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BEATING THE GUN

By Alvin Moses

WOULD YOU HAVE KNOWN THAT?

NEW YORK, (ANP)—Come June, 1946, CARLOS TORRIENTI, one of the greatest (if not the best) colored outfielders, hit more home runs than the immortal BABE RUTH 2 3/4 years ago in Havana?

Torrienti, billed as the "colored home run king" drove more home run balls out of the Almondoras park than Ruth did when the Bambino was at his hitting best.

Maj. ROY MORSE, Tuskegee air unit, did more to place the Salem Crescent Athletic club, New York City, on the athletic map than any single athlete in its long history? It was the summer of 1915 that Morse whipped peerless HOWARD P. DREW, winning both the 100 yard and 220 yd. events. (National AAU championships, San Francisco) in world record-equalling time. He was the most cocksure, proudest buckaroo Public School 89 ever developed. N. B. (Morse could also fight like a pit, terrier, even when he scaled but 125 lbs.)

FRANK GRANT, called by leading white writers the "Black al Chase", was, as you know, a master first base man. But he never attempted to learn how to master his temper? His escapades on the diamond in this connection were legion. Today, he languishes in prison doing a life stretch for a killing.

One was white, the other colored. Both were contemporaneous (1922-27) boxing in the same division, most of the time both were without the sight of one eye. Jack Dempsey flatly refused to fight either man. The two fought each other quite a few times each fight resulting in a humdinger. If I told you any more I might as well write their names out. Do you know either of their names or both?

Answer: Harry Greb, former middleweight champion who fought heavy-weights; Kid Norfolk, heavyweight champ of Panama and one of the finest 175 pounders of all time.

Colored wrestlers haven't been too numerous in the public print. But there was one who claimed that the blood of royalty (Africa) flowed through his veins when actually, he was out of a small Ohio city. He was around the middle of the late '20s . . . What's his name?—Answer: REGIS S.K.I.

JAMES EVANS ruled as "colored pocket billiard champion of the world from 1919 to 1933. Bob (Believe It or Not) Ripley immortalized Evans when he did a sketch of Evans' perfect position playing. Do you know the names of five "white" world's champions at pocket billiards who came off second best (most of the time) in matches against the fair-skinned Evans?

Answer: Ralph Greenleaf, Andrew Ponzi, Rudolph, Caras and Frank Taborski.

Before the turn of the century, the woods were just filled with top colored jockeys. There was one so great that contemporary writers of that era called him the "Black Archer". He was the finest judge of pace the turf has known to date. What's his name? — Answer: ISAAC MURPHY.

BASKETBALL has known scores of great men, members of every race on the face of the globe. Some nationally white players of recent and present years were Beckman, Holman, Lopchik, Barney Sedran, Hank Luisetti. The tan-colored boys answered to names like Jenkins, Cumberland (Cum) Posey, Tarzan Cooper, Bill Yancey, Dolly King, Ardanozo Dash, et al. One man's name I have purposely left off. He possessed the deadliest eye of any of them from around the 15 foot line. Can you name this player?— Answer: PAPPY RICKS.

That FRANK FORBES, boxing judge with the N. Y. State Athletic commission, former basketball player (called "Strangler"), football and baseball player while at Lincoln university; persn in charge of activities at Negro National league baseball games, has joined the small army of persons ofinw package liquor stores having one at 164th St., NYC.

That BOB FITZSIMMONS, called the greatest of all 160 pound fighters, actually did face JACK JOHNSON in the prize ring? Do you know the year? Would you have knowledge of the result?— Answer: 1907, Jhnsn won by a knockout in two rounds over the aged Fitz.

That most ball players who know all about the terrific hitting prowess of JOSH GIBSON, called best Negro catcher baseball has ever known by "Cum" Posey and others, still incline towards—BUDDY PETWAY, battery mate of the unpredictable WICKWARE, the man who once defeated the immortal WALTER JOHNSON, Washington Senators hurling genius.

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Eckstine Gets New Road Manager

NEW YORK—(ANP)—Singing Maestro Billy Eckstine has hired a new road manager for his band in the person of Sid Fields, a recently discharged combat infantryman who was decorated for bravery in action on Guadalcanal and Bougainville with the 164th Infantry. Fields took over Billy's managerial reins as the Eckstine band concluded a week at the Paradise theater in Detroit and

embarked upon a lengthy one-nighter tour of the mid-west, southwest and south.

In army service for the past four-and-a-half years, three of which he spent in Pacific combat, Fields' last civilian job had been as road manager for Artie Shaw. A musician himself, Fields at one time held down a trumpet spot in the hands of Tommy Dorsey, Mal Hallett and Gene Krupa.

Eckstine had been operating as a road manager since last July when Frank Sands departed the band and to accept a post with the Moe Gale agency in New York.

Virgil Richardson



Former 15th Air Force pilot, who is actor-narrator in the Sunday afternoon American Negro theatre radio presentations over station WNEW, in New York City. A graduate of Wiley college, he is also studying law at New York university. —ANP Photo

Plan Memorials To Roosevelt

WASHINGTON—(ANP)—Simultaneously with the announcement of the creation of a Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial foundation to raise funds for the establishment of a school of human relations in honor of the late President, the National Sports foundation here hinted that it was considering a plan to build a \$300,000 Negro gymnasium in honor of Roosevelt.

Details of the plan were not available, but an official of the foundation said that an architect was working on a design. It is believed that the foundation will seek to raise funds for the gymnasium through public subscription.

Memorial Foundation officials said that the school of human relations which it proposed would provide an opportunity for students from all parts of the country, and in time from all parts of the world to study at close hand the process of liberal democracy as a vital, progressive force for the achievement of justice, security, and peace at home and throughout the world.

GI Championship Bouts Move to Japan for Finals

MANILA, P. I.—(ANP)—At least 12,000 GIs from New Guinea to Okinawa saw the finals of the AFWESPAC championship bouts at the famous Rizal coliseum here recently. The finals will be fought in Japan.

Ending a series of 10 nightly bouts, those who managed to win honors to compete in the finals in Japan are Bimbo Descuorido, an 118 pounder, who was considered the luckiest winner of the night. He was given a decision over Jimmy Thornton of Ohio.

George Dun, a Connecticut featherweight, defeated George Williams of New York. Their bout was the second best of the evening. In the 132 pound class, Richard Brown, Pittsburgh, won a decision from William Milton, a wary New Jersey fighter; Tommy Campbell, Rock Island, Illinois, kayoed James Kirkland, both 141 pounds, of Jersey City, in 1:45 of the first round.

Butch O'Hara, 147 pounds, of Newcastle, Pa., was the only white boxer to win a championship. He defeated William Patrick, Chicago, a senior welterweight. Eddy Elton, Arkon, O., emerged as the outstanding boxer of the tourney. He beat Billy Townsed, Spokane, Wash., on points in three close rounds. Both are light heavies. Elton, who has a deadly right, resembles Sheldon Bell, rated as the best boxer of this war" Bell and Elton are in the same class.

Guy Williams clashed with Norman Jennings in the heavyweight class. Williams, a 192 pounder from Philadelphia, encountered a slippery foe in the 254 pound Jennings, who knew that if he was nailed by Williams' right the fight would be over. Jennings proved he knows ring strategy and is one of the boxers to watch in the future.

Some of the most promising fighters developed by these service bouts are Sheldon Bell, Tommy Hogan, Ernest Knight, John Pugh and Eddy Elton. Those worth watching are Richard Brown, Garry Williams, George Williams and Norman Jennings.

Gen. Styler, Commander of AFWESPAC, presented the prizes and congratulated each boxer. Winners were presented with certificates, wrist watches, a gold medal and \$100 in war bonds. Runners up received certificates, wrist watches, silver medals and \$50 in war bonds.

"Big Boy" Brown and Dave Johnston To Be Guest Opponents for Champ Roy K.O. Miller to Meet Roman Starr

World's Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis will find himself facing an opponent from both races on the night of Tuesday, December 11. The Negro opponent will be "Big Boy" Brown a 230 pounder from Chicago whose weight will prevent his bouncing as many times as the other opponent Joe will face. The other opponent is to be a boxer well known locally, Dave Johnston from Pendleton. He weighs only a measly 205 pounds. Both

Rogon's heavyweight sensation, a ten rounder that was a sizzler and that he almost K.O.'s Mr. Kahut. In fact, some people say that Kahut was lucky to get the decision. It promises to be one of the best bouts ever to be on the card at the Auditorium and would certainly get top billing if the champ was not to be on the same card.

Three other bouts will be on the card on the night of Tuesday, December 11, but who cares. The fight fans are going to see the most popular fighter in the world today, an ex-soldier, a man, an American, a Negro, the world's Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis. He is at present showing his wares in Seattle. On his way to this one week's engagement, the champ stopped off in Portland about 2 A. M. Monday morning. He looked in the pink of condition although a little fat. He said at the time that he would begin getting ready for his date with Billy Conn when he boxes those eight rounds on Tuesday evening, who do not know that this Roman Starr fought Joe Kahut,



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