

# Challenger's Corner

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The Brooklyn Dodgers' usually milk-mannered catcher, Roy Campanella, came to a fiery life recently when he charged out to the mound, bat in hand, in the Bum's important series with Milwaukee. Campy's target was Selva Lewis Burdette Jr., Braves' hurler who had just fanned the hard-swinging Campanella.

It took some fast thinking and action on the part of Carl Furillo, who rested the banishing bat from the incensed Campanella, and the umpires to avert an apparent free-for-all between players of the two teams.

Campanella said later that he was provoked because Burdette called him a dirty name. Burdette, born in Nitro, West Virginia, had no comment to make on the fracas. The Brooklyn team charged Burdette with racial bias, but plate umpire Tom Gorman says he didn't hear the remark that so incensed Campanella. If the Milwaukee partisan crowds can be the judge of the affair, Burdette was acquitted of any "guilt" the next night when he had to come in and quiet a Dodger uprising. The baseball-hungry Braves fans heartily cheered Burdette in his relief role and soundly booed the robust Campanella every time he came to bat.

This is not the first incident to occur in the major leagues involving race prejudice. Probably many more have been squelched by players, umpires and management. Other similar cases will present themselves in the fight for individual recognition in the baseball world. In the heat of a tight pennant chase or even in a close game not involving a pennant, tempers are subject to get out of control and racial slurs are apt to fly. Cooler heads seem to prevail and integration continues in America's great pastime.

Milwaukee has three non-white players on its major league roster, all three are Negroes. One, Bill Bruton, is regarded as one of the season's greatest prospects. Bruton is speedy and a top-notch center fielder. His hitting seems to be his great worry. Other Negroes on the Milwaukee team are Jim Pendleton, acquired from Montreal of the Brooklyn chain, and George Crowe, a first baseman who is again trying to land a regular berth with the Braves.

Sports in brief: Dave Mann and Ollie Matson are playing together on the Fort Ord football team, a squad that includes Don Heinrich, the great University of Washington quarterback . . . Wally Jackson will not return to the Oregon State grid team this fall . . . Luis Marquez is hitting below .300 for Toledo in the American association. Sam Jones, the fireballer that hurled for San Diego two years ago, is compiling a winning record with Indianapolis in the same league . . . Al Smith, who played left field for the Padres when Jones was firing them across the plate, is roaming the outfield for the Cleveland Indians . . . Gene Baker, rated by many of the coast's sportswriters as the classiest fielding shortstop in the Pacific Coast league, was in on the free-for-all between the Angels and Hollywood at Gilmore park recently.

Baker tangled with the Hollies' third sacker Gene Handley but umpires finally broke up the shindig. The game had two fistic outbursts, one lasted for almost twenty minutes . . . Produce Merchants enter the city softball playoffs next week minus the service of Lonnie Harris. The talented Harris turned a knee in a recent game and is now walking around with the aid of a cane. Pitching for the Merchants is the unpredictable Al Rivers, a fellow who seems to have a world of stuff and a head of nothing. Chances are that Rivers would win more games if he concentrated on pitching to batters and not to the crowds.

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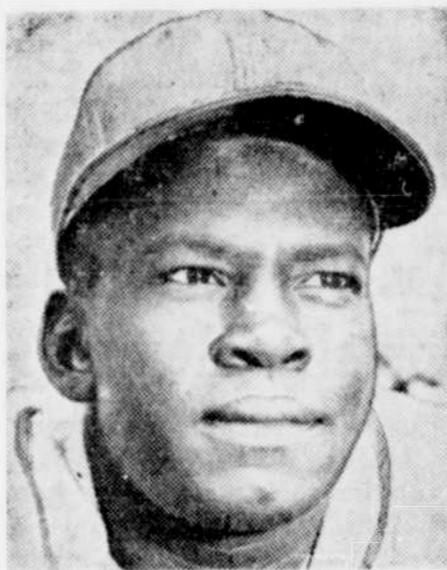
Emmett Williams, ex-Oregon standout guard who is now trying out for a regular berth with the Chicago Cardinals, will return to Multnomah stadium Labor Day when the Cards tangle with the Los Angeles Rams in an exhibition football game.

Williams is with the Cardinal team at the pro squad's training quarters at Lake Forest college in Illinois and is reportedly making a strong bid for a starting position on the Cardinal eleven.

Woodley Lewis and Norman Van Brocklin will see action for the Rams. Both are ex-Oregon stars and have proven top pro grid performers. Lewis is rated as one of the best defensive backs in the professional circuit and Van Brocklin is acknowledged as one of the game's great posers.



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