

Sugar Ray Whips Villemain

SPORTS

Round-up

SPARKLES IN SPORTS WORLD

Jean Patton of Tennessee State College, National Sprint Champion and a member of the 1948 Olympics team, continues to dot the limelight in her specialty, the 100 yard dash.

Miss Patton surprised a filled Coliseum Stadium by nosing out Majorie Jackson, Australian, sprint champion. Her winning time was 11.2 for the century. Evelyn Lawler of Tuskegee Institute, finished third.

However, Larry until a few days ago, was not pulling for the fences, but attempting to get those timely hits, that fatten the batting average.

His Six Homers
Last year, his coaches predicted that he would easily hit twenty to thirty points higher, if he did not pull for the fences on every swing. That he has been doing. Accidentally, we guess, he has hit six home runs this season, the last coming in Boston last Saturday, in the ninth, with one on.

Jackie Robinson, last year's Most Valuable Player in the National League, has come on with a rush in the past 12 days, and is now batting third in the National League. Robinson, like George Kell of the Detroit Tigers, has come along gradually this season, after winning the batting titles in their respective leagues.

Robinson was batting .362 and Kell, .372 following Sunday's games. Luke Easter, came to life last Friday and Saturday and socked two home runs one each day, giving him a total of five for the season. Lou Boudreau continues to alternate Easter and Vernon at first base.

Meanwhile, Hank Thompson and Monte Irvin of the New York Giants play regularly, and have not been the worst players in the league. Thompson is batting .265, while Irvin who hit two home runs, one a grand slammer, in six days after returning to the Giants, is hitting .231.

Sam Jethroe, according to Jackie Robinson over his Sunday night broadcast, has received much aid from Tommy Holmes of the Boston Braves. Jethroe gives Holmes credit for being a better right-handed hitter than left-handed swing, in the majors.

Sam bats mostly from his right rather than his left, as he did with Montreal, too, Robinson quoted Jethroe as saying, "I am a much better ball player than a lot of the critics gave me credit for being; I knew all the time that I could make the grade."

BIG DON STOPS CARDS, POSTS NUMBER FOUR

Big Don Newcombe, apparently "fit as a fiddle" scattered five hits last Friday night as the Brooklyn Dodgers took the second game of a three game series, 8-1 after losing the first tilt.

Newcombe's win was his fourth against two losses for the season. Following the game, he reported that his arm "felt fine." More than 30,000 fans filled Sportsman Park for the second largest crowd of the season, the largest crowd in St. Louis, was for the opener, the previous night. The Brooks lost it to the Cardinals.

World's Champion Mare in Governor's Trot



One of harness racing's big events of the year will be the Governor's Cup Trot to be held at Northville Downs Friday night. Here is the favorite, Onolee Hanover, who holds the world's record as the fastest four-year-old trotting mare on a half mile track. Inset: Governor G. Mennen Williams of Michigan, who will present the cup.

CLEVELAND ROOKIE, MERITS NOTICE; WINS 7 STRAIGHT

With the Cleveland Indians hurling staff faltering under the constant attack of opponents' big bats, it is about time that the management looked around the Tribe's farm clubs.

Only Bob Lemon, appears able to start and finish a game. Down at Wilkes-Barre, a Cleveland farm club, Sad Sam Jones, former hurler for the Cleveland Buckeyes of the National Negro League is warranting notice, and making Hank Greenberg look good, since the latter signed him to an Indian contract.

Jones, who has won seven straight games this year, is responsible for his team leading the Eastern LLeague by 4 1/2 games. In a total of 62 innings, Jones has allowed but 48 hits, while walking 42 and striking out 52.

He has started seven games and completed each. With tying and winning runs on base. Recently, he was rushed into quell the attack, Wilkes-Barre won.

Can't Pitch?
Bill Norman, manager of the Wilkes-Barre team recently wrote Greenberg, "Jones doesn't know how to pitch, but he sure can throw that apple."

Last year, Jones pitched for the Buckeyes and Rochester Minn., the latter a semi-pro team and compiled an average of 24 wins against 3 losses. Included in his record were two no-hit games and five shutouts.

During the winter season, Jones pitched in the Panama Professional league, winning 10 while losing 4. His earned run average last winter was .214.

Roy Welmaker, pitching with San Diego in the Pacific Coast League won 22 games for Wilkes-Barre last year, and was one of the better liked stars of the league. Jones, tagged "Sad Sam" may succeed in filling Welmaker's shoes.

Although Jones is reported to be a long ways from major league competition, both Greenberg and Norman, think hard work, will eventually land him in the big show.

A native of Fremont, W. Virginia, he is 24 years old and

EX-CHAMP SPURNS LUCRATIVE OFFER

Offer of \$100,000 to Joe Still Stands:

NEW YORK CITY—The new Big Four of Boxing who were out to get IBC, headed by millionaire George Carter, are undergoing some changes in its setup. They have already been disassociated with Andy Niederreiter, their business manager who will promote four outdoor shows of his own this June. But the offer to lure Joe Louis back into the ring—\$100,000 in cool cash, still stands.

Plans of getting Joe to come back are still doubtful, according to Carter, huge but cautious man. Everything is being held up pending the outcome of Ezzard Charles' next examination.

Meanwhile, Joe Louis has left to join the Bailey Brothers Circus as a \$1,000 a day sideshow attraction. He opens in Sarnia, Ontario this week for a 90 day stand. Before leaving for the circus, Joe talked a length with Boxing Club but they came to Jim Norris of the International no definite conclusion.

Y BOYS HOLD TOURNEY

The Boys' Department at St. Antoine YMCA had its monthly tournaments in Ping Pong, Checkers and Billiards last Friday.

About 35 boys participated in the tourney which was concluded with a repast and showing of the 1948 World Series on the screen.

Boys are urged to sign up for the Summer Fun Club which begins June 26. Register at the Boys' Department, 653 E. Elizabeth.

U. OF D. ATHLETIC TEAMS RECORD BANNER SEASON

The 1949-50 scholastic year turned out to be one of the University of Detroit's most successful athletic seasons, a check of final totals for eight Detroit teams revealed.

With seven of the eight Titan squads finishing at or above the .500 mark, the Detroiters compiled a year-long record of 66 victories, 41 losses and one tie for a .617 percentage. In 1948-49, Detroit's percentage was .538 on 56 wins and 48 losses.

Better Records

Four teams bettered their records of a year ago. Coach Bob Calihan's basketball team led the way, bringing up their mark from a mediocre 14-12 to a sensational 20-6 that looms more impressive when one considers that Detroit played in the tough Missouri Valley Conference.

Moderator William Kelly Joyce led his golfers to ten wins and a tie in 17 matches, the most wins ever compiled by a Detroit golf team. Coach Lloyd Brazil's diamond squad pounded out a 10-6 record, far better than their 10-12 mark in 1949. Detroit's fencers finished 6-4 for their best season since fencing became a varsity sport at Detroit in 1947.

Grid Champ

In Missouri Valley Conference competition, the Titans won the football title, finished second in golf and swimming and third in basketball. Only lack of depth kept the swimmers from annexing the Valley crown. Their dual meet record was 3-6. Coach Chuck Baer's MVC mark in football was 4-0, while the Titans won five out of nine for the season.

In track, Detroit won four of five dual meets, the same as in 1949, while the tennis team compiled an 8-8 mark against some of the Midwest's top teams.

Michigan Normal was Detroit's favorite opponent during the past year. The Titans and the Hurons met seven times and Detroit won every time. Michigan State was roughest on the Titans. The teams split in basketball and golf, but State dropped Detroit twice in baseball and once each in tennis and fencing.

'Sugar' Slaughters Robert Villemain In Philly Slugfest

The peer of practically every American fighter and the ring's greatest terror today, Ray "Sugar" Robinson, Welterweight Champion of the World and also Middleweight Champion in Pennsylvania, slugged ruthlessly to victory over France's Robert Villemain Monday night.

Fighting in Philadelphia's Municipal Stadium, before 24,000 rabid fans, Robinson was awarded a unanimous 15-round decision over the stocky Frenchman, who prior to the fight was regarded as one of the best contenders for Jake LaMotta's Middleweight crown.

Nets \$119,000

Robinson hit the courageous Frenchman with practically every punch, known to fighters, during their grueling bout. Except for the sixth seventh and 13th rounds, when Villemain tried hard to reach Robinson's body, the "Sugar" man was in completed command.

Robinson weighed in at 155, while the 5 foot, 6 inch Frenchman weighed 159 1/2. Billed as Pennsylvania's Middleweight Championship fight, the crowd paid \$119,000, to see the slug fest.

Ike's Fists Halt Felton's Rush For Robinson's Crown

Was it Ike Williams or Lester Felton who several times postponed their bout?

From where we sat Friday night, it must to have been Felton. Surely, Williams was not afraid to fight the young Detroit.

A knockdown in the second round of Felton by Ike, threw ice water on the man, who going into the ring, was ranked, "the number one contender for Ray Robinson's title."

Felton's dismal showing against lightweight Williams, knocked his chances of a title fight with Robinson into the bleachers—not at Olympia, but several miles away at Briggs Stadium.

Felton bicycled his way to defeat, as both judges and the referee gave the fight to Trenton Ike-10 rounds to none. Yes, the challenger for the welterweight title—must start all over again.

Williams, on the other hand, dropped directly in the spotlight for a possible shot at the Welterweight title, expected to be vacated soon by Robinson, who is seeking a shot at the middleweight title, held by La Motta.

Meanwhile, LaMotta and Rocky Graziano are scheduled to fight for the middleweight title the last part of this month. Philadelphia's NBA has declared that

Palkowski is slated to compete in the 880-yard run. Irving Petros will be the only Wayne entry in the 90 and 220-yard dashes.

WAYNE TRACKMEN ONLY SQUAD TO GET ACTION

Wayne University's track team will be the only Tartar squad in action on Saturday, June 10. Three Wayne runners will travel to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for the annual CCC outdoor meet.

Coach David L. Holmes will have Harley Greenburg entered in the quarter mile, while John

Rate the year 1950 a year of upsets, for a lightly regarded Cooley track team ran off with the Wayne Relays championships last Saturday at Redford's Sawyer field.

Miller the pre-meet favorite, finished third, despite his power in the 440, 880, relays and broad jump. Also shot put and high jump.

Dave Mann broke the 15-year old broad jump record, zooming 22 feet, four inches, as against the old meet record of 22 feet, one inch.

Al Williams' 4:24.9, in the mile run may not stand as an official record due to the oversight of the builders of Redford's Sawyer Field. Dr. David Homes, sponsor of the meet for the past 16 years, measured the track several times and found it was eight yards under the supposed 440. This means that Williams only ran a short mile, short by 32 feet. Let's hope Dr. Holmes' measurements are wrong and Al can keep his well deserved record.

Miller's 440 foursome—Hershey Bryant, Howard Gordon, Isaac Groves and Dave Mann—flashed around the Redford oval in 45.5 to edge out Highland Park, Cooley and Denby by one tenth of a second. The same quartet came back to cop the 880 in 1:32.7.

As it was in the City League finals Miller was weak in the distance relays. Dues charges only placed in one relay over 880 when they were runnerup to Ferndale in a heat of the mile relay. Ferndale also had the best and winning time for this event.

Miller's shuttle team failed to beat Redford in a heat of this event. Cooley's shuttle boys had the best time for the running with a :60.3.

Runnerup Northwestern had a better balanced attack than the Millerites, for they placed in every event with the exception of the four mile relay, which they did not enter. Northwestern's failure came when the Trojans were strong in the field events.

Friday night we viewed the Felton-Williams tussle. The general opinion of this is that Lester was very much over-matched in his fight with Ike.

Felton was a popular lad in Detroit after his convincing win over Tuzo (Kid) Portugez, but Lester lost a lot of his Detroit friends as a result of Friday night's brawl.

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