Afro Sports

Fear of not playing rest of year frightens Frank

NEW YORK — Sitting there in the low-ceiling dugout with his own private thoughts and tilting his head in exactly the proper position so as to fight the fuzziness in front of his eyes, Frank Robinson exposed his worst fear

"It has crossed my mind that I may not be able to play again this season," he said.

"There's always that possibility. Of course, I hope it doesn't turn out that way. The doctors indicate it won't, but all I know is I have no idea when I'll be able to play again and I still see double when I pick my head up like this."

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ROBINSON LIFTED his head about a half inch.

"The way I still can't see clear," he said, gazing out onto the field where some of his Baltimore Oriole teammates were tossing the ball around before Sunday's contest with the New York Yankees.

FRANK ROBINSON

"This way is better," said Robinson, dropping his head.

It hasn't been easy for the American League's triple crown champ and most valuable player of 1966, to sit around since he was knocked unconscious exactly three weeks ago when he cracked his head against Al Weis' the first time about a week ago and it was rough. Now I can almost keep my head level. What frightens me about the whole thing is that as close as I stand to the plate, I may not be able to see the ball. With this condition and with my timing knee while breaking up a double play against the Chicago White Sox.

"The worst thing about what happened to me is not knowing when I'm going to play again. I have no idea at all."

At first, the doctors told Robinson he probably would be out only two days. That was three weeks ago.

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"THE HEADACHES are gone and I'm much better overall," said Robinson, lowering his head again so he could see what was going on out on the field.

"I took hitting practice for being off, it's like I never saw a baseball when I try watching it sometimes."

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"ANY EXPLANATION for the club's nosedive?"

Robinson shrugged his shoulders without bothering to reply.

The other Robinson, Brooks, had some explanation, however.

"I don't think we're gonna win unless we get Frank back," said the Baltimore third baseman.

HANK BAUER, the Baltimore manager, said much the same thing another way.

"I can't say whether Frank Robinson makes 40 percent difference to our club, 30 percent or 50 percent," said Bauer. "What I can say is that he makes a difference of two runs every day. He drives in one and scores one plus what he means to our opponents and to his own teammates."

"I think," said Bauer, "we miss him a bit."

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Joe Louis salute scheduled in LA

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Joe Louis, boxing's famed Brown Bomber, will be honored at a special ceremony Aug. 2, at the Los Angeles Sports Arena between bouts of a four-bout fight card.

The salute to the former heavyweight boxing champion was announced by the Pacific Boxing Club, a newly established promoting enterprise in Los Angeles.

Louis is being recognized on the 30th anniversary of the start of his record 25 successful title defenses.

A spokesman for the PBC said that it was during the month of August in 1937 that Louis, then a 23-year-old, fresh from a Detroit auto plant, won a tough 15-rounder from Tommy Farr of Wales to begin his string.

Nixed Nags

ST. THOMAS, Virgin Islands (UPI) —It was a horse race to end horse races at the Sugar Estates track here recently. Of four horses that entered the starting gate, one couldn't be controlled and was scratched at the last second, another bolted out of control as the race began, a third stumbled and fell. The fourth finished, but was disqualified.

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NBA stars set aid to Stokes

MONTICELLO, N.Y. (UPI) — The ninth annual Maurice Stokes benefit basketball game will be held at Kutsher's Country Club here Aug. 15, it was announced Friday by Jack Twyman, the former Cincinnati Royals' star who is Stokes' legal guardian.

Stokes, the former St. Francis of Loretta, Pa., star who also played with the Royals before being struck with encephalitis in 1958, has been hospitalized since then in Cincinnati's Good Samaritan Hospital.

National Basketball Association players participate in the game, paying their own travel expenses. The promotion averages close to $10,000 a year to help pay Stokes' medical bills.

School trouble

LONDON (NPI) —Like the U.S., Britain is having its troubles working out a solution to discrimination in education. However, its problems are not totally along racial lines, but also on class line. All British children are given free and compulsory education from ages 3-15.

Since 1944, the children have been required to take a common examination between the ages of 11 and 12 to decide their future careers, but only the very highest scorers were permitted to go on to university training; the remainder being relegated to vocational training only.

Liston named

GREENSBORO, N.C. (UPI) — Hardy Liston Jr., the first member of his race ever to serve on the Guilford County Board of Welfare, Tuesday was named temporary chairman of the board.

The North Carolina A and T State University professor was named to replace H. P. Winchester, whose term expires next month. Ralph B. Cummings of Guilford College, a dairy farmer, will officially replace Winchester in August.

Liston is beginning his fifth year on the board. He is chairman of the Mechanical Engineering Department at A and T.

Jets collar Snell,

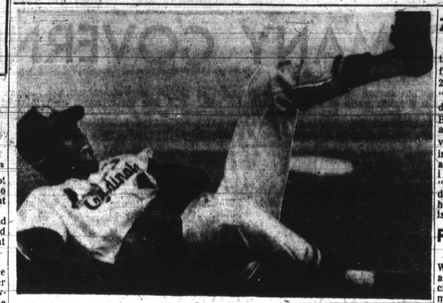
NEW YORK — Fullback Matt Snell, the New York Jets' leading rusher for the past three seasons, has signed his fourth American Football League contract.

The former Ohio State star finished among the top 10 in rushing and pass-catching last season. He carried 178 times for 644 yards last year to finish sixth in the league and made 48 catchers for 346 yards, tying him for ninth.

Hawks ink Bridges

ST. LOUIS (UPI) — Bill Bridges has signed his 1967-68 contract with the St. Louis Hawks.

Bridges, starting his sixth season with the Hawks, had his best season last year. He scored 1,373 points in 79 games for a 17.4 average, second highest on the club to rookie Lou Hudson.



BOB GIBSON

Broken leg shelves Cards' Gibson for 4 to 6 weeks

St. Louis (UPI) — Star pitcher Bob Gibson suffered a fracture of the fibula bone in his right leg when struck by a batted ball in Saturday night's game with the Pittsburgh Pirates and will be lost to the St. Louis Cardinals for four to six weeks.

Gibson suffered the injury when he was hit by a line drive off the bat of Roberto Clemente in the fourth inning.

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GIBSON, WHO was leading 1-0 when he was injured, started the game with a 10-6 record and a 3.53 earned run average. The 6-foot, 1 inch, 185-pound right-hander, who was a World Series pitching hero for the Cardinals in 1964, was a 21-game winer last season.

Gibson was taken to City Hospital where X-rays revealed the fracture. Dr. I. Middleman, the Cardinals' team physician, estimated that Gibson will be sidelined the four to six weeks.

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CLEMENTE'S DRIVE glanced off Gibson's right shin, forcing him to fall to the ground. Gibson was examined on the mound but permitted to pitch to three more batters. He limped off the field after falling to the ground a second time while pitching to Donn Clendenon.

Clemente, was was credited with a single on the play, eventually scored the lying run while Al Jackson was on the mound for the Cardinals.

A FORMER Harlem Globetrotter basketball player, Gibson scored two victories in the 1964 World Series, including the seventh and decisive game against the New York Yankees.

He has won 122 games and lost 87 during his eight-and-a-half year career in the majors and in successive seasons between 1961 and 1967 won 13, 15, 18, 19, 20 and 21 games.

World record clocking beats hurdles champion

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (UPI) — Earl McCullouch, a splintering speedster from Southern California, dashed at world record speed Sunday to beat national champion Willie Davenport for the first time in qualifying for the U. S. Pan-American track team in the 110-meter hurdles.

McCullouch, a 21-year-old split end of the Trojan Football Team, was clocked at 13.2 seconds for the distance, equaling the world mark set in 1959 at Zurich, Switzerland by Martin Lauer of Germany and tied by Lee Calhoun of the United States, in 1960 at Bern, Switzerland.

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DAVENPORT TOOK second, clocked at 13.8. Two of the watches timed McCullouch in 13.2 and the third in 13.1. It was the first world record ever equalled on the University of Minnesota's Kalite track.

There was an aiding wind of 3.9 miles per hour during the race, well inside the permissible limit of 4.473.

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"I FELT good," McCullouch said. "I have a wind-aided 13.3 once and a 13.4 for my best previous races. I don't want to say what my potential is but I think 13.2 can be beaten."

McCullouch, off to a good start in the short dash over the high hurdles, never was headed in the race. Davenport, on the outside of the six-man field, was closing at the finish, but there was plenty of daylight between the two runners.

Vegas odds favor Sox and Cardinals

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (UPI) — The St. Louis Cardinals and the Chicago White Sox were favored Sunday to capture their respective pennants by Las Vegas oddsmaker Jimmy Snyder.

The Cards were installed as 7-5 favorites to take the National League crown, while Chicago was given an 11-5 chance to win the American League championship.

Other odds in the NL were Cincinnati, Atlanta, Pittsburgh and Chicago 6-1 each; San Francisco 10-4; Philadelphia 20-1 and Los Angeles 100-1. New York and Houston were both "out," Snyder said.

In the American League, Minnesota was listed at 3-1, Detroit 7-2, Baltimore 8-1, Boston and California 15-1 each; Cleveland 20-1, New York 50-1 and Kansas City and Washington 100-1.

Bronco, Ram Football

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. — The General Alumni Association of Fayetteville State College will sponsor the football game scheduled on Oct. 14 between Winston-Salem State College and FSC.

The affair promises to be a sell-out with proceeds going to the Athletic Fund and other worthwhile college needs.

Housing bar falls

The Defense Department announced Thursday that all operators of multi-unit housing and trailer courts around the Patuxent Naval Air Station in Maryland had agreed to rent to colored service personnel.

The announcement added that all but one operator had agreed to rent to everybody in the vicinity of the Naval Training Center at Bainbridge. Mr. Segregated housing in both areas recently was declared off-limits to

Double shutout for Walbrook

Walbrook C. C. baseballers, enjoying a midseason surge, won three of four games and tied the other in weekend competition.

On Sunday, playing the Baltimore Major League schedule, Walbrook scored a double shutout of Union Printers, winning the opener, 4-0, and the nightcap, 2-0. George McDonald hurled the first game, allowing only three hits, and Andre Barnhardt tossed a one-hitter and fanned 15 in the second.

Earlier, on a trip to King George's, Va., Barnhardt won a 6-4 decision before darkness ended a 3-3 tie between Walbrook and the local All Stars.

Zambia is...

LUSAKA (NPI) — Although Zambia has been a free African nation since Oct. 23, 1964, some countries still "doubt its political independence," declared H. D. Banda, minister of cooperatives, youth and social development, last week. Naming South Africa, Rhodesia and Britain as the countries involved, he added that "these states will continue to do so as long as they are not happy with the pace Zambia is economically developing."

Purchase land

CHICAGO (NPI) — The Woodlawn Organization, an anti-slum pro-fair housing civil rights group, last week moved closer to becoming a private developer when the city council approved its request to purchase eight acres of land at the cost of $558,919, for a joint venture with the Kate Maremount Foundation. They plan to build a 540-unit, $10 million southside housing development. The units will be restricted to five stories in height.

Tim Brown balks but plans to play

HONOLULU (UPI) — Timmy Brown, Philadelphia Eagles halfback, says he intends to play football this season, despite failing to sign his 1967 contract with the club.

Brown, here last week with the Jantzen Sports group, said "The last time I met with the front office was eight weeks ago. Since then I've been traveling and haven't had a chance to talk with them."

The Eagles' top running back for the past several seasons, Brown said there were some reports in Philadelphia newspapers that he was asking for a considerable amount of money.

"I'm not asking for more than I have in the past," he said.

But I feel that I don't have to ask for what I have accomplished during my eight years with the club."

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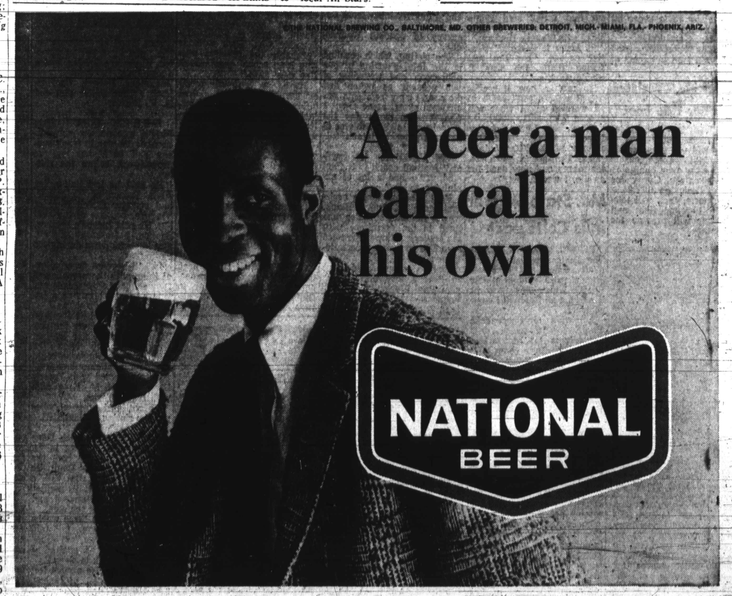

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