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Cactusland Sports Beat

By HENRY RIEGER

A devotee of yo old Marquis of Quexberry, this correspondent takes every opportunity to sit in, as a spectator only, at any fist-cuff performance, may it be amateur or professional.

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There is no supervisory agency to suspend fighters for poor contests or infraction of rules. The same goes for the promoting end. As a matter of fact, there are no rules except those drawn by independent city athletic commissions or the promoters themselves.

Phoenix has a functioning commission which attempts to rule with a firm but gloved hand. However, without support from a state organization, its actions are sometimes meaningless.

With the advent of a state athletic commission, controlling not only boxing but wrestling too, the state squared ring, now almost dormant, would receive a virtual shot of fistic plasma.

Assured of proper control, top-

notch promoters would venture thousands of dollars to establish a fight circuit which would be a credit to the state. Such men would chance the fate of thousands of dollars in their efforts to establish a good, well regulated brand of boxing.

With the guaranteed promotion setup, the normal sports course would be for a better grade of fighter to follow.

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Jackie Robinson Becomes 1st Negro Big League Player

By CORNELIUS RYAN
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NEW YORK, April 11 (UPI)—Jackie Robinson moves into big-league competition today as a member of the Brooklyn Dodgers, and most baseball men agreed that the little Negro not only will stand up, but probably will become a star.

The 27-year-old Robinson, who first won national athletic fame as an All-American halfback at the University of California at Los Angeles, was moved up yesterday from the Dodgers' Montreal farm club to become the first Negro player in the major leagues, and he was the first to admit that the pressure would be great.

"But this is what I've been waiting for," he said.

Is Confident

He was confident that he could make good in the majors, thus opening the door for others of his race to compete on equal footing as they do without incident in boxing, college and professional football, college and professional basketball and as jockeys in horse-racing.

He already had proved he can produce despite pressure. He became the first Negro in organized baseball when Branch Rickey signed him to a Montreal contract last year, and was received with mixed emotions by his Montreal teammates. The Montreal manager, Clay Hopper, a native of Mississippi, declared that Robbie would get a fair chance, and held to his word.

The six-foot, 180-pound Negro played 119 games at second base in unfamiliar position, led the International League in batting with a .349 percentage, led second-sackers in fielding with .985, and was second in the league in base-stealing with 40 thefts. His fine play continued in the playoffs and in the Little World Series.

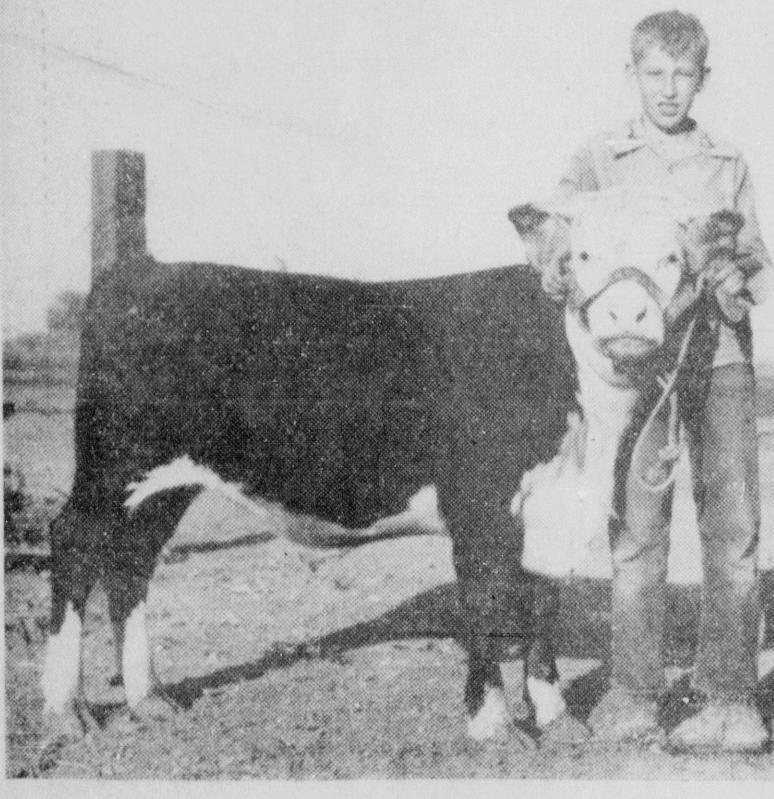
More important he became one of the best-liked men on the team, both with his mates and with the fans. After the final Little World Series victory and the Montreal crowd flooded onto the field and hoisted two men to its shoulders—Hopper and Robinson—Robinson wept openly with pride and pleasure.

Crims, Spartans Compete in Track Meet El Centro

Coach Jack BeDillon's 25-man Yuma Criminal track squad engages the El Centro Spartans in a dual track and field meet this afternoon in El Centro. BeDillon's club is favored to win the contest.

Lt. James Percy, Marine Corps pilot, fell 2000 feet into the Pacific ocean when his parachute failed to open, and lived.

He Rassled His Calf



—Agricultural Extension Service Photo by John Craft
Earl Braswell of Gadsden was one of the agile (and lucky) boys who caught himself a calf at the 4-H Calf Scramble last October. Now, with Junior Fair time approaching, he is ready to enter it in the show ring and put it up for auction.

TRAINING CAMP BRIEFS

NEW YORK, April 11 (UPI)—Eyes of the baseball world were focused on Ebbets Field today where the Brooklyn Dodgers, with a temporary manager and a new first baseman, prepared for the invasion of the New York Yankees.

The Dodgers, who are being handled by Clyde Sukeforth, purchased Negro Jackie Robinson from Montreal yesterday and Sukeforth indicated that the 1946 International League batting champion would be in the Brooklyn line-up today. The Dodgers bowed to Montreal yesterday, and won 3, with Al Campanis and Don Lund of the Royals each hitting a home run.

Manager Bucky Harris of the Yankees paraded his squad by send-

BULLDOGS PLAY CRIMINAL NINE HERE TODAY

Coach Vic Smith's Yuma Criminals play hosts to the Calexico Bulldogs nine this afternoon on Doan field in the ninth contest for the locals this season.

Tempe Cancels Game with Crims Saturday

Because of lack of transportation, Tempe high school has canceled a baseball game with the Yuma Criminals, originally slated for 4 p.m. Saturday on Doan field.

Mickie Peralta Wins Match in Tucson Turney

Mickie Peralta of Yuma remains in the running for the Southwestern women's golf tournament title today, after defeating Gertie Hodges of Hobbs, N.M., yesterday, one-up on the El Rio country club links at Tucson.

Mrs. Peralta and Mary Berg were the only Yumans to qualify for the championship flight, and the latter was defeated yesterday one-up in a tight match with Zola Bartholomew.

The tourney favorite and defending champion, Elinor Jones of Albuquerque, turned in the low score in qualifying rounds Wednesday, carding an 81.

Three other Yuma women qualified for first flight play. They are Marjorie Sanguineti, Margaret Blalack and Alice Miller.

In quarter-final play today,

ing catcher Gus Niarhos to Kansas City of the American Association; infielder Jack Phillips to Newark of the International League, and pitcher Johnny Maldivan to Portland of the Pacific Coast League.

BOSTON, April 11 (UPI)—The Braves and the Red Sox were ready to square off today in the first game of their annual spring series in the Hub City.

CHICAGO, April 11 (UPI)—The annual spring series between the White Sox and the Cubs was scheduled to get underway today. The Cubs had their final tune-up yesterday as they edged the Memphis Chicks, 8 to 7, at Memphis.

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