

AMERICANS WIN ALL-STAR GAME, 5-2

Satchel Paige, Great Negro Hurler,
Got Break in Majors Past Prime

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NEW YORK—(NEA)—Leroy Paige gets a major league opportunity in the sere and yellow of his career.

It's too bad Satchel Paige, now doing relief chores for the Cleveland Indians, wasn't given a big league chance 10 or 15 years ago. The towering right-hander really would have shown the boys something.

By many, Ol' Satch was regarded as the greatest pitcher who ever lived. No one disputes that he was a remarkable hurler.

But Paige, who admits he will be 40 in September and who many suspect is somewhat older, five years ago had reached the stage where he conserved his energy. In more recent years he has cut loose only when he had to.

Paige has been the greatest Negro baseball figure in history, however, the best showman in the Negro National League and its most magnetic single attraction. He never pressed his right to perform in the majors, declaring that he preferred to perform in his own circuit.

Earned \$40,000 Yearly
This reporter often has written about Paige, and he has been still in—grand copy. He walks like an amiable camel, is reminiscent of Stepin' Fetchit, so languid and loose are his movements. Earning \$40,000 annually, he was for some years the highest-paid pitcher in the business.

Paige, who stands six feet three and a half and weighs 175 pounds, thought nothing of pitching day in and day out 12 months a year. When the native of Mobile lost the bulk of his stuff, he got by on near-perfect control. Prior to opposing Paige in an exhibition game several years ago, Dizzy Dean remarked that Ol' Satch was a darned good pitcher, but lacked a curve. Paige took delight in fanning Ol' Diz with three wide curves.

Paige began playing semi-professionally in Chattanooga in 1920. Three years later he played his first professional game with the Birmingham Giants. He has been with the Kansas City Monarchs the past six years.

Throughout stretches, Paige averaged 14 strikeouts a start. His high is 18, the same as Bob Feller's. That was when he threw only two ways—hard and harder.

Has Unique Stance
Paige stands statue-like, the ball hidden in his glove. No windup. No lost motion. He shoots suddenly from a standing position. Zip and the ball's across the plate. Bearing down, he stretches a little, but there's no elaborate windup even then. But even Paige's admirers admit he hasn't the blinding speed he flashed in his prime. Now he out-smarts batters.

Leroy Paige says he contracted the moniker, Satchel, smashing baggage in the Mobile railroad station as a youngster. But after watching Leroy Paige work when he had it, one was forced to the conclusion that he was so tagged because whenever he pitched the game was in the bag.

Swiss Farmers Plan To Settle in Brazil Area

RIO DE JANEIRO — (AP) — A plan to bring three thousand Swiss farmers to Brazil is being carried out by Brazilian Immigration officials. These immigrants will settle in the central mountainous state of Minas Gerais. They had previously asked to go to the southeast state of Parana

Stellar Pitching, Batting of Raschi Crown Triumph

By JOE REICHLER

ST. LOUIS, July 14 — (AP)—Baseball fans are wondering today whether the mere sight of an American League uniform drains the power from the bats of the National League hitters or whether the senior circuit has simply developed a defeatist complex.

It may be a combination of both. Although the American Leaguers went into the 15th annual all-star game yesterday with more bruises than one of Joe Louis' sparring partners, it had a comparatively easy time knocking off its "cousins" for the 11th time in 15 meetings.

The score was 5-2. But for Stan Musial's first-inning home run, the National Leaguers would have suffered the added embarrassment of a shut-out. Not that a shutout is something new for the National Leaguers. They probably still haven't got over the 12-0 calcsomining they took back in 1946.

As a matter of fact, the reputed National League power-men have scored only three runs in the last three losing games, all on home runs. Johnny Mize, big New York Giants first baseman, accounted for the National's lone run last year with a Ruthian smash.

In 15 games, they have scored exactly 45 runs, or three per game. In yesterday's contest the Nationals amassed eight hits to six safeties for the winning American Leaguers.

Loss Hard To Take
Of all their defeats, yesterday's probably was the hardest to take. With the exception of Eddie Stanky, little Boston Braves' second baseman, and shortstop Marty Marion of the St. Louis Cardinals, every member of the original 25-man squad was in splendid shape.

In sharp contrast the American League outfit was riddled by injuries. The "heart" of the attack, Ted Williams, Joe DiMaggio and George Kell, was slowed up by injuries. The two "money" pitchers, Bob Feller and Hal Newhouse, were hors de combat.

In addition, the National League mound staff was well rested. **Ex-Portland Game's Hero**
Credit Victor Raschi, a sophomore member of the New York Yankees pitching staff, with being the hero of the 1948 all-star game. He took charge of the National League in the American League's victory just as he has taken control of hitters in his own loop during his brief career.

Just a little over a year ago, Raschi was coiling on the Portland club of the Pacific Coast League under manager Jim Turner. He had won eight and lost two when the Yanks asked for his recall at midnight on a Thursday. The following Sunday he was in Chicago pitching one-half of a doubleheader.

Before the season was over Raschi had won seven and lost two for the world champions-to-be. He saw little action in the world series, appearing in two games for a total of one and two-thirds innings.

This has been his big year to date. After losing his first start at Washington, April 21, he reeled off nine consecutive victories from May 8 to June 30 before he was beaten by the onrushing Boston Red Sox. His season mark

is a sensational 10-3. Nine of his 15 starts have resulted in complete games.

In yesterday's game when Raschi was left in by manager Bucky Harris to bat for himself with bases loaded and only one out in the fourth inning, Harris knew what he was doing.

"Raschi has won at least three games for us with hitting," Harris said in the clubhouse after the game.

His line single over the head of Third Baseman Andy Pafko drove in two big runs that snapped a 2-2 tie and started the Americans on their way.

Then he followed this up with a brilliant burst of clutch pitching in the sixth when he struck out rookie Ritchie Ashburn of the Phils with the bases loaded.

Title at Stake In Game Tonight

League Standings	W	L	Pct.
VFW	10	3	1.000
Schermer's Squirrels	5	8	.833
Sutherland's Pastime	3	10	.600
Peppi-Cola	3	10	.500
Youngs Bay	2	11	.400
Umpqua Flywood	2	11	.286
Montgomery Ward	0	15	.000

The league-leading VFW softball team meets twice - defeated Sutherland Pastime tonight in what may develop as the game of the year. The Vets are riding the crest of an undefeated season and must win the final game tonight to assure themselves of the championship for the first half of league play. The 7-15 opener will match Youngs Bay and Umpqua Flywood.

The Vets may meet their toughest opponent of the year in the Sutherland team. Although the Taverners have lost two of their five games, one of those defeats came as an upset at the hands of a surprising Youngs Bay aggregation. Sutherland out-hit and out-fielded the Squirrels when the two teams met July 2, but six walks in two innings proved the winning margin as the Squirrels bunched their four hits in two innings to drive in the winning runs.

Sutherland lost their games by one- and two-run margins but on the other hand, they have driven in more runs than any other team in the league. Twice they topped opposing teams with skyrocket scores, 19-8 and 22-5.

Olympic Games Discus Champ of 1932 Passes

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, July 14 (AP)—The 1932 Olympic games discus champion, John Anderson, 38, died Saturday in the Alaska Peninsula fishing village of Naknek. His body was brought here yesterday.

Death resulted from a blood clot on the brain, an autopsy showed. Employed by the Columbia River Packing Co., Anderson won the Olympic discus crown at Los Angeles with a record throw of 162 feet 4 7/8 inches. The mark was broken in the 1936 games at Berlin.

He was competing under the colors of the New York Athletic club.

Hessell, Angelo Will Battle On Next Mat Card

When Bruno Angelo beat Gordon Hessell in the main event of last week's wrestling card at the Roseburg Armory he immediately demanded a title shot with the Pacific Coast light-heavyweight champ.

Hessell however isn't convinced the villainous Angelo can clean him fairly and was reluctant to give him the match. But after considering he decided to let the former world's champ have his crack, so the match is to be the main event for Saturday's card.

But Hessell did demand one stipulation — that being Angelo must get down to the light-heavyweight. Right now Angelo is seven pounds over the 180-pound limit. The villain will have to weigh in Saturday afternoon and should he fail to make the weight, the match will be non-title.

Roseburg fans have another good surprise in store for them when Tex Hager returns to the local ring in the semi-final encounter. Hager has been in Chicago for several months. While in the midwest Hager, of Creswell, made a big hit and built up an outstanding reputation. The dynamic "Creswell Cyclone" has lost none of his old color so fans will witness the same old likeable grappler. Hager goes against newcomer MacDonald in the match. MacDonald is a clean grappler, too, so a good scientific, although colorful, battle is sure to be in the offing.

U. S. Athletes On Way to London For Olympic Games

NEW YORK, July 14 — (AP)—U. S. Olympic teams in a star-spangled party of 304 athletes, coaches and managers shove off today for the games of the first post-war Olympiad in London, July 29-Aug. 14.

They sail on the U. S. Liner America under the flying Olympic flag hoisted amidships in ceremonies similar to those which sent off the last pre-war Olympic contingent to Berlin in 1936.

This boatload of talent—ranging in character from experts in foot-racing to weight-lifting, from fancy diving to pistol marksmanship—represents 15 of the 21 American Olympic teams.

The other six U. S. teams are either already overseas, are going by air, or are leaving on the British Liner Queen Elizabeth tomorrow.

At the head of the whole American set was Avery Brundage of Chicago, the veteran sachem of U. S. amateur sports.

Brundage, after a last-minute check of American prospects, said things looked pretty good. Brundage made it clear that although the American Olympic

budget has not been met, none who qualified for the teams in the American trials will be left at home.

The last official money count showed \$80,000 short of the \$120,000 estimated as needed for the travel, care and feeding of a total of 341 competitors and 59 coaches and managers.

Brundage said thousands of dollars had come in since then, assuring the tail-end qualifiers that they can forget their worries and come on aboard.

Night Baseball Target of Kick In Jersey Locality

JERSEY CITY, N. J., July 14 — (AP)—It's up to Chancery Court now to decide whether night baseball will be continued at Chatham, N. J. Residents of the suburban community are a bit divided on whether the game is a pleasure or a headache.

Fred Gilmour, who lives next door to the Green Village fire department's field where the games are held, applied for a temporary decree to bar baseball playing there after 9 p. m.

He told Vice Chancellor Charles M. Eagan in his complaint that the cheering fans, the loudspeaker announcement of lineup changes, the slamming of automobile doors all caused him sleepless nights.

"I can't even talk to my wife across the table because of the terrific noise. They even shoot off fireworks," he said in court yesterday.

But James Barrett, counsel for the fire department, went to bat for the ball fans. He said Gilmour and five of his neighbors were the only objectors in the area. He offered a petition of 195 names of nearby residents who he said were in favor of the night games.

CLEVER CUBBING

CHICAGO — (AP) — A woman witness in felony court was a deaf-mute. But Frank Denardo, a rookie policeman, solved the problem of taking her testimony by communicating with her in sign language. "Where did you learn to talk with your hands?" Judge Charles S. Dougherty asked when the hearing ended.

"Picked it up from a buddy in the army," the cop said. "Used it all the time to cuss out the first sergeant."

Field Dedication To Precede Ball Game Tomorrow

Roseburg's Umpqua Chiefs worked out under the lights on the new baseball diamond last night and pronounced the \$15,000 field in fine shape. The field will be dedicated tomorrow night when the Chiefs meet the strong Coquille Loggers in a return game, starting at 8 o'clock.

Fans won't soon forget the thrill they got the last time these two teams met at Finlay Field. The locals battled from behind to tie up the game in the ninth inning, then went ahead in the tenth to win, 3-2.

Chiefs Manager Doug Taitt said yesterday that the new field will be dedicated at a special pregame ceremony. Representatives of ten local businesses have donated their time, labor and money to make possible one of the finest playing fields in Southern Oregon. During the ceremony, the field will be officially turned over to the Senior High School.

Taitt said that when regular practice sessions are held, starting next week, young ballplayers of high school age or over will be invited to work out with the city team. According to Taitt, the Umpqua Chiefs ball club is run on a community basis as a strictly non-profit organization. This is one of the reasons that starting positions on the team will be held open for any ball player who shows promise.

"The Chiefs are interested in fielding the best team possible and anyone from the Roseburg area is eligible to try out," he said.

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