

SHAW BEARS TO MEET A. & T. AGGIES

LITTLE BLUES WIN OPENER, 59-0; TO PLAY IN RICHMOND FRIDAY

Behind The Play In Sports

BY DON DE LEIGHEUR

THE NEGRO NATIONAL LEAGUE HAS THE RECORD: JOSH GIBSON WINS 1945 BATTING CHAMPIONSHIP

NEW YORK—Let's look at the record, and by that I mean, the averages of players in the Negro National League whose season is now officially at an end. The Home-Steak Grays won the NNL title, but lost the Negro World Series to the Negro American League Cleveland Buckeyes. Ernie Wright's club sent the Grays back in four straight games by scores of 2-1, 3-2, 4-0, and 5-0. In this analysis, it would be well to examine the situation in which the Grays were limited to a total of 20 hits in a series which also saw them held to an aggregate total of five runs. Cleveland pitcher stopped such batters as Josh Gibson (home run king), Buck Leonard, Josh's batting twin; Jerry Benjamin, Sammy Bankhead, Cool Papa Bell and others cold. The Grays folded up miserably and many fans were plenty sore, especially after they had bet their money on the Grays. The payoff was what happened here in New York. The World Series games were played in Cleveland, Washington and in Philadelphia where the championship was decided. The next Sunday, the Negro National League presented the two teams at Yankee Stadium and company, could try an exhibition contest, but which the fans thought was a doubleheader, part and parcel of the World Series. They learned the truth, however, since announcements dispelled any false impressions.

The Grays in these two games came definitely to life and pinned back the collective Cleveland ears by identical score of 7-1. That is what made so many people say, "If they pondered, Buck Leonard, Josh Gibson and company, could try with Cleveland after that team had won the championship, why in the hell wasn't such a performance put on when our money was on the line for the Home-Steak crew, during the series? Well, let's ask questions. As settled around the Winter's Home-Steak League and return to this business of averages and percentages as well as the Winter's Home-Steak League and return to this business of averages and percentages as went on record as being the accomplishments of Negro Baseball in the East. The Grays won 32 NNL titles, with 32 victories, 13 losses and a 711 percentage. Baltimore finished 25-17 and 325. The New York Cubans won 7, lost 20 and had a percentage of 259. The Black Yankees came in last with 7 won 26 lost and 212 as the per-

BEARS HARD AT WORK FOR GAME SATURDAY

RALPHIGH—Shaw University's possibilities remain a question mark one week before the "Bears" begin their season. Coach James E. Lewis has moved to step up the tempo of practice sessions, however, in preparation for the opening game here with A. & T. College on Saturday.

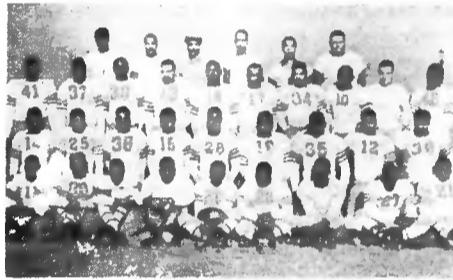
Most of Shaw's material is green as college football goes. The squad will not boast a single veteran and most of the lads are freshmen. Assistant Coach James Stevenson is putting the backfield through its paces. An addition to the coaching staff, the peppery grid cop is a former Bluefield fullback and All-American in 1938. Coach Lytle and he are relying on the T-formation and a group of shifty backs to provide speed and deception.

"Little George" Smith, fleet 18 year old freshman from Plainfield, N. J., will be the main offensive spark, operating in quarterback spot. Alternating with him will be Lorenzo Haywood, a product of Raleigh's Washington High. Everett Lattimore, another Plainfield youth, will be at left half back.

On the line, Robert S. Owens, towering 231 pounder from Alexandria, Va., is betting a big nod for one of the guard positions. Robert Ellis, Raleigh's pride for several grid seasons at Washington High, will hold one of the tackle posts.



With their combined weights totaling 412 pounds, Christopher Copeland (left) of Norfolk, Va., and Robert Shields, (right) of Elizabeth City, N. C., are typical of the husky gridgers which make up the Tuskegee Army Air Field Warhawk's forward wall.



Boasting a more powerful squad than their 1944 championship team, the Tuskegee Air Field Warhawks tested the might of their 1945 grid eleven when they scored an easy 27-0 victory over the Marine Panther of Camp Lejeune, N. C. on Sept. 22nd in TAAF's grid opener. Studied with many a team of last season and ex-collegiate grid stars, they are set to right: 1st row, Raymond Tinsley, Lynch, Ky.; Claude B. Govan, Newark, N. J.; Louis Young, Detroit, Mich.; Charles Bussey, Detroit, Mich.; Charles Bussey, Los Angeles, Calif.; Minor Kuykendall, Denison, Texas; Bob Boyd, Columbus, Ohio; Jesse Robinson, Norton, Va.; John Daniels, Waycross, Ga.; and Daniel B. Smith, Gary, Ind. 2nd row: Robert Carr, Lexington, Ky.; John Stewart, Gary, West Va.; John Garvin, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Hoyt Givens, Kansas City, Kansas; Benjamin Brooks, Jackson, Tenn.; Robert Gardner, St. Paul, Minn.

Eagles Drop Opener To Delaware State, 12-13

DURHAM—Saturday afternoon at O'Kelly Field here, the Eagles of N. C. College lost their first game of the season to Delaware State College 12-13. Both teams used their passing attack in great advantage. The Eagles showed 13 air completions with one interception while the visitors tried 12 with 4 completions and 2 interceptions.

The passing combination of Willie Bradshaw and Roy Lee, sparked the action for the Eagles. Bradshaw, who threw for 125 yards and 4 touchdowns, did the passing and receiving for Delaware.

Most of the action of the first two quarters took place in the shadow of the Delaware goal with the ball changing hands time after time. On the kickoff Delaware received their kick was blocked on the 30 and four down later their kick was blocked on the 20. With the ball in the Eagles possession at this point the visitors' line held four down with not more than two yards gained.

During the last minutes of the second quarter, Galbreath intercepted a Delaware pass on the 15-yard strip, and later Bradshaw registered the initial first down of the game.

The drive for N. C. College's first touchdown began when Roy Lee, native of Durham, took a pass from Bradshaw for 25 yards to the Delaware 32. Four plays later Bradshaw scored through tackle from the 2.

Early in the second half a 15-yard penalty against N. C. College gave them the ball on their own 40-yard line. Their first kick in Delaware was returned by Bruce to the 10, and from here the visitors scored on a pass from Aldridge to Schenck.

Following this touchdown the Eagles staged another sustained drive with Page of Wilmington carrying the ball most of the time. Allen scored through center after a series of first downs by Bradshaw and Page.

In the final quarter Delaware drove down the field with their second down field, and a Schenck later he ran across for the extra point, putting the game on ice to the tune of 10-12.

Coach Herman Riddick of the Eagles was somewhat pleased with the showing his all-stars made against the Delaware team. This was the first team to represent N. C. College since 1942. Opponents were Elliott, Moore, Byrd, Hicks, Jones, of Gary, Indiana, Atkinson, McFadden and Mitchell.

and Charles Fischer, Philadelphia, Pa. 4th row: Lt. William (Big Bill) Bell, Head coach, Cleveland, Ohio; Lt. Charles Hoard (Backfield coach), Kansas City, Kansas; Capt. Eldridge F. Williams (Backfield coach), Kansas City, Kansas; Sgt. Alphonso Logan (Backfield coach), Hot Springs, Ark.; S. Sgt. Rudolph Sabbe (trainer), New York, N. Y.; and Pvt. Walter Green, (Line coach), Los Angeles, Calif.

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HAMPTON STARTS GRID SEASON OCT. 6

HAMPTON INSTITUTE, Va.—The Pirates of Hampton Institute take to the gridiron next Saturday, October 6, in their initial fray of the season. They meet the Golden Bulls of Johnson C. Smith University on Armstrong Field at 2:30 p. m. Aided by Sylvius Moore, assistant coach and a veteran mentor, Gid Smith, Buck Neilson has been busy in the past few days with a group of hardworking newcomers at Hampton, but the Pirate players anticipate a stiff tilt with the Smith team, which was undefeated throughout the entire season last year. Still marked by the ravage of war, the Hampton squad is minus a triple-digit Tom Casey and there are only 7 returning lettermen: James A. Bailey of Norfolk, "Little Gid" Smith of Hampton, John "Hittie" Wilson of Petersburg, Henry L. Thurman of Lawrenceville, Earnest Johnson of Charlotte, N. C., Joe Anderson of Mobile, Ala., and Calvin Thornton of North Brookfield, Mass.

After the game with Smith next Saturday, the Hampton schedule for the remainder of the season is as follows:

October 13, A. & T. College at Greensboro, N. C. October 20, Vir-

Little Blues Too Powerfull For John Hawkins High

RALEIGH—The Little Blues opened their season by defeating John Hawkins High of Warrenton 49-0 at Chavis Park Field. The locals scored in each of the periods to completely outclass the visitors yielding only two first downs and scoring 11 themselves. Warrenton never had a chance to score as the Blues forward wall threw up a barrier to top any attempt. Coach Williams used the number one Freacher Wall as he went through the line. McGuire ran 45 yards to pay dirt. Wilder failed to convert. McGuire teamed with Gene Haywood to move the ball from Warrenton's 35 yard line. Haywood made 33 yards. McGuire scored on the next play. Wilder converted the Little Blues marched to Warrenton's 2 yard line only to lose the ball as the defense stiffened. The ball had been moved from Warrenton's 26 yard line. Freacher Wall scored the next touchdown as he bucked center Freacher Wilder converted. The final two scores were made by substitute ends Duddy Greene took one of Foots Lawson's heaves at the six yard line and stepped over the goal line. Wilder's try at conversion was wide.

The final score came in the closing moments of the game, this time on a pass from Foots Lawson to Koki Bubbles Bates in the end zone. Wilder converted the stage for this final score was set after Big Lawson had converted a fumble on Warrenton's 17 yard line. Wilder converted. The game ended with Warrenton making a bid to score Robinson, Jones and Harris were best for the visitors.

The locals will play Armstrong High of Richmond Friday.

LOUIS, CONN MEET, TALK OF FIGHT

BY IRVING I. TURNER

NEW YORK (ANP)—Last week when Joe Louis greeted Billy Conn at the weighing in ceremonies subsequent to an exhibition bout which Conn is engaging in this week, Conn laughed and kiddingly remarked: "Joe, when I meet you in our second bout next spring, I am going to take your crown away from you."

Louis smiled and replied: "Billy, you wouldn't know what to do with my crown if you had it." Conn inquired, "What do you mean by that, Joe?" Louis replied: "Well, you had my crown for 12 long rounds and wore it like a real king, but you didn't know what to do with it in the 13th."

Billy Conn was sent back on his heels in amazement as he lived and grinned. Louis had ceased smiling and that dead pan seemed to have sent chills down Conn's back.

Recent floods caused great losses of feed crops in Lee County, and Farm Agent J. A. March and neighborhood leaders have begun a campaign for the seeding of supplemental grazing crops.

Robinson Wins Close Decision Over LaMotta

CHICAGO (ANP)—Ray (Sugar) Robinson, frequently called the uncrowned champion of the world, defeated Jack LaMotta in a five encounter to win a professional decision over him, here Wednesday night at Comiskey Park by a close 12-round decision.

Robinson's victory may be attributed to the fact that he was a boxer while LaMotta was the slugger. Ray punched straighter and more cleanly. He waited for Jack's leads. The hectic fight afforded no rest for the batters for the third round until the finish.

Robinson's strategy appeared to be to conserve his strength for the two extra rounds, since previous bouts between the two have been 10 rounders, by letting his heavier opponent bring the fight to him. The victory, witnessed by 14,755, marks the fourth time Ray has defeated LaMotta out of five encounters as well as his 57th win in 58 professional fights.

Total gate receipts, after federal and state tax deductions, amounted to \$72,000, of which Robinson will receive \$25,000. Jack's share

'BUCK' NEILSON NEW COACH FOR PIRATES

HAMPTON INSTITUTE, Va.—Herman "Buck" Neilson, former football and basketball coach at Florida A. and M. College, who taught physical education and did coaching at Hampton Institute from 1930 to 1940, has returned to the Tidewater Virginia college, where he is now rejoining the Hampton Pirates for their first grid encounter of the season, which comes on October 6, in a home game with the Golden Bulls of Johnson C. Smith University.

In his new duties as football coach at Hampton, Neilson is aided by Gid Smith, veteran line coach and Sylvius Moore, who previously guided the Hampton squad, but who in addition to assisting in football, will this year devote much of his time to teaching swimming in the new pool, soon to be acquired by the college.

A native of Hackensack, N. J., Neilson graduated from Hackensack High School, where he was a football, basketball, and track star, as well as a member of the honor society. At Springfield College, where he received both the bachelor's and master's degrees and was elected to Kappa Delta Pi honor society, he was a letterman in football, basketball, and track. He is a member of the C.I.A.A., the Physical Education Association, the National Basketball Coaches Association, and the American Teachers Association.

Neilson developed stellar football teams at Florida A. and M., where he joined the staff in 1941, after a year of teaching physical education at the C.I.A.A., the Physical Education Association, the National Basketball Coaches Association, and the American Teachers Association.

Coach Riddick Gives Out Season's Schedule

DURHAM—Coach Herman Riddick of North Carolina College has released the schedule of remaining games on the Eagles card for this season. With the almost completely new squad that he is using this year, the head coach on the card will allow no time during the season



Leroy T. Walker is assistant to Head Coach Herman H. Riddick at North Carolina College. For the past three years Walker has been head of the department of physical education and head football coach at Prairie View College in Texas. In addition to his duties as line coach, he is an instructor in the physical education department and assists Director J. B. McLendon in directing the athletic program. Walker received the master's degree in physical education from Columbia University in 1941.



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BOB MORRIS TO LEAVE NAVY

HAMPTON INSTITUTE, Va.—Bob Morris, former athletic director of the Blue Ridge School for Boys in Hendersonville, N. C., and for the past two and one-half years athletic officer of the U. S. Naval Training School at Hampton Institute, will be released from the Navy in October, following the decommissioning of the school at Hampton. Morris was among the first to join the Navy's physical fitness program under Cmdr. Gen. Tunny, nearly four years ago. As athletic coach and chief specialist in charge of physical fitness for the Navy men at Hampton.

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