Trice signed by Athletics

First to wear Philly togs hurls Sunday

PHILADELPHIA

Robert L. (Bob) Trice, crack righthander who won 20 games for Ottawa of the International League, this week was signed by the Philadelphia Athletics and will report to the A's Friday.

Trice, who will be the first colored player to wear a Philadelphia major league uniform, is slated to pitch Sunday when the A's meet the St. Louis Browns in a doubleheader.

Trice, who got his start in baseball with the old Washington Homestead Grays of the Negro National League, is 25 years old, 6 feet, 3 inches tall, and weighs 190 pounds.

He had a 20-10 record with the sixth-place Ottawa Club this season and the purchasing of his contract by the A's was simply a paper transaction, as Ottawa is part of the A's farm system.

Navy Veteran

With the Grays, Trice played outfield and pitched. A Navy veteran of two years, Bob is unmarried. He played with the Grays for two years.

He then signed on with Farnham of the Class C Provincial League in 1951 as an infielder — outfielder — pitcher. He played only a few games and was not listed in the official records at the end of the season.

The next year, still with Farnham, he batted .237 as a third baseman - outfielder and pitched seven victories while losing 12 games.

When the Farnham club disbanded, he was picked up by George McDonald, who was running the A's St. Hyacinthe farm in the same league.

BOB TRICE

Played 2 Positions

With St. Hyacinthe in 1952, he won 16 and lost three, had an earned run average of 3.49, batted .292 and drove in 39 runs while playing 88 games in the outfield.

As a reward, he was moved up this season to the Triple A Ottawa club, and figures to be named the International League's rookie - of - the - year and possibly its most valuable player. He has won several games this season with timely hitting and was used frequently as a pinch hitter.

His manager at Ottawa, Frankie Skaff, says he has "a very good chance" to make good in the big leagues.

"Trice," Skaff says, "is as good a baseball player as any I ever saw. He can run and hunt well as a pitcher; control is his biggest asset. He's always around the plate. He's a wonderful lad."

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Trice wins double Int League award

MONTREAL. — The International League baseball writers on Wednesday named Bob Trice a double winner of the loop's awards for the 1953 season.

The big righthander was chosen most valuable pitcher in the circuit, on the basis of his 21-10 record, and also was named for the rookie of the year award. He accumulated a total of 211 points, 49 ahead of his nearest rival, white Tom LaSorda, of the Montreal Royals.

Ez Charles' hopes nipped

Split-decision bout won by Johnson

By GEORGE LYLE JR.

PHILADELPHIA

Harold Johnson, with a sharp left hand established himself as a factor in the heavyweight picture as he decisioned former Heavyweight Champion Ezzard Charles in the feature 10-round er at Connie Mack Stadium, Tuesday night, before 8,462 who paid $37,630.32.

Johnson, who weighed 177, was 8½ pounds lighter than Charles, but his left jabs and crisp left hooks to the head carried the battle to the former champ.

Charles was effective with his booming right hands to the body.

In the opening round Charles opened a cut over Harold's left eye; and during the first three rounds the blood streamed down, partly obliterating his sight.

How They Scored

Judge Lou Tress scored it 7-3 Johnson; Judge Joe Caprioso saw it 4-5-1, with Charles ahead while Referee Buck McKierman scored it 6-3-1, Johnson. We saw it 5-3-2, Johnson.

In the main prelim of six rounds Oakland Billy Smith 173, cooped the nod over Shirley Pemberton, 177, in a listless bout.

In the six-round preliminaries Waddell Hannah 175, outgunned Bob Skelton, 171, Pittsburgh, flooring him twice in the second round to gain the verdict.

Leroy Coleman 161, Bayonne, N.J., was the top winner over Ritchie James, 167, Philadelphia, in 2:54 of the fifth, and Johnny Bernardo 155, won on a tko over Joe Brewer, 132, in 1:08 of the first round in an all Philadelphia match.

Jimmy Robinson 170, of Philadelphia, tko'd Jese Manifault 176, of Harrisburg in 2:56 of the first round.

33 grid Panthers on hand for Clark drills

ALTANTA, Ga. — Clark College's Panthers reported to head coach Leonidas Epps last week to get fall football practice under way.

Some 33 eager Panther hopefuls donned full regalia in broiling 96-degree heat under full scale blocking and tackling workouts and despite the heat, Coach Epps kept them at it for two hours.

Among the members are: William E. Jones, Reginald Watts, Warren Barnes, Alma Blackwell, Dorothy Davis Johnston, Irvington Williams, Maceo Howard, Nellie Haynes, Ruth Jackson, Betty Williams; Dorthy Wood, Devera Lynn, Charles Carroll, Richard Hobson, William Dorsey, James Gross, Louis Pinckney, Walter Spurlock, Royal Weaver, Carlton Botson, Llewellyn Davage, Lawrence Carter, Ruby Burke, Earl Roger Jr., Walter Shervington, J. Edward Jones, Joseph Boston and Leon Bowser.

SETS NEW CATCHERS' RECORD — Catcher Roy Campanella of the Brooklyn Dodgers scores on his sixth - inning home run with two men on base in the second game of the Phillies - Dodgers doubleheader at Ebbets Field Monday. It was Campanella's 39th homer of the season and boosted his RBI total to 136, a major league record for catchers, formerly held by Bill Dickey at 133. It was also his 22nd homer at Ebbets Field; most ever hit there in one season by any player. Greeting Campanella are Junior Gilliam (left), Duke Snider (4), and Club Batboy. Dodgers won both games, 6-2 and 6-2. (UNITED PRESS PHOTO)

Bears 'sore' but getting ready fast for grid bow

Hurt expresses satisfaction over condition of big squad

The Morgan State college football Bears wound up their second week of pre-season practice Friday a "little sore but getting in shape fast."

At least that was the opinion of the bulk of the squad of fifty players who commenced practice September 1 with an eye towards beating Central State college a of WilberforceOhio in the gridiron kick-off here September 26.

With the first week's 100 degree temperatures subsiding, greatly to the relief of everyone, Head Coach Eddie Hurt intensified the practice schedule and continued a twice-a-day drill pace.

Crucial Test

While he kept mum on his team's prospects, coach Hurt admitted that the Central State clash may be the "crucial test" for the '53 Bear eleven.

"We got off to a slow start last year and Central State had a big hand in it when they defeated us 21-6. We want to start better this year."

Meanwhile the veteran Bear squad of approximately forty players, co-captained by North Carolinian's Bill Buford and Larry Harrell, found itself battling for positions against a fresh aggregation of ten, including five Marylanders.

Local Boys in Fight

The new Bear contenders are Jerome McArthur and Vernon Francis, Baltimore; William Gordon, Aberdeen; Robert Jacobs and Jack Dennis, Annapolis, Md.; James Mack, Winston Salem, N. C.; Arthur Den, Conshohocken, Pa.; Samuel Matthews, St. Albans, N. Y.; Donald Cary and Norman Foster, Providence.

Sports debate on air Sunday

Dom DiMaggio, former Boston Red Sox outfielder, will join sportscaster Bob Wolff in a debate against Dr. Frederick Y. Hein of the American Medical Association and Simon McNeely of the U.S. Office of Education, Sunday on the American Forum of the Air.

"Are organized sports harming our children?" will be the subject for debate.

The forum will be seen and heard on the national radio and television networks, Sunday from 2:30 to 3 p.m.

Meeting set for grid team managers

Managers and representatives of amateur football teams are requested to meet Wednesday, Sept. 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bureau of Recreation, 1129 N. Calvert st. Meeting will be held each Monday thereafter.

Boys bowl game benefits fund for Red Shield Club

Preparations for the third annual Boys Bowl Football Game at Memorial Stadium, Oct. 18, are well underway as members of the sponsoring Northwood Optimist Club have "kicked off" their Direct Mail campaign to raise money for youth projects in the Greater Baltimore community.

Paul Guckert, Game chairman for '53, reported a net rpt of nearly $11,000.00 from the first two bowl games and added, "every penny went into youth work" and none was "given to professional promotors or spent for large staff expenses."

Mr. Guckert explained that the profits were sunk into such worthwhile activities as: Red Shield Boys Club, police boys clubs, McKim Centre, Little League, Maryland Training School, Boy Scouts of America, Junior Optimist Clubs, and an oratorical society, and that $1,000 was set aside in fund to promote a new Red Shield club for colored boys.

The Southwest Baltimore Boys Club "Midgets" will represent the host city in the Boys Bowl game this year. They'll face the AllStars from the Boys Club of York, Pa.

City tennis tournament to be held this weekend

Some 50 men, women and children are expected to participate in the eighth annual tournament of the Baltimore Tennis Club, which is being held Sept. 12 and Sept. 13 at Druid Hill Park.

Fourteen trophies will be awarded to winners in the men's doubles; mixed doubles; men's singles; women's singles and junior singles.

The matches will begin Saturday morning at 10 a.m. with the semi-finals and finals being played off on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Club Officers, Members

Officers of the club include: John M. Wood, president; Wesley Stubbs, vice president; Miss Grace A. Clark, secretary and Cecil Johnston, treasurer.

Among the members are: William E. Jones, Reginald Watts, Warren Barnes, Alma Blackwell, Dorothy Davis Johnston, Irvington Williams, Maceo Howard, Nellie Haynes, Ruth Jackson, Betty Williams; Dorthy Wood, Devera Lynn, Charles Carroll, Richard Hobson, William Dorsey, James Gross, Louis Pinckney, Walter Spurlock, Royal Weaver, Carlton Botson, Llewellyn Davage, Lawrence Carter, Ruby Burke, Earl Roger Jr., Walter Shervington, J. Edward Jones, Joseph Boston and Leon Bowser.

Lucky Strikes . . . by JOE BLACK

I know a lot of folks have been disappointed with the poor season I have been having. Well, you can't feel any worse about it than I do. It's kind of rough sitting on the bench knowing I haven't been of much use to the club.

My big trouble has been control. I thought I would be able to work myself into the groove again but I just can't seem to regain the pinpoint sharpness I had last season. Charlie Dressen has done his best to help me and has tried to give me as much work as possible. However, you can't expect Dressen to put me into a crucial game now that we are in the home stretch of a pennant race. He's out to win the pennant and must go with his best.

Fortunately, we have been getting strong pitching, and I haven't been missed too much. Young Bob Milliken and Jim Hughes have been carrying the bull-pen load. Dressen has been making use of Preacher Roe's sharp sourball stuff against good left-handed hitting clubs like St. Louis and Cincinnati. Russ Meyer has been a tremendous shot in the arm to our pitching staff.

I'll just relax, sit loose and start fresh at spring training next year . . . and hope for the best. And those Luckies will sure add to my relaxation. Luckies have a nice clean, fresh, smooth taste . . . puff after puff. It gives me the better taste I want in a cigarette. You know, Luckies are made by The American Tobacco Company, America's leading manufacturer of cigarettes. So Be Happy—Go Lucky . . . today!

Business man challenges city's 'readiness' for major leagues

Earl Koger, an insurance broker and president of the North Hill Protective Association this week questioned the "readiness" of Baltimore for such a venture as the operation of a major league baseball team.

Mr. Koger, aware of the move to transfer the franchise of the St. Louis Browns to this city, said, in an open letter to the AFRO, that steps should be taken "beforehand" to guarantee that "a liberal and progressive racial policy" will be established here that will erase the jim-crow practices to which visiting colored players may be subjected. His letter follows:

Dear AFRO:

Unless a liberal and progressive racial policy is previously established, colored people throughout America should protest the Browns baseball team being transferred to Baltimore. Officials of the American Leguo should be alerted now to the existing prejudices in hotel and restaurant accomodations here.

An understanding now is especially necessary when it is publicized that a certain hotel official may be concerned with the management. His hotel and others like it are known to cater to white trade only. Where would colored baseball players, their wives, their families and thousands of followers stay and baseball cities, colored persons get first class hotel accommodations. Even Washington has changed.

We also know of the lily-white policy of the Orioles. They employ no colored players. Their owner has been mentioned as a potential member of the Brownie staff if and when they come here. If this St. Louis team comes to Baltimore, will it continue to hire colored? Will Baltimore take them into their farm teams? What of their spring camp training policy in the South? I stay away from the Stadium because of the policy now. Will it mean my staying away from major league ball because the same pattern?

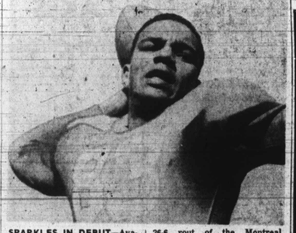
I am a rabid baseball fan. I think it is the greatest of all sports. But with the Brownies to come to Baltimore with men known to possess and to advocate racial prejudices at the helm, and with vested interest, it would mean a set-back to colone hundred years.

Some may argue: get them here first, then change them. I say, change them first! I say write or phone Mayor D'Alesandro, the Chamber of Commerce, the financiers and interested parties now, today. This is opportunity. Nobody is going to die if hotesl and restaurants in mosrow. This is the price Baltimore must pay to get the Browns here.

In Baltimore, colored people will represent about a fourth of the gate. We should have some understanding about the racial policy before we agree to support a team here. There are thousands of colored fans who travel about to attend games and travel about to attned games took at the embarrassment, prejudice and hardships we expose our brothers to who comme here from Cleveland, Chicago, New York—evan Washington. Keep in mind, if these trousands squawk to major league owners and officials, Baltimore will not get the Browns.

"Let him not, who is homeless, pull down the house of another man, but let him work diligently and build one for himself."

Very truly yours,
EARL KOGER



SPARKLES IN DEBUT—Avatus Stone, who jumped the Chicago Cardinals to play football in the Canadian League, scored two touchdowns to lead the Ottawa Roughriders to a 26-6 rout of the Montreal Alouette eleven at Ottawa Saturday. The former Cardozo High School (Washington D.C.) and Syracuse University star, sprinted around end on identical scoring plays in

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Snowden, West share trapshoot honors

By SAM LACY

WATERLOO, Md. — Thomas E. Snowden, of Patuxent Rod and Gun Club, and Dr. Charles F. West, of Deep Sea Anglers, shared the principal honors in the National Trapshooting Association championships at the Falcon Gun Club grounds here last weekend.

Snowden, a lefthanded veteran who drew his beads from beneath a floppy, broad brimmed farmer's hat, turned in a respectable 207 score to capture high over-all honors and showed a 173 mark for the high-gun prize in the three-day competitions.

Dr. West, also shouldering from portside, had a 285 tally for first place in the all-around shooting. He competed in the skeet test as well as in the 16 yards, doubles and handicap divisions. The former Howard university football coach also registered a high of 97 in the skeet shooting.

St. Louis Winner

Leyton Weston, of Present Day Gun and Rod Club, St. Louis, won the handicap event with a mark of 97 "kills" out of a possible 100.

Some spectators shooting took place in the team competition, when a quintet composed of A. J. Edwards, R. E. Clarke, L. E. Payne, Leonard Garrett and Joe Graves felled 122 targets of 125.

Class Champs Crowned

In the class competitions, Dr. E. B. Wetmore of Twin Sycamore Rod and Gun Club, Red Bank, N.J., was the double-A winner with a 95 tally.

Snowden finished first in Class A with a 97, Second place in this grouping went to Joe Graves, of Washington Park Club, Chicago, and third place to J. DeCecillio, of the Falcons.

In Class B, the winner was Leonard Garrett, Pioneer Gun Club, Toledo, Ohio, with R. Smithwick, Deep Sea Anglers, Washington, D.C., second, and F. J. Sykes, Falcons, third. Their scores were 93, 92 and 91, respectively.

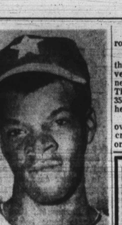
Class C champion was Charles Woodford, Falcon, with a 94; with second and third place honors going to J. Thomas Jr., Cornelius Rod and Gun Club, Coatesville, Pa., at 93, and James Bumbry, Falcons, at 92.

Winner of the Class D shoot was James E. Banks, Deep Sea, with 96. Second was Jacon Klein, Falcons, 86, and third was James Strong, 85.

Rhody A. (Me) McCoy, of Deep Sea, captured the spoils in Class E, with an 83 card, with E. Swanson, Washington Park, second at 81, and L. B. Gamby, Falcons, third, at 78.

The purse distributions were as follow:

Jas. Bunby, $46.50; J. Wos J., $47.80; T. J. Sykes, $37.85; E.B. Wilmer, $59.75; J. T. Domer, $10.25; W. Ealer, $22.85; J. Ealer, $5.90; J. DeCisleco $63.50; C. Woolf, $64.60; L. B. Gauls, $25.00.



YOUNG TIGER—Claude Agee, 18 - year - old left - swinging schoolboy outfielder from the Keesport, Pa., who last week became the first fan prospect to be signed by the Detroit Tigers organization. Agee, who batted .419 for his high school team, has been assigned to the Tigers' Jamestown (N.Y.) farm club in the Pony League.

Singles scores in NTSA championship shoot

WATERLOO, Md. — Following are final scores in the singles competitions of the National Trapshooting Association's annual tournament, held here last weekend at the Falcon Rod and Gun Club grounds:

Class AA

E. B. Wetmore 95
A. J. Edwards 93
William Richardson 91

Class A

Thomas Snowden 97
Joe Graves 96
J. DeCecillio 95
James Boston 94
C. H. Lightfoot 93
T. L. Bell 92
M. E. Spencer 91
Andy Brown 90
J. Woodward 89
J. T. Dorsey 88

Class B

L. Garrett 93
F. J. Sykes 92
S. L. Carson 91
Charles Hayes 90
Curley Green 89
Sky Johnson 88
R. E. Clarke 87
Lon Thomas 86
L. E. Payne 85
Ben Tilford 84
Lymas Winfield 83

Class C

Charles Woodford 94
John Thomas Jr. 93
James Bumbry 92
Robert Smithwick 91
A. J. Offord 90
F. A. Saunders 89
A. Cambell 88
J. C. Cochran 87
E. O. Bailey 86
B. Chapman 85
Walter Eaton 84
Lewis A Johnson 83
H. A. Bates 82
W. H. Phillips 81
Arthur Mitchell 80
Chas. F. West 79
Ambrose Frazier 78
Charles C. Walsh 77
J. Spencer 76
Clyde Sampson 75
H. B. Hollis 74
Carl Green 73
J. H. Parker 72
A. Brown 71
M. Marshall 70
H. Peters 69
C. E. Dillard 68

Class D

James E. Banks 96
Jacob Klein 86
James Strong 85
L. R. Dabbs 84
Harry Macer 83
J. R. Williams 82
Jesse Eaton 81
John Mosby 80
Paul Edwards 79
J. T. Dorsey 78
J. W. Brown 77
Charles F. Thomas 76
E. A. Robinson 75
Mrs. Corrine Ward 74
Mrs. E. B. Wetmore 73
J. W. Saunders 72
Mrs. Ethel Weston 71

Class E

R. A. McCoy 83
E. Swanson 81
L. B. Gamby 78
Joe Bundy 77
M. McCray 75
John E. Camper 74
E. Duckett 69
H. Sydnor 67
Charles N. West 63
W. S. McMurtry 61

Handicap winners NSTA tourney

WATERLOO, Md. — Herewith are the official finishes in the national championship tourney of the National Trapshooting Association, held last weekend at Falcon Rod and Gun Club here:

J. W. Saunders	11	4	11	15
E. Duckett	20	12	13	17
W. S. McMurtry	11	13	18	18
C. E. Dillard	13	14	22	21
W. L. Howard	14	11	17	14
L. B. Gamby	13	18	14	18
J. H. Parker	14	22	20	20
Jas. Dorsey	15	16	18	21
M. McCray	15	18	24	18
J. R. Williams	17	16	16	14
E. Swanson	16	14	15	24
Paul Edwards	15	8	17	22
Jas. Bunby	18	17	19	23
Lon. Thomas	19	20	20	22
H. B. Hollis	21	15	18	19
Layton Weston	20	16	19	22
Layton Weston	22	23	19	23
L. R. Dabbs	18	20	22	18
Ben Tilford	13	22	15	19
J. W. Woodward	19	15	21	21
C. F. West	17	21	19	23
Chas. Walsh	16	15	23	20
M. E. Spencer	20	18	18	20
R. E. Clarke	20	17	20	19
J. Spencer	18	17	19	20
Jas. Strong	22	14	17	20
Wm. Richardson	18	21	18	20
W. Eaton	19	14	20	23
A. Campell	16	19	19	14
C. H. Lightfoot	17	16	21	21
A. J. Edwards	19	17	23	22
John DeCeio	15	17	22	20
Jas. Bumbry	18	18	20	22
Robt. Smithwick	16	16	18	23
L. Garrett	14	12	15	22
F. J. Sykes	14	16	19	15
A. Mitchell	22	23	22	17
Thos. Snowden	20	14	21	21
Joe Graves	15	16	18	20
Jas. Palmore	15	14	16	20
J. E. Banks	15	13	16	23

Baltimore teacher women's gun champ

WATERLOO, Md. — A Baltimore school teacher, shooting less than a year and engaging in her first major tournament, won the national women's championship in the National Trapshooting Association meet on the Falcon Gun Club grounds Monday.

Miss Mildred Williams, who shouldered a gun for the first time last November, broke 15 clay birds out of 25, to gain top honors.

Tied for second, at 14, were Mrs. Justine Spencer and Mrs. Ethel Weston, both of St. Louis, with fourth place going to Mrs. Corrine Ward, of Chicago.

The women's scores, like all others in the three-day shoot, were unusually low due to the weather conditions. Pouring rain marred the Saturday and Sunday efforts of the contestants and shifting wind currents hampered them throughout the finals rounds on Monday.

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This is just about the best all-round bait an angler can use. A party of Virginians, with three Washingtonians, enjoyed a very successful day last Wednesday around Sharp's Island. They caught some 15 rock fish, 35 jumbo spot, and 45 hard heads.

Most of the rock were well over three pounds, while the croakers averaged four pounds or better.

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Streamline

By ARTHUR WALTON

The Chesapeake Bay is the spot to get a good mess of fish.

The stripers (Rock) are working on the surface here, and chumming with live grass shrimp will turn the trick. Numerous spot are on the bottom. Bloodworms, on a light casting rig, with a No. 3 or 4 hook, should produce the frying pan size.

The jumbo white perch along side the huge piers on the Annapolis bridge, and in the marshes, weeds, and lily pads are still biting hard on the grass shrimp. The clever hardheads, the bait robbers to daytime anglers, are a nuisance.

After Dark For Croakers

As we have repeatedly stated, after dark is the better time for croakers, especially if you catch the last ebb.

From here on, the Chesapeake is certain to be run over with no other nearby body of water anglers from all parts because affords such a wide variety of fish.

Old timers tell us that as the fall approaches many of the larger size or rock, hardheads, and spots are likely to be around in larger quantities.

Peeler Crab Best Bait

Most anglers we had the privilege to talk to over the weekend, stated that bottom fishing continues good for hardheads (croakers), Norfolk spot, rock, and flounders.

Most of these fish caught in the Bay, continue to be small in size, but are big enough. Most are a little better than pan-sized. Anglers have had much difficulty in obtaining peeler crab for bait.

Redden gives Bulldogs first gridiron work

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Football drills for the 1953 season have begun for Knoxville College under coach Paul Redden. The Bulldogs open the season against Morristown (Tenn.) College on September 26 on the Knoxville campus.

See you at the Kick-off!
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SATURDAY, SEPT. 26, 2:00 P.M.
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vs
CENTRAL
STATE OF WILBERFORCE
HUGHES STADIUM — Morgan Campus
INTER-CONFERENCE GAME
EACH TEAM HAS WON 2 GAMES
A PLAY-OFF FOR THE TIE
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