

Rams To Compete In Carolinas AAU Meet May 17

Raleigh To Host Annual Meet; Elias Gilbert Tops

WINSTON-SALEM — One of the most sensational track teams in the nation is a small band of young men at Winston-Salem Teachers College in North Carolina, a small school with only a few more than 200 men out of a total student body of 900.

This team will face an extreme test on Saturday, May 17 in Raleigh, when they compete in the Carolinas AAU meet against top colleges in North Carolina and South Carolina. Last year the Rams of Winston-Salem Teachers College won the AAU races in competition with such noted teams as Duke, University of North Carolina and other big schools in the area.

Key man on the Rams' team are Elias Gilbert, generally rated the best hurdler in the nation; Fran Washington, hurdles and sprint Lewis are co-captains.

Gilbert and Washington sparked

a shuttle hurdles relay team in the recent Penn relays to a new meet record of 53.6 in the 480-yard shuttle hurdles relays. This mark was only 2 off the American record. Helping them were Carl Brown and Joseph Middleton.

Coach Wilbur Ross predicts that some day this quartet will break all existing records in the shuttle hurdles. He also predicts that Gilbert will break lots of records. Gilbert specializes in the 120-yard and 110-meter hurdles and 220-yard relays during the outdoor season.

Washington is a good hurdler and an improving sprint ace. He runs a fast leg for the Winston-Salem mile relay squad. Lewis anchors this crew. Their partners are Robert Smith and Herb Conaway. This squad posted a new Penn Relays record for small colleges by winning in 3:16.4.

Lewis is defending champion ace, and Charley Lewis, fast-moving quarter miler, Washington and

in the Carolinas AAU 440-yard run. Conaway, who surprised with a third place finish in the 440-yard low hurdles, hopes to do better in Raleigh. In Philadelphia he trailed the Olympic champion and defending relays champ.

Godfrey Moore is the team's hope in the broad jump and the hop, step and jump. Snuford Brown is improving in the high jump. If the timing is right, Coach Ross also races squads in the 440-yard and 80-yard relays. He refuses to "wear my boys out" by entering them in too many events too close together.

The Rams are proving themselves to be the surprise track team of the current season, and hope to continue their success.

On Friday and Saturday, May 10-11, the Rams will be seeking to usurp the authority of Morgan in the CIAA championships, run in Baltimore. They also will have to stop North Carolina College.

Holder Of Ph. D. To Start For A&T Alumni "Oldtimers" Versus Aggies

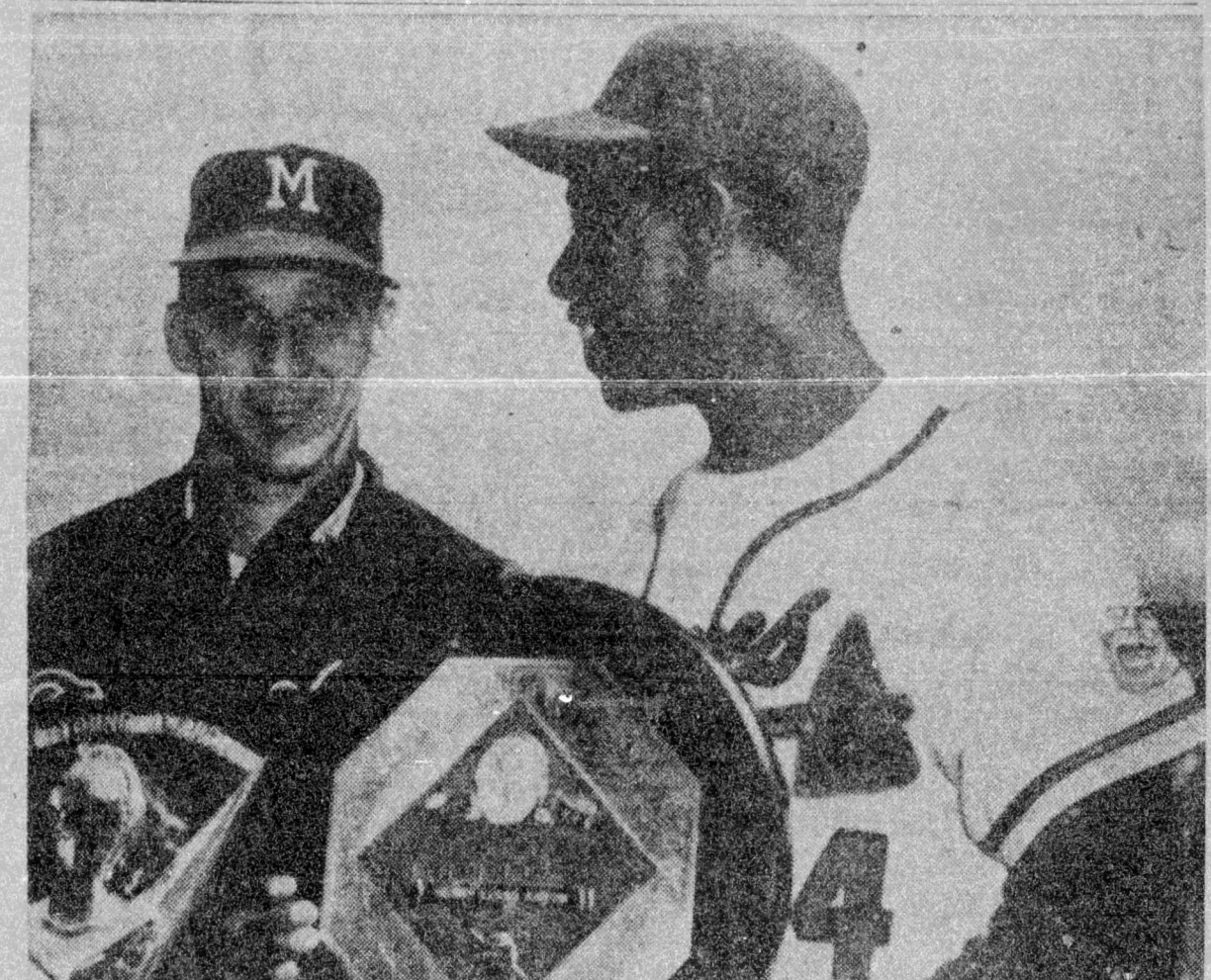
GREENSBORO — A holder of the Ph. D. degree will be the starting pitcher for the A & T College Alumni "Oldtimers" as they take on the A&T College Aggies varsity in a baseball game to be played here Saturday, May 10.

Dr. Charles U. Deberry, Elizabethtown, principal of the Bladen County Training School, star chucker for the Aggies when a student here back in the early thirties, will start the game.

He will be supported by an array of outstanding players who have

performed on A&T championship teams over a number of years.

The game is a feature of the entertainment program connected with the annual meeting of the A & T College National Alumni Association, slated to begin that morning at 10:00 o'clock.



AARON, SPAIN AWARD WINNERS—Hank Aaron, Milwaukee Braves outfielder, received the Kenenaw Mountain Landis Memorial Award as the National League's Most Valuable Player of 1957 and Warren Spahn, left, Braves pitcher, received the Cy Young Memorial Award as the Most Valuable Pitcher of 1957 in ceremonies before the Braves-Philadelphia game recently. (UNITED PRESS PHOTO)

"Naptie" Clowns Helped Hank Aaron Reach Majors

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — (ANP) — Here in the training camp of the Indianapolis Clowns baseball team an interesting story is going the rounds. It is how Hank Aaron, prized Milwaukee Braves outfielder, made the successful jump from the Negro American League to the majors.

The story tells of how Aaron, whom the Clowns sold to the Braves for \$10,000 in 1952, was discovered on a sandlot and developed into a crack shortstop and later into a big league player.

According to the story, Syd Pollock, the Clowns general manager, and field manager, Ed Humman, spotted Aaron in the spring of 1952 playing with a sandlot team in Mobile, Ala. They had glimpsed the

boy once before on a barnstorming tour with the Jackie Robinson All-Stars and he had impressed them.

So when the Clowns regular shortstop was injured, Pollock signed him up to fill in. Aaron played so well and hit so consistently, the regular shortstop never got back in the lineup.

MOVES UP QUICKLY
But Aaron was not to remain with the Clowns. The Braves were on a talent hunt and quickly bought his contract. Hank was sent to Eau Claire where he made such an impression that he was moved up to Toledo. There he ran into his first snag and the Clowns came to his rescue.

For some strange reason, Aaron

was used only in spots then put in the stands to "get some pointers." He quickly contacted Pollock and told him he wanted "to play ball, not watch." Syd in turn called John Mullen, the Braves farm director, and Aaron was sent to Jacksonville the Braves Class "A" team. From then on it was a short jump to Milwaukee and baseball fame.

A standout since reaching the majors, Aaron last year was the National League most valuable player, in addition to being the home run king. This year, the world champion Braves, in appreciation for his fine work during the regular season and the World Series, are paying him \$40,000.



RECORD BREAKERS — The Winston-Salem Teachers College team, above, broke the Penn Relays 480-yard shuttle hurdles relay record before 53,618 fans in Philadelphia recently. Shown with their plaque and trophy are, left to right, Carl Brown, Fran Washington, Joseph Middleton and Elias Gilbert.

Charley Neal Injured; Out Of Bums' Line

LOS ANGELES — (ANP) — Charley Neal, Los Angeles Dodgers second baseman, suffered a bruised wrist and was out of the Dodgers lineup the early part of last week.

Neal was hit by a pitched ball from Cardinal reliever Frank Barnes.

Although it was at first feared the flashy field star may have suffered a broken wrist, X-rays later revealed no fractures.

Vertical integration in farming means producing a commodity under contract, often with the sale price guaranteed. Poultry is one of the South's fastest growing farm enterprises.

Baylor Balks At Pro Cage Offer



BLOCKS RIGHT HAND BLOW—Jesse Bowdry of St. Louis, Mo., left, blocks a right hand blow thrown by Clarence Hienant, Washington, D. C., during the third round of their scheduled 10-round light heavyweight bout in Chicago Stadium last Wednesday night. Bowdry won a unanimous victory for his fifth straight victory and 22nd in 24 professional fights. (UNITED PRESS PHOTO)

BEATING THE GUN

By BILL BROWER FOR ASSOCIATED NEGRO PRESS

Truman Gibson's ascension to head of International Boxing Clubs of New York and Chicago is certainly, from our standpoint, a significant milestone in sports.

It's another illustration of the truism that the color of a man's skin is less of a factor in sports than in other streams of American life.

It has been no secret in the sports world that Gibson, in recent years, has been one of the big wheels in the IBC set up. When the ailing Jim Norris stepped down as president, Truman was the logical choice.

The important angle, of course, is that it proves that the Negro's place in sports is no longer confined to the sphere of actual competition.

SPORTS IS NEGRO'S FORTÉ

That isn't exactly new. Even 20 years or more ago, Joseph H. Rainey, was boss of the Pennsylvania Athletic Commission. If memory serves, it was Rainey who reversed a decision in the Al Ettore-John Henry Lewis fight in Philadelphia. The officials called it a draw—Ettore then was something of a sanctified hero to Philadelphia. Rainey threw the ring verdict out and gave the victory to Lewis, who was entitled to it in the first place.

When Thomas E. Dewey was elected governor of New York one of his early moves was to name Dr. C. B. Powell, a Harlem newspaper publisher, to the New York State Athletic Commission. Powell retained that post for several years. Frank Forbes, well known in tan sport circles, was named a boxing judge—another unprecedented development.

Then, in 1952 when Ezzard Charles met Jersey Joe Walcott for the heavyweight championship the last time, the third man in the ring also was a Negro. The bout was in Philadelphia and the referee was Zach Clayton, who still serves in that capacity in the Quaker City.

HELP FOUND IBC

Thus, Gibson's elevation is not unique, in a sense; in another, it is. There was no political significance connected with it. Gibson had been a confidante of Norris and lawyer IBC. He was intimately acquainted with its inner workings. He was fully familiar with the current status of boxing.

But perhaps a more telling factor was Gibson's role in establishing the IBC as the dominant boxing enterprise in the last decade. Truman played a persuasive role in the manipulations concomitant with Joe Louis' retirement—the first time—that gave the IBC a stranglehold on prize-fighting operations. He devised the contract that gave Louis \$20,000 a year now.

SHOULDER IBC PROBLEMS

The 46-year-old Gibson then was owed a debt of gratitude by Norris and his partners. He probably could have been paid off in a different way if Norris didn't consider him a smart operative. For several years Gibson has been a member of the IBC board of directors as well as handling its legal responsibilities. The latter has been something of a tremendous job in recent years, with the IBC's litigation with the Government over its monopolistic hold on the fight game.

Some skeptics may dispute Gibson's right to be head man in the principal venture of boxing. They even point out that Norris might be directing operations from the wings. His retirement, they say, could conceivably be for strategic reasons—until the final court action in IBC lawsuits is handed down.

Aggies Whip Maryland State, 9-3 Behind Ace Pitcher Joe Cotton

GREENSBORO — The A&T College Aggies tightened up the CIAA baseball race last Thursday with a 9-3 win over Maryland State College, defending champs and previously undefeated.

Big Joe Cotton, the basketball star, who pitched a brilliant no-hit last week, was the hero in the contest. He came on in the top of the third with the bases loaded

and one out to squelch a Maryland charge.

They scored two runs in that frame, one off of starter, Theodore and another on a long fly on Cotton. This closed the gap to 3-2 in favor of the Aggies.

After that Cotton was never in real difficulty. The losers got one scratch single off of Cotton and that in the sixth which developed into the one run charged to him.

Rumor Roy Campanella To Be Transferred To New Hospital

NEW YORK — (ANP) — According to rumors circulating here last week, Roy Campanella, injured Los Angeles Dodgers catcher, will be transferred to the Institute of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation of the New York University-Bellevue Medical Center shortly.

There was no official confirmation of the rumors, however, although Dr. Howard A. Rusk, director of the institute here, said he had heard the reports that Campy would become a patient at the center. He added, however, "I don't know anything definite."

At Glen Cove, N. Y. Community Hospital, where Campy has been confined since suffering a broken neck in an auto accident on Jan. 20, Harry C. F. Gifford, administrator, said he knows of no present plans to remove the star.

Campy has been partially paralyzed since he suffered the accident. Some life has returned to his upper limbs, but he remains paralyzed from the waist down. Meanwhile, there were speculations that the switch is part of a plan to have Campy undergo intensive examination and research at the institute.

Grambling Beats Xavier, 9-5 To Boost Record For Season

NEW ORLEANS — (ANP) — The Grambling Tigers, perennial power in collegiate sports, dealt the Xavier University Gold Rush team a 9-5 defeat here recently to boost their season's record to 8 wins and 2 losses.

However, Grambling, favored to easily beat Xavier, had to fight off repeated rallies by the local

nine to seal the victory. The local team tied the score in the third and seventh innings but were outscored after that.

Pitcher Paul Greene, who relieved starter Clyde Parquet, was touched for three runs in the seventh but hung on to gain credit for the win. He also batted in the tie-breaking run in the eighth.



AMONG THE BEST — One of the nation's fastest college mile relay squads is the above quartet from Winston-Salem Teachers College. Left to right, Herb Conaway, Charles Lewis, Fran Washington and Robert Smith. They are holding their championship Penn Relays plaque.

Elgin Not Available For Pro Ball

DETROIT — (ANP) — It was a foregone conclusion that Elgin Baylor, the Seattle University All-American, would be the top choice in the annual draft here last week of the National Basketball Association.

But there was no such certainty that the 6-6 star from Washington, D. C., would be available for professional competition next year.

In the actual selections, Baylor was the pick of the Minneapolis Lakers, which finished the 1957-58 season with the poorest record in either the eastern or western division.

He verdict from Baylor, in Seattle, was that he would forego pro basketball next season.

"I don't care who drafted me," said Baylor. He added that he had made up his mind to get his college degree before giving the play-for-pay game his attention.

Earlier, Baylor had declared that if Seattle was barred from tournament play next year in National Collegiate Athletic Association competition, he might not return to college.

Immediately before the draft took place, Seattle was prohibited from participating in any more NC AA tournaments until Sept. 1, 1960. The Chieftains were accused of offering too liberal recruiting inducements to prospective athletes. Baylor was not involved in the charges.

This apparently gave the Lakers officials some hope that Baylor would reconsider his intention not to play pro basketball next season. But Short, the Lakers' president, said in Minneapolis, "that he was confident that Baylor would sign." At any rate, Baylor was one of two fan college players tabbed on the first round in the NBA playmaker.

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