Jackson Was Better When He Didn't Think

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GREENWOOD LAKE, N.Y. — (NEA) — There's a schism in the Tommy (Hurricane) Jackson fight camp.

The Animal, as they call this character cast out of Darwin, has developed a propensity for thinking and self-expression.

Lippy Breidbart, his verbose manager, and bash-nosed Freddie Brown, his trainer, don't like it.

"Smart fighter don't stick out his chin and let you hit it," complained Freddie. "Trouble is he thinks he's smart. He won't listen any more. He thinks he knows everything.

"The guy was a better fighter six months ago before he licked Bookerini (translated Bucceroni). All he wants to do now is trade punches. People think we don't teach him nothing."

"Freddie's raised him since infancy," interrupted Lippy. "Why, he don't even know how to stand up when we find him couple of years ago.

"Every time he opens his mouth he costs me money. After the Slade fight, he said there was something wrong with his arm. There was nothing wrong. But I have to pay for x-rays because the commission says so.

"If he don't like something, he makes up these stories and maybe figures, in his own cute way, we give in to him. That's why he doesn't want to go to camp because the fresh air makes him feel lousy."

And, Jackson, what does he think?

"Fella don't feel right all the time," he blurted from the dressing room table at the Long Pond Inn training headquarters after a sweat-inducing workout. "Fella got a right to be different. My head bother me, too. I don't like it up here. Feel like I'm in a cage."

Since the Slade fiasco, attributed variously to fresh air, his mother's nagging and a girl friend planted by the opposition, Breidbart prefers to keep the untrammeled child of nature under close surveillance.

Jackson's amazing stamina and ability to absorb punishment are his primary assests, and perhaps only ones, as a fighter. Jimmy Dilenge, his sparring partner in training for the Nino Valdez fight at Madison Square Garden, tonight, has also worked with Rocky Marciano and claims Jackson takes a punch as well as the champ and is just as tireless.

"But," he says, "Rocky is more powerful and would break him in two. Jakson can't hurt you."

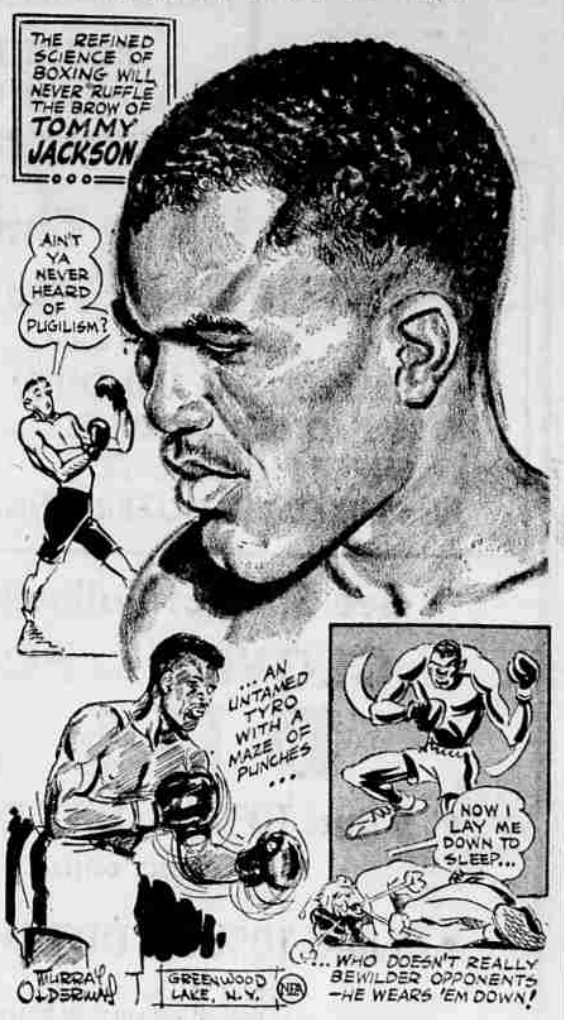
Still, he has a left hook that stings and, above all, cuts. In his last five fights — against Charley Norkus, Jimmy Slade, Dan Bucceroni, Clarence Henry and Rex Layne — the Hurricane opened gashes with flicking gloves.

On defense, Jackson theorizes. "I let 'em hit my chin. That way they punch themselves out."

Which is where Breidbart and Brown come in.

One of those socks might take Jackson out, too.

SURVIVAL OF FITTEST



ANOTHER SELVY

GREENVILLE, S.C. (AP) — Furman University won't lower its basketball sights because of the graduation of All-America Frank Selvy who toppled many records.

The 1954-55 schedule calls for games with such teams as LaSalle, NCAA champion; North Carolina State, Atlantic Coast Conference champion; and George Washington, Southern Conference title holders.

Manager Birdie Tebbetts of the Cincinnati Redlegs played against the Redlegs in the 1940 World Series. He was then a catcher for the Detroit Tigers.

Minor League Baseball

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INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE
Montreal 4, Ottawa 2
Rochester 5, Richmond 3
Toronto 6, Havana 2
Only games scheduled

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
Louisville 7-8, Charleston 1-0
Kansas City 6, St. Paul 5
Columbus 5, Toledo 2
Indianapolis 5, Minneapolis 4

TEXAS LEAGUE
San Antonio 9-6, Houston 6-4
Oklahoma City 3, Dallas 2
Shreveport 8, Beaumont 7
Fort Worth 13, Tulsa 5

PIONEER LEAGUE
Ogden 5, Billings 1
Magic Valley 5, Pocatello 3
Salt Lake City 10, Great Falls 6
Idaho Falls 8, Boise 2

COMPETITIVE FISHING

LAKE WALES, Fla. (AP) — The competition for a square meal is rugged in waters around here.

Fishing from a canal bank, Louis Joiner hooked a large blackfish. As he hauled it ashore, A small snake crawled out of its throat and swam away.

Joiner put the fish on a string and left it dangling in the water while he continued fishing. When he returned, a big snake had swallowed the fish.

PUTTED TO 11TH PLACE

SPRINGFIELD, N.J. — Sam Snead, who now has failed to win the U.S. Open golf title 14 times, sounded like an outboard motor after his third round 72 put him five strokes off the pace.

"If I could only take advantage of the greens," said the White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., pro. "It's the same old story — putt, putt, putt, putt.

"Off the tees I play like a machine. I missed the edge of the fairways only twice and when I get on the greens I can't see them. I just lost another Open."

The STANDINGS

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PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pct.	GB.
Hollywood	63	39	.618	-
San Diego	59	42	.584	3 ½
Oakland	54	47	.535	8 ½
San Francisco	52	50	.510	11
Seattle	44	54	.449	17
Sacramento	45	57	.441	18
Los Angeles	43	57	.430	19
Portland	42	56	.429	19

Tuesday's Results
San Francisco 4, Sacramento 1
Oakland 2-6, Seattle 1-7
Hollywood 11, Portland 0
Los Angeles 5, San Diego 2

Western International League

	W.	L.	Pct.	GB.
Victoria	3	1	.750	—
Lewiston	6	2	.750	1X
Tri-City	5	2	.714	½
Yakima	4	2	.667	—
Edmonton	3	4	.429	1 ½
Salem	2	4	.333	2
Vancouver	1	3	.250	2
Wenatchee	1	7	.125	4

(X - Ahead)

Tuesday's Results
Salem 3, Tri-City 2
Wenatchee 6 Vancouver 2
Edmonton 7, Yakima 5
Lewiston 13, Victoria 8

National, American League standings unchanged.

WOMEN'S GOLF

There will be no play for women golfers of Reames Golf and Country Club this Friday due to the fact that the Senior Men's Caravan will use the golf course on that day.

Clubs To Meet Despite Tradition Of Day Off After All-Star Game

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With no complaints from the newly organized players "association," the Brooklyn Dodgers and the Milwaukee Braves will resume the National League pennant chase a day ahead of schedule at Milwaukee tonight.

The day before and the day after the All-Star Game traditionally are off days in the majors, but this is the only opportunity the two clubs will have to make up a postponed game, so it will go on.

The Brooks will have an opportunity to shave half a game off the New York Giants' lead of 5½ games, but if they're going to do it, they'll have to beat Jim Wilson, who has yet to lose a game in six decisions. The Brooks will go with Russ Meyer, who shows a 6-2 record for the year.

The big news in the Braves' camp concerned Bobby Thomson, who has yet to play a game because of a fractured right ankle suffered in spring training. Thomson, who was dealt to the Braves by the New York Giants during the winter, hit a two-run, pinch-hit homer in an exhibition game in Toledo Monday night.

He's not ready for full-time service yet, but Manager Charlie Grimm said he will not hesitate to use him as a pinch hitter immediately.

"But I don't know how long it will be before he can run well enough to play regularly," said Grimm.

As it is, the Braves, who thought Thomson would give them the added punch to win the pennant this year, are too far out to make a bid. They're in fourth place, 15 games off the pace.

The Brooks had a little good news of their own. Johnny Podres, the 21-year-old rookie left-hander, who underwent an appendectomy June 23, is back with the club, although not quite ready to pitch.

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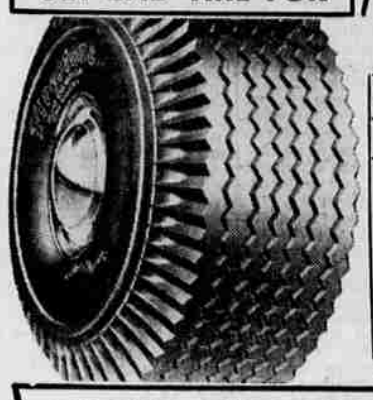

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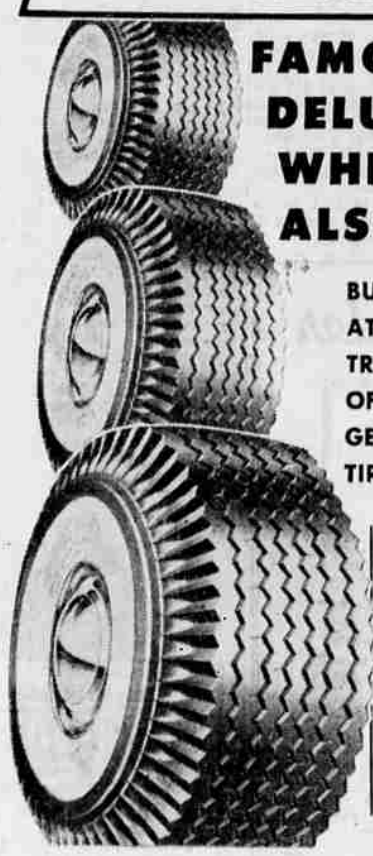

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