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Behind The Play In Sports

BY DON DE LEIGHBUR

SOME REMARKS ON PRO BASKETBALL

NEW YORK — Non-professional basketball has in late years resolved itself into the New York Renaissance, the Five and the Harlem Globe Trotters of Chicago. Efforts to break into the big time in the pro game held by other operators have failed because fans have been so thoroughly educated to expect their professional basketball to be an act of superior to that played by the two clubs. Amateur attempts to bring pro basketball to such cities as Philadelphia, Cleveland, Washington, Newark, N. J., and Brooklyn, N. Y., haven't met with much success, save in the case of Washington, where the Washington Bears last year and the season before, offered a problem to Bob Douglas of the Renaissance.

The Renaissance Washington Bears controversy came about over the defection of several of the really big names in Negro basketball who were mainly developed in the pro of the Renaissance.

Pop Gates, considered by many as the classiest of all Negro players, the husky Tazian Cooper for years the big star in Ben plays on the tool line; Johnny King, flashy, driving forward; and big William (Dolly) King, former all-American basketball center at Long Island University, formed the block of insurance players who blotted the Douglas banner for Washington Bears, financed, it has been claimed, by Lieberman of the Lightman Theatres in the nation's capital.

The prime consideration, reports have it, was money, in which Cooper, King, Gates, and Washington wanted more gold to perform as members of the New York aggregation.

Upshot of the matter was that Washington got a road team, a start, but they were unable to put their own blood collection centers on their feet. Drew summarized the results of the whole project for the Blood Transfusion Association and on the basis of his report the American Red Cross decided to set up the first blood collection center for the armed forces of the United States.

When Pearl Harbor was attacked the doctors at the Hawaiian base were not unprepared because of the bold vision of men like Drew. They were armed with a large enough supply of dried plasma to carry through until best blood transfusions could get under way.

MARTINA DARCY TO PRODUCE SHOWS AT CHICAGO EL GROTO

(CHICAGO (CNS) — Martina Darcy, well known west coast performer whose fan and ballet art was witnessed throughout the entire review which closed last week at Cole's and Fields' El Groto, has been chosen by the owners to produce shows at their popular supper club.

Mrs. Darcy, in her policy to keep the new show in accord with the sophisticated atmosphere of El Groto, will feature Lester Goodman, formerly of Katherine DeBarna show, in spectacular chorography numbers while the chorus will be occupied with cabaret songs, the ones of caravels, splits and hand springs, and other interludes.

Earl Dowd's brilliant band will be featured along with the show and beautiful music for dancing. The Four Nicklons will be cast in their first singing role as well as Leticia Moore, newest singing queen. The band still will be heard over CBS night.

Gates, King, Isaac and Company from future tournaments. All that you-know, however, went the way such talk goes because the recent tournament concluded in Chicago saw Dolly King and Pop Gates playing as members of the Grumman Airplane Company five.

Bob Douglas last season sought to bring professional basketball to Harlem once a week and played his team against its best opposition available each Sunday night and most of the holidays at his Renaissance Casino. Gates, King and Cooper and his Washington Bears, such teams as the Philadelphia Sphinx, the Brooklyn Jewels, and one or two others attracted fair sized audiences, but on the whole the "draw" was not satisfactory. It was obvious that something must be done if the Bears are to play as many home games in the 1944-45 season as they did in 1943-44.

One suggestion made by sideline critics is that Douglas junk his policy of not playing all-colored teams and bring such competition in for the Renaissance, mixing such teams with the traditional men of Sphinx, Jewels, Visitation, Original Celtics, etc.

Under the above conditions, Douglas might very well, it was pointed out by some, be bygone with Gates, Isaac, King and Cooper and go far as to finance them in establishing teams in Washington, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Newark, and maybe Wilmington, Delaware.

In such a situation King might lead up an all-star club, called "Dolly King and his Newark Bandits." Gates would lead a team of crack players under the name of "Pop Gates and his Philadelphia High School players, they would come out with a team named "Tazian Cooper and his Washington Bears," and Johnny Isaac would be seen with "Johnny Isaac's Baltimore Bullets."

Douglas' problem of box office attractions would be solved, we think, if such a program was carried out. Each of the players — Gates, King, Cooper, and Isaac — has individual followings among white and colored fans alike.

As the leader of an all star team, possibly made up of college and high school players, they would have far greater box office appeal, the game itself, among Negroes, would be aided materially, and the fans would get what games could be formed with a championship game scheduled. A league could be formed with a championship game played on the season's end, the winner to get the coveted invitation to the pro tournament in Chicago. In fact, many possibilities would be open by such a program. The main thing would be the overnight shot in the arm that pro basketball among Negroes is directly in need of.

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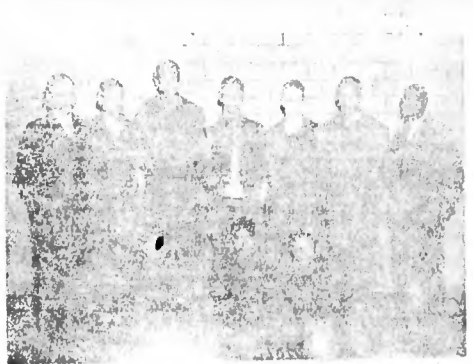
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by JAY JACKSON



W. Class winner in the recent all-state NMAA high school basketball tournament, held at Longwood University, 1943, is the Japan High School team (above). Left to right, standing, are G. W. Smith, coach; Ralph Hunter, Carl Team, Houston Stephens, Frank Suter, Harold Stapp, and M. W. Dool, principal and coach. Sitting, Carl Jones, Donald Barker and Billy Reeves.

Former 34th Bn. Seabee Brands McBean 'Worst'

NEW YORK — Commander J. P. McBean of the 34th Seabee battalion, whose members staged a hunger strike in California March 2, is described as "the worst I ever seen" in a letter to the NAACP from a discharged member of the outfit. Not only is he the "worst," wrote the Seabee, "but Lt. Commander C. V. White is equally as bad. The NAACP has asked the Navy to remove McBean and an official probe of the battalion is now under way.

On one occasion particularly, the seaman's letter pointed out, Commander McBean said "as long as he was Commander of the battalion, there will be no Negro (colored) petty officers. At another time when insubordination was charged after an argument over the use of a toilet, the men and a white sailor (who declared he would rather "be with the Japs than with the Niggers" — McBean is reported as saying "you boys from the South should know better and you boys from the North — I am going to teach you better. There is going to be segregation in this battalion and you are going to like it too."

The former 34th Bn. seaman, a native Texan and "as to segregation," stated further that Negro seamen were thrown in the brig for "anything that any of the whites said." In describing the racial prejudices fostered by the officers when the men sought recreation overseas after hours of lying in foxholes he said "when we would have a little time for recreation, there were some white officers on the island that liked to play us soft ball, and they were swell fellows too. Our Chaplain, a chief by the name of Powell and our Commander, tried to stop us from playing them ball, also on Guadalcanal we ran into

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Addition To Jackson Mem. Hospital

Miami, Fla. — Civilian Negro patients will have beds and dispensary facilities in the two additional floors to be added to Jackson Memorial Hospital, addition at Miami, Fla. It was announced by Maj. Gen. Philip B. Fleming, Federal Works Administrator.

A grant of an additional \$17,150 was made to Miami, Fla., for the construction of two more floors to the five-story addition to Jackson Memorial Hospital now being built to hospitalize disabled merchant seamen, who are being housed in Miami in increased numbers. The addition will have a capacity of 220 beds.

The grant augments a previous allotment of \$154,500 for the same purpose, and the completion of an addition to the home for 30 patients of the U. S. Civil Nurse Corps.

Approximately 200 merchant seamen requiring medical and surgical care were landed in Miami last year. Because of the lack of beds many were removed to marine hospitals in other cities.

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