5 CHAMPS GO TO BOSTON AAU NATIONALS

Baltimore Boxers Entrain Saturday for Title Meet

Two Northwestern Police Boys' Clubs Among Group Making Trip to Amateur Tournament

Five amateur boxers, who won South Atlantic Association championships in the recent tournament, will leave tomorrow (Saturday) for Boston where they will seek additional AAU championships in the three-day boxing tourney which opens in the Hub City Monday.

The Baltimore champions who will make the trip are Elmer Barksdale, Ringside A.C., 118-pound class; Harvey Jones, Marco A.C., 175-pound class; Jerome Holt, Northwestern District Police Boys' Club, 135-pound class; Milton Pack, also Northwestern, 147-pound class, and Charles Hamlin, Baltimore A.A., 160-pound class.

The other three members of the Baltimore contingent, all white, are Leon Perouty, Poodles A.C., 118-pound class; Joe Sanchez, YMCA, heavyweight, and Jack Fisher, Poodles A.C., 126-pound class.

Leaves Saturday

The team is expected to entrain from Baltimore late Saturday and arrive in Boston on Sunday morning. After a rest, they will limber their muscles with light drills then relax until good time Monday when the three-day eliminations get under way.

This marks the first national competition for all of the champions, but each, on his record, has showing in the local tournament is expected to give a good account of himself.

Stonewall Fights Secrett Monday

Stonewall Jackson, the free-swinging Washington welterweight, will battle Sammy Secrett in a 10-rounder at the Coliseum Monday night.

Jackson, a frequent Baltimore performer, replaced Terry Moore as Secrett's opponent after the latter withdrew early this week. Moore holds one victory over Secrett, having gained the edge in a match several weeks ago, but decided he needed more rest before tackling the tough Pittsburgh scrapper again.

Jackson has a record of five straight victories here, his two latest being triumphs over Willard Coffey of Huntington, W.Va., and Willie Cheatum of Philadelphia.

Ben Taylor Gets Scorecard Pact

Ben Taylor, popular baseball star of a few years back, may continue to publish and sell his scorecards, but under a new name and not within the gates of the Bugle Field home of the Elite Giants baseball team.

This was the arrangement reached by lawyers representing Taylor and Richard Dubin, who now has the concession at the East Baltimore ball park.

The controversy arose when Taylor continued to solicit ads for the score books he has been sponsoring for the past four years. Up to the present season, Taylor had been permitted to sell the books in the stands of the ball park.

Under the arrangement reached by S. Sam Levin and Josiah F. Henry, Taylor may publish score books but under the name of Ben Taylor's Score Card and may not offer them for sale within the park proper.

Joe Tate Decisioned

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Joe Tate, Philadelphia middleweight, was decisioned by Leroy Coleman, Los Angeles, in the featured bout wind-up of a boxing show here Thursday night.

CIAA Boxing, Wrestling Meets Impress Spectators

HAMPTON, Va. — The enthusiastic reception accorded the CIAA's two-day boxing and wrestling championships here recently makes it clear that they are no longer "minor" sports in the CIAA.

The competitions, here, Friday and Saturday, Mar. 19-20, which saw Hampton and Morgan tie for the boxing championship, and the home team run away with the wrestling crown for the second straight year, kept the gymnasium well populated throughout several lengthy sessions.

Clarence Goldsby, Morgan's hard-hitting 165-pound champion, came in for a great deal of cambiscussion along with the seven Hampton crown-winners—two in boxing and five in wrestling.

Miss 2 Chances

Goldsby not only scored impressive TKOs in his semi-final and his championship matches, but he won the Charles Kirkland trophy awarded the outstanding "hard, clean fighter." Kirkland, three-time 125-pound champ in the CIAA, president of the Hampton Athletic Council, and donor of the trophy, Cochran of Howard, defending champ, in the finals. Cochran and Norvel Lee, Howard's heavyweight scrapper, had a chance to give Howard its second straight title by winning the last two bouts of the evening, but high fashion, by slender margins.

Howard's 14 points was two behind Hampton's and Morgan's 16 apiece. Wen Virginia State had 10; Delaware State, 8; Virginia Union, 6; Winston-Salem Teachers, 6, and North Carolina A. & T., 4.

Wrestling team scores were: Hampton, 42; Lincoln, 21; Virginia State, 19; Morgan, 18; Delaware State, 15, and Howard, 5.

Also participating in the two meets were J. C. Smith, North Carolina College and North Carolina A. & T.—making a dozen competing teams in all.

Bankhead Sent to Montreal

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field or utilizing him as a pinch-hitter during the season. However, a last minute change of opinion resulted in Bankhead's transfer to oMntreal, where it is expected he will gain the experience necessary to make him of value to the Dodgers.

Throughout the last three weeks of the 1947 season and during the spring training at Cuidad Trujillo, Bankhead showed plenty of stuff on his fast-ball and curves, but somehow was never able to display the control and poise on the mound that the Dodgers demand.

Weightlifting Title to Davis

PHILADELPHIA

Although one of his numerous records were broken by another competitor, John Davis, of Brooklyn, copped the heavyweight title in the Senior Atlantic AAU weightlifting championships Saturday night, at Witherspoon Hall.

Davis's total of 985 points was 18 points under the world record he set in the international championships at Convention Hall last September. Representing the York Barbell Company, he finished 70 pounds ahead of Lou Abele while.

The smashed record was the national press mark of 273 pounds Davis set when he was a light-heavyweight. Stan Stanczyk, world titleholder in that division, eclipsed the mark when he pressed 280.

Louis to Return to NY on April 12

NEW YORK — Joe Louis, who closed a 9-week exhibition boxing series in London last Saturday, and has been resting in Paris, will arrive in New York on April 12 and leave for a Michigan training camp two days later, officials of the 20th Century Sporting Club said Wednesday.

Louis will do road work and general conditioning chores at Bloomingdale, Mich., from mid-April until May 18, when he moves to Pompton Lakes, N.J., for five weeks of intensive boxing.

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Dr. Luther H. Foster, president of Virginia State College, presents an award to John Williams of Armstrong High School, Richmond, for being the most valuable basketball player.

STANDING OF LEAGUES

GIRLS' LEAGUE

	Won	Lost
Woodpeckers	53	28
Rosebud	51	30
Five Roses	48	33
Double Headers	36	45
Strand Co-eds	31	50
Berger Bowlers	28	53

MINOR LEAGUE

	Won	Lost
20th Century Jr.	48	26
Sporting Dukes	46	32
Strand Jr.	42	36
Eagles	41	37
Atomic Five	41	37
A. T. Wright	40	38
Windsors	38	40
Martin Locals	30	48
Rice's Bombers	28	50
Fremont Social	27	51

MAJOR B. LEAGUE

	Won	Lost
Cubbies	59	28
AFRO Gladiators	57	30
Five Cabelarros	50	48
Radio Five	50	48
Blue Ribbon	49	49
Royal Crown	29	69

MAJOR A LEAGUE

	Won	Lost
Wild Cats	48	23
Rainbows	48	23
I. A. B. C.	37	34
Black Warriors	30	48
Markets	30	48
C. & P.	24	54

MAJOR LEAGUE

	Won	Lost
20th Century	58	27
Streamliners	51	34
Strand	45	42
Redcap Ale	41	46
Woodmen	36	51
Boulevard Aces	36	61

SOCIAL SECURITY NITE

Team No.	Won	Lost
Team No. 4	44	38
Team No. 3	40	40
Team No. 1	34	46
Team No. 2	34	46

SOCIAL SECURITY DAY

Team No.	Won	Lost
6	64	5
8	42	27
3	42	31
1	37	32
7	34	35
4	29	40
2	20	49
10	20	49
9	14	55

Olympic Prospect Trains at Union

RICHMOND — Attending Virginia Union is a 23-year-old ex-GI whose track coach Sam Taylor has tabbed for an Olympic berth on the U.S. squad in the middle distances.

This prospect is Louis (Jack Rabbit) Smith, a sophomore. In his first year at Virginia Union, 1946, Smith won the National Intercollegiate half mile in 1:52, less than three seconds off the world record.

He has been inactive, this year, however, because of a pulled ligament in his left leg suffered in the Knights of Columbus games in Boston. He was running the last lap of the 600 when it happened, but he finished third anyway.

Coach Taylor plans to let Jack Rabbit open up in the latter part of April. Smith has been coming along slowly but steadily, strength in his legs. His recent activities have been with the school's cross country team.

During the war, he served as a sergeant with the 92nd Infantry Division. He hopes to qualify for the Olympic trials at the National Intercollegiate championships at St. Paul, and then enter the trials at Northwestern University.

Baltimore Rollers Beat Washington

Baltimore bowlers defeated a team from Washington, Saturday night, in a special match at the Strand Alleys, 2966 pins to 2901 to 1601, in a three-game total pin match.

Myers rolled a high 370 for the Baltimore team, while other Baltimore keglers scored as follows: Ball, 363; J. Williams, 366; Webster, 358, and Doo, 365.

Exum had a high 358 for the Washington rollers, with others rolling as follows: Franklin, 322; Roy, 313; Coleman, 327, and Bob, 295.

The scores:

BALTIMORE

	1	2	3	Total
Myers	123	116	131	370
Ball	117	127	119	363
J. Williams	116	126	124	366
Doo	123	117	125	365
Webster	117	124	117	358
Totals	596	610	616	1822

WASHINGTON

	1	2	3	Total
Franklin	104	112	106	322
Roy	104	105	104	313
Coleman	107	114	106	327
Bob	95	98	102	295
Exum	117	120	121	358
Totals	527	549	535	1611

Entry Deadline Next Wednesday

Classy Field Expected for Annual City Run

Entries for the 20th annual Baltimore Health Week marathon began to pour into the Baltimore Urban League headquarters late this week, and indications are that a heavy field will toe the mark in the 5½-mile trans-city run on Apr. 10.

Revived last year after a wartime lapse, the annual distance grind is expected to lure the cream of the Middle Atlantic area cross country runners, both collegiate and independent. In addition, the best of the Maryland and nearby scholastic runners will compete in the high school or junior division.

Sponsors of the annual event have set Wednesday, Apr. 7, as the deadline for the filing of entries. By that date, the top runners of Morgan, Howard, the local and Washington YMCA's and prominent clubs from Wilmington and Harrisburg will have filed their entries.

Last Year's Winners

The entry list is expected to include the names of the White Horse Club's outstanding runners, George Rodney and Don Henicke, the latter, who finished one-two while, who finished one-two in the long grind last year. Rodney was the winner in 29 minutes 25 seconds, with Henicke right on his heels.

A high school youth from Harrisburg, Linwood Dunn, a veteran, Dr. Mason, local vegetarian, who is 63 years of age, has finished the race every year since it began.

In all, a representative and competitive field is anticipated, with the prospect of a thrilling race. Proceeds of the Health Week go to the sponsors. The grind starts at Federal and Barclay Sts., and winds its way through the Monumental City streets to the finish line.

Robinson-Abrams Fight April 21

CHICAGO — The Ray (Sugar) Robinson-Georgie Abrams bout, scheduled for Chicago, has been postponed until Apr. 21.

Frankie Carbo, Robinson's manager, promised to post a $5,000 appearance bond, and told the commission that Robinson would be in Chicago there at least 10 days before the fight.

Baroudi Benefit Bout Postponed

CHICAGO — The bout between Ezzard Charles, Cincinnati light-heavyweight contender, and Elmer (Violent) Ray of Minneapolis, scheduled for Chicago Stadium, was postponed from Apr. 12 to Apr. 17.

The five-day extension was requested by Charles, who said he had contracted a cold in his back. Charles and the two promoters, Jack Begun and Ivy Schonwald, have pledged $10,000 from their shares of box office receipts for the family of the late Sam Baroudi, Arkon (Ohio) fighter, who died after a Feb. 20 bout with Charles.

10 Tournaments Carded by UGA

WASHINGTON

The Royal Golf Club, Monday, released a list of 10 United Golf Association tournament dates, starting this summer over links in seven States.

The Penn State Open scheduled at Philadelphia, June 26-27, will open the tourney circuit which will end the National Open, Aug. 23-27, in Indianapolis, Ind.

The tournament dates follow:

June 26-27—Penn. State Open, Phila.
July 2-5—Sixth CIO Open, Cleveland.
12-13—Eastern Scot Foursome, Washington.
17-18—Minn. Rbs, Minneapolis.
26-28—Gotham Golfers, New York City.
31-Aug. 1—Miami View Open, Dayton, O.
August 7-9—Ohio Amateur, Cleveland.
13-14—Chicago Women Open, Chicago.
16-18—Windy City Open, Chicago.
23-27—National Open, Indianapolis.

Mohawks Rout Northwest Police Boys Club, 26-2

In their first softball practice game of the season Monday on the Douglass High School field, the Mohawks trounced the Northwest Police Boys' Club score, 26-2.

Teams seeking games with this livewire outfit are requested to write W. B. Harris, 1344 Woodyear St. for details.

Golf Pro's Reputation Spares Fine

His reputation as an outstanding golf pro, spared Sparkey Yates, 38, of 1361 N. Calhoun St., a cash fine in police court, Thursday morning, after his arrest on the charge of acting disorderly.

Officer Webster Lewis testified that Yates ignored his order to move on while firemen were fighting a two-alarm blaze in the cellar of the former New Albert Hotel.

Magistrate Thomas L. Fitzpatrick, told that Yates is a golf instructor, imposed a suspended fine on him in keeping with his policy of teaching citizens to respect patrolmen.

The fire caused very slight damage and was confined to the basement of the building at 1224 Pennsylvania Ave. A second alarm was sounded as a precautionary measure.

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Overflow Crowd on Hand as Brooklyn Nips Royals

Campanella Plays as Dodger for First Time; Initial Interracial Tilt in State

By SAM LACY, AFRO Sports Editor

VERO BEACH, Florida—Jackie Robinson marked the initial appearance of the 1948 Brooklyn Dodgers on U. S. soil by crashing a first inning home run as the Bums downed their Montreal Royal Cousins, 5-4, at Dodgertown Wednesday.

A crowd of 5,100 Florida fans, 3,000 of them colored, watched the proceedings. Also witnessing the diamond affair were Governor Millard Caldwell, Vero Beach Mayor Merrill, Barber and Baseball Commissioner Happy Chandler.

Robinson, breaking the ice as the first colored player to perform in a major league exhibition game in Florida, was greeted with scattered applause from the white stands on his initial trip to the plate. His reception from the colored section, happily enough, was not overdone.

Colored fans overran the section set aside for them a full hour before game time, and twice compelled police to lower the ropes and open a new section to them.

Overflow Crowd

Where one section was provided at the outset, three were occupied by the time Umpire Larry Goetz called "play ball." Still there was no overflow which stretched three deep from the left field foul-line into centerfield beyond the flagpole.

In the crowd were fans who had come from scattered points throughout Florida, from as far north as Jacksonville and from such remote points as Orlando, Daytona, Bradenton, Liberty City and Belleglade, among others.

A horde of Robinson's well-wishers motored the 150 miles from Miami, some leaving as early as 6 a.m. and making the day a holiday occasion.

The Dodger first baseman did not let them wait long for their reward. He banged a two-and-two pitch on a line to left, the ball sailing over the heads of the overflow for a circuit smash.

Starts Rally

Montreal Southpaw Divian Shoat settled down thereafter and held the Brooks to four hits the rest of his stay on the mound. Jackie's run loomed larger as the game wore into the sixth with the Dodgers holding their slim 1-0 advantage.

Auto Glass Shattered

Removal of Sloat in favor of Joe Smoklin, however, was the signal for the Dodgers to chalk up four tallies to ice the game. Again it was Jackie who started the fireworks. He walked, moved to second on Augie Vaughan's blow to left and to third on an error by Catcher Sam Calderone, who counted as Gil Hodges filed to center.

In three times at the bat, Jackie homered, filed to center in the third and to third base in the seventh. He drew a pass in the sixth.

The International Leaguers staged a 4-run uprising in the eighth but fell one short of deadlocking the score.

Campy Now Bats

Roy Campanella, making his first appearance in the Bum's uniform, drew a cheer when on his iomt trip to the plate in the seventh.

The Brooklyn Dodgers purchased the contract of Campanella from the Montreal Royals early in after the arrival of the two clubs here.

Bankhead Traded

At the same time, it was announced that Dan Bankhead, fast ball pitcher, of the Dodgers, would go to the Montreal Royals for more experience.

Bankhead, who was purchased from the Memphis Red Sox of the Negro National League last September for $15,000, has been ineffective as a hurler since joining the Dodgers but showed well as a hitter. The latter fact prompted President Branch Rickey to experiment with him as an outfielder, but last-minute judgment resulted in Dan's transfer to the Royals on the theory that he would be of greater value to the Bums as a pitcher, once he gains the necessary experience.

MONTREAL	AB	R	H	PO
DeWitt, cf	3	0	0	1
Tepsic, cf	1	0	0	0
Lennon, rf	3	0	1	2
Smoklin, p	0	0	0	0
Shoat, p	0	0	0	0
Sauer, 1b	3	0	0	9
Bloodworth, 2b	3	0	0	1
Lennon, 3b	3	0	0	1
Dapper, c	3	1	0	0
Campanella, c	1	0	0	0
Lindsay, ss	3	0	0	1
Bell, ss	1	0	0	0
Buckner, p	0	0	0	0
Totals	30	4	3	15

BROOKLYN	AB	R	H	PO
Robinson, 1b	3	2	1	8
Vaughn, rf	3	1	1	1
Hermanski, lf	2	0	0	2
Hodges, 1b	2	0	0	8
Snider, cf	3	1	0	4
Rodger, 2b	3	0	0	1
Campanella, c	3	1	1	0
Cox, 3b	3	0	0	0
Jorda, ss	3	0	0	1
Brown, 3b	4	0	2	1
Wilkinson, p	0	0	0	0
Banta, p	0	0	0	0
Palica, p	0	0	0	0
Totals	32	5	6	27

A—Batted for Smoklin 8th inning.
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Brooklyn 100 000 04o—5
Errors — Chalderone. Runs Batted In — Robinson, Vaughn, Mikska, Brown, Sandlock, Morgan. Two-base Hits—Reiser. Three-base Hits—Sandlock. Home Runs—Robinson, Reiser. Bases—Connors. Sacrifices — Sauer, Bloodworth. Left on Bases — Montreal, 6; Brooklyn, 7. Base on Balls, off—Banta, 2; Smoklin, 2; Buckner, 1; Shoat, 1; Palica, 1. Hits Off—Banta in 6 innings, 3. Off—Palica in 3 innings, 3. Off—Schallock in 1 inning, 1. Hit by Pitcher— by Sloat (Mikska). Winning Pitcher—Banta. Losing Pitcher—Sloat. Umpires—Goetz, Mikska, Collier. Decision. Time of Game—2:25.

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BATTING

	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	Avge.
Bankhead (B)	4	3	0	2	0	0	0	.667
Robinson (B)	14	35	5	11	3	0	2	.314
Campanella (B)	9	29	3	7	0	0	1	.241
Newcombe (M)	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	.000

FIELDING

	G	A	E	DP	Avge.
Robinson (B)	14	52	9	0	9	1.000
Campanella (B)	9	16	4	0	1	1.000
Bankhead (B)	4	2	0	0	1	1.000
Newcombe (M)	3	5	0	0	0	1.000

PITCHING

	G	IP	H	SO	BB	ERA
Newcombe (M)	3	12	10	7	5	2.2
Bankhead (B)	3	5	9	4	6	4.7

Tulsa's Booker T. Quint Cops National Cage Title

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — History repeated for the fourth time here Saturday night in the Booker T. Washington gymnasium when the famous Williams quintet of Booker T. Washington High School of Tulsa, Okla., coached by Redmon Williams, overwhelmed a hard-fighting but badly outclassed Don Thompson High School quintet of Memphis, 64-29, to capture the fourth annual tournament of the National High School Basketball Association, sponsored by Tennessee State College.

It was the fourth straight year an Oklahoma team had carried away the bacon and the third time in the four-year history of the tournament Tampa had floored an entry which gained the championship round, only to be denied the title by superior teamwork and coaching "know-how," and mastery of all the mechanics of the game.

Coach E. P. Ranson's Tampa boys won the admission of tournament fans and were game fighters in defeat, but were simply outmanned and outplayed in the game.

Porter bagged 22 points in his team's losing bid to run his tournament total in four games to 63. Finishing second to Elston Howard of Vashon High of St. Louis, Mo., runner, for top honors, Howard had 68, in four games.

Gibson Sparks Mates

Sparking the flashy Oklahomans were Tom Gibson with 17 points. Gibson, a member of Williams' team, Lamar Latimore, who finished with 16. Latimore, the crack Tulsa juggernaut were followed by Eddie Hughes, Lennon Pegues, Felix Bryant, Herbert Hunter, John Simmons, Thad Butler and John Laddie.

BTWHS finished the finals by turning back Ballard Normal of Macon, Ga., 47-37; Alabama State High of Montgomery, 42-31; and Douglass High of St. Louis, Mo., 41-31.

Don Thompson made the finals by beating Beaumont Parish Training School of Deridder, La., 47-32; Dunbar High of Lexington, Ky., 58-48; and Pearl High of Nashville, 50-36.

Thirty place honors were taken by Vashon, which romped over Pearl, 52-48, in a thrilling prelim to the championship contest.

Other Results

In other games, Pearl defeated Jones High of North Little Rock, Ark., 43-35; Vashon shaded Kelly Miller of Clarksburg, W.Va., 52-46; Jones High whipped Menifee, also of Arkansas, 42-41; Kelly Miller bagged Phyllis Wheatley of Houston, Texas, 42-33, Vashon turned back Burke High of Charleston, S.C., 39-22; Ala. State trimmed Crispus Attucks of Hopkinsville, Ky., 57-50; Pearl ruined Chatham High of Ackerman, Miss., 52-26; and Dunbar nosed out St. Elizabeth Catholic High of Chicago, 46-43.

Top individual scorer of the tournament was Elston Howard, deer-footed forward of Vashon, with 68 points in four games. Highest individual marks in a single game was by James Hall of Ala. State with 24. Counting 22 points in one game also were Howard and Leroy Porter, lanky sharpshooter of Tampa's Don Thompson High. Howard had 20 points in his first outing too, while Lee Williams of Tulsa, Dunbar and Jack Johnson of Menifee roped in 18 points in their second tilts, and Ed Howard Drake of Kelly Miller was high with 16 points in his second Sweet Bertrand of St. Elizabeth recorded 17 in his only contest, while Porter and Archie Williams, Tampa sophomore scoring twins, caging 17 each in their second time out.

All Tourney Team

The top outstanding players of the tournament, named overwhelmingly by tournament officials and top basketball experts on hand, were: Thomas Gibson, L. C. Latimore, and Charles Frasier of the champion Tulsa team, Porter and Williams of the runner-up Tampa team, Bertrand of Dunbar, David Whitney of Dunbar of Lexington, Howard of Vashon, James Hall of Ala. State, and William Harris of Kelly Miller.

Coach Seymour Williams of the championship BTWHS of Tulsa team was president of the National High School Basketball Association and R. J. Rodgers, principal of Woodstock Training School, Memphis, Tenn., now vice president.

The other officers are: Athletic Director Henry Arthur Kean of Jackson, Mississippi; Chas. T. Cooper, basketball coach of Wilberforce State, public relations director, and Frank A. (Fay) Young, of Chicago, commissioner.

Chicago Bowler Wins National

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (ANP)—With a record breaking score of 1218, Billy Hampton of Chicago won the sixth annual Bowling Classic for Men at Sea Ferguson's Fun Bowl last week.

By rolling games of 215, 248, 248, 211, 192 and 204, Hampton became the first man to roll more than 1300 in this meet. He also became the first kegler to win more than one classic. His prize was $600 and a gold medal.

In second place was Bill Rhodeman of Detroit who also broke the old mark of 1200 jointly held by him and Hampton. His six-game card was 195, 196, 279, 216, 211 and 234 for a total of 1297. His 279 was high for single games.

He won prizes totaling $250 for his efforts. Rhodeman holds the classic high game mark with a 299 in 1947.

William (Little Boy) Brown of Indianapolis tied the old classic record of 1200 to win third prize of $150. Bill Goode, 1200; Thomas Wright, 1254; and Sea Ferguson, 1246, all of Indianapolis, followed. Then came Charles Bedell of Cleveland with 1241.

Other awards went to Hank Bedell, $25 for second high game of 269, and Joe Jordan, the first man from New York to enter the tourney, $25 for the bowler coming from the most distant city.

Among the bowling stars in the meet were Macey Kelly, Detroit, 1945 winner; Morris Kilgore, Detroit, national singles match game titlist; Merril Thomas, midwestern singles champion; Doug Mikel, St. Louis; Robert (Tiney) Baldwin, Detroit, and Thomas Washington, Chicago.

Gallant Knights Chess Club Joins League

The Baltimore Chess League has organized with the capable David Bents, Maryland State chess champion, director; Joseph Glatt, assistant director; Graydon Shreve, secretary, and Kenneth Watson, treasurer.

The founding members are: Maryland Chess Club, Morrisville Chess Club, Gallant Knights Chess Club of the Druid Hill Ave. Y and clubs from Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, Loyola College, Johns Hopkins University, University of Baltimore, City College and Polytechnic Institute.

Dulbois Banton is the representative of the Gallant Knights in the league.

Asheville Blues Prep for Season

ASHEVILLE, N.C. — The Asheville Blues, champions of Southern League in 1946 and 1947, members of the newly formed Negro American Association, completed its first week of training under the leadership of Manager C. L. Moore.

The Blues were carried through the practice sessions daily by seven players in camp are Catchers—William Cooper, formerly of Philadelphia Stars, Memphis Hunn, of St. Charles, Mo.; Infielders—Herman Taylor, James Pendleton, Austin Davis of Orange, N.J., Rufus Tribble, local boy, and William Greason, Nashville pitcher of last year, who is being groomed as a first baseman.

Outfielders—Spencer Alexander and James Fisher, local boy. Pitchers — Robert Berrow, Will Thompson, Jess Sanders, Frank Flemming, Walter Dunlap of the championship team, and Jimmie Mack who last year pitched for the Raleigh Tigers.

Charlie Humber, second baseman, and Richard Banks, catcher, have been expected to report from L. Nathan Brannon is expected in soon.

Other players who will report at close of school are: Robert Herron, outfielder of Butler College, Tyler, Tex.; and Blakely Scott, pitcher of Allen University, Columbia, S.C.

Jimmie Daniels, who last year played with New York Cubans and the New Orleans Creoles, is expected to report soon.

Jackie's Autobiography

NEW YORK — Branch Rickey, president of the Brooklyn Dodgers, has just written an introduction to "Jackie Robinson—My Own Story," which will be published on Apr. 19.

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Dodgers Play Here

Baltimore fans will get an opportunity to view the Brooklyn Dodgers, with Jackie Robinson, Dan Bankhead and Roy Campanella in action, before the regular season, when the Bums invade the Monumental City for a three-game exhibition series with the Baltimore Orioles.

The Dodgers will play here on Apr. 10, 11 and 12th.

Checker Champion Plays 51, Loses None in 4-Hr. Exhibition

BROOKLYN, N.Y. — He battled 51 checker players in a four-hour exhibition, and did not lose a game.

This record-breaking feat was scored by the Joe Louis of the checkerboard, Clyde (Kingfrow) Black, at the Harlem YMCA Friday in celebrating the co-authoring of the new book, "The Secrets of Spanish Pool Checkers."

Black, who is the professional champion of New York State as well as Harlem's big boss of the black and white squares, smashed boardseaters and allowed 11 draws.

The exhibition was presented by the Spanish Pool Association of Checkers (SPAC) and the Harlem Y Checker Club.

Among the stars who lost were the Rev. Vergil G. Wright of New York, Rev. William Anderson of South Bound Brook, N.J., Harold Battles, New Rochelle, N.Y., champion, and Edward (Eddie) Johnson of Harlem.

Those who drew were Lloyd (Pom Office) Butler, George Neal, Herman E. Davis (Calico Pal) Conway, Prince Meadows, David Bedford, Albert Blakes, Robert Gerard, all of Harlem; Saul Spiegel of White of the Bronx, N.Y.; George Dees of Newark, N.J., and Brown McNeil, Newark champion.

Of those 11 who drew only two, Butler and Bedford, agreed to play again. They lost. Four drawers, Neal, Meadows, Blake and Gillard, are members of the Harlem YMCA Checker Club.

Al Hoosman Gets Old Ring Dodge

NEW YORK — Bandleaders Count Basie and Illinois Jacquet, who are sponsoring the ring career of heavyweight contender, Al Hoosman, are in an uproar at the brushoff the young boxer has been getting in his fight to gain a heavyweight championship bout.

Hoosman has been forced into a state of almost total ring inactivity because of the refusal of ranking heavyweights to accept fights with him.

Basie and Jacquet were particularly incensed at the fact that Lee Savold was given preference over Hoosman to go against Gino Buonvino, the Italian importation, in a recent Garden bout, which Savold won via a record 54-second knockout.

The bandleaders based their complaints on the fact that Hoosman had administered a round thrashing to Savold less than a year ago. "We're going to have a showdown. Hoosman's come with the National Boxing Association and the New York Boxing Commission," declared Basie, speaking for Jacquet and himself.

Finos Softball Team Mapping Plans for Year

The Finos A.C. 1947 softball champions, have scheduled a meeting for Sunday at 12:30 p.m. at PS 122, when plans for the season will be formulated.

Players seeking berths with the Finos have been asked to contact George Young, 1103 W. Booth St.

DISABLED PLANE:

Dodger-Royal Players Miss Air Mishap

By SAM LACY

VERO BEACH, Fla. — The four colored players with the Brooklyn-Montreal baseball entourage were on board the disabled DC-4 airliner which was compelled to return to Ciudad Trujillo with one motor out on Tues