

# Sugar Ray Robinson Says He May Never Fight Again

## Frank Hunter Tallies Twice As Ligon Tramples Darden, 33-14

The second straight victory of the season in as many starts was racked up by the Little Blues of F. W. Ligon High School here Friday night when they trampled the Trojans of Darden High School, 33-14, in Chavis Park.

Ligon scored in the opening minute on a 30-yard run by Napoleon Johnson and never was behind in the uneven game. Ligon led 26-0 at halftime.

Tallying twice for the Blues was Frank Hunter. Both of his scores were on two-yard runs. Lewyn Hayes, Jr. recovered a fumble in the end zone for a touchdown and Carl McKnight scored from the two-yard line for the locals. Leo Brewer set up McKnight's touchdown. McKnight intercepted a pass and returned it 40 yards.

Both of Wilson's touchdowns were made by Thurman Walls on runs of two and five yards. One extra point was added by Ray Jenkins for the losers.

The Blues did most of their damage on the ground, gaining 175 yards. Their aerial attack was not so good as they completed only one of eight attempts. Darden connected on half of his eight attempts in the air.

Leading in first downs were the Little Blues with 12. Only five times were given Darden.

### Fumbles Stopped Drives:

## Lexington Downs Salisbury, 7-0

LEXINGTON — Dunbar's underdog and unscared Blue Devils defeated AAA Salisbury 7-0 Friday night. Dunbar's offense returned to form last night playing a beautiful control ball game, picking up a total of 347 yards.

Seven Dunbar fumbles stopped general drives deep in Salisbury territory.

After a scoreless first half, where Dunbar stalled twice inside the twenty on fumbles, the Devils came back in the third period and started marching again. Dunbar received a punt on the 56-yard-strip.

In four plays Dunbar advanced to the 15 yard line. From the 15 yard line Melvin Bailey went to the 25 yard line. On the next play Roy Hill, reserve quarterback, went twice on a right side counter block sneak. Holt pulled the quarterback back sneak for the extra point.

Salisbury's fullback, Oscar Harrison, who scored 100 yards against Thomsville last week, was held in front by Dunbar's defense.

Salisbury's forward wall of Herbert Roman, James Long, Mitch McGuffee, John Lanier, Vernell Hartman and Norman Friday kept Salisbury's ground game under control. Dunbar's 1-2 counterblock punch of Micheal and Holt called a good game.

Right halfback Tommy Cross with 72 yards led the ground game.

## Burlington To Host Trojans Thurs. Night

BURLINGTON — In the opening home game of the 1957 football season, the Jordan Bellas High School Tigers will play the Charles Street High School Trojans from Thomsville, here in Belknap High School Memorial stadium on Thursday night.

Beginning at 8 o'clock the two teams will square off in a battle of the three brilliant coaches which three top coaches have wherever they meet.

"Coming from a 6-0 tie with the Lexington school last week, the Tigers will be out after another victory in meeting Thomsville."

The tie with Lexington was considered to be a good sign for the Tigers who are on the march toward the Western Class AA Conference championship. The Lexington school was champion of this division last year.

Other evidence which points to a good Tiger season is the fact that Jordan Bellas has won its first opponent of the year in the 33-0 victory over Reidsville in the season opener.

The game Thursday night will be designated as "Community Night" by the authorities, wherein all parents and children are especially invited to attend and to cheer the Tigers on to victory.



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**BACKFIELD STARS ON SHAW U. TEAM** — Veteran backs, who will pit their power against their counterparts from Va. Union University when they clash here Saturday, are from left to right: Nathan Lewis, Lewis Gartin, Donald Counts and LeVerne Hunter. This will be the first meeting between the two CIAA teams in several years.

## On The Charlotte

# SPORTS SCENE

By BILL JOHNSON

IT OCCURS TO ME — That football takes some crazy bounces. That is to say football teams can look unbeatable in weekly practice sessions and then do a complete about face once the whistle is blown.

The Second Ward High Tigers bogged down losing two of their first three contests.

But, on the other hand, West Charlotte's team was far from being impressive during pre-season practices. Jack Martin's outfit ran true to form in the first two games as they lost to Booker T. Washington, Columbia, S. C. and Winston-Salem's Atkins. West Charlotte came to life here last week and played powerful Greensboro's Dudley off their feet before losing a heart-breaking 14-12 decision.

Second Ward meantime, was losing 34-0 to mighty Atkins at Winston-Salem.

This week's schedule will find arch-enemies, West Charlotte and Highland battling at Gastonia. Winston-Salem's Carter will be in Charlotte engaging Second Ward.

Coach D. L. Lash has won 90 games while losing two and losing only 26 since taking over at Winston-Salem's Carter 18 years ago. Jack Martin, who has coached the West Charlotte Lions for 19 years, has compiled a record of 102 victories, 65 losses and 7 ties. Kenny Powell can claim 37 triumphs, 15 defeats and four ties in nine years at Second Ward.

**PLAYOFF STUFF**  
The Grove Sloggers and the Southside Bombers are battling neck-and-neck for the City-County League championship.

## Aggie Coach Expects Top Grid Team By Midseason

GREENSBORO — The fans of the A&T College Aggies might expect to see a "credible" team in action by mid-season.

The statement came "from the horse's mouth" as Bert Piggott, newly appointed head coach spoke at the annual faculty dinner held at the college last week.

"We can't promise too much before that time," said Piggott, "because we'll need the time to bring some fine, promising freshman talent into a sharp, working organization." He was referring to linemen, mainly, because several gaping holes in the Aggie forward wall will have to be mended before the team can really "go places."

Boasting some of the finest backfield talent that the team has had in several years, the Aggies have backs to cope with most any situation. They have big, hard driving full backs and several starting halfbacks, big and small, but each an explosive runner.

Among the returning lettermen in the backfield are: Ed Godhoit, Charlie Debose, Arthur Worth, Robert Twitty, Joe Council, all halfbacks and fullbacks, Allan Nesbitt.

Teenie, 210-pounder and big Ed Nesbitt, who tips the scales at 195, Howard Smith and Paul Swann will alternate at the quarterback position.

Lloyd Oakley, another fullback

## Where They Play

**THIS WEEK'S GAMES** (Sept. 28)  
Bluffton-Hampton, at Roanoke, Va.  
Bloomburg State at Del State  
Eli. City at Fayetteville  
Howard at St. Paul's  
Central State at Morgan  
NCC at Fla. A&M  
A&T at Tennessee State  
Maryland, Va. State, at Norfolk, Va.  
Va. Union at Shaw  
Kentucky State at Winston-Salem

## BEATING THE GUN

By BILL BROWER

(For Associated Negro Press)  
Althea Gibson, who rules as undisputed queen on the tennis courts, belongs among our sports immortals. In some ways, her rise to the pinnacle of tennis is even more remarkable than the ascendancy of Jesse Owens, Joe Louis and Jackie Robinson in their respective sports.

For one thing, tennis and golf have long been regarded as snooty sports. Even some white athletes have encountered barriers of sports snobbery. Too, it must be said that ten skilled youngsters were not exposed to these two sports in the way they were exposed to football, basketball, track and baseball, etc.

Actually, however, Althea received more encouragement in her bid for fame than many of her male counterparts. One of her most ardent boosters, for example, is Sarah Palfrey Dancy, one time foremost U.S. woman player.

Miss Gibson also received financial help from prominent Negroes who perceived in her talents something extraordinary.

At one time she was given help by Louis and Sugar Ray Robinson to make her first trip to Wimbledon.

Finally, she went overseas on a goodwill tour for the U.S. State Department.

Perhaps the turning point of her career was this tour. From Bangalore, Burma, to London, she won tenney after tenney. At the same time, she proved an excellent representative in selling the good points of our sports democracy to skeptical countries.

Even though Shirley Fry beat

## Middleweight Champ Loses By Split Decision To Younger Carmen Basilio

NEW YORK — Following a win by Carmen Basilio, 30, welterweight champ over Sugar Ray Robinson, 37, middleweight champ, in Yankee Stadium Monday night, the announcement came from Robinson that he is undecided whether he will ever fight again. He said, however, that he was not sure, but would have to "think it over."

After 15 rough rounds of hard fighting, the judges ruled Basilio the new middleweight title holder. There were a few catcalls heard

amid the applause and cheers from the crowd of 35,000.

Sugar Ray staged a sensational last gasp finish in the final rounds to make it a close fight. Both judges voted for Basilio, but the referee, Al Berli, had Robinson way out front, 9-6. Judge Artie Aidala scored it 9-5-1 for Basilio and Judge Bill Reetz, 8-6-1.

Basilio and Robinson were both stunned and overcome at different stages in the battle, but neither would hit the canvas.

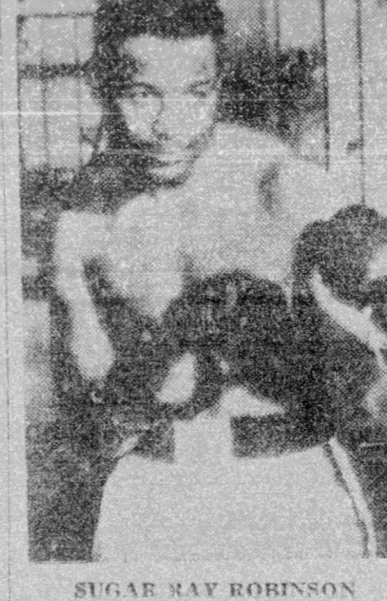
The challenger withstood the same wicked left hook that sent Gene Fullmer scurrying to the canvas last May, but Carpen merely threw off the impact of the punches and came back with a barrage of his own.

Sugar Ray fell back on his old superior type of boxing skill to slash a cut around Basilio's left eye as early as the fourth round.

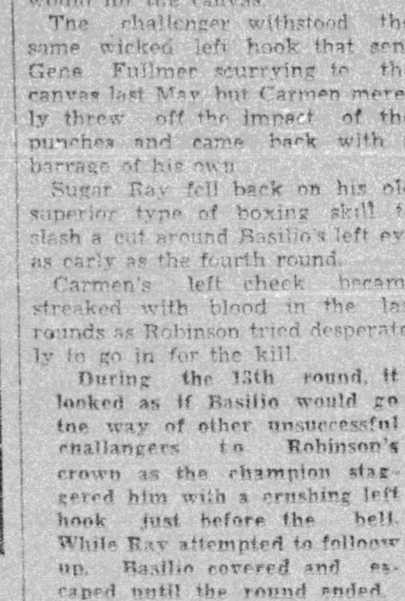
Carmen's left cheek became streaked with blood in the last rounds as Robinson tried desperately to go in for the kill.

During the 15th round, it looked as if Basilio would go the way of other unsuccessful challengers to Robinson's crown as the champion staggered him with a crushing left hook just before the bell.

While Ray attempted to follow up, Basilio covered and escaped until the round ended. Tired in the 14th, Robinson again



SUGAR RAY ROBINSON, Fallen champion



CARMEN BASILIO Won split decision

## Shaw Meets Union Saturday In First Local College Grid Game

The Shaw University Bears are in their final week of pre-season practice in preparation for this Saturday's opener against Virginia Union University of Richmond.

The Bears closed the season last week and later in the season brooked her off at Forest Hill in the finale of the American championship. Althea had acquired greater poise and aplomb than she had ever before possessed.

Althea obviously had been beset with a certain amount of psychological bitterness and had once thought about chucking her tennis career. She had fought with herself and had displayed personality quirks on the court.

Her victory recently at Forest Hill probably gave her deep satisfaction. She defeated a tough foe

Virginia. This will be the first meeting between Shaw and Union since 1951.

During the past three weeks Coach C. J. Anderson has sent his Bears through twice-daily workouts to determine the ability of each player.

Virginia Union is considered one of the conference's top teams in pre-season rating. This will be Virginia Union's second contest this season.

Louis Garvin, a senior quarterback of Appopka, Florida, will probably open at that position. LeVerne Hunter of Roselle, New Jersey will be at fullback with Donald Counts, also of Roselle and Eugene Hammond, the 185 lb. flank from Asheville at the half-back position. Hunter, Counts and Hammond were among the

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