

Clowns' Training Base Proving Ground For Rookies

V. S. C. Freshman Runner Takes 3 First Place Wins

PETERSBURG, Va. — Eugene Carmichael, a rangy, six foot, freshman runner from Virginia State College stole the show at the Howard University Invitation Meet held recently in Washington, D. C., by taking three first place victories.

A graduate of Carteret High School, Carteret, New Jersey, Carmichael took the 100 yard dash with a time of 10 seconds over William Crutchfield of Maryland State.

In the 200 yard run Carmichael registered a winning time of 23.5 by out-leaving winners from Howard and Hampton. Randall Davis of Virginia State College crossed the tape right behind Carmichael to chalk up first and second places for the Trojans.

Running anchor man in the one mile relay, Carmichael captured his third first place triumph as the Virginia State College one mile relay team sloshed-out a first place victory over Howard, Maryland State, and Hampton on a rain-soaked track with a time of 4 minutes and 52 seconds. The other members of V. S. C.'s one mile relay team are Harry Smith, Randall Davis, and Milton Johnson.

Trojans who made notable contributions in this meet were Harry Smith, 440 yd. fourth place; LeRoy Henderson, mile run-fourth and Ernest Edwards, discus-fourth.

The Virginia State College outdoor track team compiled a total of 23 points in this meet which gave them a fourth place behind Maryland State 1st, Howard 2nd, and Hampton 3rd.



GIANT PARADE — The San Francisco Giants were recently shown off to San Francisco in a gala parade. Above, outfielders Hank Bauer (foreground), and Willie Mays receive the fans' ovation. The parade also headed out into the financial district for the inevitable ticker-tape bombardment. (UNITED PRESS PHOTO.)

Many Aspiring Tan Players Are Going Through Training In Fla.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — (ANP) — Despite the fact that the Negro American League dissolved most of its interest in the national pastime several years ago, the Indianapolis Clowns have again drawn a record number of rookies and veterans to the training camp here.

Over 60 enthused players are going through rigid training under the watchful eye of manager Ed Hamman and coach Sylvester Sneed, former New York Black Yankees star and ex-Clown himself. All are anticipating the opening April 27, at Ponce de Leon Park, Atlanta, Ga.

"The players have shown so much during the past week," declares Hamman, "that it will be difficult to tell who we're going to cut."

"The competition's just that keen."

Some of the boys have come from as far north as Massachusetts and as far west as California. And already major league scouts are in touch with general manager Syd Pollock hoping to again tap the great natural resource of baseball talent that has supplied the big-time with such stars as Hank Aaron, \$40,000 star of the Milwaukee Braves.

The players who made the long trek to spring training admit they did so because the Clowns are one of the few teams where a young Negro ball player can get a start and after he shows the ability can jump into majors.

As one of the rookies pointed out, "I heard of the Clowns all the way up in New Hampshire and that's why I wrote for a tryout. A pitcher from one of the big clubs told me that Mr. Pollock would be just the man to get me started."

The promising rookie hopes to follow in the footsteps of pitchers Raymond Holmes and Mike Franks, outfielders Verdes Drake and infielders George Smith and Mitchell Bell who all got major league contracts at the close of the 1937 season.



HAPPY LANDING — Losing his cap en route, slugging San Francisco outfielder Willie Mays slides home to score in the fourth inning of the Giants-Cleveland game April 13th. The Giants won, 8-5. (UNITED PRESS TELEPHOTO.)

Beating The Gun

BY BILL BROWER
(For Associated Press)

Another major league baseball season is underway, and from this vintage point, it looks like a good one.

It's our job each season to peer into a crystal ball and foretell what's going to happen, as far as the players are concerned. There is an element of danger in the assignment — the vicissitudes of baseball account for that.

It's a part of human nature, of course, to expect great things from those who have something in common with us. That's why we'd like to see Detroit and the Boston Red Sox finish at the bottom of the American League. After some 12 seasons, they're the only teams in the major leagues with "nary" a tan player.

Pleasant But Difficult Choice
It's pleasant, but difficult, choice to make when we try to forecast the most valuable player in the National League. Usually such a player is a member of a pennant winning team. That practically eliminates Willie Mays, of the San Francisco Giants, whom I consider the best player in the majors. The Giants seem doomed for second division.

Hank Aaron won the honor last season. He's certainly a good player and could win it again, especially if the Milwaukee Braves repeat.

The Braves, however, are not my choice to win the National League pennant. I'm picking a dark horse — the Cincinnati Redlegs. Thus, my choice for the NL's MVP award is a member of the Redlegs. And that would be none other than Frank Robinson, at 23, a truly outstanding performer.

It wouldn't surprise me if the outfielder, in only his third season in the majors, achieves his goal of winning the NL's home run, batting and RBI championships.

Another contender will be Ernie Banks, slugging shortstop of the Chicago Cubs. But with the Cubs almost certain to be a sixth, or seventh or eighth place finisher, Banks' chances for MVP consideration are remote to say the least.

Mays and Aaron out in front. Mays and Aaron, naturally, will be in the contention for batting home run and RBI leadership —

and either could take all of the marbles.

In pitching, I look for Don Newcombe to come all the way back — to a 30-game winning season. It's my own vision that the big right-handed ace of the Los Angeles Dodgers will do it despite the irreparable loss of his old battery mate, Roy Campanella.

One of the most underrated players in NL this season is likely to be Charley Neal, the fine infielder of the Dodgers. Neal will be an improved hitter and he has already demonstrated that he is tremendous defensively. He is valuable because he can be used in three infield positions — second, shortstop or third base.

For the NL's rookie-of-the-year, our choice is Orlando Cepeda, the 20-year-old Puerto Rican first baseman for the San Francisco Giants. I think Cepeda's home run power will win him the honors over Vada Pinson, the 19-year-old speedster who is starting in the outfield for Cincinnati.

Could Be Sam Jones
Another 20-game winner in my books could be Sam Jones, of the St. Louis Cardinals. Such a performance by Jones might lead the Cardinals to the NL flag — and make me regret my choice of the Redlegs.

In the American League, I anticipate a wonderful season from Minnie Minoso, the colorful Cuban outfielder. He will hit better than 300 for Cleveland and might be in the contention for the American League MVP award. Minoso will get help from Larry Doby, who is back at Cleveland after a two-year absence. He was traded by Chicago White Sox to Baltimore, thence to Cleveland. Minoso was dealt directly to the Indians by the White Sox.

As for my better judgment, I'm picking the White Sox to edge the New York Yankees in the AL pennant race. I could be right if Al Smith, who went from Cleveland to the White Sox in the Minoso deal, has a good season.

One of the best AL pitchers will be Connie Johnson, who could pick up 20 victories for the Baltimore Orioles.

Jim (Moose) Grant, a Cleveland rookie right-hander, looks the best among the league's newcomers.

City Has No Money For Negro Course, But Won't Let Them Play On Whites' Links

MOBILE, Ala. — (ANP) — Negro golf enthusiasts can't use the city's new municipal golf course because it "is a white man's golf course." Yet the city can't afford to give Negroes a golf course for themselves, because it doesn't have the money.

This line of reasoning was voiced by two city commissioners last week as they announced intentions of fighting a suit brought by three Negroes in federal district court seeking integration of the golf course.

HIRE SPECIAL COUNSEL TO

"DEFEND THE CITY"
The commissioners, Charles F. Hackmeyer and Henry R. Luscher, said they may hire special counsel to work with city Atty. Fred G. Collins to defend the city.

"We have been doing everything within our power and our financial limits to give the colored people fine recreational facilities. The new recreation center we are building for them at Harmon Park will be the finest in this area. We would like to give them just as fine a

golf course as we have for the white people. But it's a question of money."

"But above all else, we intend to do everything legally possible to maintain segregation."

NEGROES SEEK PERMANENT
The suit charges that Negroes are denied their civil rights, as guaranteed by the U. S. constitution, by being barred from the golf course. It asks a permanent injunction restraining the commission from enforcing the "white only" rule, and also damages in the amount of \$5,000.

Aggies Lead CIAA Baseball With 2 Wins Over Hampton And Howard

GREENSBORO — The A&T College Aggies took undisputed lead in the CIAA baseball flag race with twin killings recently over Howard University, 13-2 and over Hampton Institute, 17-5.

The Aggies blasted the Washington, D. C. outfit in a morning session behind the two-hit pitching of Frank Hamilton, veteran right-hander. Hamilton gave up a scratch single but chucked a home run ball to Howard's left fielder, who blasted N out of the ballgame over the right center wall, with none aboard.

James Rouse, A&T first baseman, led the 12-hit attack with 4-out of five times at bat, but Charles Alexander, Aggie second baseman, thrilled the crowd with a booming drive over the centerfield wall in the first.

Mei Butts was the losing pitcher and went the distance.

The game was shifted to Saturday morning because of wet ground on Friday.

Aggie big bats again were the chief factor in the victory over Hampton in the afternoon engagement. The locals went straight to work on starter, Nathaniel Trader and blasted him out of the box in the second inning after sending across 12 runs, six-in each frame, more than enough to win the ball game. He was relieved by Rudolph Walker, who remained for the rest of the game.

The Aggie batting star was winning pitcher, Theodore White who smashed two-whistling doubles through the middle driving in four of his team's runs. White gave up six-hits for the day. Marvin

Chalmers, Aggie shortstop got two-singles for his four-trips.

Joe Cotton, taking the mound in the fifth and J. Davis, in the eighth finished for the Aggies.

The two-victories give the Aggies a 4-0 record for the season.



Clowns Open Season Sun. With 3 Team Double Drill

PHILADELPHIA — (ANP) — The Indianapolis Clowns kick off their 25th baseball campaign at Ponce de Leon Park, Atlanta, Ga., on Sunday afternoon, April 27, in a three-team double header.

The afternoon twin-bill will mark the 25th unveiling of the four-time Negro American League champion Clowns. A city dignitary has been invited to toss out the first pitch.

As usual, the Indianapolis aggregation will not only field a first-class baseball team, but also the nation's top fun-making squad. This year's funshow will include the hilarious antics of Nature Williams, King Tut, Midrot Babop and manager Ed Hamman. They will entertain before the game and between innings.

On the serious side, the Clowns have had marked success during their recent barnstorming trips. They started out several years ago and have faced such formidable opponents as the Jackie Robinson All-Stars. In one game, that attracted 9000 fans at New Orleans, Ralph Branca was tagged for 14 hits and just did manage a 4-3 victory over the Clowns.

On another occasion, the All-Stars were handed a 3-4 loss before 1950 fans at Dick Field, Austin, Tex.

Playing on Jackie's team were such standouts as Larry Doby, Jim Gilliam, Roy Campanella, Ernie Banks and Don Newcombe. The Clowns were using their inspiring veterans and rookies, five of whom have since graduated to major league ball.

Test rolls now for fall planting.

NCC, Hampton Play To Draw In Tennis

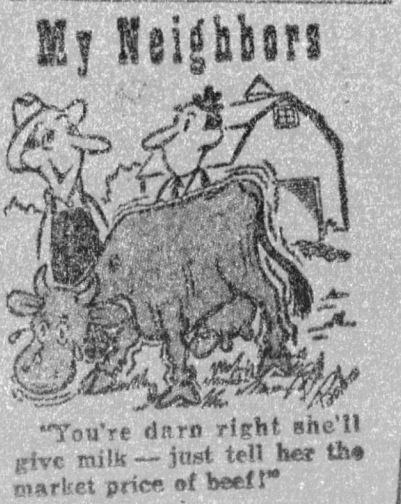
DURHAM — In the second meet of the season between N. C. College and Hampton, the Eagles had to settle for a tie with the Pirates outfit, 3-3. Jim Stroud, who previously lost to the Eagles' Dorian Parrott, rallied strong to down the Eagle's best 6-1.

Zack Davis, playing Hampton's new no. 2 man, Gene Donan, lost in 7-5. 6-4 Horton remained the only undefeated netter on NCC Coach Jim Young's squad by downing Bailey 6-2, 4-6, 7-5 in three real tough sets.

Maurice Handy, a freshman from Durham, playing his first CIAA contest, toppled Bill Merritt, Hampton's no. 4 netter 6-2, 6-2.

In the only doubles match of the afternoon, Young struck upon the combination which promises to be a "touchie" in all competition this year — Parrott and Davis, playing together for the first time this year, swept by the Pirates' duo of Stroud and Donan, 6-3, 6-3, in a convincing fashion.

The Eagles play at Morgan State on April 18 and at Howard University on April 19.



"You're darn right she'll give milk — just tell her the market price of beef!"

NCC Alumnus At Ft. Benning

FORT BENNING, Ga. — Pvt. Rudolph J. Horried, son of Mrs. Evelyn Bolin, 220 N. Culver St., Baltimore, recently returned to Fort Benning after having participated in training exercises with 3d Division tank and infantry units at Fort Stewart, Ga.

Horried, a rifleman in Company B of the division's 7th Infantry, entered the Army in October 1937.

The 23-year-old soldier was graduated from Frederick Douglass High School in 1933 and from North Carolina College in 1937.

Bill Doggett And His Combo In A Concert At A & T

GREENSBORO, N. C. — Bill Doggett and his Combo presented a full concert at A&T College on Tuesday evening, April 22.

The noted Hammond Organ stylist appeared in Greensboro for the first time and it was his only appearance in the South for this season.

The concert was sponsored by Beta Epsilon Chapter, an undergraduate group at the College, of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. Leon Dixon was in charge of arrangements.

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