Sugar Ray Robinson Tells AFRO I'll Get Title Back

Beaten by Youth Who Only Fought Eight Times as Pro

Randy Turpin, 23-Year-Old English Newcomer, Defeats Veteran in 'Biggest' Upset

LONDON — Suffering the worst beating of his 11-year career and at the same time one of the most stunning upsets in boxing history, Sugar Ray Robinson lost his world middleweight title at Earls Court Arena here Tuesday night.

The new champion, Randolph Turpin, is 23 years old and the youngest of three fighting brothers — one of whom had preceded him as holder of the British Empire middleweight crown. He has a hearing impediment and uses the greater portion of his ring earnings in an effort to restore the sight of his half-blind mother.

Less than 12 hours after the match, Robinson and Turpin were signed for a return bout at New York's Polo Grounds in September.

Turpin shocked the boxing world by taking command of the fight in the very first round and pounding the great Harlem titleholder into a bloody mess.

Greatest Fighter Humbled

Slightly shorter and built along more rugged lines than his adversary, the new champion used a punishing left jab and tremendous infighting power to subdue the man whom the entire boxing world had come to regard as the greatest fighter on earth.

The entire world, that is, except Turpin, his trainer, Ross Middleton and a few hopeful but skeptical Britons scattered throughout England believed he he would win.

Turpin and Middleton stubbornly refused to concede to Sugar Ray despite the latter's amazing record of only one previous defeat in 138 bouts and his sparkling record of 12 victories in as many starts in two tours of Europe.

The "no contest" affair with Gerhard Hecht in Berlin two weeks ago is discounted.

The tan Englishman sailed into Robinson from the opening gong and left no doubt that he was out he win on his merits and had no intention of trying to capitalize on his opponent's unfamiliarity with the tricky European foul rules.

Seven years younger than the Harlem dandy, Turpin was master of the situation throughout.

In only two rounds, the sixth and 11th, did Sugar Ray succeed in matching Turpin's assault. In those two sessions he flashed the form that had been typical of his previous title bouts, but in the 11th, when his all-out effort failed to halt the Britisher, Robinson must have known his number was up.

After the fight, his manager, George Gainford, blamed Robinson's defeat on the strenuous trip he had just completed, during which the champion mixed seven fights with an exacting tour of England, France, Belgium and Switzerland.

Sugar Ray, however, praised his opponent as the "better man" and declared that, while he had underrated Turpin, the latter "won on his merit tonight."

As Referee Eugene Henderson announced his decision in favor of Turpin, the 18,000 wild-eyed spectators broke out in song with the words "He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

Crowd Dances in Aisles

They were dancing in the aisles as Sugar Ray and his crest-fallen contingent made their way to the deposed champion's dressing room. A sobbing wife and sister of Robinson followed in the wake of the gloom filled procession.

Turpin, whose oldest brother, Dick, had previously held the British Empire title, becomes the first English-born world middleweight king since Bob Fitzsimmons who won the title by knocking out Jack (Nonpareil) Dempsey in 1891.

He weighed 158¾ to Robinson's 154½ pounds. Turpin was an estimated $25,000 richer from the receipts, while Robinson's $84,000 guarantee was the largest purse he ever has received.

Flash Sugar Tells AFRO I Will Get It Back

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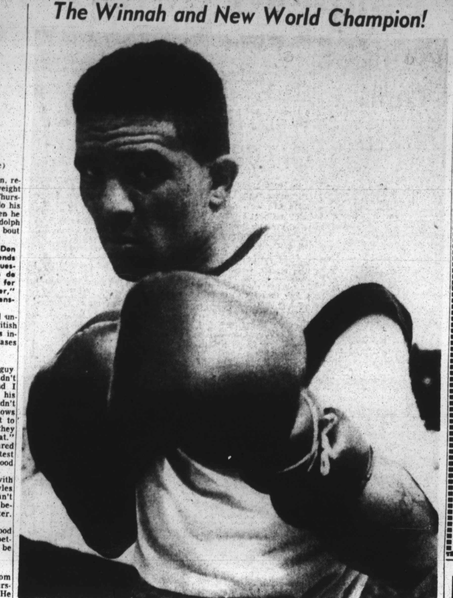

By Trans-Atlantic Phone)

PARIS—Sugar Ray Robinson, recently deposed world middleweight champion, told the AFRO Thursday afternoon that he will "do his best" to regain the crown when he meets his conqueror, Randolph Turpin, of Britain, in a return bout at the Polo Grounds, Sept. 6.

"Tell Jackie Robinson, Don Newcombe and all my friends that I met a better man Tuesday night and I'm going to do my best to win back the title for them and myself in September," Sugar Ray said over trans-Atlantic telephone.

Robinson denied that he had underrated the 23-year-old British and Empire champion, as was indicated in several news releases after the bout.

Couldn't Underrate Him

"I had never seen the guy fight," he asserted. "I hadn't seen any movies on him and I knew little or nothing about his ability. Consequently, I couldn't underestimate him. The fellows who wrote that have the right to say what they want, but they didn't quote me correctly in that."

The Harlem Sugarboy declared that Turpin "is not the smartest fighter I've met, but he's a good boy.

"You can't compare him with Jake LaMotta because their styles are entirely different. You can't compare him with Kid Gavilan because Gavilan is strictly a boxer. This fellow can box and hit.

"Just say for me, he's a good fighter, and that he was the better man Tuesday night. That'll be sufficient."

Returning Late This Month

Robinson arrived in Paris from London shortly after 3 p.m., Thursday, Eastern daylight time. He plans to remain in France for several days, returning to New York late this month.

On his return to the U.S. he says he will find a mountain retreat and rest and train diligently for his September return match. He does not anticipate any trouble with London promoter Jack Solomons over the staging of the bout in New York.

"We have a clause in the contract calling for the return bout ," New York," said Robinson, "and I don't think he'll try to back down on that."

Sugar Ray refused to discuss money matters except to verify the $84,000 guarantee he received from the bout. He would not comment on the amount of taxes, if any, he will be required to pay either to the British or American government. Nor would he disclose the terms of the return contract.—SAM LACY.

As a result of public opinion opposing the ban, the park board has since relaxed its ban, making the Randolph Turpin, 23-year-old British fighter who Tuesday became the new world middleweight champion, outpointing Sugar Ray Robinson in 15 rounds at Earls Court Arena, London.

Mixed Ball Game Slated for Monday

An interracial baseball game, called off a month ago by the Park Board's bigotry, will be played Monday at Easterwood Park, at 6:15 p.m.

The game will be between a mixed team of the Navy ship U.S.S. Ashland, and the Mohawks, a local aggregation. Park police broke up the scheduled game on June 11 because of the ban against interracial sports on city athletic fields.

As a result of public opinion opposing the ban, the park board has since relaxed its ban, making the game possible.

The Mohawks are defending champions of the West Baltimore Club League.

Rockets Blast Zodiacs

In the opening game of the Bureau of Recreation Junior League, the Eastside Rockets blasted the Westside Zodiacs to the tune of 13-2, at Clifton Park, Monday.

Behind the steady pitching of Bruce and the outstanding play by Harris, coach Tanner's Rockets showed a tremendous scoring punch as they breezed through the seven inning period. They scored in every frame but the sixth.

Somerset Wins No. 139 Midget League Opener

The Somerset Rockets defeated the midget league's Sam's Sportsmen in their first softball contest by a score of 9 to 3. Roland Board. ley pitched a brilliant game, giving up only five scattered hits, while his teammates hit for 13 safeties and nine runs.

Two days later, the Sportsmen came back to avenge this defeat with an overwhelming victory over the Midget Eastsiders. The Sportsmen hammered Eastside pitchers for 26 hits and 23 runs and held their opponents to nine hits and five runs.

Essie Lee third baseman for the Sportsmen, collected six safeties for as many times at bat. These included a first inning homer and a triple in the third.

While the midget Sportsmen were playing to a win and a loss other representatives of the same club were also tasting victory. Their junior leaguer won over the Hilltop Turks and the co-ed team defeated the Creton Girls who represent P.S. 122. The junior league boys won by a 15-11 score and the girls scored a 9-1 victory behind the one-hit pitching of Vernice Purnell.

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FIGHTS LAST WEEK
AT FLINT, Mich—JAMES CARTER NYC, KO 4 Bonnie Harper, Charleston, W. Va., (1).
AT BALTIMORE—ELMER BARKSDALE, Baltimore, d. JESUS COMPOS, NC.

Satchel Paige to Return to Major Leagues

Slab Star Reported Signed by St. Louis

Coming Back to Majors

Special to the AFRO

DETROIT—Satchel Paige is on his way back to the major leagues.

Unimpeachable sources told the AFRO this week that the ageless wonder of the pitching mound has already been signed by Bill Veeck and will be in a St. Louis Browns uniform before the end of this month.

Rumors were flying thick and fast among baseball people and newsmen gathered for the Major League All-Star Game here, to the effect that Paige's signing will be announced on July 16, or July 17, but the perpetually smiling Veeck steadfastly refused to give confirmation to any of them.

First hint that something was in the wind for Paig came when word leaked out that Satchel's schedule for exhibition game appearances with the Chicago American Giants of the Negro American League, had been cancelled. It was learned that Paige was to go through with his assignment in Washington, D.C., on July 12, and finish up his Chigiant showings in Kansas City on July 14.

While Veeck declined to comment on this report, Paige himself verified it when confronted by reporters at Philadelphia, Wednesday night. The slender pitcher asserted however: "I don't know what's coming up, but it is true I'm not supposed to pitch any more for the American Giants after Sunday."

Paige has indirectly been under contract to Veeck during the entire season. Veeck and Abe Saperstein, owner of the Harlem Globetrotters, reportedly maintain a partnership in the Chicago club of the NAL.

The Giants were purchased last winter by a syndicate presumably headed by Winfield Welch, former manager of the Birmingham Barons and long an employee of Saperstein. He traveled for several years with the Globetrotters serving in the capacity of road secretary.

The "syndicate" it later was revealed, was composed of Veeck and Saperstein.

Satchel Paige, veteran star of the pitching mound, who is reported on his way back to the major league via the St. Louis Browns. Paige reportedly is already signed to a Browns' contract and will be called to the club by Bill Veeck, its new owner, next week. He formerly played under Veeck with the world champion Cleveland Indians.

In the Majors

GAMES THIS WEEK

National League

BROOKLYN DODGERS (Robinson, Campanella, Newcombe & Bank head)—
JULY *12, 13, 14—At home with Cards.
NEW YORK GIANTS (Thompson, Irvin, Mays & Noble)—
JULY *12, *13, 14—At home with Cards.
BOSTON BRAVES (Jethroe & Marquez)—
JULY *12, *13, 14—At home with Reds.

American League

CLEVELAND INDIANS (Doby, Easter)—
JULY *12, *13, 14—At home with Yanks.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX (Minoso)—
JULY 12, *13, 14—At home with Red Sox.

National League Power Wins All-Star Game

BY STAFF CORRESPONDENT

DETROIT—The National League All-Stars, unleashing a power-laden lineup that paled into insignificance any of its predecessors, drubbed the American Leaguers, 8-3, in the 18th annual all-star classic at Briggs Stadium here Tuesday.

Five colored players—largest in the history of the affair—took part in the game, viewed by 52,075 roaring customers.

And of this number, two—catcher Roy Campanella and second baseman Jackie Robinson—played the entire game.

Don Newcombe, teammate of these two on the Brooklyn Dodgers, drew one of the pitching assignments and toiled in expert fashion while protecting a 6-3 lead handed him by Sal Maglie, ace righthander of the New York Giants.

Doby Fails In Pinch

The other two tan performers, outfielders Larry Doby and Orestes Minoso, of the Cleveland Indians and Chicago White Sox, respectively, did their chores for the losing American League aggregation, unison as Newcombe, taking the mound in the last of the sixth, rocked his fast ball into the mitt of Campanella.

After Richie Ashburn of the Phillies, saved him with a spectacular catch off the rightfield screen on a smash by Vic Wertz—first man to face him—Big Don breezed third and then retired the White Sox slugger, Eddie Robinson, on an easy roller to the mound.

Minoso Catch Thrills

Doby try was a weak pop to Bob Elliott at Third, when he came to bat for Eddie Lopat in the fourth. And Minoso's two batting turns resulted in short-to-first rollouts.

Minny thrilled the spectators in the top of the eighth when he sped from his deep rightfield position across the foul line to snatch Campanella's loft close to the stands.

The game here marked Robinson's third appearance in the classic as well as Campanella's. For Newcombe, it was also No. 3. Doby was in for his second showing and Minoso was making his initial essay.

The extremely partisan American League fans "a-h-h-ed" in joining the Williams blast was a thing of beauty.

The Dodger fireballer made Yogi Berra pop to second, forced Phil Rizzuto to pop foul to third base, and then retired the White Sox slugger, Eddie Robinson, on an easy roller to the mound.

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Ritz Edge Stars in Thriller, 5-4

Ritz A. L., led by the hitting of Weeks, who, got 3 hits on 30 trips to the plate, Armstrong, who got 3 for 4 and Bowman who registered 3 out of 4, defeated the N.W. Stars 5 to 4 in one of the best games played in the P.S. No. 122 Unlimited League.

The Stars made a gallant effort to pull the game out of fire in the bottom half of the last inning when E. Thomas hit the first pitch for a single, but was left stranded by the next three batters.

Robbie also counted a run, scoring in front of Gil Hodges's sixth inning blast into the left seats.

Campanella, though going hitless in four official tries, caught a brilliant game the full route. His handling of the assorted slants of Robin Roberts, Maglie, Newcombe and Ewell Blackwell, in that order, was faultless—except for a questionable call of a passed ball in the ninth. And his rifle-like peg to Robinson in the first nailed the fleet from Dom DiMaggio an attempted steal of second.

Sports Fare

Softball

Industrial and Trade School
July 15—Building Trade vs Afro Bombers—11 a.m. D. H. No. 3
Northwest Unlimited
July 14—Domino Sugar vs N.W. Stars—6:15 p.m.—D.H. No. 2
July 15—Harrington vs Domino Sugar—1 p.m.—D.H. No. 2
N.W. Stars vs Md. Vocational—1 p.m. — D.H. No. 2
W. Baltimore Club Unlimited
July 15—Spartans A.C. vs Royal A.C.—1 p.m.—Easterwood No. 1
Cinco Tigers vs Mohawks A.—3 p.m. Carroll, No. 3 diam.
Cecil Hill Junior
July 18—Imperial Earls vs Cherry Hill No. 1—6:15 p.m. — Cherry Hill No. 1
Golden Hawks vs Bannekers—6:15 p.m. — Cherry Hill No. 2
Easterwood Junior
July 18—Rosie Boys vs Jr. Red Dogs—6:15 p.m.—Easterwood No. 2
July 19—Ambassadors vs Gilmor Giants—6:15 p.m.—Easterwood No. 2
South Baltimore Junior
July 16—Jr. Clowns vs Bluejays—6:15 p.m.—Swann No. 2
Rangers vs Mt. Winans—6:15 p.m.—Swann No. 2
Textile
July 18—Lexington vs Wizard A.C.—6:15 p.m.—P.S. 122
July 19—McCulloh Max vs Warriors—6:15 p.m.—P.S. 122
Baseball
July 15—Md. Technical vs Barber Jest — 1 p.m. D.H. No. 2
Dolphin vs Cobra A.C.—3:30 p.m.—D.H. No. 2
July 19—Strand vs Jr. Dolphins—6:15 p.m.—D.H. No. 1
Jr. Black Caps vs Greenway Giants—6:15 p.m.—D.H. No. 1
July 16—Rockets vs Red Sox—6:15 p.m.—Clifton No. 2
Police Boys vs Zodiacs A.C.—6:15 p.m.—D.H. No. 2

Week's Softball Slate at P.S. 122

MONDAY
Jr. Wizards vs Dons, 3 p.m.
Dukds vs. Moke's Stars, 6:15 p.m.
TUESDAY
Jr. Ravens vs. Dons, 3 p.m.
Ritz vs. Athletes, 6:15 p.m.
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Athletes vs. Moke's Stars, 6:15 p.m.

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