

A & T Aggies Lead CIAA Baseballers With 4-0 Record

William Wilder Pitches:

Shaw Bears Begin Tour With 10-7 Win At D. C.

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Shaw University's Bears from Raleigh, N. C., erupted for half their runs in the last two innings and avenged an earlier loss to Howard University, 10-7, Wednesday.

William Wilder hurled the win, Shaw's fifth against four losses in CIAA competition, although he received help in the ninth. It was the first game of a four-game road trip for the

Bears, who play at Lincoln, Pa., Thursday.

Eugene Hamilton hit a double and two singles and Louis Gurvin got three singles to spark Shaw at bat. Wilder, Johnny Jowers and Reginald Spears got two hits each. Wesley Nardale and Bro Purce smacked homers in the ninth. Elworth Jenkins and John Marrow got two hits each for Howard, now 4-5 in the conference.



MIDDLEWEIGHT KING — AGAIN — Surrounded by Robinson's handlers, defeated champion Gene Fullmer and new champion Sugar Ray Robinson (in robe) pose together in Robinson's corner at the end of their middleweight title bout in Chicago, May 1st. Robinson knocked out Fullmer with a left hook in the 5th round to regain the title he had held three times before. (UNITED PRESS PHOTO).

Delaware State, Howard, Shaw Bears Runners-Up

WASHINGTON, D. C. (AP) — New Sevier — Mel Gronow's A and T baseball team with a 4-0 record, led the nine competing CIAA colleges for games played through April 29, according to Tom Johnson of Howard University, seasonal athletics director.

Delaware State, with a 3-1 record was runner-up.

Other clubs in the CIAA are: Howard, 4-0; North Shaw, 4-1; North Carolina State, 4-0; and Maryland State, 4-0.

(7-2) (AP) The complete standings through April 29:

TEAM	W	L	P
North Carolina A&T	4	0	1000
Delaware State	3	1	750
Howard	4	2	666
Shaw	4	4	500
Marquette State	2	3	400
Winston Salem	2	3	400
Lincoln University	0	2	000
Fayetteville	0	4	000
Blacksburg	0	6	000

Magicians End Season With 267 Wins, Financial Success

SAND SPRINGS, OKLA. (AP) — In their office here this week, Harlem Magicians co-owners Marquis Haynes and Reese (Goose) Tatum paused to tally up their successes during the extended 1956-57 season and close the books on another year before embarking on well-earned vacations.

They had good reason for congratulating themselves; the past has been profitable, and the future looks bright.

In the recently closed season, the Magicians played 287 games, winning all. Competition was supplied, in most of those games, by the Kentucky Colonels, headed by former Kentucky All-American Bill Spivey.

In the final games of the year, the Magicians sponsored an experimental tour of the East and Midwest with a group of college all-stars. This tour was so successful the owners plan to expand it into a national series next spring.

The Magicians' season opened last September 10 in Canada, was followed by an extended series in Mexico, and completed with tours of the East, South, and Midwest — United States.

They played 25 games in Canada, 33 games in Mexico, and 288 games in the U. S. A.

— High scorer for the year was Tatum, the fabulous clown and center, who averaged 51 points a game. For 287 games, this multiplies out to an impressive total of 14,637 points, easily the greatest number of points ever scored in one season in basketball history. Prior to this season, Tatum had scored more than 100,000 points in his sensational career.

In the past season, the Harlem Magicians became the most successful Negro-owned sports attraction in history.

"This year," said Haynes, "we pulled, in my opinion as the outstanding performing basketball team of all time. This claim may be hard to prove, since we were unable to meet all competition, because of schedule reasons, but the club we formed this year needs not take a back seat to any. When we added Chuck Cooper and Jim Tucker, former Duquesne University all-Americans, to our roster, we reached the goal we had been shooting for: a team that could hold its own with any playing straight basketball and a club that could put on a show second to none."

The team, first formed as an independent venture by Haynes in 1953, also received unprecedented public acceptance during the 1956-57 season.

The Magicians played to a crowd of 14,000 in Boston Gardens.

In Rochester, they attracted 6,900 fans.

In Tulsa, they set a Fairgrounds Pavilion record of 8,100.

In Syracuse attracted a surprising turnout of 4,200 in Wood River, Illinois.

They played to turn away crowds four successive nights in Guadalajara, Mexico. Their scheduled game in Hartford, Conn., was sold out two weeks in advance. The Wood River game was a complete sell-out three weeks in advance.

Proof of their maturation as a national attraction last season was their multiple appearances on National Basketball Association cards.

Beating The G-Men Cause Concern: Gun

BY BILL BROWER FOR ASSOCIATED NEGRO PRESS

Is spring training really necessary?

The early season performance of Harry Simpson of the Kansas City Athletics believe the contention that it is.

The gambling sinner tore a ligament in his leg on March 14. The injured leg was kept in a cast until a few days before the season opened.

About the same time Vic Power, Simpson's teammate and the A's regular first baseman, suffered an exhibition game injury. Power was struck on the head by a thrown ball while attempting to break up a double play. The injury has sidelined him for nearly two weeks.

On the morning of the season's opener, A's manager Len Boudreau found Simpson at the ball park running around the field.

Harry had been under an injunction from the team's physician not to do any running on his injured leg. Boudreau wanted to know what was going on.

Simpson said he had to run to stay in shape. Advised that the team's doctor said that if Harry's foot was taped tightly it might be all right.

An outfielder by trade, Simpson was inserted in the starting lineup against Detroit at first base, which he has played occasionally in the past.

He turned in a sparkling afternoon at bat, but was held hitless at the plate. Kansas City won, nevertheless, 2 to 1.

The following afternoon, Harry enjoyed another good day in the field. He also weighed in with a run-scoring single and a 350-foot home run.

In a two-game series at Detroit last week, Harry belted a couple of more home runs — one a high drive that almost entered the third deck at Briggs Stadium and the other a line shot into the left field stands, a drive to the opposite field.

When the A's returned home, Boudreau was chaffing with newsmen and remarked that one day Simpson was going to dent centerfield scoreboard at Kansas City Municipal stadium. That same night against Cleveland, Simpson did just that — a 424 foot yaller for his fourth home run of the season.

This is Harry's third season with the Athletics. Baseball fans will recall that back in 1951 when he came into the American League with Cleveland, he was touted as another Ted Williams. He had been a terror against Pacific Coast League pitching while playing for San Diego.

Al Lopez, 1956 manager of the Indians, and Harry Cleveland, the general manager, had a hard decision to make that year. The team had both Larry Doby and Luke Easter. Along with Simpson was Minnie Mirosic, the Cuban outfielder.

In these days, three fan players were considered the maximum for one baseball team. One — Simpson or Mirosic — had to be traded. Mirosic was, of course, and many believe that the move cut Cleveland at least one prong. In those years, the Tribe had the best pitching in baseball. The club lacked speed and the all-around fence possessed by Mirosic.

As for Simpson, he showed some flashes — but not often enough — of the brilliance that was predicted for him. He made his debut against the Boston Red Sox the very day that Mirosic trade was announced. He started at first base and

G-Men Cause Concern:

shot with my left. I finally got it. I don't know how far it traveled, but I'm sure Mr. Fullmer got the message. I just thank God that I got in the punch."

"What happened?" Gene asked.

"He got you with one, Gene," said Fullmer's kid brother, Don.

Fullmer called Sugar Ray "The greatest fighter I ever met. He has the best record and he's the only one that ever knocked me out."

Fullmer's manager, Mary Jensen, apparently had the answer for Gene's defeat.

"I think Gene wanted to make a spectacular fight because he was champion and it cost him his

Carmen Basilio Most Likely Prospect To Meet Robinson

CHICAGO (AP) — Ray Robinson rapidly knocked out Gene Fullmer Wednesday night was dampened somewhat by the appearance of potential revenue men in the dressing room of the new champion.

However, the trio of G-men did not speak to Ray directly or serve any papers. Rather, the federal men had tied up Robinson's purse of \$23,000 for back income taxes. No information was given as to why they were in his quarters.

"I was just maneuvering him, trying to draw him in with a right," Sugar Ray said. "The fight was something like a decoy. I wanted a clean counter-

Philly Fans "Cool" On Shortstop, Fernandez

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Philadelphia fans have not been so hot about Lenny Berra's Philadelphia Phillies since he pulled on a regular home run in the first inning of a game at home Monday night.

Despite the hit in his first home game, Berra's batting average is still in the .200's.

"I saw him play a lot in Cuba when I was managing down here and I am sure with the Phillies, I believe he could be a great star — if you can get it out of him."

The Phillies' new coach, the manager of the Phillies, said he is confident Berra will be a star on the big league.

Philadelphia fans have been known for their hostility to the Phillies. They booed Berra and his teammates every time they stepped on the field.

Philly fans were "cool" on Shortstop, Fernandez.

Said Berra: "A daring baserunner will always run the risk of getting caught. Don't worry about that. It's a good runner and a pretty fair hitter. Dickie led the International League in doubles."

Berra's batting average should hit about .300 or slightly more in the majors.

Jackie Robinson thinks the Dodgers made a bad deal. He thinks they're going to be sorry they let Chico go. If they had kept him they could have moved Pee Wee Reese or Don Zimmerman to third," reflected Berra further.

Philly manager Mayo Smith said there are several things that Chico does not do. The biggest is his failure to charge ground balls.

"As to his getting picked off," noted Smith, "he'll settle down. I've talked to him about it."

FIGHTER DIES AFTER A RING KNOCKOUT

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — James Elliott, former South African middleweight champion, who was knocked out in the sixth round of a title fight Saturday night by Irish Olympic middleweight champion, Pat McAteer, died in a hospital Sunday.

Elliott went down after a hard left hook from McAteer, tried to rise but fell back and had to be carried from the ring on a stretcher. Doctors decided to operate immediately for a blood clot on the brain and Elliott was on the operating table for six hours.

He died about three hours after the operation. Johnny Campbell, manager of McAteer, said he and the champion were broken up by Elliott's tragic death.



HE ROSE TO CONQUER — British Empire featherweight champ, Hogan (Kid) Bassey of Nigeria, Africa hits the canvas as opponent Miguel Berrios of Puerto Rico hovers over him in the 10th round of their recent elimination bout in Washington. Bassey survived the eight count, and went on to win a 12-round decision, guaranteeing him a bout with French titlist Cherif Hamia for the world feather crown. (Newspress Photo).

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HIGHLIGHTS OF ROBINSON-FULLMER TITLE MATCH

BY CHARLES J. LIVINGSTON

CHICAGO (AP) — As typical of all Ray Robinson's fights, his title fight with Gene Fullmer last week was replete with thrills and excitement, in and out of the ring.

Inside the ring Ray scored the most dramatic win of his long and illustrious career, stopping Fullmer with a jolting left hook in 1:27 of the fifth round of the scheduled 15-round bout. The victory avenged a loss to Fullmer last January, when Robinson was relieved of the middleweight title by the reigning champion from West Jordan, Utah.

But last week's fight also produced the results outside the ring. One of Robinson's 3 managers, in a hassle with Julius Helfand, chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission.

Helfand was among the sweltering group of reporters, photographers and well wishers who stormed Robinson's dressing room immediately after the fight. But before the commissioner, whose war with the Managers Guild brought him not national focus could get to Robinson to offer his congratulations, he encountered Glaser.

Glaser berated Helfand for the treatment he said the Robinson group received during the previous Robinson-Fullmer fight last January. He specifically charged that Referee Ruby Goldstein, the third man in the ring that night, did nothing about the "rabbit punch" which Fullmer used on Robinson. "I think Goldstein is a disgrace," he almost shouted at Helfand.

Helfand pleaded with Glaser to quiet down, but the peppery agent, who handles the financial accounts of many of the large stars in the entertainment world, berated him all the more. "We didn't get a fair break from your men in New York," he told Helfand.

Meanwhile, Robinson sat quietly waiting to talk with reporters. That was impossible with the

she between Glaser and Helfand going on, however. Finally, Truman Gibson, secretary of the sponsoring International Boxing club, appeared on the scene and escorted Glaser away.

The incident over, Robinson settled back to talk with the press. He was unmarked and, like the night he won over Bobo Olson, he was overwhelmed with joy. He said it was a very rough fight, and added: "I owe my success to millions of people who sided me and offered their prayers for my victory."

Ray then singled out Joe Louis, former heavy weight champion, for praise. "I want to especially thank my good friend, Joe Louis," he said. "I worked with me every day at the gym, giving me advice and cheering me. I am grateful to him."

Ray continued:

"Of course I want to give credit to the person who deserves it more than I — my wife."

"Next, I want to thank Father Lang (The Rev. Jovian Lang, O. F. M. of St. Joseph Roman Catholic Seminary, Westport, Ill.) for coming over daily and praying with me and giving me spiritual inspirations."

Lewis Ranks Second With High Jumpers

GRAMBLING, LA. (SPECIAL) — Charlie Lewis, 17-year-old Grambling track star, currently ranks second among the nation's great college high jumpers with a leap of 6'6", according to figures released Friday by the National Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

Lewis is a close second to Joe Dove of Sam Houston College who has negotiated 6'6" 3/4.

Other jumpers in the top five are Dick Haddon, Occidental College; Bobby Sims, Pepperdine; and Tom Whelstine, Arizona State.

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