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WEDNESDAY

ST. PETERSBURG — A home-run triple and single by George Crowe paced the Red-legs to a 20-6 pasting of the Yankees.

Brooks Lawrence, 19 - game winner last year, started for Cincy and gave up eight hits and all six Yankee runs in the four innings he worked.

Bob Thurman had one hit and Lawrence one. Elston Howard was 3 for 0 as Yankee catcher.

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VERO BEACH — Rookie Rene Valdes ran his string of hitless innings to six as the Dodgers edged the Cardinals, 2-1, in overtime.

John Rosebero tallied the win-ning run in the 11th as the Car-dinal catcher dropped Chuck Harmons' throw on a grounder by Charlie Neal.

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BRADENTON — Jim Pendleton got two hits for Milwaukee and Curt Roberts collected a pair for Kansas City as the Braves topped the Athletics, 3-2.

It was a perfect day at bat for both.

Hector Lopez obtained a double and Vic Powers a single to the losing cause.

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SARASOTA — Minnie Minoso rapped two hits, scored a run and drove in another but it was a useless effort, the White Sox bowing, 9-4, to the Red Sox.

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FORT MYERS — The Pirates were defeated, 8-4, by the Tigers. Buccaneer rookie Roman Mejias had one hit in five at bat.

ORLANDO — Two hits by Julio Becquer — one a double and single — went for naught as the Senators lost a 6-4 verdict to the Phillies.

TUESDAY

ST. PETERSBURG — The Red Sox rapped Sad Sam Jones for eight hits and seven runs in the first five innings and coasted to a 7-6 win over the Cards.

Chuck Harmon and Tom Alston were hitless for the Cards.

W. PALM BEACH — Curt Roberts had two singles and Hector Lopez one in the Athletics' 6-5 shading of the Dodgers decided on a 10th inning home run by Johnny Groth.

For Brooklyn, Roy Campanella had one hit and scored a run as did Sandy Amoros. However, Amoros, Chico Fernandez, Charlie Neal and John Rosebero failed to hit safely. And Fernandez committed an error afield.

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BRADENTON — It was to no avail, but Felix Mantilla was three for three — a triple and two singles — as the Braves bowed, 8-5, to the Yankees.

Billy Bruton had one hit. Wes Covington and Jim Pendleton none.

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TAMPA — Rookie Roman Mejias connected for a double and single and stole a base to pace the Pirates' 8-3 triumph over the White Sox.

Larry Doby drove in two of the Sox runs with a single. Sox rookie catcher Earl Battey crashed a double on his second time to bat.

ORLANDO — George Crowe continued his hot spring hitting but the Redlegs were downed, 8-4, by the Senators.

CROWE blasted a homer and single in four trips, performing as the only tan player in the heavily wrinkled Cincinnati lineup.

For the winners, Jose Valdivielso was hitless, though starting a rally ending double — play in the 7th.

Rookie Sam Hill grounded out on his appearance as a pinch hitter in the 5th.

MONDAY

ST. PETERSBURG — Elston Howard's bases loaded single in the 4th highlighted the 5-0 win the Yankees registered over the Phillies before 3,104.

John Kennedy got a single his first time to bat against Whitey Ford. Kennedy is the first tan player in Phillies history, even for the Grapefruit League exhibitions. He walked and fanned his next to trips.

SARATOGO — George Crowe, still doing a satisfactory job as replacement for unsound Ted Kluszewski, had one hit as the Redlegs edged the Red Sox, 7-6 in ten innings.

Frank Robinson, though hitless, knocked in one run and scored another for Cincinnati.

W. PALM BEACH — Kansas City tallied a run in the 10th to defeat the Pirates 4-3.

Vic Power had one hit, and Hector Lopez one for the Athletics.

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BRADENTON — Felix Mantilla converted temporarily into an effort to cure the Braves second base woes, blasted bases for two as the Cardinals were drubbed, 7-3.

Billy Braxton had one hit. Wes Covington and Jim Pendleton none.

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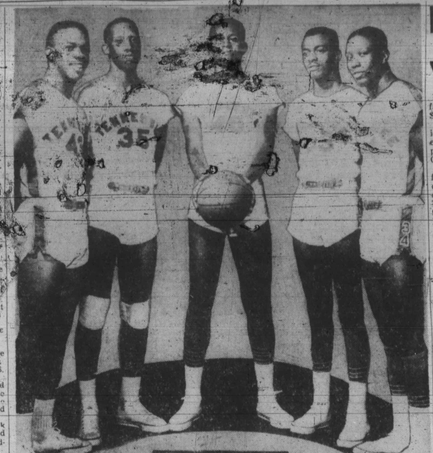

NAIA CHAMPIONS—Starting players for the Tennessee State University cagers who won the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) basketball championship, left to right, are: Ron Hamilton, captain; Richard Barrett, both forwards, James Satterwhite, center; Henry Carlton and John Barnhill, guards. John McLendon is coach.

Brown, Trenton Hi, wins Gloves crown

TRENTON — More athletic fame came to Trenton High School last week.

Tom Brown, a 19-year-old senior, became the first local boxer to win a middleweight championship title in the Golden Gloves tournament.

He did it the hard and skillful way in Madison Square Garden, NYC, on March 6, winning on points in the semi-finals over Moses Scott, Pittsburgh, and in the finals over Melvin Fulgham, Huntington, W. Va.

Brown outclassed both rivals but there were no knockdowns in either fight.

THE NEW Golden Gloves middleweight titleholder represented the Newark Police Athletic League in the GG tournament last year, when he reached the semi-finals in the welterweight division.

Brown is now in training at Bear Mountain under Vic Dilego, the New York coach, in preparation for his next fight on March 20.

On that date he will be a member of the New York team that will meet a Chicago team in that city.

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BROWN'S TWO victories last week gave him a total of 25 victories, eight of them knockouts, against three losses in 28 amateur bouts in three years.

He has been knocked out only once.

In punching his way to the middleweight crown, Brown spoiled the record of Billy Hunter of Charlotte, N.C., beating the Carolinian on March 5 after he had gone undefeated in 42 previous bouts.

Chamberlain puts Jay Hawks in final

CHICAGO (ANP) — Wilt Chamberlain led Kansas second-ranked basketball team into the finals of the NCAA tournament for a possible meeting with the vaunted North Carolina team this weekend at Kansas City.

Chamberlain poured in 36 points as the Jayhawks measured Southern Methodist University, 76-65, in an overtime struggle at Dallas. The following night, the 7-foot center led his teammates to an 81-61 victory over Oklahoma City College.

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MICHIGAN STATE, passed by Johnny Green, qualified for the finals by upsetting the vaunted Southern champions, Kentucky, 80-68, on the Wildcats' home floor at Lexington.

Green had to leave the game with 12 minutes left after he picked up five personals. But in less than 20 minutes he scored 14 points and turned in an amazing rebounding game.

It was his ball-hawking, rebounding and scoring that led the Spartans to a close 85-83 victory over Notre Dame Friday night. The 6-5 sophomore totaled 20 points.

Kentucky won a 98-to-92 victory over Pittsburgh (Julius Pegues 30).

NORTH CAROLINA qualified for the finals by turning back Syracuse (Vinnie Colein and Manny Breland) 67-to-58 at Philadelphia.

In the National Invitational tournament, at New York City, Dick Gaines' amazing performance almost upset Xavier (Ohio). Gaines scored 30 points before he fouled out with four minutes left.

Coed cagers wind up with .500 average

Despite tough competition, the Morgan State College women's basketball squad managed to finish its season last week with a .500 average.

The Bear distaff cagers, under the coaching of Dr. Effletee M. Payne, won three and lost three to break even for the season.

It was, however, the worst season in history for the squad, which, until this season, had suffered only a single loss in four straight seasons of play.

In its win column, the Bear cagers defeated the Southwest Newark YWCA 45-38, the University of Maryland, 34-19, and Goucher College, 42-26. Losses were to the University of Maryland, 33-32, Towson, 34-32, and St. Agnes, 37-38.

PRAIRIE VIEW BEATS TSU IN SLUGFEST

PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas (ANP)—Prairie View Panther hurler James Wynn went all the way in beating the Texas Southern University Tigers, 8-5, in a Southwestern Conference baseball game here Saturday.

DR. GANDY TO SPEAK AT BENNETT COLLEGE

Greensboro, N.C. — Dr. Samuel L. Gandy, dean of Lawless Chapel at Dillard University in New Orleans, will be the principal speaker at Bennett College vesper services on Sunday.

Sam Jones suffers swollen finger in near 'beaning'

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — A swollen third finger on his throwing hand was all that Sam Jones suffered from a near "beaning" in Tuesday's St. Louis Cardinal loss to the Boston Red Sox.

Jones was knocked down by one of Willard Nixon's fastballs in the second inning. The pitch missed by a fraction of an inch skulling the big righthander, and as he went down the ball grazed his hand as it was releasing the ball.

Sam told the AFRO later that Nixon apologized, claiming the pitch "got away." The Sox won, 7-6.

"I'M SURE it wasn't intentional," Jones said. "He doesn't even know me. And you have to give a fellow the benefit of the doubt in spring training."

Jones wouldn't say that the incident unnerved him, but thereafter he was not the same pitcher.

In the very next inning, he gave up two walks, a single and a grand slam homer to Jim Piersall.

During his five frames on the mound, Sad Sam was touched for eight hits, including the grand slam and a triple by Mickey Vernon. He yielded seven runs, two walks and fanned three—LACY.

Call Baylor 'greatest'

NEW YORK (ANP)—Who is the greatest college cager ever?

According to Bob Feerick, coach of Santa Clara of the Pacific Coast League, that would be Elgin Baylor, star of the Seattle Chieftains.

Feerick, who has seen Baylor in four games against his team, believes Baylor is equivalent to Wilt Chamberlain, Chet Forte and Hot Rod Hundley all wrapped up in one. He calls the 6 feet, 6 inches star "..... absolutely the greatest."

SAID FEERICK of Baylor: "I've seen Chamberlain and Forte and Hundley and most of the other hot shots. Wrap 'em all up in one, and I'll still take Baylor. Chamberlain's big, sure. But do you know Baylor can jump 22 inches over the rim?"

Regarding Baylor's ability, he added:

"Baylor is a great outside shooter. He's a great dribbler, a great passer, a great jump shooter, a great hook shooter and a great rebounder. He takes the ball up against the press, and you ought to see him beat it. He's faster than the little guys, and he must weigh 236 pounds."

Tebbetts 'hides' Robinson from Yanks, fears 'tip-off'

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Inadvertently or otherwise, Cincinnati Manager Birdie Tebbetts forecast a Redlegs - New York Yankees World Series in October, while answering an AFRO question here Wednesday.

"I can't let the Yankees find out too much about my good hitters," said Tebbetts. "They may use it against me next fall."

The Cincy pilot was jokingly explaining the absence of rookie of the year Frank Robinson from the lineup in recent games.

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"ACTUALLY," DECLARED Birdie, "Robby's had a sore arm, and I don't want to take any chances.

"It doesn't seem to be a recurrence of the old trouble of three years ago," Tebbetts added. "It's no more than a spring soreness."

Later, discussing the coming flag race, Birdie opined that 90 games will win the National League championship this year.

"There are enough clubs capable of beating the contenders. Enough to make 90 games a big score," he said.—SAM LACY

Cubs may shift Banks to 1st base

MESA, Ariz. (ANP) — A sore arm which has plagued Ernie Banks since late summer might result in the brilliant shortstop playing first base this season.

That probability was discussed early this week as the Cubs made ready to return Banks, their shortstop for the last three years, to the lineup. Banks is in Los Angeles undergoing treatment and will rejoin the Cubs Friday when they reach Los Angeles.

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SO FAR this spring Ernie has not been able to throw from the shortstop spot, and the Cubs are believed to be fearful the long throw from the hole might worsen his ailment.

If Banks is shifted to first, Jerry Kindall, the rookie who filled in for him last year, will handle the shortstop chores.

Howard University to open baseball campaign

WASHINGTON

The Howard University baseball team will open the 1957 season against touring Springfield (Mass.) College tomorrow (Saturday) in the Howard Stadium, 1:30 p.m.

This will be the first game for the Bisons and the second game for the Springfield Indians.

To date, the Bisons and Indians have split in six meets.

Howard, said Coach Tom Johnson, will be able to field a veteran team for the season, with a strong bench to support.

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THE TWO freshmen scheduled to start against Springfield: Fabian Desbordes, third base; William Walker, left field.

The veterans: Jim Purce and Fleming Gregory who are depended upon to supply the batting punch in the Bisons defense.

The others are Ellsworth Jenkins, Arthur VanBrakle, Frank Philips, Frederick Saunders, Wes Ragsdale and Clarence Morrow.

Howard had a 7-7 record in 1956 in the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

More awards to Charlie

PHILADELPHIA

Charlie Jenkins, Villanova's 1956 Olympics Double Gold Medal winner, will be honored again at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 28, when two additional awards will be bestowed upon him.

Boy Scout Troop 358, Mt. Airy, is presenting him with their annual Merit of Honor Award, and the Philadelphia Chapter of Virginia State College Alumni is honoring him with their 1956 Achievement Award.

Charlie, a former scout himself, will be the guest speaker for the occasion, the troop's 357 T.V. Quiz show.

"Highlights of the Melbourne Olympics" is Charlie's topic, his medals will also be on display.

The Scout Show is staged each year as a benefit for the troop's summer camp fund.

William Green, Scoutmaster of Troop 358, and Leon Johnston, president of the Alumni group.

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FLYING CHIEF — Better than rated
SAGACITY — Last a pip
SHORTIST DUKE — Tired
BROWN PAPER — Comes surprise
TED'S JO — Well prepped
INDAC — Good stable

TV LOG

FRIDAY
Boxing
Miguel Berrios vs Carlmelo Costa, New York City, 10 p.m. (NBC).

SATURDAY
Pro Basketball
National Basketball Association playoffs, 2:30 p.m., site to be announced (NBC).
Horse Racing
Gulfstream Park Handicap, Gulfstream Park, Fla., 4:45

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Campbell, Jenkins, Sowell, Murchison win in Chi meet

CHICAGO (ANP) — Milt Campbell, Charley Jenkins, Ira Murchison, and Artie Sowell, the tan brigade of the cinder path, put on a brilliant exhibition for 16,056 fans at the Chicago Relays here Saturday night.

Campbell, Olympic decathlon champion, and Murchison, spring champion, tied meet marks in the 60-yard high hurdles and 50-yard dash events.

Sowell, University of Pittsburgh star, established a new meet record in the 1000-yard run, while Jenkins, Villanova Cager, won the 600-yard run. His time was 1:11.6, two-tenth seconds off the American indoor record set by Mal Whitfield in 1950.

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JENKINS also came back to anchor the victorious Villanova team in the University mile relay event. The time was 3:16 for a new relay record. The old mark was 3:17.0, set by Indiana University in 1954.

Campbell, running true to form, twice tied the meet record in 30 minutes. Each time he streaked to victory in :07.4 seconds, tying the record set by Harrison Dillard in 1948, '49, '55 and '56. In the finals, he beat Leo Cathum, North Carolina College, who had won the second qualifying heat in :07.8 seconds.

Murchison beat Greg Bell, Indiana University, in the final heat with a clocking of 7.2. Bell had won the second qualifying heat in :7.4.

SOWELL, one-time nemesis of Whitfield, won the Harry Gill 1000-yard event in 2:08.9, defeating Jack Bacheler, New York A.C., and Willie Atterberry, running unattached from E. Lansing, Mich.

The lithe - striding Sowell came through with a impressive burst in the final stages of the 6-lap event to thrill the crowd.

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Aaron predicts 'I'll win again'

BRADENTON, Fla. (ANP) — I can win the batting title again, and the Braves can win the pennant.

The double statement was made by Hank Aaron, star of the Milwaukee Braves and last year's batting champion in the National League, he made the statement at the Braves training camp here last week as he stepped up his chances of retaining the batting title.

Indiana's Attucks wins regional title

INDIANAPOLIS (ANP) — Crispus Attucks, defending state high school champions last week seemed headed for another state championship.

Attucks last Saturday night won the Indianapolis state regional title by defeating Southport, 60-50.

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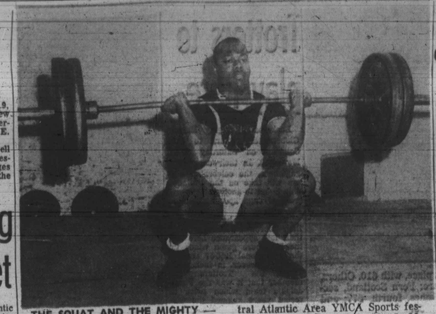

THE SQUAT AND THE MIGHTY — National YMCA and D.C. Weightlifting champion William Davis lifts 225 pounds. He will attempt to beat his record of 305 pounds in the First Central Atlantic Area YMCA Sports festival at Wilmington, Del., March 30. Davis won the Philadelphia open championship in 1945 and in the same year was an Olympic standout.

SAA boxing tourney set

The fifty-first South Atlantic amateur boxing championships will be held at the Coliseum, 220 North Monroe St. on Mondays, March 25th and April 1st. Bouts are scheduled to start at 7 p.m., in anticipation of a heavy entry.

The championships are sponsored and sanctioned by the Southern Athletic Association, Amateur Athletic Union and the outstanding boxers will be sent to the National AAU amateur boxing tournament to be held in Boston Gardens, Boston, Mass., on April 8, 9 and 10th.

THE NATIONAL AAU tournament dates back to 1888 and has been held each year with the exception of 1892 and 1908. Maryland's first national champion was C. J. Gehring, who won the feather title in 1894 and the latest winner in 1954 was Warnell Lester in the light-heavy division.

Entries will be accepted in both open and novice divisions: 112 - 118 - 125 - 132 - 147 - 156 - 165 - 178 and heavyweight classes.

Entries closed midnight Wednesday with the weigh-ins slated Sunday, March 24 and 31st at the Coliseum.

Invitations have been forwarded to 45 clubs and colleges and to 44 armed service installations within the South Atlantic area which includes Maryland and lower Delaware.

Leon Yarbrough, chairman of boxing for the SAA, will serve as tournament director.

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SOME OF THE boys already signed are:

Clarence Fredeberger, 190, from Ringside A.C., residing at 308 Whitview Ave., who won the 1955 - 1956 and 1957 Maryland State Tournaments.

Cornelius McPaul, 147, 223 N. Gilmor St. Ringside A.C., winner of the 1957 and 1956 Maryland State titles.

Joe Young, 178, of Severn, Md., Ringside A.C., who won the 1957 Maryland State title and the outstanding boxer award.

James C. Watkins, 178, 1709 W. Fayette St., also of Ringside, winner of '56 SAA, '56 SA and 1957 State titles.

The Baltimore Athletic Association has again entered Bobby Loyal, 109 N. Wolfe St., winner of '55 state, '55 SAA, '55 City, '56 SAA and '57 State Crowns.

Dodger stars on air

Interviews with Brooklyn Dodgers standout players including Roy Campanella, Don Newcombe, Junior Gilliam, Charlie Neal and Sandy Amoros, will be aired by Nat Allright of the Brooklyn Dodger network over WSID next week, Monday through Saturday, at 7:45 a.m. and 6:10 p.m.

MILE VICTOR — Bob Berry, Morgan State College, who raced to victory in the one-mile run at the All-Eastern indoor championships Friday, receives the Lord Calvert Distillers Trophy from Theodore R. Kates, Maryland State manager of Calvert. Berry won in 4 minutes, 22 seconds.

Sandlot teams plan leagues

While the major league teams are working out under the warm sun in various parts of the country to prepare for the 1957 campaign, the amateurs will begin their local program Monday, March 25th at the Department of Recreation Headquarters, 1129 N. Calvert St.

This meeting will be presided over by Fred Crosby, commissioner of amateur baseball, and will be for the formation of Saturday and Sunday Leagues.

Any teams planning on playing Saturday or Sunday must have representation at this meeting. The leagues will be formed and teams will be assigned. A team must have representation present at the meeting to be placed in a league.

THE FIRST meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will be for the 14-16 year old teams. On Wednesday, March 26, the 12-14 year old clubs will hold a meeting at 7:30 p.m. and a 12-14 group will organize at 8:30 p.m.

The twilight leagues will be organized at a later date. Any additional information on league formation may be obtained by calling Bureau of Recreation at 1129 N. Calvert St.

Howard University coach quits post at own request

WASHINGTON

Howard University football coach Thomas F. Johnson quit his post at his own request.

A University official said: "In the past the team has shown poor blocking and poor tackling and could at least look good if not win."

Coach Johnson came to Howard as an assistant football coach in 1946. In his four seasons as head coach the Bisons have won 12 games, tied two and lost 22. The 1956 record of four wins and five losses was the best.

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COACH JOHNSON says he turned in his letter of resignation after the second game last fall, which was a defeat by Shaw University.

However, he will continue to serve as a member of the Department faculty and as coach of the varsity baseball team. He has served for last eight years as swimming team and continue to teach physical education.

Howard's 19th football coach, Mr. Johnson said in the letter of resignation:

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"IN VIEW of the current and long range efforts of the Department to get a more equitable distribution of teacher-coaching load per staff member within the Department, I believe this decision to be in the best interest of all concerned."

Dr. Samuel E. Barnes, athletic director and head of the physical education department, said no successor has been named. Other informed sources state that applications still are being considered for Howard's 20th football coach.

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Lewis leads Explorers

PHILADELPHIA

For the second straight year, La Salle College's Alonzo Lewis led the Explorers basketball team in total points scored, 459, and in points per game with a 17.2 average.

The senior co-captain wound up his collegiate career against St. Joseph's at the Palestra with a total of 1,137 points.

LEWIS IS the fifth player in La Salle history to exceed 1,000 points, joining former Explorer greats, Tom Gola, Larry Foust, Norm Grekin, and Bobby Walters.

Lewis, who will be graduated this June, would like to play pro basketball, but plans to enter social work upon graduation.

Kennedy best Phillies' hope

By SAM LACY
AFRO Sports Editor

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Philadelphia fans who have been patiently looking to the day that the Phillies will field their first colored ball player, may have to wait another year, probably two or even more.

This may come as a surprise to those patrons who have followed the progress of John Kennedy through news reports in their local papers.

Kennedy is the first tan athlete to be regarded as a serious prospect by the Philadelphia brass.

And early spring statistics point him up as the solution to the Phillies' pressing shortstop problem. Manager Mayo Smith has been frantically searching for capable shortstops ever since Bonus Boy Ted Kazanski flopped. Bobby Morgan left much to be desired, and Granny Hamner developed a bad left shoulder.

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KENNEDY, obtained last year from the Kansas City Monarchs, was invited to the preliminary camp conducted at the Phillies' Clearwater Camp. He showed up well and was held over when the variety arrived.

"He's done everything you could ask of a shortstop," Smith admitted before Monday's loss to the Yankees.

However, the Phillies' pilot wrapped up his entire conversation about Kennedy in "buts."

But "his arm may not be strong enough." He has hit well, but "it may be a little early to tell."

He handles himself nicely in the field, but "he'll have to learn the hitters," etc.

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ALL OF WHAT Smiths says has logic and is based on sound thinking. Any manager is justified in moving slowly in appraising new, young talent — especially in Florida, where there's a bloom on everything in mid-March.

But the history of the Phillies' organization with respect to colored players, attached a mile of suspicion to every "but" voiced by the management in discussing one of them.

Kennedy was batting at a .500 clip at the close of the Monday tilt here. His six hits in 12 at bats included two doubles and four runs batted in.

Moreover, he had been errorless afield in five games.

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ON SUNDAY, he had two singles and sacrificed, twice in four appearances during the 4-1 triumph over the Red Sox.

Here Monday, he singled off Whitey Ford and drew a walk. Righthander Art Ditmer struck him out his only time they faced.

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John was born in Sumter, S.C., and was raised in Jacksonville, Fla. He broke into baseball with the Birmingham Barons and after two years joined the Monarchs.

Kennedy is 23 years old, stands 5 feet, 10 inches, and weighs 173 pounds. He throws and hits righthanded.

FLORIDA RELAYS, NET TOURNAMENT ON SLATE

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Florida A and M University track and tennis stars are preparing for the Florida A and M relays and tennis tournament Friday and Saturday, March 22-23. It is the eighth annual tennis tournament and the seventh annual track and field meet.

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