

NCC Cage Coach Named To State Ranking Board

BEATING THE GUN

By BILL BROWER

The fading year was a great one for tan athletes; it provided their staunch adherents some great moments, too.

It was marked also by controversy—the most provocative erupted over Jackie Robinson's retirement from baseball.

The year was under way auspiciously, Jim Brown was here for Syracuse (Three touchdowns three conversions) as the Orange was edged by Texas-Christians, 28-27 in the Cotton Bowl at Dallas.

Collins Hagler starred (2 touchdowns) as Iowa beat Oregon State, 35-19, in the Rose Bowl at Pasadena.

Then came a bitter pill: Sugar Ray Robinson is declared by Gene Fullmer for the middleweight title.

Sandy Saddler, featherweight champion, was forced into retirement by failing eyesight.

Carmen Basilio kayaked Johnny Saxton in the second round for the welterweight title.

Phil Reavis, Villanova, bettered AAU indoor high jump record of 6 feet 9 1/4 inches by a leap of 6 feet, 9 1/2 inches.

Dave Richetta, Dugesse star, set National Collegiate record of 42 straight foul shots.

Joe Brown retains light-eight title with TKO over Bud Smith.

North Carolina won over Kansas (Will Chamberlain, Maurice King) in triple overtime, 54-53, for National Collegiate Athletic Association basketball championship.

Bradley (Bobby Joe Mason, Joe McDade, Shellie McMillon and Curley Johnson) won over Memphis State, 84-83, for National Invitational Tourney championship.

Boston Celtics (Bobby Russell) copped the National Basketball Association title, defeating St. Louis Hawks, 125-123, in double overtime. Russell grabbed 244 in 10 games for rebound record in NBA playoffs; old record, 207 in 12 games.

Ray Robinson regains middleweight championship, knocking out Gene Fullmer in the fifth round.

Gene Baker, Chicago Cubs infielder, dealt to Pittsburgh Pirates in multiple player deal.

Harry Simpson traded to New York Yankees in switch involving several players.

Althea Gibson won the Wimbledon Women's Tennis Title, an unprecedented feat for a tan athlete.

For the first time in history, three tan athletes comprised the outfield for the National League in the All-Star game—Frank Robinson, Cincinnati, in left; Willie Mays, New York, center, and Hank Aaron, Milwaukee, right. American League victorious, with Minnie Minoso, Chicago White Sox, in starting role.

Floyd Patterson kayos Hurricane Jackson in his first heavyweight title defense.

Miss Gibson adds the U. S. women's tennis title to her growing list of championships.

Frank Aaron, hero in Milwaukee as his 10-inning homer gives the Braves a 4-2 National League pennant clinching victory.

Aaron wins the NL home run championship and leads in several other offensive departments.

Wes Covington, Braves' leftfielder, field star, and Aaron hitting star as Braves won World Series from New York Yankees, 4-3, in best-of-seven set.

Aaron cited the most valuable player in the NL.

Patterson knocked out Pete Rademacher in second defense of title.

Archie Moore successfully defended his light heavyweight title, knocking out Tony Anthony.

Jim Brown starred in pro football for the Cleveland Browns. He set National Football League single game individual rushing record by gaining 237 yards against the Los Angeles Rams. He also won the individual ground gaining championship and was cinch for-rookie-of-the-year.

Larry Doby traded to Baltimore Orioles by the Chicago White Sox. The Sox also traded Minoso to the Cleveland Indians and obtained Al Smith in a 4-player deal.

Jim Pace, Michigan halfback, voted the most valuable player in the Big Ten Conference.

Miss Gibson designated the No. 1 woman tennis player in the country.

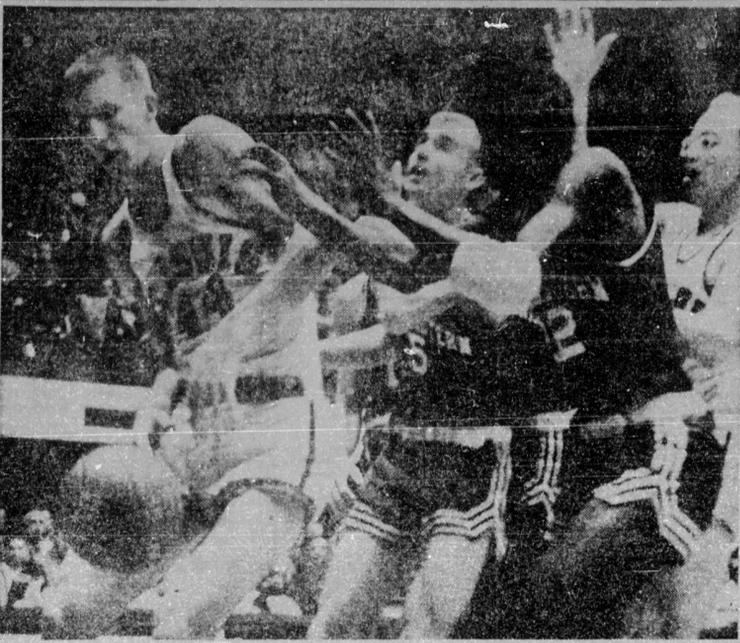
Allen U. Beats Clark For 4th Win Of Season

COLUMBIA, S. C. (ANP)—Allen University's fast-breaking team took an early lead and defeated Clark College of Atlanta, 66-61, for their 4th win of the season last week.

The well-oiled machine was versatile in confusing the Panthers throughout the contest. Excellent performances were turned in by each as four reached double figures in scoring and two others were prominent in floor play.

Boxing Program

WASHINGTON, D. C. (ANP)—Former heavyweight boxing champions Jersey Joe Walcott and Jimmy Braddock joined ex-middleweight king Mickey Walker in helping to highlight the Jimmy Lake Nishi boxing show at Capitol Arena here Jan. 1, it was disclosed.



EAGER HANDS reach for a loose ball in a consolation game of the Dixie Classic between St. Louis and Northwestern last Saturday at N. C. State College, Raleigh. St. Louis forward George Burkel (44) and Northwestern forward Phil Warren (5) and guard Floyd Campbell (22) all look for ball. (UNITED PRESS TELEPHOTO).

Brown Is First Rookie To Lead All-Star Ballot Poll

NEW YORK (ANP)—Cleveland Browns' rookie fullback Jim Brown last week became the first rookie ever to lead the voting for the annual United Press National Football League All-Star team, collecting a maximum of 29 out of a possible 31 votes.

The former Syracuse university ace netted 27 votes for the fullback slot, a position he never played in college, and two for halfback. The All-Star team was selected by 31 sports writers who covered NFL games.

In addition to Brown, other tan stars selected for the team were Chicago Cardinals' halfback Ollie Matson and New York Giants' tackle Roosevelt Brown, who were chosen for the first team, and Baltimore's halfback Lenny Moore, Cleveland's end Len Ford, and the Giants' Em Tunnell, for the secondary squad.

John Henry Johnson Sparkles As Lions Whip 49'ers In California

NEW YORK (ANP)—Football fans were let down at the outcome of the playoff game in San Francisco between the 49ers and the Detroit Lions. The 49ers were sentimental favorites to win and for a while, it looked as if they had the game in the bag going into the

second half leading 24-7. But the Detroit mob never gave up, surging back for a field goal. By a quick of fate, the final score 31-27, denied Joe "Jet" Perry a chance of playing for the world championship, but that same quick

of fate gave his former teammate, John Henry Johnson, the opportunity to win more gold and more fame. John Henry is the only tan player on the Lions team having been obtained from the 49ers at the beginning of the season.

Shaw, Elizabeth City Clash Tuesday

The Shaw University Bears will play the Elizabeth City State College Pirates on Tuesday, January 7, at 8:15 p.m. in Spaulding Gymnasium.

The Bears will be seeking revenge on their home court having lost to Elizabeth City 91-73 on the Pirate's territory on December 13.

Heavyweight Champ Floyd Patterson Is Guest At Interracial N. Y. Forum

NEW YORK (ANP)—Although there have been some recent setbacks, the overall interracial situation is improving and opportunities for Negroes are constantly increasing, world heavyweight boxing champion Floyd Patterson told the Catholic Interracial Forum here last week.

Patterson, who has successfully defended his title in several championship fights, said he believed also that prominent athletes and other popular figures could help interracial harmony by giving it their public support. The example of Jackie Robinson, he said, has helped to break down barriers in many fields.

At the well-attended forum which included Lawrence Pierce, president of the Brooklyn Catholic Interracial council and Lloyd Davis, executive secretary.

Lane Offers Minoso \$40,000 Contract; Bonus Over Chicago

CHICAGO (ANP)—Orestes (Minnie) Minoso received a surprise Christmas gift last week. Frank Lane, new general manager of the Cleveland Indians and Minnie's new front office boss, offered the outfielder a \$40,000 contract for 1958. The amount tops by \$5,000 the \$35,000 Minoso received from the Palo Alto last

season. Minnie, always a man with a sharp eye for a buck, was expected to sign promptly.

Minoso, the White Sox sparkplug for the past three seasons, was traded to the Indians recently in a four-player deal. He went to the Indians along with Freddie Hatfield, an infielder.



WAITING ARMS—Seattle's Elvin Baylor (22) seems to be of target as he goes up for a basket, closely guarded by non-tanbed John Pizrowski (44) of Connecticut, during the December 26th Holiday Festival game in Madison Square Garden. Watching are Connecticut's Jack Rose (21), at left, and Ed Martin (19), at right. (UNITED PRESS PHOTO).

Floyd H. Brown Represents Tarheelia On Nat'l Board

DURHAM — Floyd H. Brown, basketball coach at North Carolina College, has been selected North Carolina representative for the Ranking Board for College Division Basketball Teams in North Carolina.

The Board is being set up in cooperation with the NCAA and the United Press. According to Walter Byers, NCAA Executive Director, "The United Press has requested that we select one man in each state to serve on the Basketball Ranking Board, and each Monday these persons shall file listings of the top ten college division teams to various UP offices via collect telegram press rate." Any four-year degree granting institution is eligible for the college division rating provided the institution is not listed in NCAA major statistical basketball releases and does not hold membership in one of the allied NCAA conferences whose championship team automatically qualifies for the National Collegiate Basketball (University Division) Tournament.

Howard U. Cagers Meet D. C. Teachers Saturday

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Howard University resumes its basketball schedule Saturday (Jan. 4) meeting District of Columbia Teachers College at Capital Arena. Game time is 3:15 p.m.

Howard will be out to snap a three-game losing streak when it meets D. C. Teachers. Off to their best start in many years by winning their first five games, the Bisons reversed their form completely, dropping their next three contests.

This will mark the first contest for the Bisons since December 14th when they broke for the Christmas recess. The game with D. C. Teachers will also be Howard's first non-Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association encounter of the season.

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The Bisons resumed practice yesterday following a layoff of three weeks. Hart's chief problem now seems to be getting his boys back in shape especially his starting five. With an inexperienced "bench," the Bisons will probably have to go all the way with their starting unit if they are to remain in contention for a CIAA Tournament berth.

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Credits Toledo U.'s Fine Showing To Three Players

TOLEDO, O. (ANP)—There is a distinct eastern flavor to the University of Toledo basketball team, an early season surprise in college ranks.

Undeclared in their first four games, the Rockets concede a great deal of the credit to the fine performances of Willie Newsom and Bertie Cabey, both sophomores from New York City, and Al Mann, a junior from Brooklyn.

Vann (6-2, 170 pounds) is regarded as one of the team's most valuable players. He is the quarterback on the floor, directing play and steadying his teammates. A veteran, he played high school ball in Brooklyn. In his varsity debut last year, Vann was the Rockets' second highest scorer with 201 points. But this season, Vann has

taken over the scoring lead for the Rockets and has been the team's most consistent performer. Newsom (6-3, 195 pounds) is classified as a top performer, but is playing his second season on TU's Cage squad. He put in the last half of the 1956-57 season, scoring 114 points in eight games for a 14.3 average. Despite a fractured ankle suffered earlier this year, Newsom, a George Washington High (NYC) product, has taken over a starting position despite missing the early drills.

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Pro Football Aided By Tan Players' Showing

CHICAGO (ANP)—Although he fell short of the coveted target of gaining 1,000 yards in his freshman season, Jimmy Brown, Cleveland Browns' first-year fullback finished 242 yards ahead of his nearest competitor for the National Football League rushing championship.

The brilliant 230-pound runner gained 942 yards in 202 attempts, averaging 4.7 yards per carry. Thus, he bested Rick Casares, Chicago Bears' fullback, whose 700 yards in 204 attempts (3.4 average) was good enough for the runner-up spot.

Brown, a solid candidate for rookie-of-the-year honors, also scored 10 touchdowns and 60 points, finishing in a tie for eighth. Only one other player scored more touchdowns than Brown. Lenny Moore, of the Baltimore Colts, tallied 11, for 66 points.

John Henry Johnson, Detroit Lions' fullback who came on with a rush in the last half of the season, finished fourth with 621 yards. Tom Wilson, Los Angeles halfback, early season pacesetter, was fourth with 616.

Wilson, who accumulated his yardage in 127 attempts, had the best average per try (4.9 yards). Johnson ran the ball 129 times for a 4.8 average.

Ollie Matson, with one game remaining, had a chance to move up. The veteran Chicago Cardinal runner gained 588 yards in 132 attempts for a 4.5 average.

Other tan players among the first 10 rushers were Willie Gallimore, sensational rookie halfback for the Bears, with 538 yards on 127 carries and a 4.2 average, and another prized freshman, Clarence Peaks, Philadelphia Eagles' fullback, whose 495 yards on 125 attempts produced a 3.9-yard average.

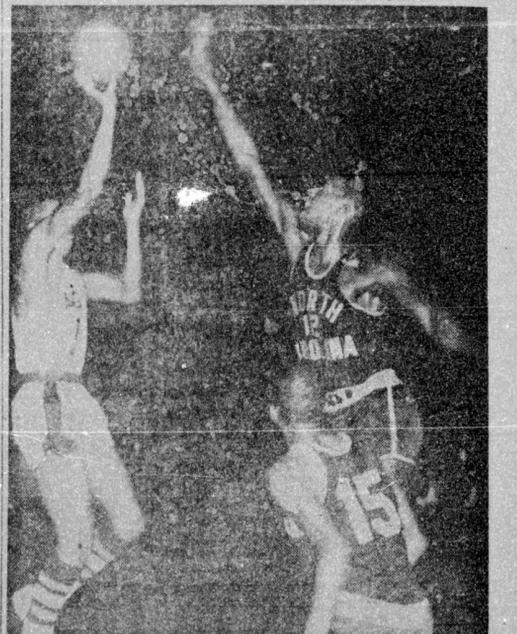
Matson was among the leading point makers with nine touchdowns for 54 points.

Jack McClairns, Pittsburgh Steeler pass catching ace, had 44 receptions but dropped to third place. However, he still had a chance to move up in the pass-catching department with one game left. McClairns receptions covered 572 yards and he had scored one touchdown.

Fifth among the receivers was Moore, whose 40 receptions covered 637 yards and he scored 7 touchdowns after receiving passes.



QUICK HANDS—Temple's Jay Norman (24), foreground, proved he has plenty on the ball during the December 26th game with Pittsburgh, as the sixth annual Eastern College Athletic Conference Holiday Festival opened at Madison Square Garden. In the first of this three-photo combo (top), Norman, spilled in a collision with Pitt's Don Heenon (25), in dark uniform, reaches around him and flings a pass to teammate Bill Kennedy (4), center photo. Kennedy dribbles down court, bottom photo, as Norman rolls over from the ceiling. (UNITED PRESS PHOTO).



AGGIES SCORE—Joe Howell (1), star playmaker for the A&T College Aggies drops a one-hand push shot in the game against the North Carolina College Eagles played in Greensboro last week. Carlton "Ding Dong" Bell (12) makes a desperate, but vain, effort to block the shot as John Riley (15) awaits the rebound. The Aggies won, 74-67, their first victory over the Eagles since 1955.

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BOWLING GREEN, Ohio (ANP)—Bowling Green State University, perennially a basketball power in this neck of the woods, is counting on two tan operatives to aid it to an impressive season.

The two starters among the five tan members of the Falcons are Chuck McCampbell (6-2, 200) and Frank Wade (6-1, 175), who were high school rivals a few years ago in Columbus, Ohio. Both are juniors.