	47	6	11	2	1	1	10	.234
Dent, Carl, Phil-Ind	61	223	33	52	6	0	1	13	.232
Whittington, Don, Phil	61	219	44	51	8	2	2	21	.233
Basett, Lloyd, Bir	46	120	15	28	3	0	4	15	.232
Cartledge, Mendke, Phil	24	56	6	13	2	0	0	5	.232
Henderson, Duke, KC	48	174	25	40	3	2	1	15	.230
Cooper, Thomas, KC	48	175	19	40	5	2	0	15	.229
Johnson, Ralph, KC	52	194	20	44	6	0	5	21	.227
Bunch, Sidney, Bir	56	176	26	40	8	1	0	19	.227
Jackson, John, Bir	20	62	4	14	2	1	1	7	.226
Griggs, Wylie, Bir	59	182	20	41	5	0	0	18	.225
Butts, Tommy, Bir	40	156	17	35	4	0	0	15	.224
Johnson, Din, Chi	18	59	12	13	1	1	0	2	.220
Richardson, Ted, Ind	22	50	7	11	1	0	0	1	.220
Valdez, Manuel, Mem	68	233	35	51	8	1	1	27	.219
Carswell, Frank, Ind	14	32	6	7	1	0	0	2	.219
Wade, Jimmie, Chi	53	190	30	39	7	3	0	16	.217
Washington, Ted, Phil	36	137	18	29	6	4	0	9	.212
Gibson, Rufus, Bir-Chi-Mem	22	33	3	7	1	0	0	4	.212
Hellman, Tyrese, Bir	11	24	1	5	0	1	0	2	.208
Woods, Buddy, Mem	27	58	9	12	3	0	0	4	.207
Neal, Willie, Mem	11	34	5	7	1	0	0	1	.206
Bridges, Marshall, Mem	48	134	22	27	3	3	1	11	.201
Scruggs, Willie, Bir	17	20	2	4	0	0	0	2	.200
Hardy, Paul, Chi	62	223	21	44	7	0	0	13	.197
Meadows, Bud, Phil	23	66	6	13	2	0	0	3	.197
Varona, Gilbert, Mem	72	218	38	42	7	0	3	20	.193
Chone, Jim, Ind	20	58	3	11	0	0	0	6	.190
Ensley, Frank, KC	23	96	18	18	2	1	0	7	.188
Vazquez, Armando, Ind	10	33	6	6	3	0	0	7	.182
Harris, Wilmer, Phil	27	77	7	11	3	0	0	4	.164
Thompson, Frank, Bir	26	55	4	9	0	0	0	7	.164
Parker, John, Phil	60	213	12	34	6	0	0	17	.160
Smith, Taylor, Bir	21	47	7	7	0	0	0	2	.149
Gaston, Hiram, Bir	20	37	8	5	1	0	0	2	.135
Chestnut, Joseph, Phil	15	37	0	5	0	0	0	1	.135
Pearson, Rutledge, Chi	17	53	4	7	0	0	0	0	.132
Wright, Dan, Chi	16	38	3	5	0	0	0	1	.132
Brantley, Ollie, Mem	12	17	0	2	0	0	0	0	.118
Beverly, William, Chi.	14	26	0	3	0	0	0	0	.115
Huband, Vincent, Chi.	14	35	3	4	0	0	0	1	.114
Thompson, Frank, Mem	10	9	1	1	1	0	0	3	.111
Walker, George, KC	12	19	2	2	0	0	0	1	.105
Bennett, Clyde, KC	47	146	8	14	2	3	0	10	.095
Hancock, Ed, Mem	16	25	0	2	0	0	0	0	.080
Rowan, William, KC	16	56	4	4	1	0	0	2	.071
Turner, Clarence, Ind	10	18	1	1	0	0	0	1	.056
Johnson, Don, Bir	12	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000

Philly Quintet To Play YMCA



The Philadelphia Barons, coached by Eddie Phillips, left, will clash here Saturday at 8 p.m. against the YMCA Senior All-Stars basketball team at the Druid Hill YMCA. The local All-Star team is comprised of representatives from the Douglass High School Hi-Y, Carver, Druid AC, Dunbar, the Hot Five, and the Senior Dons. The unit is coached by Albert Butler and James Dorsey. Preceding the main event, the Junior-Y quintet under Cecil Johnson will play the Philadelphia Baron Juniors.

Memory Corner

The following article introduces was regarded as invincible.

PUNCH

Gans proved his skill on May 12, when he went to Fort Erie, Ont., and knocked out lightweight champion Frank Erne with the first punch he let fly in the first round. This feat still stands as a record in quick knockouts in lightweight championship fistiana.

McFadden was unfortunate in one respect, and that was in scoring a knockout over Gans before the latter became champ, and over George Lavigne after the Saginaw Kid had lost the title.

Joe Walcott was also a prolific performer in the ring with white boxers. Although the Blac.. Demon was but a 140-pounder, he made a specialty of knocking out middleweights and heavyweights. He stopped Dan Creedon in 6 rounds, and knocked out Joe Choynski in seven rounds. Both of these affairs took place in this city and were not followed by any disorder. But for the studied disinclination of other white heavyweights to meet Walcott in the ring he would have scored more victories. He is alleged to have stopped Tom Sharkey, ex-champion heavyweight. Walcott's greatest error was in attempting to whip Kid Lavigne at 133 pounds ringside, a weakening weight for this colored fighter. At his normal weight of 140 pounds Walcott would have made short work of Lavigne.

JACK JOHNSON

Pugilistic history is replete with the achievements of colored boxers, and if any serious trouble has followed a bout with a white opponent the incident has escaped attention.

The one blot on the sport charged to the race was put there by Jack Johnson. It does not follow that boxing should be abolished because of Johnson's actions, any more than that baseball should be prohibited because of the worlds' series scandal of 1919. Johnson was not the first man engaged in quite as legitimate a form of pest as the athlete in any other rough vigorous pastime.

FINE '52 RECORD:

Tan Athletes Reach New Peak In Marquette Sports

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—In the past two seasons at Marquette University, colored athletes have more than made their mark as representatives of Hilltop athletic squads in topflight intercollegiate competition.

Colored athletes have played prominent roles in all three of the major sports offered at Marquette—football, basketball and track.

In football, Coach Lisle Blackbourn has welcomed four colored athletes—the largest number to turn out for the sport in Marquette's history. Of these four, three became outstanding players and the fourth was deprived of the chance because of a broken leg before the season started this year.

Sims Leads Field

Tops among these athletes is easy going, soft spoken Hector Sims, the-pound defensive end from Fremont, O.

Sims's play as a regular these past two seasons has earned him plaudits from Marquette fans and opponents alike. A veritable tiger on defense, he ranks as one of the five best ends in the 61-year history of the sport at Marquette. Just recently he received honorable mention on the Associated Press Midwest All-America team. Most local fans here believed he is a definite 1953 All-American prospect for 1953.

Thomas A Standout

The only athlete to win two letters at Marquette last year was Al Thomas, hilltop speedster from Gary, Ind., who garnered his first award as a first team defensive halfback during the 1951 season and then became the first player since the days of Ralph Metcalfe, Last year, he clocked in 9.7 seconds on three occasions for the 100-yard dash. He was rewarded for his efforts used as a spot defensive player and sparkplug for the Hilltop team.

In track, Franklin Fortier, 440-yard man from Chicago, Thomas, and All Pritchett are three main cogs in Coach Melvin (Bus) Shimek's cinder squad. Fortier earned a letter as a cross-country man this fall and is counted on heavily for points during the coming indoor and outdoor seasons.

Pritchett incurred a broken leg in football, but will be ready to compete as a sprinter in track. Thomas, of course, is looked to as the leading point getter for Marquette's track team this year.

Joe Black To Be Banquet Guest

NEW YORK—Joe Black, who has been doing quite well for himself on the knife-and-fork circuit this winter, comes in for another honor on Jan. 25.

The Brooklyn Dodger pitching ace and "rookie of the year" will be the guest of the annual B'nai B'rith banquet, slated for the Astor Hotel. It is at this function the organization makes awards each year to persons it wishes to recognize for "high principle and attainment" in athletics during the year.

Black appeared in 56 games for the Dodgers in 1952, had a 14-4 won-and-lost mark, and a 2.15 earned run average for 142 innings.

Heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano will be honored at the same dinner, lodge officials announced.

17-Year-Old Star Upsets Stanfield

KINGSTON, Jamaica — A 17-year-old Trinidad speedster registered the biggest upset of the young track season here Sunday, when he beat Olympic sprint champion Andy Stanfield in the 100-meter dash of an international cinder meet.

The lad, Michael Agostini, spent the distance in 10.6 seconds, to breast the tape ahead of Stanfield and Jim Gathers, a teammate of Stanfield on the American Olympic team at Helsinki last summer.

Gathers was second and Stanfield third.

The U. S. cause was saved by Harrison Dillard, the world's top hurler, as he took the 100-meter event in the record-breaking time of 10.2 seconds.

Herb McKenley, also running in the colors of Jamaica, copped the 400 meters, and a Jamaica foursome grabbed the 400-meter relay, defeating a U.S. relay aggregation of Gathers, Roscoe Brown, Reggie Pearman and Mal Whitfield.

Turner-Dykes Encore Scheduled Jan. 19

"PHILADELPHIA—A return bout between Gil Turner, youthful philly welterweight, and Bobby Dykes of Miami, has been set for January 19, it was announced late last

In a previous match between them, Dykes scored a close decision win in a bruising battle at Madison Square Garden.

25th Straight Bout

MILWAUKEE, Wisc.—Undefeated Johnny Saxton annexed his 35th consecutive ring victory here Monday night, scoring a 10-round decision win over Danny (Bang Bang) Womber, of Chicago.

Womber, a former sparring partner of Sugar Ray Robinson, was no match for the hard-hitting Saxton in the early rounds and as the fight entered its final stages had difficulty avoiding a knockout.

Bethune Basketers Launch 1953 Campaign

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.—The Bethune-Cookman Wildcats boasting seven returning lettermen plus their last season's team intact, launched the 1953 Basketball season, on Monday.

The "Cats" will play a twenty-one game schedule including in the total fifteen SIAC contests.

Extra Point Margin Of Texas Southern's Bowl Game Win

HOUSTON, Texas (ANP)—Playing in rain and mud before 13,000 fans, the Texas Southern Tigers whipped the Prairie View Panthers 13 to 12 in the nation's only Jan New Year's Day bowl tilt.

The victory enabled TSU to remain undefeated, although ceded the title to Prairie View, champions of the Southwestern conference, it was the second loss of the season. The Panther's other loss was to Florida A and M, rated top team in the nation.

An extra point kicked by Herbert Dean provided Texas Southern with its victory margin. Texas Southern tallied first in the opening period when Audrey Fred passed 45 yards to L. C. Roach for a touchdown. Dean converted.

Panthers Score

Texas Southern tallied its winning TD on another Ford aerial this one good for one yard to Fred Jackson. The six-pointer was set up by the running of Charles Spigner, shifty halfback, and Edward Jackson, bulldozing fullback in a 49-yard drive.

Prairie View scored in the 3lam Clark smashed over tackle for the TD. The score was set center John Freeman, PV team captain. Freeman nabbed the enemy pass, then lateraled to Clark who carried to the TSU 13.

There was no scoring in the third quarter. In the final period Prairie View rallied for its second TD. A quick pass by Charles to Brackin to Charles Wright put the Panthers ball into the game. In a try for the extra point, Brackin slip to Wright missed, and the Panthers lost their opportunity to tie the game.

Patterson TKO's Lalu Sabotin

Ex-Olympic Champ Wins 4th Straight

BROOKLYN — Floyd Patterson continued along his unbeaten pugilistic path here Monday night when he pounded former Italy Sabotin into submission at 1:30 of the fifth round of a Dawson Rumpus Cancer Fund feature event at way, displaying a paperlike left Eastern Parkway Arena.

It was Patterson's fourth triumph in as many professional starts since his return from the Olympic Games at Helsinki, where he won the world amateur middleweight title as a member of the U.S. team.

He was Sabotin's master all the hand that fairly sizzled as he jabbed and hooked to head and body. Lalu shed blood as early as the second round and when referee Mark Conn stepped between the two fighters midway of the fifth, the Buckeye State firefighter was in real trouble.

Through the third, fourth and fifth heats, the crowd boomed constantly, demanding action. But Lalu, realizing he was badly overmatched, would have little of it. He rarely threw a punch, spending the major part of his time trying to avoid the assaults of his less experienced rival.

Patterson, at 167½ pounds, was giving away nearly eight pounds, ann to an opponent who boasted experience of 27 previous fights.

Turner-Dykes Tilt Is Shifted Again

PHILADELPHIA — The on-again-off-again return bout between Gil Turner, of this city, and white Bobby Dykes, of Miami, has been shifted again. This time it is moved from the date of January 19, to January 26.

The change, according to Promoter Herman Taylor, was brought about when it was discovered that a Monday night fight will be televised from New York on January 19, and the local show will be operating in conflict. The January 26 date is a Tuesday.

Dillard Again Tops

CLEVELAND — For the fifth straight year, Harrison Dillard, a two-time Olympic champion from nearby Berea, was voted the outstanding athlete of the Northeastern Ohio AAU district, here last week.

Moore Offered 30G's For Bout

SAN FRANCISCO — Archie Moore, newly-crowned world light-heavyweight champion, received his first big offer since winning the title from Joey Maxim here last

Moore was offered $30,000 by local boxing interests to defend his 175-pound title against Carl (Bobo) Olson of Honolulu.

The fight, if it can be worked out, goes on here February 23.

Horse Racing

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ATOMIC SPEED — Can turn it in

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FREEDOM LIGHT — Last a gap

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FROSTY FACE — Wake up

LIGHTY MOMENT—Last fast

WILD TEDDY — Can do better

JUST ANOTHER — Good chance

JANETADE — Closed fast

LITTLE CREEK—Last doesn't count

MAGIC MOMENT—Last easier

SAYMO GO LUCKY — May be ready

LESS ROSE — Very good now

GIVE ME — Likes track

STADORDA — Better than rated

WYNNE — Has a chance

BRIDGETOWN — Chance here

MACHO — Was better last

HIPIE — Last a gip

Southern, 51-50, in the national go meet in Nashville. The Rebels won the SIAC tournament.

Miller To Captain '53 Lincoln Eleven

LINCOLN, Pa.—Tom Miller, 175-pound halfback from Berwyn, Pa., has been elected captain of the 1953 Lincoln University football team. He will be the 31st player to wear the Blue and White, are expected to be the team's starting backfield.

On the Lion eleven in his freshman year, Miller played offense and defense this year and excelled in both departments.

Florida Rattler 5 Expects Big Year

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (ANP)—The new year of 1953 brings upper the Florida A and M basketball team expectations of a great season on the court. The Rattlers are returning to the hardwood minus only three men who last year carried the team to 26 victories in 28 games.

The 1951-52 five won 22 straight games before going down to defeat in the Kansas City Tournament. Its other loss was an upset

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From Speed In Air To with Sam Lacy

This BOAC airliner carried a world of speed with it as it cooted onto the runways at New York's International Airport early this week. Shown returning from a holiday track meet at Kingston, Jamaica, are members of a crack U.S. team which made the trip. Along with Byron LaBeach, Morgan State College star (second from right), who made the trip with the team as an intigent, are on ground, left to right—Joe Yancey, coach, Mal Whitfield, Reggie Pearman; on steps, Milt Campbell, Jim Gathers, Roscoe Browne, LaBeach and Harrison Dillard.

Joe Black, the college football player who rose to stardom on the major league diamond, is not only a popular guy around this country . . . on his Christmas holiday trip to Cuba, the Brooklyn Dodger pitching ace was the toast of the island . . . Arriving there on Friday night (Dec. 26), Black was met at the airport by a host of fans and a committee representing the city government . . . Rushed behind police escort to Gran Stadium, where a Cubana League game was in progress, Joe did stints on all three radio broadcasts of the contest (and in Spanish, too), and made a personal appearance at home plate . . . Before the first night of his stay was over, Black had attended two dinners and guested on two television shows.

Havana sports authorities assert that much of Joe's popularity is due to the fact he "is the first American ball player to remember Cuba in his success" . . . Black, in most of his talks with newspapermen last year, credited the Cuban Winter League with having done the most to prepare him for the big time . . . Joe, by the way, shared his Tropical vacation with wife, Doris, and 10-year-old daughter, Ann . . . the trip, in fact, was a Christmas present to young Miss Black . . . They returned to Norfolk on Friday where they picked up baby Joseph Frank, and were back in their Brooklyn home late Saturday night.

SAM LACY

Li'l David Campanella, the young son of Brooklyn catcher Roy, is cavorting around the premises of their St. Albans home in a new automobile . . . Christmas presents from pop . . . it's one of those Austins, driven by a 17-plate battery and capable of doing 10 miles per hour . . . Daddy Roy, who for several years has hugged the 10-year-old's electric train set, now says: "I can even drive it myself . . . I sit on the trunk and stick my feet down inside to do the manipulating" . . . Both Campy and Jackie Robinson report their businesses "did well" during the Christmas shopping period . . . "Which we have no reason to believe is not true," says Robinson, "we did set a mark for our first rush season, and we more than doubled what we figured on" . . . Says Campy: "Our 1952 volume was well over one million dollars . . . Business was highly satisfactory" . . . Jackie has a new department store and Campy a two-year old liquor establishment . . . Neither has signed the 1953 contract with the Brooklyn Dodgers . . . Nor has Larry Doby of the Cleveland Indians, although the star outfielder reports: "I saw Hank (Hank Greenberg, Indians' general manager) at the Cleveland-Browns-Detroit Lions championship football game, but we talked about everything else but contracts" . . . Doby and Monte Irvin are planning to go to Hot Springs for the baths for a week before reporting to their respective Cleveland and New York Giant training bases . . . Monte, by the way, takes his best public relations manners to Puerto Rico next week on behalf of the New York beer concern he represents . . . leaves Sunday.

The racket that is the fight game seems to become more stinking as time progresses . . . and, as usual, it isn't the fighters who are smelling up the sport (?) . . . at the moment it is the turn of the managers . . . they're in the midst of a fight between themselves . . . the commercial guilds are warring, and the result is that a number of promising boxers are left out in the cold as far as matches are concerned . . . that, it may be pointed out here, is the chief reason behind the putrid TV bouts that have been visited upon the public in recent months.

Friday night's bill at Madison Square Garden is typical, for example, is the kind of stuff the customers have to settle for . . . Rocky Davis, the eventual winner of the tiff, has been whipped 45 times in an unimposing career, and his opponent, Fabela Chavez, could bat no more than an even .500 in 12 bouts in 1952 . . . While Davis is going to Europe for a couple of months, Chavez, who looks like Gene Jones, Terry Moore, etc., have to find part-time work in order to eat . . . Jones, who boasts a record of 46 wins, two draws and one no-decision in 56 starts, had to go to Europe in 1952 to ply his trade . . . After running out of sparring work in Philadelphia, Jones, who is a heavyweight, Sam Baker, a light-heavyweight, Gene Jones was kept peeking through his window at the wolf at his door . . . On the Independent last year, the Cambria (N.J.) slugger succeeded in knocking off all the top German heavyweights.

Moore, the young, middleweight champion, who is a heavyweight, is now working partime as a chauffeur because his manager, Johnny Attel, doesn't imagine is the proper managerial circles . . . Attel, though, has a point . . . Moore has been in the game for 10 years, he has 51 outings, he was able to weigh but three matches in 1952 . . . In one he beat Jose Basora, an overrated fighter, in one of the contenders for Sugar Ray Robinson's vacated middleweight throne . . . in another, he went in as a late substitute against Chuck Davey at St. Nicholas Arena and lasted but one round . . . in the third, he lost to classy Rocky Castellani . . . but Moore hasn't had a chance in nine months.

The New York Yankees are reported to have gone as high as $60,000 in an effort to the Brooklyn Dodgers for Jackie Robinson . . . but were turned down . . . However, inasmuch as the story "revealing" the attempt of the world champions to obtain the target was given to the Yankee scouts, it is known to be religiously pro-Yankee, one doesn't know whether to believe it or not . . . and little wonder . . . Jackie has given no indication of any desire to obtain a colored player when Bomber brass announces that Vic Power, their brilliant Kansas City farmhand, is not reporting to spring training with the varsity "because Yankee scouts aren't sure at which position he would best develop" . . . Last year, the Blues used the versatile Power at first base, third base and in the outfield . . . and he performed equally well at all three.

Concerning Greason, who is being sold to the Pittsburgh club by Jewish-A league magnate, Ike Humphries, would refuse 60G's for a pitcher on the grounds "he may develop into a more valuable property" . . . that's the way the reporter who broke the story explained it . . . Baseball men know that a youngster who has a good fastball, is given ample chance to "bust out" as he does to improve when the hitters see more of him . . . also that another year in the Texas League may give the major league scouts flaws in the young prospect which would change their minds . . . Sixty thousand bucks for a player isn't treated like water, even in an oil state . . . especially when the same player was picked up originally for a mere two-dollar waiver price . . . Greason was purchased from the contact Cleveland at the base where the latter was completing a hitch in the Marines.

Horace Stoneham, Giants president, is taking no chances on the firing of football coach Eddie Jackson: "... how will you get a coach who will throw away his pride and accept a coaching job at the gates of the gods?" . . . The man who volunteers to play a game for Stoneham, Giants, I'd be a sucker . . .

Finest effort of its kind ever to come out of a tan college in Tennessee State: The Nashville school deserves A to Z's most grateful bow . . . There has never been a colored winner of the James E. Sullivan Award, presented annually to the "most outstanding athlete of the year . . . g-o-e-s!

Wilt Chamberlain, who is put a ceiling on Walter Dukes' height potentialities . . . The Seton Hall University's sparkling basketer is believed to be on his way to becoming a 7-footer, since he has grown an inch each of the three years he has been at the South Orange (N.J.) school . . . now he's 6 feet, 11 inches . . . in his freshman year he was 6 feet, 10.

Top irony of 1952: Eddie Gottlieb, whose Philadelphia Warriors have consistently gone to the line against the use of colored players, sent out December crying about the dwindling crowds in the National Basketball Association, and prating over the fact the Harlem Globetrotters are what's keeping the league alive.

When Dave Minor was traded to the Milwaukee Hawks by the Baltimore Bullets last week, life deal opened the floodgates of problems for the former UCLA star . . . It meant abandonment of Minor's home-business ties in Baltimore, the need for moving his wife and four kids, one of them not yet a month old, back to the Midwest from whence they came years ago, and the beginning of a search for new off-time employment that would match his beer-selling job in the Monumental City . . . Hopefully, Dave is known to have been hoping for such a transaction for sometime . . . he preferred to be situated nearer the Gary, Ind., home of himself and wife, Ann . . . Incidentally, Minor is reported in the offing, in which two teams having colored players in their regular lineup will exchange their top talent.

Featherweight champ Sandy Saddler spent his weekend pass from the Navy at New York's Hotel Theresa . . . The wheel spun the way of former heavyweight Joe Louis . . . Saddler spent Christmas Day . . . 85 worth of it . . . Pro halfback George Taliaferro, who, along with Buddy Young, is slated to do his footballing in Baltimore next year, marks another natal year on Thursday . . . Happy greetings and stuff, Georgie!

Easter Says Ring Trainer Cured His Knee Trouble

CLEVELAND—A boxing trainer —Freddy Rogers—was credited by Luke Easter last week with completing the healing job done on the Cleveland Indians' star first baseman's injured knee.

Rogers once handled heavyweight contender Johnny Risko, and it was he who rubbed Luke's knee and put him in shape for the last half of the American League season last year.

Luke was in such poor shape in June that his batting average dropped to .209 and the Tribe had to send him down to Indianapolis for a spell. He boosted his average after his return and finished the season with .253.

Rogers, who now operates the Brigadier Athletic Club, was recommended to Easter by Larry Doby, the club's center fielder.

"Well, that first day he started rubbing my leg," explained Luke. "He didn't rub my right knee because it was swollen up like a volley ball. I knew right then he was gonna help me and that night I slept for the first time in a long while."

Easter says the liniment used is made by Rogers and, "Boy! it's hot! The longer it stays on, the hotter it gets. Sometimes I'd have to keep the stuff on as long as two hours."

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