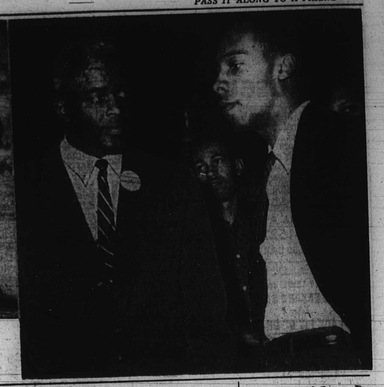
WHEN YOU FINISH READING YOUR AFRO PASS IT ALONG TO A FRIEND



ALWAYS THE FIGHTER, Jackie Robinson is shown in three significant phases of his life. Above as he completed one of 20 successful steals of home during brilliant National League career; left as he appeared during battle for right to play previously all-white golf course in Connecticut, and right as he lent support to HU's Laurence Henry, leader of sit-in demonstrations during 1960.

—Robinson

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Cooperstown shrine, she let out the shriek.

Thirty minutes later, when Jackie's car pulled into the driveway, Rachel and two kids, Sharon and David, were waiting at the door for him.

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LATER, JACKIE described the scene at his home as one of sheer excitement. No one wanted to eat, he said. Rachel called Jackie Jr., at Stockbridge, and he put in calls to his mother in Pasadena (Cal.) and to Branch Rickey in Pittsburgh.

Rickey is remembered as the man who introduced Robinson as the first colored player in organized baseball, when he (Rickey) was president of the Brooklyn Dodgers.

"My calls and those by my wife," Robbie added, "had to be sandwiched between Sharon's and Dave's. They were phoning all their friends in the neighborhood to spread the news."

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THE NEWS of Robinson's Hall of Fame entry came just a week before his 43rd birthday. He was born on Jan. 31, 1919.

"As far as I am concerned," Jackie said, "this leaves me filled with emotion. I am pleased and honored, and I am extremely grateful.

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"BASEBALL has afforded me a lot of things, wonderful things. It provided the opportunity to marry a lovely girl, to make a nice home for my family, and it gave me the chance to get a fine position in the business world.

"Now this. To make the Hall of Fame on the first ground is just too much.

"A lot of truly great baseball players didn't make it the first year they became eligible. Some of them had to wait years and years to get in."

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A TOTAL of 237 members of the Baseball Writers Association were empowered to cast votes in the Hall of Fame balloting. Ten years' membership in the BBWA is a prerequisite to eligibility.

Of the 237, only 160 exercised the franchise. They gave Feller 150 points, meaning that his name appeared on that many ballots. Robinson received 124 points.

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UNDER THE rules of the voting, a player who has been out of baseball for five years is eligible for nomination. But nominees must obtain 75 percent of the total points in order to win entry.

To gain 75 percent of the 160, Feller and Robinson had to be named somewhere on at least 120 of the ballots. The ex-Cleveland pitcher had a safe margin of 30 points, while the former Dodger star got over the barrier with four.

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ROBINSON, of course, is best known as the first man to break the color line in organized baseball.

But his performance on the field entitled him to enshrinement, since the Hall of Fame judgment is not supposed to be influenced by sociological aspects.

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JACKIE PLAYED ten years of high-class baseball at old Ebbets Field before his 1957 trade to the New York Giants hastened his decision to retire.

During the Robinson decade in Flatbush, he hit 311 life-time, won rookie of the year and most valuable player awards, and ran a string of six straight years of batting .300 or better.

It was due largely to his contributions that the Dodgers captured six National League pennants during the ten years of his presence in Brooklyn — 1947 - 49 - 52 - 53 - 55-56.

Expect Russell's Recovery by 1st

BOSTON — Coach Red Auerbach of the world champion Boston Celtics, expressed confidence Thursday morning that his ace center and rebounding genius, Bill Russell, will be available for duty in next Thursday night's basketball game at University of Maryland.

Russell suffered a pulled muscle in a game against the Los Angeles Lakers at New York's Madison Square Garden, Tuesday night. He had to miss Wednesday's contest with the St. Louis Hawks, which the latter won.

"THE TEAM doctor tells me that Bill may be out for a week," Auerbach declared when questioned Thursday morning. "I asked whether that meant that I may be able to count on him to play in a week, or whether he'd just be ready for questionable spot duty.

"The doc said he thought I could plan to get full use of Russell in five or six days. That suggests that he'll be all right for the game at College Park next Thursday."

AUERBACH brings his crack Celtic quint to the University of Maryland's Cole Field House on Feb. 1 for a scheduled National Basketball Association meeting with the same Lakers.

If Red's hopes materialize, and if those of the University of Maryland Alumni Association bear fruit, both Russell and Washington's own Elgin Baylor will be on hand for the contest.

Baylor, probably the greatest all-round performer in professional basketball, is a product of Spingarn High School in D.C. He is currently in the Army, stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington.

Efforts have been made to secure a 48-hour pass from his military chores in order for Elgin to fly in for the Thursday game.

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SHOULD BOTH Russell and Baylor be available for duty, the Celtics-Lakers battle could be quite an attraction for colored fans of the Washington-Baltimore area.

Eight tan athletes would figure to see service during the evening.

The Celtics will field five and the Lakers three, if it should come to pass that the two teams will be at full strength.

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BOSTON has counted heavily on her quintet in capturing five straight titles. Russell, Sam Jones, K.C. Jones are veterans of all five championship years; Tom Sanders is in the lineup as a sophomore, and Al Butler is a rookie of considerable merit.

In addition to Baylor, the Lakers used veterans Ray Felix and Tom Hawkins, the ex-Notre Damer, to romp to a commanding field in the Western Division race of the NBA—LACY.

Walbrook ace 2nd in city pin tourney

Although she relinquished her early lead, Kitty Chesson of Walbrook, goes into tomorrow's third round of the citywide bowling tournament safely lodged in second place.

Mrs. Chesson surprised local pin circles last Sunday when she opened play with a 956 tally, to be first in the standings among 36 selected starters. She faded to 892 on Tuesday, losing the lead to Mary Lou Depweg of Glen Burnie.

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ASIDE from Mrs. Chesson, there are two colored contestants in the women's title bracket. They are Florence Madison of Walbrook, who had a 905 opening round, and Bertha Lockett, also of Walbrook, with a first round score of 838.

The remainder of the tourney schedule is as follows:

Third Round — Saturday, January 27, 7:30 p.m. Reisterstown, 20 starters, two per lane, 12 high scorers survive.

Quarter-final Round—Sunday, January 28, 8 p.m., Ritchie; 12 starters, two per lane, 8 high scorers survive.

Semi-final Round—Thursday, February 1, 7 p.m., Perry Hall; 8 starters, two per lane, 6 high scorers survive.

Championship Final—Sunday, February 4, 12 noon, Glen Burnie; 6 starters, three per lane.

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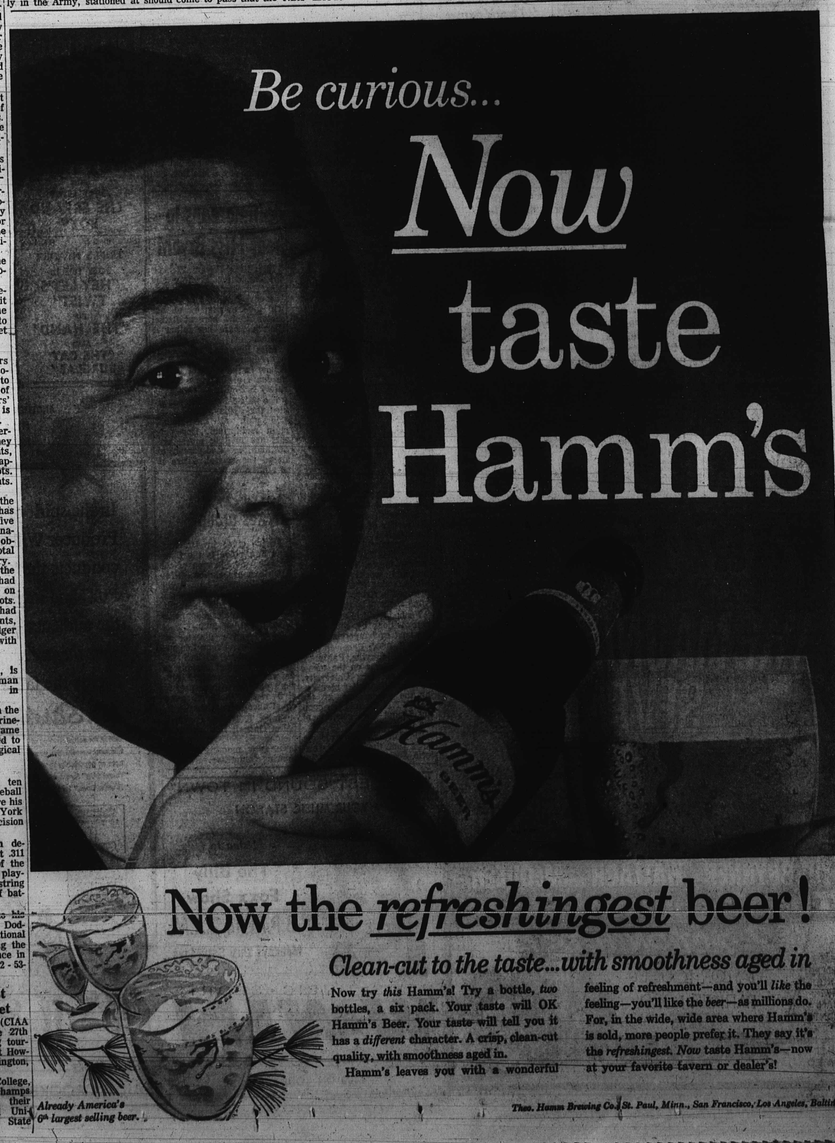
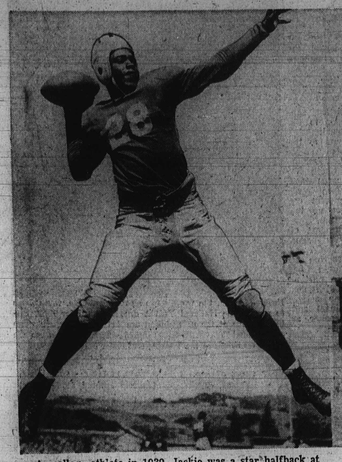
Howard U. to host CIAA wrestle meet

HAMPTON, Va. (CIAA News Service) — The 27th annual CIAA wrestling tournament will be held at Howard University, Washington, D.C., March 1-3.

Virginia State College, conference wrestling champs in 1961, will defend their title against Howard University and Morgan State College.



Milestones In Career of Jackie Robinson

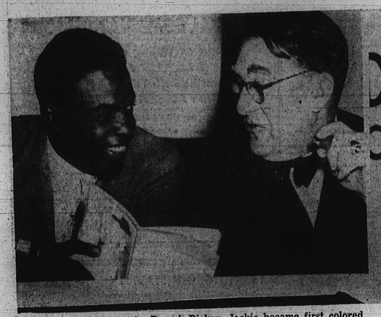


As college athlete in 1939, Jackie was a star halfback at UCLA.

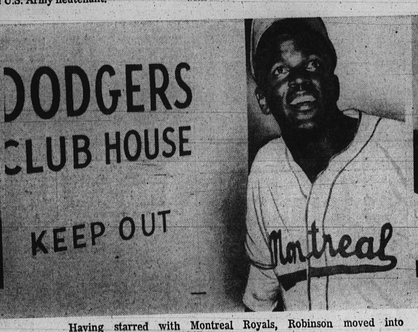
By 1942, Robinson was training to become U.S. Army lieutenant.

Two years later, in 1944, he was with K.C. Monarchs.

In another two years, 1946, Jackie took pretty Rachel Isum as his wife.

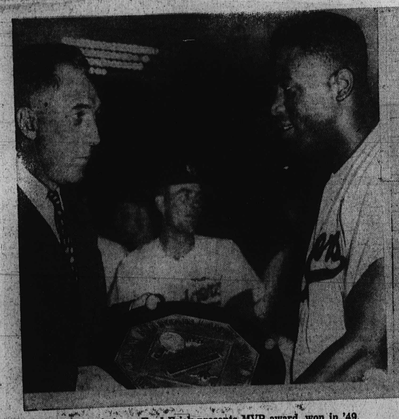


Signed to a contract by Branch Rickey, Jackie became first colored in baseball.

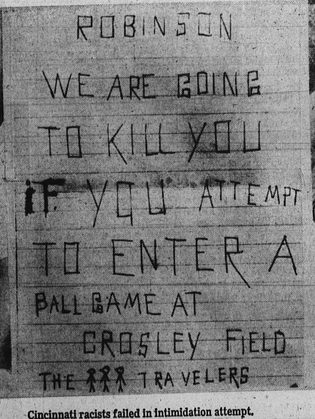


Having starred with Montreal Royals, Robinson moved into Dodgers clubhouse in 1947.

With family, Jackie celebrated 1st birthday of 3rd child, David, now 9.

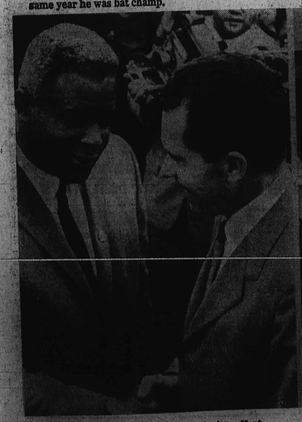


Baseball commissioner Ford Frick presents MVP award, won in '49, same year he was bat champ.



Cincinnati racists failed in intimidation attempt.

Off-season trip to Hollywood made in 1950, for "Jackie Robinson Story" film with Ruby Dee, right.



Journey into politics in 1959, was losing effort for Richard Nixon.

As post-baseball business man, Chock Full O' Nuts vice president Robinson serves exchange students visiting NYC.

The ever-present crusading spirit comes through as $10,000 check is donated to NAACP's Arthur Spingarn.