



Leading with a right is RAY GOLDEN (left) of A Infantry. DARE KEELAN is on the receiving end, and Referee CLIFF ACKERMAN is keeping a close eye on the two fighters. GOLDEN won.

Brooklyn Team Makes Home In Florida; Name It Dodgertown

By FRANK ECK
BROOKLYN, N. Y. — Leave it to Brooklyn to do the unusual. There was a time when Dodger outfielders were wary of fly balls hit to the outfield. But lately their big worry was to avoid getting hit on the noggin by oranges.

About one mile from Vero Beach Fla., there's a former Navy air base. Some 600 Dodger farm hands passed through the place during March.

The place is known as Dodgertown and will be used by future Dodgers in years to come. Brooklyn's varsity will even train there for a few weeks next spring.

Out on the lawn they had gallons of ice cold orange juice and you just helped yourself. On the porch were dozens of pinball machines and a juke box that blasted away from 8 a. m. until after darkness.

For the more adult rookie, there was a large living room where he could read and write, about the only things the athletes were not taught by Professor Branch Rickey and his staff.

For the homesick there was even a handy post office which may someday carry the postmark "Dodgertown". It was set in the corner of a soda fountain where you still could get a nickel canny bar for five cents and a glass of seltzer for a penny.

Rickey, while not one for extravagance, left nothing undone in making this former Navy

base one of the best, if not the best, training camps in the country. The Dodgers have a 10-year lease on the place.

If you had trouble finding a collar button or a ballplayer all you had to do was find Spencer Harris. He'd cut in on the juke box with an announcement that could be heard throughout the many acres of Dodgertown.

Dodgertown was a real democratic place. Everybody was treated alike and all members of the Dodger official family lived on the "reservation" during their 3-days there.

Chow was served cafeteria style. You got a tray and utensils and took your pick of food that Caterer Harry M. Stevens prepared. Stevens caters to the New York and Florida horse racing plants and many big league ball parks.

After Manager Leo Durocher's first meal at Dodgertown he and his wife, movie actress Laraine Day, prepared to leave one of the four long tables without bringing their soiled trays to the dish washer's window.

"Hey, Leo," shouted a rookie. "There's a fine for doing that." Durocher promptly brought his empty tray to the place. He also took his wife's. No one could say that Durocher was looking to be fined before the season began.

More people visit Hialeah race track during the off-season than during the racing meet.

Cardon Replaces Ludwick On Mile Team for Kansas Relays

Large Oklahoma U. Team Will Go To Kansas Relays

NORMAN, Okla., April 15—Oklahoma will take its largest track squad of all time to the Kansas Relays, moving on Lawrence by train and bus.

Every Sooner entry, including Bill Weaver who is facing terrific opposition in Irving "Moon" Mondachin, New York University's National AAU decathlon champion the last three years, is up against big league competition from a field that is drawing the best athletes in the Nation.

First Oklahoma into Lawrence will be Mary LeFlore, brunette Sooner track queen from Tulsa, whose trip to the meet is financed by the university student senate. Miss LeFlore will leave Thursday by train.

Coach John Jacobs and Weaver will confine their efforts to the Kansas Relays this week-end. Consisting of Webster Stone, Carroll Hahn, Joe McGlothlin and J. D. Hampton, the four mile team is capable of running the distance in 17:30 which is seven seconds under the record at the Kansas Relays.

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Oklahoma's entries in the Indiana Relays (Continued on Page 4)

By DON ENGLER

Don Cardon will replace Connelly Ludwick on the Aggie mile relay team in the Kansas Relays this weekend according to the latest information released by head track coach Col. Frank Anderson. The recent change was due to the fact that Cardon has improved considerably in the past two weeks. Don's showing in the Texas Relays and in the dual meet with LSU prompted the change. He now is capable of running a 49 flat 440. Ludwick has by no means lost any of his speed. It is just that Cardon is faster.

Other members of the mile relay team will be Erwin Bildersack, Ray Holbrook and Art Harnden. They will leave for Lawrence, Kansas tonight by train.

Bob Goode, who will enter the Decathlon in the Kansas classic, will leave tonight with the mile relay team.

The Aggie four mile relay team, champions of the Texas Relays four mile event, left this morning by car for Kansas.

As things stand now the four mile team will not enter the Drake Relays the following weekend but will confine their efforts to the Kansas Relays this week-end.

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THE BATTALION SPORTS

THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 1948

Aggie Golfers Meet Texas U. Here Friday

The Texas A&M Golf team will receive one of its stiffest tests of the season at the Bryan Country Club Friday when they meet Texas University. The four-ball matches will be played in the morning and the two-ball matches in the afternoon.

Both teams are undefeated in Southwest Conference play and will be striving to keep that clean record.

The Texas golf team seems to be taking this match very seriously because they were on the Bryan course Thursday and Friday getting accustomed to the greens.

The Longhorns were pre-season favorites to win the conference championship, but the A&M linksmen have been showing steady improvement under the guidance of Coach Gayther Nowell and could easily take the title if they beat T U tomorrow.

The University has four top-notch performers on their team, only one of them capable of shooting sub-par golf.

Frank Neimeyer fired a two-under par 69 last Friday to lead the Longhorns to a four to two victory over Arkansas University, and Bob Watson of Palestine played on the team last year and is back this year with a new and improved swing.

Blackie Dahlberg, the number one man for the Longhorns, may not play for Texas tomorrow. He failed to come with the team on their practice round.

Negro Flash Beaten By Aggie Runner

Aggie Webb, a posed out Wendall Davis, Bryan Negro, by about six inches yesterday afternoon on Kyle Field in an exhibition 100 yard dash. Col. Anderson, Aggie track coach who acted as timer, gave the time as 9.8 3/8 seconds.

The Bryan flash, who has acquired a fast start under the tutelage of Col. Andy, was in the lead most of the way until Jay pulled ahead at the finish.

The runners were slowed down considerably by the wet track. Davis, who has recorded a 9.5 hundred already this year, will probably have a return race with Jay in the near future.

He Made A Hit

When the Chicago White Sox checked into their hotel at San Antonio, Tex., the hotel's "greeter" welcomed Manager Ted Lyons: "Right this way, Mr. Lyons, I'll show you to your room. It's 630." Whereupon ex-pitcher Lyons solemnly replied: "I'd like to congratulate you, young man. I didn't realize anybody still remembered my batting average."

clude Gerry Fridy at second, Eddie Polligrini at short and Dillinger at third, which, with Stevens or McDonald at first, probably will be the starters unless one of the numerous rookies turn into surprises.

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Baseball Team Bows To Bryan; Pitching Staff Waits for SMU

By ANDY MATULA

While the ace A&M pitching staff took a breathing spell, the Bryan Bombers trounced the Aggies 19 to 9 at Bomber Stadium Wednesday night.

Coach Marty Karow let Earl Beesley coach at first base and Bobby Fretz play first base as the Bombers proceeded to turn the game into a rout. Alvis Nixon started on the mound for the Aggies followed by Bruce Morris and Zeke Strange.

Nixon pitched fine ball for the five innings he was on the mound. He struck out five men, allowed three bases on balls and was tapped for only three hits. However the walks worked against him and when he left the game the score was tied 5 to 5.

Bruce Morris still lacked the control to handle the mound job. The Bombers made 12 runs off of him in five hits, eleven walks and one error. Zeke Strange finished up the game for the Aggies, allowing two runs off four walks and one hit.

Leroy Gibbens, who pitched last year for A&M and was declared ineligible by the SWC this season, started for Bryan on the mound. Gibbens at the time being is trying out for the Bombers. He struck out three of the nine men to face him and walked only one.

The Aggies waited till his successor came to the mound before they began tallying. Dean Hitt relieved Gibbens in the fourth frame and the maroon and white nine bunched five hits into five runs after the Bombers committed one error. A double steal by William and Vass further confused the Bryan club.

Stan Hollmig pushed in two runs on a sure fire double but still didn't get credit for a hit. Hollmig slapped a ball against the left field fence to score Mays and Burditt but neglected to tag first base and was called out.

The Bombers had their big inning in the seventh when Morris issued his nine walks. This plus three hits tallied 10 runs for the Bombers.

Hitt walked one Aggie run in the ninth and then with the bases loaded, Herschel Maltz put a triple over right fielder's head to push three more runs in and total the score 19 to 9.

In the hitting department, Walter Willingham with two out of three and Russell Mays with two out of five led the Aggies. Score by innings:

A&M	0	0	5	0	0	0	4	8	8
Bryan	0	1	1	3	2	1	2	2	8

Batteries: For A&M, Nixon, Morris, and Vass. For Bryan, Gibbens, Hitt, Hampton, Partee.

Officials: Berrera, Olson. Time: 2:40.

Two Records Fall in Mural Tank Finals

Two new records were set last night in the Intramural Swimming finals.

Murph Compton set the first record of the night in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 20.6 seconds, lowering the old mark by four-tenths of a second.

Hart Hall's athletes put on the best display of swimming talents of the night by breaking the 300-yard Medley Relay record.

Buddy Dealy swam the backstroke, Bob Bates took the grueling breaststroke, and Marion Settegast swam the free style.

Their time was 1:01.8, compared with the old mark of 1:03.2. B Composite led the Corps league with 18 points, followed by C Air Force with 14.

Hart Hall won the Veteran's league and took high honors for the night with 20 points. Dorm 14 was second with 14 points.

B Field took the opening 400-yard Relay. Bobby Sykes, James Izenhower, Bob Hyatt, and Malcolm Williams were on the winning team. Dorm 14 finished second and B Composite came in third.

Marion Settegast was second to record-making Compton in the backstroke. Flowers came in third.

Bob Bates of Hart Hall also won the 200-yard breaststroke, followed by Taylor of C Cal. Barney Byrne of B Composite took the diving crown in a close win over Taylor of Dorm 7. Johnson of A Field Artillery was third, and Pate of C Air Force, last year's champion, came in sixth.

John Simmonaux of C Air Force won the 300-yard free style, followed by Armstrong of A Int., and Sykes of B Field.

Coach Art Adamson presented the Intramural medals to the winners after each event. Jimmy Flowers was the official starter. Diving Coach Emil Mangaliga was head diving judge, with Bennett, Bill Strait and Joe Canning helping him.

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Brownies Will Be In Shape Anyway

By BOB MYERS

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. — This may come as small solace for what following the St. Louis Browns maintain, but Manager Zack Taylor will promise one thing. The Brownies, he pledges will be in good physical condition when the American League wars begin.

Aside from that the venerable Taylor declines to make comment; he won't even list his leading candidates for the team. "I intend to give everyone on the squad a real chance to make the club, and that means I'll use as many possible in the exhibition games left before we start the regular season," he says. "Until then, I'd rather not name anyone as a regular. It wouldn't be fair to the players, or to the club."

Taylor, of course, took over a last place ball club that had been further depleted by the sale of such players as Pitchers Jack Kramer, Ellis Kinder and Bob Muncrief, and a pair of sought-after infielders, Verne Stephens and Johnny Boardine. Actually, all he seemed to have left of any note was Bob Dillinger, a fine defensive man and a .294 hitter last year, which is good swatting for any third baseman in the business.

At one time the Browns had 21 pitchers in camp, and Taylor and his aides, Coaches Fred Hofmann and Ralph Winegarner, carefully examined each prospect. Of the more probable-to-stick crew, observers list Al Gerheuser, a 15-game winner with Montreal last season; veterans Nelson Potter, Sam Zoladak, and Sandy Sanford, and several rookies, as the leading candidates. Seasoned infield talent would include Gerry Fridy at second, Eddie Polligrini at short and Dillinger at third, which, with Stevens or McDonald at first, probably will be the starters unless one of the numerous rookies turn into surprises.

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He began to warm up over several prospects. Perhaps it was out of pure desperation, but he began to notice the better things—and ignore some of the more obvious faults. Being an old catcher of good repute, he saw some characteristics he liked in Tommy Jordan, a husky, hard swinging backstop who batted .309 for San Antonio in Zack's old stamping grounds, the Texas League.

He was surprised at the smooth first sacking displayed by George McDonald, who has spent the last nine years or so in the Pacific Coast league. Ueters, may it be known, have been the main reason why McDonald has been performing in the lower classed field. Taylor used Chuck Stevens, up from Toledo, at first in most of the spring games, but McDonald still has a fat crack at the regular job.

Assembled in the Brownie camp here were some 47 other ball players, the large majority of whom on paper haven't been world beaters. Taylor is a smart baseball man and he must have been discouraged at the outset. But, club insiders say, as the weeks went by

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