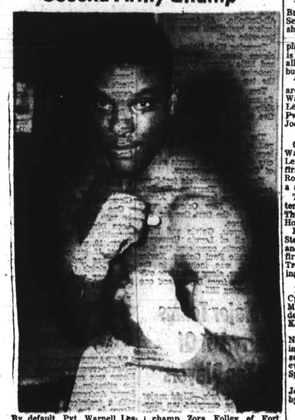
Butler Defends Middleweight Crown

Light middleweight boxing champion, Sgt. Fleming Butler of Fort Meade, topped Pvt. James Dionifotis of Fort Lee last week to enter the finals of the Second Army Boxing Tournament at Meade. On Thursday Butler won the middleweight title with a second round technical knockout over Ed Kasubinski of Fort Lee. In the preliminaries against Dionigotis Tuesday, Butler fades away from a left jab of the Chicago boxer. Referee Charley Reynolds looks on.

Second Army Champ



By default, Pvt. Warnell Lester of Bel Air Md., and Fort Meade, gained control of the Second Army heavyweight boxing tile Thursday. His opponent, defending heavyweight champ Zora Folley of Fort Eustis was unable to defend his title due to illness. Lester was also named the outstanding boxer of the tournament at Fort Meade.

Tan Star Can't Run Harvard Bans Ala. Meet.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Harvard University will not tolerate Alabama race discrimination.

This was brought out last week when the institution withdrew its track team from the Birmingham relay carnival set for April 4.

Harvard officials canceled the bid when it was discovered that a Birmingham city law would prevent Harvard's colored star, Alan Howe from competing with and against white athletes.

Efforts by the Birmingham Harvard club to have the city change the rule met without success, an official report says.

Meanwhile, Harvard sources are reported as saying that the team will not compete in any meet where an athlete is barred because of his color.

Gomez, Noble Get Shots For Flu Bug

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Roommates Ruben Gomez and Ray Noble were given penecillin shots following Friday's workout at Municipal Stadium here.

Dr. Anthony Palermo, the New York Giants' team physician, administered the drug when it was revealed that both Latin - American players were suffering a touch of the flu.

Not Serious, Leo Says.

Manager Leo Durocher, advised of the incident, ejaculated:

"That's tough but not serious. But do you mean that kid, Gomez, was throwing to batting practice the way he was, with a virus bug sniping at him

"If that's true, all I've got to say is look out!"

Having previously nominated his Puerto Rican rookie to start the Tuesday game against the Chicato White Sox here, Leo change in plans.

"We'll see how he comes along, and leave it to the kid to decide," he said. — LACY.

Breckinridge Wins Boxing Tournament

With a total of 31 points, Camp Breckinridge, Ky., won the 1953 Second Army Boxing championship at Fort Meade Thursday.

Meade, with four title holders, placed second with 22 points, and is eligible to take part in the all-army finals at Camp Attebury, Ind., in April.

Three of the Meade winners are products of the Baltimore-Washington area. Pvt. Warnell Lester is from Bel Air, Md. Pvt. Robert Stevenson and Cpl. Joe Miles are from Washington.

One Ko'ed

Cpl. Ralph Tropea also of Washington, representing Fort Lee, was knocked out in the first round in the flyweight bout. Robert Stevenson of D.C. score a second round knockout.

The three day event ended with ten events on the fight card Thursday in the Fort Meade Field House.

In the flyweight division, Pvt. Stewart Huie of Breckinridge and Cleveland, Ohio, scored a first round TKO over Cpl. Ralph Tropea of Fort Lee and Washington.

Bantam Weights

In the bantamweight class, Cpl. George Davis of Fort Meade and Long Branch, N.J., defeated John Coleman of Fort Knox via a knockout in the first.

Pvt. Leroy Grant of Roselle, N.J., representing Breckinridge in the featherweight division, scored the third TKO of the evening over Pvt. Carl Jordan of Springfield, Ohio, and Fort Lee.

In the lightweight class Pvt. Joao Silva of Breckinridge won by default.

Won On Decision!

Harry White, representing Breckenridge in the light welterweight class, defeated Lawrence Watkins of Fort Knox by a decision.

Fort Meade took the welterweight crown as Cpl. Joe Miles of Washington won a decision from Pvt. Frank West of Youngstown, Ohio. West represented Breckinridge.

In the light middleweight division Sgt. Fleming Butler of Meade and Cleveland, scored a second round TKO over Edward Kasubinski of Fort Lee.

Final Three

In the final three events, Pvt. Robert Stevenson of Camp Pickett and Washington scored a KO over Pvt. Danny Harris of Breckinridge and Cleveland in the second.

In the light heavyweight class, Pvt. Irving Thatch of E. St. Louis and Fort Knox won a decision from Pvt. Carl Beavers of Breckinridge and Toledo.

The final event, a scheduled heavyweight bout between Pvt. Warnell Lester of Bel Air, Md.; and Zora Folley was awarded to Lester by default.

Team Points

Four other camp contestants placed as follows: Fort Knox, Ky., 13 points; Fort Lee, Va., 13; Fort Eustis, Va., 7, and Camp Pickett, Va., 5.

Coaches and trainers were: Cpl. Lee Flowers and Pvt. Lee Brazzey of Fort Lee; Pfc. James McGuffey of Camp Pickett; and Major Robert Doherty and Pfc. James Taylor of Fort Knox.

For Fort Meade, the coach and trainer were Sgt. Fleming Butler, and Pvt. Ray Barnes; for Pvt. Eustis, Capt. Johnny Woodard and Cpl. Zora Folley; and for Breckindridge, Pfc. Theodore Pittalpaldo, and M/Sgt. Billie Ark.

As winners of the Second Army tournament, Breckinridge took possession of the Commanding General's perpetual trophy.

Before the event, the cup was held by Forts Lee and Meade due to a tie in the 1952 event.

Araujo Given Everlast Award

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Home from his chores of whipping Paddy De Marco in New York, Georgie Araujo, the blushing Art School student, has been awarded the Everlast Sportsmanship Award for February by Tony Petronella, Rhode Island boxing deputy for the state commission.

The selection of Araujo was made by Petronella at the request of the Everlast co. which each month awards a boxer for outstanding service as a fighter and a citizen.

In choosing Araujo, Petronella said, "He was our choice because he is a fine boxer and because of his unceasing efforts to aid his family through his ring earnings."

The award qualifies Araujo for consideration in a nation-wide poll at the end of 1953 to pick the "Fighter of the Year."

Bratton Faces Jones, March 20

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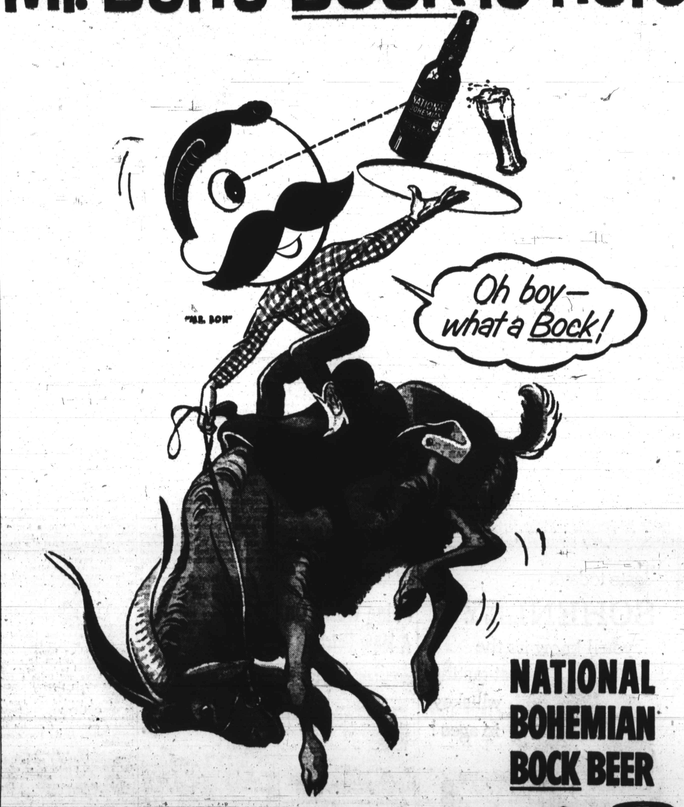

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TUCSON, Ariz.—Harry Simpson showed positive signs of rewinning his old outfield berth with the Cleveland Indians and Monte Irvin bore out his prediction that the ankle break of last spring will not hamper him, as the 1953 exhibition season got underway here Saturday.

Simpson bashed a grand slam homer, two doubles and a single, and drove in five runs to lead the Tribe to an 11-6 victory over their National League Rivals.

A record crowd of 6,100 cash customers watched the spring inaugural at Hi Corbett field, bettering the previous high mark of 6,065 set by the Indians and New York Yankees in 1951.

Tan players were in the limelight throughout the afternoon. In addition to Simmon's sensational stickwork, the day produced the followins:

(1) IRVIN knocked in the first runs of the game, with a 340-foot homer in the first to score Bobby Thomson;

(2) SIMPSON singled home the initial Indian tally in the first;

(3) LUKE EASTER tied the score with a one-baser to right that sent Simpson home;

(4) RAY NOBLE broke a 4-4 tie with a tremendous homer, a blow that cleared the scoreboard in deep left center, in the fifth;

(5) DAVE HOSKINS singled to right in fifth, bases loaded, to put Indians ahead and gain credit for the victory, and;

(6) SIMPSON rang up his base - clearing homer with a smash over the center wall in the seventh—SAM LACY.

Giants Even Score

The Giants evened the score with their American League foe at Phoenix on Sunday, taking a 5-3 decision before 7,113 sunwashed fans.

Despite the loss, Simpson was again the batting hero collecting three hits in three at bats. His Sabbath output brought slender Harry's two-day splurge to seven bingles in his first eight trips plateward in the spring series.

The game was marked by the initial appearance of Al Smith, 25-year-old rookie infielder, who played the last five innings as Al Rosen's replacement at third base.

Smith, who hit .288 and belted 20 homers at Indianapolis in 1952, had one hit in two trips, one a sharp single to left off Jim Hearn to score Simpson with the third Indian tally in the ninth.

Luke Easter and Monte Irvin, veterans, retired early from the contest, the former with one in three and the latter with one for one.

Dave Pope, another Tribe rookie, had a pinch-hitting call.

'Trotters Open Series, March 29

NEW YORK—Beginning Sunday, March 29, at Madison Square Garden, the Harlem Globetrotters will launch their fourth annual transcontinental World Series against the College All-Americans.

The fourth annual World Series will be played in 19 cities as follows:

March 29—New York; 31—Toronto; 31, Philadelphia.

April 1—Raleigh N.C. 2—Hershey, Pa., 3 — Indianapolis; 4—Milwaukee; 5—Chicago; 6—Laramie, Wyo., 6—San Fragcisco; 8—Los Angeles; 9—Denver; 10—Kansas City, 11—St. Louis; 12—Cincinnati; 13 — Cleveland; 14—Detroit; 15 — Buffalo; and 16—Boston.

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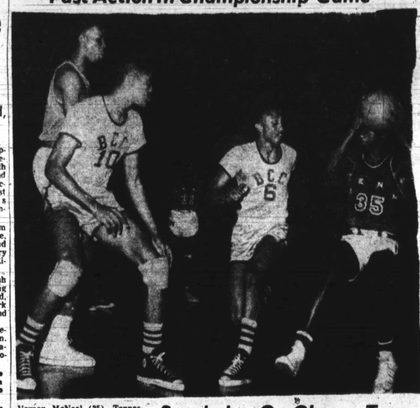
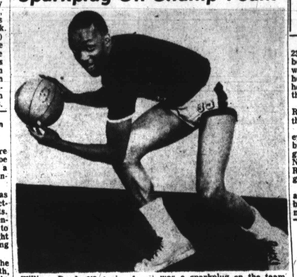


Sparkplug On Champ Team



Vernon McNeal (35), Tennessee State guard, has captured the ball while John Channey (6), Bethune Cookman guard, and Jack McClaren (10) his teammate moved to the attack. In the background number (31) is Remus Nesbitt, Tennessee guard, and towering above the field (left rear) is Tennessee's "6'" sub center, Benjamin Jackson. This scene was in the final game of the District-at large tournament held in Nashville, Saturday Feb. 28.

William Reed, 6'3 junior forward of the Tennessee State university's cage squad, winners of the NAIA tourney held recently at Nashville, who was a sparkplug on the team all season. Reed, who scored 16 points in the final game, as Tennessee defeated Bethune-Cookman of Dayton, Fla. Reed hails from Chicago.

Va. Team Signs Three Tan Stars

PORTSMOUTH, Va. — Frank Lawrence, banker and owner of the Portsmouth Cubs, has announced the signing of three colored baseball players.

To be the city's first are: Richard Brown as a pitcher; Leonard Dunovat, outfielder, and James Livingston. a first baseman.

Two From Norfolk

Brown and Dunovant are natives of Norfolk, while Livingston comes from the Cleveland Indians.

Brown, a former Booker T. Washington high star, has played with the Indianapolis Clowns, Newark Eagles and Homestead Grays.

Dunovant, a teacher, is a right-hander who played with the Como Eagles and the Winston-Salem Stars.

Two more players are expected from the Indians, Lawrence said.

Hank Homers As Giants Lick Cubs

One Of 6 Hit During Day's, 9-4, Victory

PHOENIX, ARIZ. — A booming home run by Hank Thompson, as one of six hit during the afternoon as the New York Giants walloped the Chicago Cubs 9-4, here Monday.

Thompson's smash, a belt that cleared the centerfield wall at the 386-foot mark, was one of three safeties racked by Harmon Henry in his second outing essay of the spring exhibition season.

He is the only member of the Giants to play all the way in any of the contests staged through Monday. Hank also saw nine innings against the Cleveland Indians on Saturday.

Roy Smaley rapped two and Hank Sauer, one, for the Cubs, and Bill Taylor preceded Thompson's fifth - inning clout with one of his own for the Durocher men. Tookie Gilbert contributed the last for the Giants with two on in the eighth.

Monte Irvin, playing his usual two innings before retiring in deference to his questionable ankle, was blanked in two at bats. It was the first time Monte had been checked this spring.

Toxie Says Rocky Will Hold Title

HOLLAND, Mich.—Toxie Hall, 23-year-old Chicago heavyweight, believes that Rocky Marciano will have no trouble holding the heavyweight championship when he meets Jersey Joe Walcott in the Chicago Stadium, April 16.

Toxie has been serving as Rocky's chief sparmate since the champion opened drills here.

"He's the hardest puncher I've ever faced," said Hall. "He's busy all the time, and just never gives you a chance to get set. No matter how fresh you are, Rocky seems fresher, and he gets stronger in the later rounds.

"His left jab is just as hard as his right hand, and those body punches in close, man, oh man, how they hurt!"

Bomber Turns To A More Gentle Art

Joe Louis, former Brown Bomber of the ring, practices up on his ping pong with Reba Monness, women's table tennis champion, prior to their exhibition tour which began last Saturday at Kiel Auditorium in St. Louis, Mo.

Northern All-Star Quintet Wins From South, 50-48

In an SAA conference all-star game played in Annapolis Friday, the Northern Division basketball team, comprised of players from Dunbar, Carver, Douglass, and Bates, defeated the Southern Division 50 to 8.

The game, an annual feature of the South Atlantic Conference, was played in the Bates High school gym before a near-capacity crowd.

The Northern team won their victory by a narrow margin through the outstanding performance of Huallen Holland and Howard Phelps of Bates; and Hezkiah Braxton of Dunbar, Baltimore.

Braxton scored the winning basket of the game on a drive in shot with only one minute remaining in the close contest.

Phelps scored two points as he played approximately a quarter of the all-star contest.

In the performance of Holland, the shortest player on the team, the game received a bit of flash although he failed to enter the scoring column.

The Southern quintet was comprised of players from Armstrong Phelps, Cardoza, and Dunbar of Washington.

Bates is scheduled to complete its 1953 basketball schedule this week against Carville of Rockville.

On Saturday at Morgan State College Bates will meet Fair mount Heights for the Class A basketball title. Bates will be the defending champion.

Tennessee State's Natators Demonstrate Superiority In Meet

BALTIMORE

Tennessee State's natators showed their heels to the nation's best swimmers here Saturday night when they romped away from the field in the CIAA invitational swimming meet at Morgan State College to garner 153 points.

Official CIAA winner of the meet was Howard University of Washington, which scored 35 points, followed by West Virginia State and Morgan State in that order.

SAA Boxing Tourney Set At Coliseum On 28th

The South Atlantic Boxing Championship, sanctioned and held by the AAU will begin on March 28 at the Coliseum.

Scheduled to run through April 4th, winners of the tournament will take part in the 64th annual National AAU Boxing Championships in Boston, Mass.

Over the past years the national meet has produced such fighters as Fred Apostoli in 1934, Ezzard Charles in 1939, Joey Maxim in 1940 Joe Louis in 1934, Coley Wallace in '48 and Rex Layne in 1949.

In Two Classes

The tournament will be separated into novice and open classes for the protection of beginners.

The South Atlantic Association area covers Maryland (except Chevy Chase) and that part of Delaware south of including Newark, and all armed services in this area.

Any registered amateur athlete 16 years of age or over may apply for entries from E. W. Chaffman Western Union 108 E. Baltimore Street.

Entries must be in by midnight March 18.

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