BASEBALL PLAYER SIGNINGS BEHIND '52 PACE

Only 6 Of 13 Stars Under Contract

Where Were They Sitting?

Only Those Still Outside The Fold

When Bill Veeck announced on Saturday that the St. Louis Browns had signed Satchel Paige to a 1953 contract, the veteran righthander became only the fourth ian player to reach an agreement with his major league club for the coming season.

Jackie Robinson and Roy Campanella signed pacts with the Brooklyn Dodgers on Monday, bringing the total to six colored major leaguers now under contract.

This is a pace much slower than that set in either 1951 or 1952, when the second week in January found most of the colored stars under contract for the year coming up.

At the moment, there are 13 tan players considered as regulars on the six clubs boasting interracial lineups.

These are: Joe Black, Roy Campanella and Jackie Robinson, of the Brooklyn Dodgers; Monte Irvin and Hank Thompson, New York Giants; Orestes Minoso and Hector Rodriguez, Chicago White Sox; Larry Doby, Luke Easter, Sam Jones and Harry Simpson, Cleveland Indians; Sam Jethroe, Boston Braves and Paige.

Rodriguez To Hold

Of this number, only Black, Irvin, Robinson, Campanella, Rodriguez and Paige have been inked.

Doby, along with other Indians, received his contract from the Cleveland front office in Saturday's mail. But he told the AFRO he has no intention of signing it.

Easter also received his contract at his Cleveland sausage meat company office. While he declined to talk freely about the offer made him, the big first baseman indicated that he too would either mail it back unsigned, or deliver it in person to general manager Hank Greenberg.

Of the Brooklyn contigent, Black signed early last month to a $14,000 pact, a healthy increase over his 1952 figure.

They Won't Argue

Edmundo Amoros, who finished the 1952 season with the pennant-winning Dodgers but is a distinct question-mark for 1953, has not been signed as yet, although he is in Cuba and may have talked terms with his front office before departing the States last October.

Amoros, though, like Jim Pendleton, Dodgers; Ray Noble, Giants; Bob Boyd, White Sox; Theolic Smith, Browns; Dave Pope, Indians; George Crowe and Bill Bruton, Braves, are regarded with little concern by their respective clubs. None is expected to offer any argument over the contract that is to be submitted. Therefore these fellows do not loom as unusual cases.

Neither is Jim Gilliam, Dave Hoskins, Jose Santiago or Al Smith considered a problem for the coming year. Gilliam has been called up to the Dodger camp but his name remains on the Montreal Royal roster. Not until he makes the club will he be tendered a Bum contract. If he fails, he will again sign with Montreal, if with anyone.

The same is true in the cases of the three Cleveland Indian hopefuls, Hoskins, Santiago and Smith.

Two Okey

This is not, however, to imply that none of these players has been put under contract. The White Sox have signed Boyd. The Dodgers have inked Pendleton.

Hank Thompson, on the other hand, has had talks with the Giant front office, but apparently is not as yet satisfied with president Horace Stoneham's offer.

The same is true in the case of Minoso, but general manager Frank Lane, of the pale hosed clan, states that he and his Cuban star are not far apart. "We're so close, in fact, that I'm sure another conference will straighten us out."

Meanwhile, Willie Mays, New York Giants sensational centerfielder of 1951, now in the Army, is seeking to get a military release. Mays has informed the Giants that he shall seek a discharge on the strength that his family, 11 strong, is dependent upon him for support.

When the referee and two judges of Friday night's fight at Madison Square Garden were at such wide variance in their opinions as to the winner, in person and TV spectators were so stunned they wondered where the officials could have been. Referee Al Berle and judge Charley Shortell talled heavily for Rocky Castellani, left, and judge Bill Healy scored just as heavily for Ralph (Tiger) Jones. Verdict was another evidence of the crying need for uniformity in scoring boxing bouts.

Morgan Basketers Drub Delaware State, 76-52

Bears Take Fourth Conference Game For Sixth Victory In Row

By HERB MANGRUM

BALTIMORE

Fresh from a 67-58 victory over Howard Thursday in Washington, Morgan State College racked up their fourth conference game Saturday in Burt Gymnasium by defeating Delaware state 76 to 52.

Sparked by the performance of Lester Gardner, center, and Earnest Garrett, forward, Morgan raised their 1953 victory count to six consecutive games. Two previous games were non-conference.

In winning, Gardner scored 23 points with 11 field goals and a free throw for the Bears, and Garrett 13. Team Captain George Williams followed with 11 points. The local five pulled into the lead in the opening minutes of the first period and remained out front all the way.

800 Fans Present

A crowd of 800 saw Morgan score seven points in the first five minutes.

Delaware started the game with a zone defense in the first quarter. Morgan however tore through the defense by spreading the forwards and sending their sharpshooters through the center.

Through this process the Bears moved into the lead on goals by Garrett and Williams.

36-21 At Half

At the end of the first period, they led Delaware 19 to 9, and at the half time mark 36-21.

For Delaware, the high scorer of the evening was Thompson with nine points, and Maloney 51 games and drove in ninety two runs.

and Leonard with eight points each.

Entering into the final period with a 65 to 37 lead, the Bears took the ball from Delaware on the first play and swiftly ran up thier number tally 67.

Maloney Outstanding

The fine defensive play of Maloney in the final minutes of the game was the one outstanding achievement on the Delaware ledger.

In an effort to garner CIAA honors this year, Morgan has thus far-scalped Hampton, 84 to 68; Lincoln, 81 to 56; and Howard, 67 to 58.

With the use of the two platoon system, Morgan prior to their week-end encounter had averaged 82.5 against their opponents 54.5.

DELAWARE		MORGAN	G	F	T
1	3-8	S. Meyers, f	1	4	3-11
1	1-12	A Thomas	Garrett, f	6	1-8
0	1-1	Pitts, f	Roseborough, f	1	1-2
2	0-0	J. Jones, c	Bright, f	2	2-4
3	3-5	Maloney, c	Murphy, f	2	1-3
1	1-2	T. Gleaves	Gardner, c	11	1-2
3	0-0	J. Irons, g	McMillian, c	1	3-4
0	1-2	Thompson, g	Williams, g	11	1-2
0	1-4	L. Keaton, g	Wells, g	2	0-2
2	2-3	T. Saunders, g	Whitted, g	0	1-1
			Hudson, g	1	0-2
14	20-38	52—Totals	Totals	32	12-20—76
Delaware		9	12	16	15—52
Morgan		19	17	20	11—76

Harris Tops NAL Hurlers

Stars Ace Had ERA of 2.07

CHICAGO — Wilmer Harris, righthanded ace of the Philadelphia Stars, led the pitchers in the Negro American League for the 1952 season, statistics released last week, reveal.

Harris, who had a 9-5 won-lost record with the league's last place club had an earned run average of 2.07 to finish far ahead of other hurlers.

Second in ERA was Frank Thompson of the Birmingham Black Barons, with 2.31. Thompson was the workhorse of the NAL with most innings pitched, 152, and he struck out the most men, 113. He had a 14-6 record. Thompson and Harris had three shutouts each to lead the league.

Buddy Woods of Memphis pitched the most complete games, 16, faced the most batters, 585, and allowed the most hits, 154. I. Harris of Memphis gave up the most runs, 96, but Mamske Cartlege of Philadelphia allowed the most earned runs, 70. Hiram Gaston of Birmingham walked the most batters, 73.

Daniel Gymnasium.

The win was the fourth straight in CIAA competition for the locals. Coach Shelton Matthews' charges, at times without the services of three regulars, put together a classy offensive and maintained the lead throughout.

Walter Massie, a top pointgetter, Ronald Crosby, and Leonard George, all were missing from the lineup.

Gene Hodgins and Dean Hatcher shared scoring honors for the Trojans with 14 apiece.

Basketball

GAMES THIS WEEK

Jan. 13th—Morgan at Hampton
Elizabeth City at Lincoln
Clark at Howard
Jan. 16th—St. Aug. at W. Salem
Morgan at St. Paul
Elizabeth City at Bowie State
Union at Delaware
N. C. College at A. and T.
Fayetteville St. at Va. State (Boys and girls)
Jan. 19th—Morgan at Va. State
St. Augustine at A. and T.
St. Paul at Hampton
Bennett at Bowie
N. C. College at Smith
Lincoln at Pitt
Elizabeth City at Miner Teachers
Jan. 20th—Va. State at Elizabeth City
Union at St. Augustine
Tuskegee-Fayetteville at Macon, Ga.
Bethune at Clark

RESULTS

Morgan 67, Howard 58
Va. State 70, Shaw 57
Elizabeth City 58, Lincoln 52
Miner 63, Bowie State 61
Morgan State 76, Delaware 52
Hampton 111, St. Paul 75
Tuskegee 65, Benedict 64
N. C. College 75, Hampton 62
Morris College 52, Claflin 60
Morgan 76, Delaware 52
N. C. College 91, Hampton 68
Elizabeth City 67, Va. State 60
Knoxville 84, Clark 54
Md. State 81, Dover AFB 53
Miner 54, Chemun 38

MIXED

MARQUETTE (Wilson) 55, Creighton 71
NOTRE DAME (Bertrand) 73, Holy Cross 71
Ohio State 79, MICHIGAN (Eaden) 46
LA SALLE (Moore) 89, Loyola 47
PENN STATE (Arnelle) 71, SYRACUSE 62 (Stone)
SETON HALL (Dukes) 68, Scranton
NOTRE DAME (Bertrand) 78, New York U. 57

Jim Pendleton Inks '53 Dodger Contract

BROOKLYN, N.Y. (NNPA)—Jim Pendleton, shortstop and outfielder, last Friday signed a Brooklyn Dodgers contract.

Pendleton, a 27-year old speed merchant, played at both shortstop and the outfield for Montreal last season. He wound up with a .281 batting average in

Trojans Defeat Shaw Bears, 70-57

PETERSBURG, Va. — The Virginia State Trojans took their fight contest of the new year by downing the Shaw University Bears 70-57 Tuesday night in

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Bowie Lists 11-Game Slate

Maryland State (Bowie) Teachers' college cagers have listed seven remaining tilts of an eleven-game slate for the 1952-53 season in the Eastern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

R. Aubra Pearman, athletic director and coach of the Bowie Bulls expects a fair season despite number of losses by graduation. The team's schedule follows:

Jan. 16—Elizabeth City Teachers, home
Feb. 7—Virginia Seminary, home
Feb. 13—Miner Teachers' college, home
Fev. 20—Storer college, Harpers' Ferry, W. Va.
Feb. 21—Norfolk State, home
Feb. 26 — Virginia seminary, Lynchburg, Va.
Feb. 27—Storer college, Home
Mar. 13-14—EIAC tourney, Virginia State of Norfolk, Va.

3 Top Athletes Honored By Club

NEWARK — Three outstanding athletes from New Jersey —Milt Campbell, Joe Black and Don Philpott — came in for high praise this week at the hands of the Newark A.C. sports committee.

Campbell and white Frank McPhee, Princeton football All - American, will be honored at the annual sports dinner at the Military Park Hotel, January 22.

Milt is the Plainfield High School youngster who amazed the world by finishing second in the Olympic decathlon competition at Helsinki last summer.

He and Brooklyn Dodger pitcher Joe Black were chosen the top amateur and professional athletes from the state for the past year.

Philpott, the national indoor interscholastic mile champion and record holder, received honorable mention in the committee balloting.

Tuskegee 5 Edges Benedict In Overtime

COLUMBIA, S.C.—The Benedict Tigers fell before a tough foe Monday night as the Tuskegee Institute Tigers defeated the home team, 65-64.

The visitors had led most of the game with Benedict forging ahead momentarily in the last period of regular playing time. The score at the end of regular playing time was 58-58.

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4th Army Champ To Re-Enlist

Corporal Jimmy Brown of Baltimore, light heavyweight boxing champion of the Fourth Army, arrived at Fort Meade Tuesday for re-enlistment. The local lad is re-entering the service in order to be eligible for an All-Army boxing tournament at Fort Bliss, Tex., in March. Brown missed the first tournament after injuring his finger in an auto accident. He is the son of Mrs. Florence Miller of 1109 Appleton st. (U.S. Army photograph)

Five Tan Stars Picked On All-Pro Grid Team

NEW YORK (ANP) — Five colored stars were among the 22 men named to the Associated Press All-Pro football team announced last week. They were:

Dan (Deacon) Towler, the National league's leading ground gainer, of the Los Angeles Rams at a starting offensive backfield posts

Len Ford, Cleveland Browns, defensive end; Bill Willis, Cleveland Browns, defensive guard; Ollie Matson, Chicago Cardinals, defensive back, and Emlen Tunnell, New York Giants, safety.

During the season, Towler was the main cog in the ground attack of the Rams. Ford and Willis were mainstays of a strong defense for the Browns. Tunnell was a key man in the New York Giants' famed umbrella defense. Matson, although selected for the defensive eleven, was a leader for the Cardinals both on offense and defense.

Tunnell was one of the two men who received the most votes for the squad. Matson was one of only two rookies to make the all-star first eleven.

Delaware State Basketers In 90-62 Rout Of Wesley Quint

DOVER, Del.—Coach Willard Jones's Delaware State College Hornets, led by Oliver Thompson, defeated the Wesley Jr. College cagers, 90-62, at Delaware State College, Wednesday night.

The Hornets opened the game with five successive goals to take a 10-2 lead. Wesley's cagers eventually found the mark and tied the score at 23-all to end the quarter.

Accurate shooting by Meyers of Delaware State and Wilson of Wesley Jr. College kept the score see-sawing at the beginning of the second quarter.

During the third quarter the accuracy of the Hornets began to tell. With Thompson aid netting 26 points between them, the Hornets took a lead they never relinquished.

Towler Stars In Pro Bowl

Nationals Whip Americans 27-7

LOS ANGELES, Cal. —Deacon Dan Towler of the Los Angeles Rams and his teammate, Norman Van Brocklin, the NFL's leading passer last season, combined their talents to lead the National Conference All Stars to a 27-7 victory over the American Conference Saturday.

The pair of veteran Rams were aided by Fullback Pat Harder of the league champion Detroit Lions who rolled up nine points, with his time during the NFL's third annual Pro Bowl game.

Quarterback Van Brocklin and Rookie End Bill Howton, of the Green Bay Packers, got together on a brilliant 74-yard aerial that gave the crowd of 34,208 and a national television audience the greatest thrill of the well-fought game.

Towler Pulls Surprise

The payoff play, however, was a wobbly little 12 - yard touchdown play which started the scoring when Fullback Towler pulled a surprise with Rookie halfback, Hugh McElhenny of the San Francisco Forty-Niners.

Towler ran as if to swing around right end, stopped and flipped the ball to McElhenny who was standing alone on the goal line.

In addition to spearheading the Nationals' running game, Towler was awarded the George Halas Trophy as the outstanding player in last year's Pro Bowl game.

Receiving honorable mention for their excellent play during the 1952 season were George Taliaferro of the hapless Dallas Texans and Joe Perry of the San Francisco 49ers, both on offense.

Knoxville Five Thrashes Clark

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Knoxville College's fast-moving cage team tied Clark College's All-American center of a season ago, Roman (Doc) Turmon and his mates into the proverbial knot here last Wednesday with a tenacious last period defense which permitted the Atlantans four field goals and as many charity tosses.

The Bulldogs dumped in 31 points in a blazing fourth stanza finish to win, 84-63.

One CIAA Foe

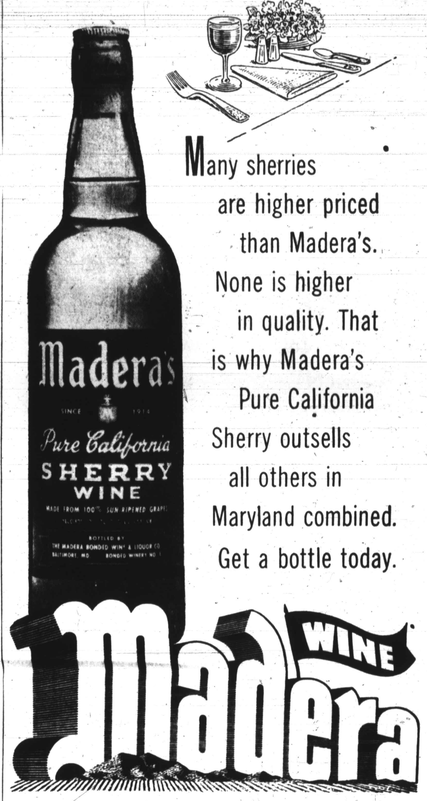
KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Knoxville College's cagers face only one CIAA opponent, Bluefield State College, in games scheduled for this season.

Boxing Results

At Huntington, W. Va. — Harold (Baby Face) Jones, Detroit, d. BASIL MAIZE, Charleston, 10.
At Los Angeles—Abel Fernandez, Los Angeles, d. SONNY ANDREWS, Los Angeles.
At Sacramento — KARL TURNER, Richmond, Cal., d. Woody Harper, Oakland.
At Brooklyn — Marvin Edelman, Philadelphia, d. CHARLEY WILLIAMS, Newark.
At Providence—GEORGIE ARAU, Providence, d. HENRY DAVIS, Honolulu.
At Roanoke, Va.—EDDIE MARSH, ALL Washington, to'd GEORGIE ALLEN, Louisville, (3).
At New York — Jose Castillo, Lugerne, Pa., d. TIGER JONES.

Ironmen Softened

KNOXVILLE — National scholastic basketball champions St. Elizabeth Ironmen, of Chicago, were upset, 48-38, by Austin High, of this city, last week.



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