

SPORTS

Roughnecks Take Second Place

The Beaumont Roughnecks held second place in the Texas League standings today, bounding to within eight games of first-place Houston with their third straight win over the sinking Dallas Eagles last night.

Randy Harry Schaeffer left handed the Roughs to a 4-to-1 win by restricting the Eagles to six spasmodic hits.

Three of the Dallas blows off Schaeffer came in the eighth inning, but the rally was snuffed out after one run by a Beaumont doubleplay.

Bill Abernathie and Roy Sanner gave up eight hits, with Abernathie charged with the loss.

The Eagles found themselves in a tie for third with San Antonio following the loss—the Missions climbed with a 7 to 3 battering of Oklahoma City.

The Padre's Tommy Fine held Oklahoma City scoreless until the eighth. All the Indian scores came then, two of them on a homer by pitcher Al Gerbeuser. San Antonio's Jim Dyck homered in the fifth with two on.

Houston beat Tulsa 3 to 1 in the overtime 10th by powering across two runs. The scores broke up a handsome pitching fust between the Buffs' Wilmer (Vine-

gar Bend) Mizell and Jim Blackburn.

The willowy Houston ace allowed only five hits, and Blackburn was tagged for seven.

The fourth league game, matching Shreveport and Fort Worth at Fort Worth, was postponed because of wet grounds.

Tonight Beaumont and Dallas clash again at Dallas, Shreveport tries again at Fort Worth, San Antonio stays at Oklahoma City and Houston finishes its series with Tulsa.

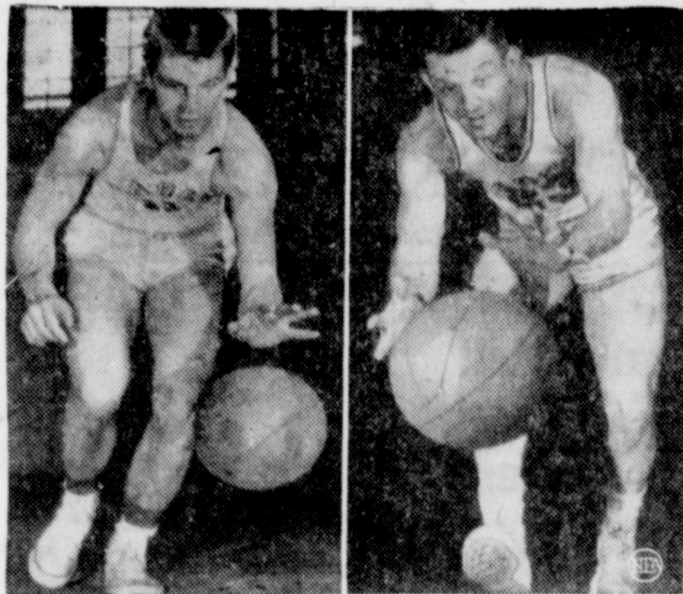
Walcott-Charles Rematch Slated For Chicago

NEW YORK, July 25 (UP)—Viewing the fist panorama today, promoter Jim Norris said there was a possibility the return Jersey Joe Walcott-Ezzard Charles' title fight would be staged at Chicago Stadium, Sept. 28.

No site or date has been picked yet, he emphasized. "But we are seriously considering Chicago Stadium, where we could draw more than \$400,000 without gambling on the weather."

Immediately after Jersey Joe's upset title victory over Charles at Pittsburgh last Wednesday, Norris and associates favored the New York Polo grounds on Sept. 26 for the return brawl. And it still may be staged there on that date.

Norris planned to discuss the match today or tomorrow with Felix Boecchicchio, Walcott's manager, at New York offices of the International Boxing Club.



BASKETBALL STARS ACCUSED—District Attorney Frank Hogan has charged in New York that eight Bradley University basketball players were involved in throwing games during the past three years. Hogan said the players admitted accepting bribes when questioned by Peoria, Ill., police. Hogan named only four of the men, Bill Man, 24, left, and All American Gene Melchiorre, 23, right, among them. (NEA Telephoto).

FELLER STILL THROWING AS HARD; BALL NOT AS FAST

NEW YORK, July 25 (UP)—Back in the grove of greatness as the first Major League pitcher to win 14 games this season, Bobby Feller insisted today that he "never was worried" during the last three years in which he was thought to be washed up.

"It didn't bother me, those things they said," Feller disclosed as he awaited a critical start against the New York Yankees.

"I didn't pay any attention." "I knew I had plenty of stuff and all I had to do was work hard and develop control," he added. "Sure, I knew my fast ball wasn't what it used to be. But all I had to do was learn to pay a bit more attention to the hitters' weaknesses and pitch to spots instead of trying to power the ball past them."

It took work, and plenty of it. But the man they once spoke of with awe as "Rapid Robert" was the one who didn't know anything else. Even today, with another 20 game season virtually assured, Feller is one of the hardest workers in the game.

On his day off, as the Cleveland Indians opened their make-or-break series with the Yankees all he did was pitch a half hour's batting practice, shag flies for 15 minutes, run for 10 minutes and do 15 minutes calisthenics.

"Actually, those last three years in which they said I was 'finished' weren't too bad," the muscular one-time Iowa farm boy grinned as he towled himself in the locker room. "I won 19, 15, and 16 games in the last three seasons. Not great, but not too bad, either."

Still, it wasn't the old Feller who five times had bettered the 20-game victory mark.

"I might quote Lefty Gomez and say that I was throwing just as hard but the ball wasn't going as fast," Feller chuckled as he stripped down and tossed a pair of long-handled drawers at the locker room boy.

"Nobody had to tell me the fast ball was slowing up a little."

"But what did it, I think," he continued, "was when I hurt myself in a game at Philadelphia in 1947."

Feller's fast one was working that day, as he struck out nine of the first 11 men to face him. But at that point his spikes caught in the mound and he fell heavily, tearing a cartilage in his shoulder muscles.

"I had a lump there half as big as a hen's egg," he recalled. "Then I think, I pitched too soon afterwards. Anyhow that was the end of the ball I used to throw past them whenever I wanted to. But for the first time the lump is completely gone this year and I feel fine."

That incident, however, changed Feller's thinking—not only his pitching.

"I realized that control was my main objective," he explained.

"I always had plenty of stuff, a good curve and a fine slider. But now I had to be able to put them where I wanted them. This year I've got that control."

Bradley BB Team Involved In 'Fix'

PEORIA, Ill., July 25 (UP)—The spreading basketball "fix" scandal, which shocked Bradley University when five players admitted taking bribes, was expected today to involve another University "somewhere between Illinois and the Atlantic seaboard."

That was the clue issued by Vincent A. G. O'Connor, assistant District Attorney from New York who led the investigation of Bradley. O'Connor said his chief New York D. A. Frank Hogan, may make an announcement "possibly today."

Whatever further announcements are made, this town has been stunned by the revelations concerning Bradley.

Accused of "shaving points" in

two games last season were All-American Gene Melchiorre, 23, and four of his teammates—Bill Mann, 24, captain of last year's team; Aaron Preece, 24; Charles Grover, 22; and Jim Kelley, 20.

Another team member was quizzed and released and O'Connor said he was looking for a seventh Bradley player for questioning.

As for the other school that may be involved, O'Connor said, "we have within the past 10 days

in the course of our investigation around Chicago and east of Chicago been checking into another university." However, he emphasized that the suspected school is not located in Illinois.

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Before making this contract we checked with De Leon on the type of carnival and reliability of the management. They stated that their contracts with the show for the past seven years had been satisfactory. We also went into detail with their representative on the type of games they had, stating that we did not wish to promote anything that would be considered gambling or that would be objectionable to the general public. Bingo and doll racks were mentioned but we did not consider them objectionable. As a result they agreed not to set up their penny pitch board which is played with coins and another game played with dice. They further agreed that after opening, any other games that proved objectionable would be closed on request. We had hoped to bring a show here that would meet with the approval of the public in general.

The Legion, as a service organization, spends a considerable amount of money each year in promoting and assisting civic projects. Sufficient money for these projects cannot be raised with the seventy-five cents from each member which is kept by the post. Our purpose in sponsoring this carnival was to furnish entertainment that the people would enjoy and at the same time acquire funds for future worthwhile purposes.

We are not of the opinion that the show was closed because of gambling as charged. Also the closing could have been handled differently, eliminating the inconvenience to all concerned. The Legion stands willing to cooperate with all city, county and state officials and law enforcement officers. All that we ask is the opportunity.

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KILLER'S PACE

BY JULIUS LONG

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THE STORY: Star Williams tricks a jury into acquitting Rose Bidault on a murder charge, but his stunt is exposed and he faces dishonor unless he can prove his trick was a last resort to save an innocent client. Star sends me, Jim Marshall, his ice-man, back to question Rose and I find her murdered and a local tough has Rose's car in his garage. I search her apartment. In a gun duel I shoot Bidault in self-defense. Police don't hold me after I tell my story.

MERICA eyed me with cold doubt. "That money and watch in LaGrange's pocket. I figure you planted them there. LaGrange had quite a record. He was a high-priced triggerman from way back. He worked with some of the best bank mobs in the country. Being in stir couldn't have broken him down to second-story work for peanuts. Whatever reason he had for prowling in the Bidault house, it wasn't to cop 50 bucks and a watch."

I shook my head. "Supposing LaGrange was big time? He wouldn't be above picking up some change on the side would he?"

I almost said there wasn't much money besides the \$50 in LaGrange's pockets. I think I reddened a little.

Merica snickered. "A triggerman like LaGrange stabbing a sleeping girl with a pair of scissors? Besides, why would he hang around the place a couple of hours? No, Marshall, LaGrange didn't do that job. Maybe you didn't either, but you know more than you're telling me and you'd better level."

Star Williams said softly: "There's no 'maybe' about Jim not killing Rose Bidault. She meant everything to me alive, and Jim's fate is pretty much wrapped up with mine. You know Andy Tanner's already filed against me for tampering with the state's evidence in the Bidault case. My only

out was and is to prove that Rose Bidault was not guilty. I sent Jim to see Rose. You may as well know that."

Merica respected Star, but he had to laugh on that one. "Are you trying to kid me, Mr. Williams? Don't you remember that I did some work on the Bidault case? That girl was as guilty as they come, and you know it!"

"No, I don't know it. After she was acquitted she changed her story. She admitted Barney's death wasn't accidental, but denied having any part in it. Unless I can prove her denial, Andy Tanner will nail me to the cross."

Merica's eyes widened, then they narrowed in incredulity. "Just what new version of the murder did Rose give?"

"That is confidential. As you know, I am not required to disclose the confidential communication of a client."

Merica grinned. "Especially when there is no communication in the first place!" He walked out. I asked Star: "Why did you tell him about Rose's denial that she murdered Bidault and her new story?"

"Because I'd already phoned it to Max Feldstein first. It'll be in the paper. Somebody may be awfully curious to know just what Rose did tell you. So, if I were you, I'd re-fill that holster with plenty of gun!"

I SPENT part of the next few hours oiling up a .38 automatic that I hadn't used in quite a while and part in doing a little leg-work on the Prater outfit. The company took its name from Carl Prater, the president, who owned 49 per cent of the stock. The controlling interest was owned by Barney Bidault's estate and the Interstate Holding Company, also owned by the estate, as Barney had created it. It was the front

he used in swindling operations with the hapless inventors that he backed.

I knew I was getting warm. As a matter of fact, the Prater outfit itself was plenty hot stuff. Prater had invented a new type of hermetically sealed burial vault made of a special alloy. Cheapness of construction was its special feature: the whole thing could be stamped out without welding. I got all this dope from a pal of mine, Smiley Wetlaufer, whose old man owned the biggest funeral parlor in town.

When I mentioned the Prater outfit he groaned and said: "They've got a product all right, but we've never used it. Their price just meets the trade; that's why they're coining money—they produce the vault at half the trade production cost. Other vaults are just as good, so we never felt any urge to change. Besides, Jack never liked Prater."

Jack was Smiley's father. I absorbed what he'd told me and asked: "Know anything in particular about this Prater? About his private life, I mean?"

"WHAT is this? How come you're so all of a sudden interested in Carl Prater?"

"Never mind. Can you answer my questions?"

"Oh, I've seen Prater around. He's in the 50s and the belated playboy stage."

"Where does he do most of his playing?"

"Oh, here and there. I've seen him oftenest at La Jolla Club. You've been there?"

"Once. I don't like paying 80 cents for a bottle of beer."

"Well, I guess the high cost of beer doesn't bother Carl Prater much these days. He's really got a good thing, even if he owns only half the stock in the company. Wait a minute—I think I'm beginning to understand your sudden curiosity about Prater. Old Barney Bidault owned the other half of the Prater stock, didn't he?"

"Fifty-one per cent. Well, thanks, Smiley. I may be around again asking questions."

"Any time."

(To Be Continued)

Missions Give Negro Tryout

OKLAHOMA CITY, July 23 (UP)—A Negro baseball player was to work out here today under the eyes of Jo Jo White, manager of the San Antonio Missions.

White said Joe Nathan Norman, University of Oklahoma Negro graduate student, called him Tuesday and said he had a letter from Jimmy McGlothin, from manager for the St. Louis Browns ordering the tryout.

No Negro has ever played in the Texas League, which is composed of five teams from Texas, two from Oklahoma and one from Louisiana.

"I'll work him out today, but I don't know just where or when," White said. "I don't care if he is colored or white—it makes no difference to me."

White said Norman is "just a kid and has no contract with the St. Louis organization at all."

"I'll just look him over. If he can play pro ball, he would not necessarily be signed on the San Antonio club."

Bill Veeck, owner of the San Antonio team, has recently acquired the St. Louis Browns in the American League.

Norman enrolled at OU last January. He is a graduate of Philander Smith College in Little Rock and has played semipro baseball in Arkansas. White said he doesn't know what position Norman plays.

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Mrs. H. L. Hassell, president, presided over a short business session and opened the meeting with the singing of the hymns, "My Faith Looks Up To Thee" and "Faith of our Fathers," with Mrs. Stephen at the piano. Sentent prayers were given by each of the group.

Bottled soda pop and Cokes were served following the program.

Present were Meses. Ina Bean, E. J. Turner, W. P. Leslie, R. C.

Ferguson, A. E. Cushman, T. M. Johnson, Frank Crowell, James Horton, J. Morris Bailey, E. M. Grimes, Cecil Collings, Davenport, Hassell, B. O. Harrell, L. C. Brown, and a guest Mrs. W. E. Coleman of Waco and the hostess, Mrs. Stephen.

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Mrs. Cornelius Taylor, and her eldest son, S. G. Cornelius of Temple.

Children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of Mrs. Eunice Cornelius Taylor honored her on her 84th birthday with a family reunion and birthday celebration Sunday, July 22.

Seventy-five relatives and friends including all of Mrs. Taylor's immediate family attended the annual luncheon which was held in the office portion of the Victor Cornelius Theatrical Advertising business.

Mrs. Taylor has lived in Eastland since 1918. She is the former, Miss Elice Bennett, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bennett. She was married to A. B. Cornelius at Corinth, Miss., Feb. 1, 1884. Mr. Cornelius died in 1926 and in 1937 Mrs. Cornelius was married to the Rev. J. H. Taylor, who died Nov. 20th 1944.

Mrs. Taylor is very active, she baked four of the cakes for the birthday reunion dinner.

After the meal, guests presented the honoree with gifts. Attending the reunion from out-of-town were Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Cornelius of Temple; Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Cornelius, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cornelius, Caron and Eunice, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Dendy, Mr. and Mrs. Leo O. Puckett and Carolyn—all of Abilene.

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Mrs. Eura Lee Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. John Paul Scott, Mary Anna and John of Fort Worth.

Those from the reunion who attended the reunion were Mrs. Florine Miller, Larry, Sammy, and Victor; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cornelius; Paula Lynn Lovelace; Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cornelius, Kathleen and Albert; Mr. and Mrs. Victor Cornelius, Miss LaVerne Cornelius, Miss Evelyn Bigsby; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller; Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Bennett; Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Germany; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Germany; and Mrs. C. W. Pettit.

Mr. and Mrs. Norris Wilson have as guests in their home, Col. and Mrs. C. F. Roberts and daughter, Robin of Albuquerque, N. M. and Mr. Wilson's mother, Mrs. Eura Wilson of Childress.

The wedding will be at 8 o'clock Saturday evening, August 11th at the First Methodist church in Eastland, with the Rev. J. Morris Bailey, pastor, officiating.

Miss Frazer is a graduate of Eastland High School, where she was queen and was the best all round girl during her senior year. She was a member of the Harmony Girls the Maverick band, and the Sub-Deb Club.

She is a senior student at North Texas State College, Denton, where she is a member of the Kappa-Kappa-Kappa Sorority and the Junior Mary Arden Club.

Mr. Thompson is also a senior student at NTSC, Denton, where he is a member of the Trojan Fraternity. He is a graduate of Pol-

technic High School of Ft. Worth.

Several parties have been planned for Miss Frazer among which are a formal tea August 7th, the rehearsal dinner August 10, and the bridesmaids luncheon August 11th.

Mrs. J. O. Hirst, formerly of Eastland, who is now in Gorman caring for her mother, who is ill, visited here over the week end with her sister-in-law, Mrs. J. H. Parker and Mr. Parker.



Miss Shirley Frazer

Shirley Frazer's Approaching Wedding Announced Here

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Frazer are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Shirley Jeanine Frazer to Ralph Dale Thompson of Fort Worth, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Thompson, 2738 Ave I, Ft. Worth.

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Miss Frazer is a graduate of Eastland High School, where she was queen and was the best all round girl during her senior year. She was a member of the Harmony Girls the Maverick band, and the Sub-Deb Club.

She is a senior student at North Texas State College, Denton, where she is a member of the Kappa-Kappa-Kappa Sorority and the Junior Mary Arden Club.

Mr. Thompson is also a senior student at NTSC, Denton, where he is a member of the Trojan Fraternity. He is a graduate of Pol-

technic High School of Ft. Worth.

Several parties have been planned for Miss Frazer among which are a formal tea August 7th, the rehearsal dinner August 10, and the bridesmaids luncheon August 11th.

Mrs. J. O. Hirst, formerly of Eastland, who is now in Gorman caring for her mother, who is ill, visited here over the week end with her sister-in-law, Mrs. J. H. Parker and Mr. Parker.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Page and Pearson Grimes, Jr., spent Saturday and Sunday on the Page Ranch in Aspermont, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Brown and son Stanley Brown of Dallas were the recent visitors in the home of Mrs. N. T. Johnson.

Mrs. Bailey Hinton and children are visiting with their husband and father and other relatives this week in Odessa.

Week end guests here in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Harrell were their children, Mrs. Herman Faust and Mr. Faust of Turnersville, Orval Harrell and Mrs. Harrell and daughter Elaine of Ft. Worth, Mrs. B. S. Dudley, Jr. and Mr. Dudley of Ranger and Mrs. Harrell's sister, Mrs. Sam Chambers and son of Gatesville.

Joining the group Sunday were their daughter, Mrs. Bill Walters, Jr., Mr. Walters and daughter, Gayla.

John Jackson of Dallas visited here with friends over the week end. He was best man in the wedding of his friend Charles Lucas Jr. and Bobby Shero held in Weatherford Saturday evening.

Paulette Goddard Has New Lover

PLYMOUTH, Eng., July 25 (UP) — Actress Paulette Goddard was secretly wooed by a young New Yorker en route here from the U. S. on the liner Ile De France, she revealed last night.

The movie star said two notes and one long letter were pushed under her cabin door by Dick Blackstone, of New York.

Blackstone told reporters: "My private life is my own. All I gotta say is she was on the ship, she's beautiful, so I chased her!"

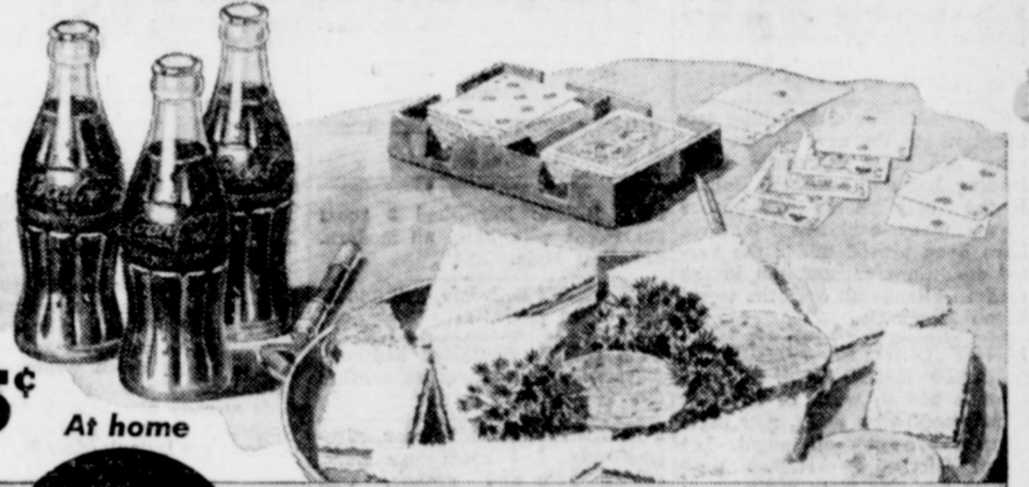
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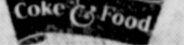
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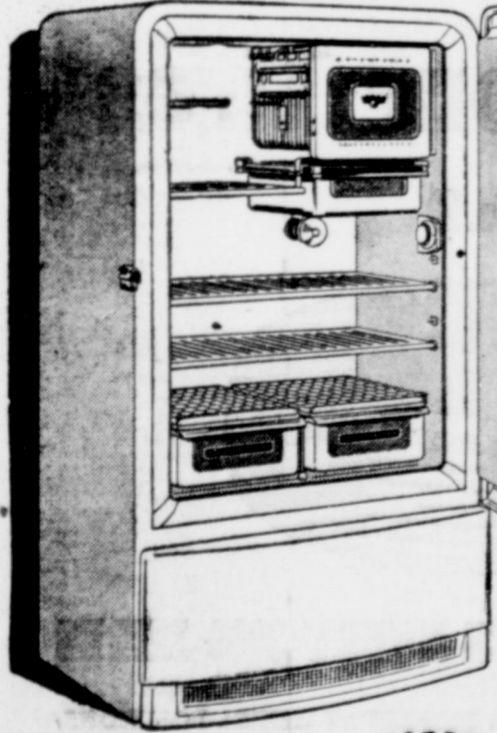
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