SPORTS ..

IT? JOE LOUIS OR J. HENRY LEWIS

snow has cleared the side walks ceptions where a good little man of this big burg, the heavyweight can whip a good big man. (I am fight question seems to be on the not speaking to you Mr. Armlips of everyone. The old hound strong.) So there fore I do not dog, of Sport was not ready to believe John Henry with all of his render his usually opinion. Since glory and greatness will defeat several letters have reached the our Joe. But oh, what a whale of office ask'nb about such, our first a fight it will be while it lasts. Joe duty shall be always to give out is tops over John Henry in the customers prompt service.

night of Jan. 27, 1939, two men many fights, I believe if push goes worthy of the right to battle for to shove that Joe can and will outthe Championship. Each is a true box John Henry. I always thought Champ in his division. Neither Tommy Loughra nof Philly, the Joe or John has dodged any human ex light Heavyweight Champ had that a promoter has put a purse the best left hand in my time of up for and have accomadated all seeing important boxing matches. challengers who thoughts she could but lo and behold in my last minfight. Each has a memoriable ring uto and under oath, I must swear victory to their credit that shines that Joe Louis possesses the most like the North Star. Joe in the most accurate and cutting left hand in sensational K. T. of all times to a the fight business. No fighter has pre-victory fighter, taken Max lived in my time that had the left Schmeling Der Fruers minister de of that Joe. John Henry has great porfolio in the iions den, with not ring generalship a beautiful box-3 minutes of fighting in the first or with a nice kind of punch. With round. John Henry Lewis after be- all of those wonderful fighting ing bounced on the canvass later assets, he figures to beat any othin Detroit by the fists of Isadore er fighter in this present world Gastinga came back 2 months later but Joe LOUIS. There will be lots in St. Louis to score a technical of rumors folks and some ugly K. O. over the Spaniard in 9 ones for I have tasted some of rounds. In their respective divi- them before they were cooked.

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sions they are about evenly rated WHO WILL DO sions they are about evenly rated the joe has a a slight edge on his walloy packing ability. Both are great money fighters. John didn't miss when the chips are down. Each has lost one fight in the last 3 year. John outboxed the highly touted Jock McAvoy, of England. . Joe with a broken right hand, outboxed Tommy Farr England's pride.

For the human side of the news,

New York, City N. Y.-After few and bar between are the expunching department. And my dear We shall have before us on the friend having seen both men in Remember there shall be only one WINNER out of all the scores of rumors. That should be Joe.

Don't worry because these are brothern of color, it will bea business fight. The only business to be transacted will be the usual ala Joe Louis way, "Get rid of them quick so we can hurry home." Little betting will prevail on this fight. Joe will be a top favorite at odds of about 6 to 1 to win. 2 the Jersey eleven. But when he fi- California. to 1 to score a K. O. You can bet nally straight-armed Jim Crow, he An amazing tribute from a white fight while it lasts and should pro-LOGAN FONTENELLE HOMES exhausted, Here's hoping the BEST around football ability. man will win. But the gyspy lady

> tells me it will be JOE LOUIS. P. S. Critisms are invited also suggestions to any bit of Sport News released by the NNP S. S.S. Write release Editor 112 W. 135th St., New York City. -000-

TOUCHDOWN AGAINST OLD JIM CROW

(by BEN BURNS CNA)

BOUNDING DOWN the pages of sports history, twisting and defeating all kinds of racial barrier school. comes the Negro gridiron star.

Grim-faced and determined, weary and dogged, these heroes clad in football togs have left their mark on pigskin contest since the WE 1711 beginning of the century but the 1938 season sets a new high for starring roles by Negro aces in

> grid stadium from coast to coast. Certain to break their way into All-American ranks, at least a dozen Negro youths are carrying on the traditions started in the late 1890's by William Lewis, Harvard Negro back, who rated a place on

one of the first All-Americans team ever chosen. The parade of Negroes into All-American elevens has continued through the years until today the segregated, lonely athlete has come to be accepted as a valuable cog

in the best of U. S. grid machines. IT WAS Kalter Gordon, tackle of California in 1912, who carried on after Lewis of Harvard by winning a place on third all-American team chosen by Walter Camp.

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Jersey City, N. J.

DARK LAUGHTER



"Pluto, don't you know better than ta hit ya Uncle Bootsie in the haid wif yo nice new bat-after all, mummer caint buy a new bat ev'ry day ya know."

when in 1916 Paul Robeson, today The Bruin back, in his junior out his right,

' Paul Robeson, the big Negro duce more thrills than a Dick Tra- | c. Rutgers eleven, is a genius. Ro- last year: cy movie serial. There will be beson must be ranked with such The favorite player of the day

> "It is seldon indeed that a lineaman can develop such versatility. Robeson does almost everything except carry the ball, and everything he does may be marked 'sterling'."

Fritz Pollard of Brown won the Rose Bowl game single handedly and was the next All-American winn'ng a halfback post. I. Williams was on the same Brown team and school's football bistory.

tackle, who also earned a position | weekly ball on all-Americans elevens ,and Oz- The roped arena was set in the zie Simmons later at the same

THE NICHE these players earn- soon be there. ed in athletic history today gives Up in the Press Row on the alert, inspiration to thousands of Negro The scribes were there to catch boys fighting the rankest kind of the dirt: of the gridiron.

cords for Negroes are three pig- the matter. nell, Kenny Washington of UCLA high. and Bernie Jefferson of North- Came Kid Socem, the Georgia

above Cuyahoga's waters' 'is perhaps the most brilliant of present- Came K. O. Punchem in his robe day gridders. The red-jerseyed New York flanker, who is studying agriculture so that he "can help his people in farming," won All-American recognition in his junior year

Besides being selected on the Associated Press and United Press elevens last years, he was paid a moving tribute by Captain Clint Frank of Yale's outstanding team last year. Frank declared that the Cornell end was the best he had faced all season.

This year "Brud" Jerome is his real name is a No. 1 bet on leading All-American elevens picked thru the nation. Besides hs remarkable defeinsve work, Holland has added scoring to his jobs.

HOPPING to the other side of Punchem spoke not a word and the nation the spotlight turns to

Perhaps one of the greatest of of the university of California in with a jerk. Negro football greats followed Los Angeles (UCLA to you). Then measuring his man slipped

one of the world's outstanding sing- year now, opened up sports scribes Drove his fists to the Kid's jaw er and actor, made the Rutgers eyes at the end of last fall with squad. "Robeson of Rutger' did a record breaking 76 yard pass for The young fighter got weak in the not have an easy time getting on a ttouchdown against Southern

on John Henry and write your own won such tributes as the following Southern college newspaper to a The Kid whose punches once caust'cket. After all kind folks and in the New York World by George Negro football player was given ed fear, friends this will be a whale of a Daley on Nov. 28, 1917. Kenny by the Southern Methodist Drayped to the canvass like a nd student newspaper in Dallas, Tex., striken steer.

plenty of action make no mistake men as Jim Thrope of the Carisle was Kenny Washington. No foot- The clamor increased because the of that part as John eHnry will Indians, Elmer Oliphant of West ball player who ever lived had a fight till all his ring amunition is Point, and tEd Coy of Yale for all- more magnificent first quarter than ho d'd. He was everywhere. He made all the tackles. He gained all the ground. He was absolutely unstoppable."

> COMING TO THE MIDWEST, All-Amercian selectors find Bernie Jefferson, slippery halfback of Northwestern.

Just Before Christmas

(By Louis O. Hudson) also won enduring fame in the 'Twas the week before Xmas at the Madison Square Garden Hall, But he run up on the Wrong guy Then came Duke Slater, Iowa The ring fans were having their

Awaiting the fighters who would

discrimination to get to the top. When from the crowd there arose by a lady friend. It is understood

a clatter, Topping the sensational 1938 re- We all looked up to see what was

skin toters, Brud Holland of Cor- Down the aisle with his head held claims. "It was just one of those

tough guy. Holland, stellar end from "far A moment later with a very firm Lyle Lasley, Negro,

> They cimbed thru the ropes sat on the stools, While the handlers adjusted their

of red.

To the center of the ring where the refree had his say,

No hitting or butting in the break The crowd roared again with the

sound of the gong, Both men started to punch like the battle of King Kong.

Like ferocious beasts they started to circle around, The Kid side-stepped, ducked with

his head, And with his experience had nothing to dread.

went to his work. Kenny Washington, triple threater Stuck out his left stopping the Kid

by Ol Harrington

with all his might.

Swayed on his pins like a tree in

The crowd on its feet yelled with great surprise.

Kid did not rise.

The refree with a glance at the quivering heap Waved Punchem to his corner, his

victory complete. A surge for the exits quickly began In that throng there were many a

Schocked at the quickness of the

On their way out were heard to

How in the H-I does Punchem hit that way. The Kid can hit and fight all right

TONIGHT.

Tiger Fox Recovering From Knife Wounds Harlem Hospital, N. Y. City

Tiger Fox was released after spending a week in the hospital because of stab wounds inflicted that the Tiger will try to stop | pressings of charges. True love never runs smooth , the Tiger things," the Tiger remarked.

New Publisher of White Newspaper

Lyle Lasley ,an 18 year old Paris Mo., youth has suddenly found himself thrust into the role of editor and publisher of a white newspaper which was bequeated to him by T. Vaughn Bodine, veteran white publisher of the Paris Mercury for whom young Lasley had worked as closebody body servant and nurse for a number of years. Although the whole matter is now in the courts because of a contract, Bodine made afterwards which was intended to place the paper in the hands of another, providing for a cash payment to the youth, it is believed that when the courts have finally rendered a verdict, the newspaper will be turned over to the Negro youth with "no strings

Kid Concrete

HOLIDAYS

When the train stopped at Pine Junction 12 miles from the small of Rocky Mouuntains, at was greeted by a delegation from the home of the Kid. After searching the coaches upside down our hero was to be found sitting in the company of Grandpa Anvil Hardrock and Papa Junior, nibbling on a bar of handshakes and backslaps, Mrs. peanut candy. Cameras clicked, the Slickmore announced dinner was to reporter from tht Black Dispatch be served. Rushing to the food the leading argument settler of trough as an engine to a fire, all Jiles County; began to pepper the that survived were seated at the Kid with an interview long as a sumptious table. freight train loaded with empty box cars. Finally the Kid replied, seen, after the blessing by the good "I cannot take credit for my vic- Backslider everybody was watching tories, I only fight as Grandpa An- the hostess do her number bringvil and Papa Junior tell me what ing in the victual dishes. Spaghetti to do Asked if he would fight K. and pigs knuckles were downed O. Punchem the home town champ? like a tackle going to the opposi-The Kid stated: "I will fight him tions 10 yard line with the ball, Ra-

all the pomp and splendor becom- kept the crowd to full war strength ing to any champ, which Joe Louis as the cheese and pickles reached greet Kid was Grandma Hardrock tree was passed around to taper and the peach colored wife of the off the bill of eats. As the function fighter. Notes of rythm were sailed had nearly ended, a rot took place in the air, by the Village Jug Band at the end of the table. It was In the receiving line were Doc Grandpappy Anvil looking thru his Visitem and the good Rev. Back- specs at the Rev. Backslider holslider with the rest of the folks lering, "Who in the h-l took my from Hincty Hill. All the town PIE." paid tribute to the new "What a man."

Reaching home after such a grand reception the Kid took time out to visit the school to the hill where he first learned his two and two. Joyous shouts greeted him. After all the boy of today will be the champ of tomorrow. Finally our hero worked up to a little rest that he was surely entitled after downing in company of the fight stragedy board, the best portions of three large springers and the rest of the trimings that go to make a Carolina dinner a success. Mail and invitations were stacked in bunches that would make a greyhound leap fatal. Reading over quite a few, one attracted his mind to the place, he told the Mrs. where they would spend the eve before Christmas. It was from his old palzie, Jerry Slickmore now in business for himself, delivering his wife's laundry. She was one of the

clubs exclusively for suds-busters. Much press notice was given this event in the Kids honor by the Black Dispatch, It was decided that it would be strictly invitational and no holders of the prized parchments were to be admitted, to this gala spaghetti festival a little diferrent from the pig foot struts, given by other local clubs in the Hincty Hill section.

local village bells and the President

of the Starch and Wash Social club

This was one of the village Hincty

The big moment arrived. Rocky Mountain's suds busting elite were at their best. The big red lantern was hanging on the front porch. while the word welcome was written on the door mat. Inside fresh laundred curtains adorned the win-

dows, parlor floors scrubbed clean, THE KID HOME FOR THE the music was presented Fes Burton's string band seated on the parlor rostrum. Folks history was in the making. The dining table with dishes laid out to a Queen's taste and the guests doing the Big Apple to the strains of the good Professors string band. The Kid was the center of all eyes whose mighty fists had downed the Horizontal Thunderbolt and tht Mighty Double Jointed Joe. After all the

Lo and behold sight was to be violi was taucked in mouths by The train reached Rocky Moun- the furlongs, while hard rolls were tains where the Kid was met with broken like the banks in '28, Garlic would probably envy. The first to the right places. Pie off the orchard

Urges Pro Football To Get Negro Players

New York, Dec. 15-A suggestion that outstanding Negro football players who are finishing their college work this year be not overlooked by the professional football clubs was made this week to Tim Mara, owner of the New York football Gians. by Walter White, NAACP secretary.

Mr. White cited the performances of Horace Bell, Minnesota; Kenny Washington, UCLA; Brud Holland, Cornell; and Bernard Jefferson, Northwestern, in his letter to Mr. Mara.

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