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Sports Questions and Answers

BY AL MOSES.

NEW YORK. (ANP). This week we take time out to answer the letters that have piled upon our desk:

Dear Al Moses:

Didn't Jersey Joe Walcott lose to two colored fighters years ago at Rockland Place, N. Y. C.? What were their names? Reggie (Playboy) Stewart, Kansas City, Kas.

(A) Yes. My friend, lion-hearted Georgie Brothers, out of the Salem Crescent A. C., whipped Walcott. He was also stopped by Tiger (Jack) Fox. Both were held at Al Douglas's Rockland Palace Sporting Club.

(Q) Al, I'm sitting here in Percy Harris' watching Roy Campenella whale the ball 450 foot or as great a distance as Doby or any of them smash'em. At the same time I watch Don Newcombe pitch like a Newhouser or Feller at his best even though he still does not pace himself properly. If he winds up leading the league, doesn't it make you all but cry to think what Joe Williams or Dick Redding with Wiley or Mackey catching them would have done years ago? Paris (Texas) Boswell, YMCA, 180 W. 135th St. N. Y. C.

(A) I have used up two crying-towels after reading your note. You are so right Texas. Ask "Kid Lee," your friend for years, how Mendez would have done for Lee played ball with him in Kansas City after he quit the prize ring.

(Q) Saw these some writer in your town thinks Ezzard Charles might fatally hurt "old man" Jersey Joe Walcott. Do you share in that opinion? Walter Burton, Springfield, Mass.

(A) I hold to my original opinion that fighting like he did against champion Louis, Walcott will win.

(Q) How do Satchel Paige and Don Newcombe, only two colored pitchers on major "big time" shape up in the average columns? Pat Burns, Washington, D. C.

(A)

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Paige, Cleveland	9	1	39	32	28	17	15	2	3
*Donald Newcombe									
Brooklyn	8	3	43	36	34	8	16	3	0

*Leads league.

(Q) Will "Squatie" Dandridge make history at Minneapolis and how do you think Barnhill will go? Oscar Polk, Brooklyn, N. Y.

(A) The Dandridge of the Mexican league day was the best infielder (third or second) in world baseball, many competent experts who saw him there wrote. I have written about him for years and compared him to "Pie" Traynor as hitter and fielder. He should go real great at Minneapolis or anywhere. Barnhill, was a wonder, and maybe he still is.

(Q) Where is ring announcer Harry Balogh these days?

(A) Living in a west 77th street hotel. He is now married.

(Q) Notice that the lad I wrote reams about, Luke Easter, is going like a prairie fire with the San Diego Padres. Is he a greater distance clouter than Cleveland's Doby and the late Josh Gibson? Vernon Poe, Oakland, Calif.

(A) I think only time can answer that one, Vernon. Easter, in one clout we saw at the Polo grounds, whaled a ball into the centerfield's bleachers. It looked like Sewell's blooper as it literally sailed (under its own power) into the stands. No man I ever knew in sandlot or major ball matched that one. Should his oragnized ball-life last until say 1951 or '52, I predict baseball historians will call him the "luscious one".... Lucious (out-of-the-park) Easter.

(Q) Who is the Metropolitan A. A. U. 100 yard champion? I saw him run Saturday, June 11, at Triborough stadium but his name skips me by? L. G. D., Stapleton, R. I.

(A) Eddie Conwell, Jersey City Department of Recreation Athletic club.

(Q) Is the present (1949-50) track captain of Michigan State a colored performer by the name of Horace Smith? Pearl Atkins, Columbus, O.

(A) I will try to put you on the right track in this way:

(a) Tom Irmen (white) is still 1949 Michigan State Track team captain.

(b) Jack Dianetti (middle distance) was recently elected co-captain for the 1950 season.

(Q) In the recent Scottish all-comers games at Glasgow, Scotland, (June 11, 1949) what events did Harrison Dillard, Dave Bolen and Herb Douglas (Pittsburgh U.) star in? Victor Daly, Willrose Musical club, 168 W. 132nd St. N. Y. C.

(A) Dillard won the 220 yard handicap and 120 yard high hurdles and Bolen the 440 yard handicap. Douglas was a quarter of an inch away from 24 feet in winning the broad jump.

(Q) What did I read recently was the "greatest killer in the entire sports field?" B. C., Indianapolis, Ind.

(A) Boxing fatalities.

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by JAMES C. OLSON, Superintendent STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

An hour's ride west of Scotts-bluff stands Fort Laramie National Monument, one of the nation's notable symbols of American expansion into the west. Though now in Wyoming, it was once a part of Nebraska territory, and has had a large part in Nebraska's history.

The fort was established as a military post on June 26, 1849—just one hundred years ago—when Lt. Daniel P. Woodbury, negotiated its purchase from the American Fur company. It was this same Lt. Woodbury, who earlier had selected the site on which Fort Kearny was established.

At the time it became an army post, however, Fort Laramie had behind it 15 years of service as an important center of the western fur-trade. Established by William Sublette and Robert Campbell in 1834, it was bought by the powerful American Fur company in 1841. Originally it had been named "Fort William." The American Fur company changed the name to "Fort John on the Laramie," soon shortened by popular usage to Fort Laramie, and so christened by the army.

The post at the junction of the Laramie and North Platte rivers was peculiarly well adapted to serve the needs of the fur trade, and each spring saw the dispatch down the Platte of veritable flotillas of bullboats and flatboats heavily laden with furs destined for the markets in St. Louis. It was visited annually by the Sioux and Cheyennes who brought their robes in to barter for the white man's goods.

Also during the Forties it was developed into an important stopping place for the overland emigrants headed for Oregon and

Utah. Marcus Whitman, the famed Oregon missionary, stopped there in 1841. The next year, Lt. John C. Fremont visited the post and prophesied the coming of the great wagon trains.

During its career as a military post, Fort Laramie, in addition to serving as a guardian of the overland trail, represented American authority in the heart of the Indian country. Here the great councils with the Indians of the northern plains were held. Here were stationed the troops whose duty it was to enforce our will on the original inhabitants of the plains.

At the peak of its career the reservation comprised more than 34,000 acres and included 5 buildings. Like all frontier forts, though, its usefulness ceased once the Indians were subdued, and in 1890 the one-time queen of the plains was abandoned.

Most of the old buildings are gone, but some of them—including the Sutler's store through whose door passed such famous frontiersmen as Kit Carson, Jim Bridger and Buffalo Bill and "Old Bedlam," the first army structure at the fort—still remain to remind present and future generations that ours indeed has been an heroic past.

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