

Moore's Comeback Amazes Fight World; Stops Durelle

Bert Piggott, Aggie Football Coach, Is Hero In Greensboro

GREENSBORO — Mild mannered and soft spoken, Bert Piggott, who this year coached the A&T College Aggies to the third CIAA football championship in the long history of athletics at the college, is a hero to about everybody in this college town.

Appreciation for the fine record he has made reached national proportions last week as he was honored by the prominent Pigsin Club of Washington, D. C., as the outstanding coach of football at



BERT PIGGOTT, head football coach for the A&T College Aggies with the outstanding coach award presented him last week at the Annual Pigsin Club Dinner in Washington, D. C.

What added to the lustre of the Aggie achievement was the fact that Piggott had accomplished the job in just two years after he took over the head coach job at A&T. He had worked at the college as assistant under Bill Bell, now athletic director, for seven years.

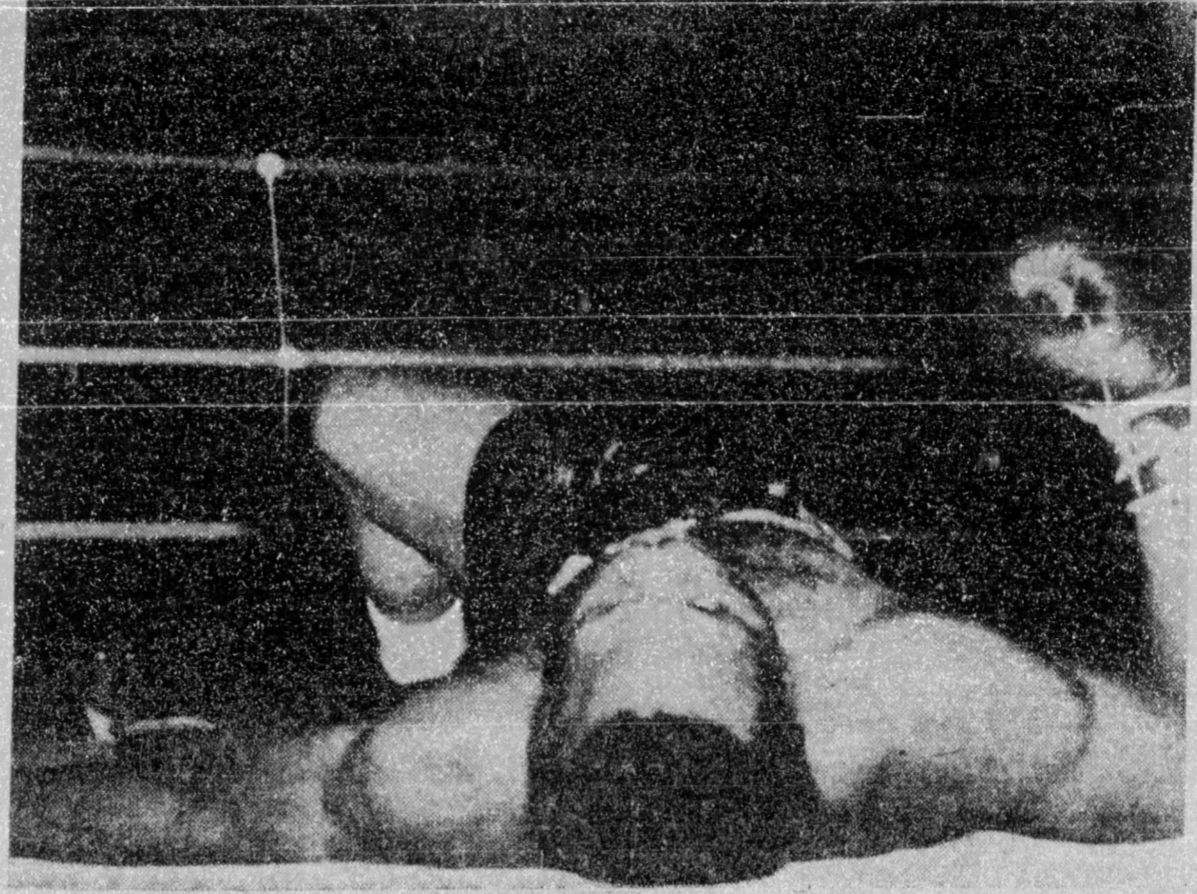
In winning the championship Piggott was just about as happy as a gift laden lot at Christmas time, but surprised. When all of the prognosticators in early season were selecting the Aggies as most likely to succeed, he "pook pooked" the talk with the statement that a championship for him was easily "a year away." He was sincere in that belief.

Bert says that he and his boys did not get the championship "fever" until they won the homecoming game, the first in 10 years for the college. Of all the things, he felt more confident about the conference flag on the morning before the big clash with undefeated North Carolina College. That morning several of his key players came to see him and said, "coach, we're winning this game today for you."

Bert gives all of the credit to his boys. "They are the finest bunch of athletes with whom I have ever had contact," That covers a lot of territory, because Piggott played four years of championship ball at his hometown high school in Hinsdale, Ill., three years at the University of Illinois, two seasons in service with the Tuskegee Air Base Warhawks and two years with the professional Los Angeles Dons.

"Their conduct, to a man, on and off the field was above reproach," he said. "I loved each one of them. What figured most important in the success of the Aggies this season? Bert says that a lot of factors contributed, but strong team spirit and loyalty topped the list. He did not mention the tremendous defensive power thrown up by a strong, big line and the outstanding end play, both on defense and offense as being outstanding skills demonstrated by the championship Aggies. He also gives a lot of credit to his assistants, Murray, Neely, Mel Groomes and Hornsby Rosewell.

Almost everybody agrees that not a better more deserving guy could set the honors and praise being heaped on personable Bert. He is well liked by those with whom he comes in contact in this business, both players and coaches alike.



MOORE TAKES A "REST" — Light-heavyweight champion Archie Moore lies on the canvas during one of the three times he was floored in round one of his scheduled 15-rounder with Yvon Durelle at Montreal, Canada last week. Later, Moore, perhaps the oldest active champion in boxing annals, became the sport's all-time kayo king by blasting the Canadian champ with 4 knock-downs for an 11th round knockout. (UPI TELEPHOTO)

Cagey Old Champ Makes Greatest Boxing Rebound

MONTREAL, Canada (AP) — The fight world last week witnessed what was perhaps the greatest comeback in the annals of boxing when cagey old Archie Moore rebounded from the brink of disaster to knock out challenger Yvon Durelle and successfully defend his lightweight title for the seventh time.

Down four times — three in the first round and once in the fifth — Moore, who admits to being 41, was forced to call upon all the ring generalship acquired in his more than 22 years of fist fighting. How he did it is still the topic of lively discussions and everyone agrees it took a real champ to do it.

Moore, who entered the ring in the Montreal Forum a solid favorite, was coasting through the first round, feeling out his man, when he was clipped by a whistling right that sprawled him on the canvas. From all indications, he was through for the night and perhaps for his career. But he got up at the count of nine and survived the other two knockdowns before the bell sounded.

After that he fought cautiously until the fifth when he was tagged and knocked again.

However, after that Moore began to rally and gradually cut his man down.

In the seventh, he caught Durelle, Canadian and British Empire champion with a beauty that spilled him for the first time.

Archie continued to press the action, and really turned on the steam in the 10th, when he again floored Durelle. However the bell came to his rescue.

In the 11th, Archie simply went out and finished his man with a blistering two-fisted attack. After dropping Durelle to his knees with a ripping right, he nailed him with another right-left combination for the full count with only 49 seconds of the round gone.

In his dressing room afterwards Moore said he had no plans for retirement. In fact, he said he plans to meet Durelle here again next summer, and would relish another title match with Floyd Patterson. Patterson in 1955 knocked Moore out in five rounds to become the new heavyweight champion.

A & T Aggies Whip Fayetteville, 78-63, In Basketball Opener

GREENSBORO — The A&T College Aggies began defense of their CIAA Basketball Championship Tuesday night with a convincing, 78-63 win over Fayetteville State Teachers College.

The locals put on a brilliant display of fireworks in the first half behind the fancy floor work and uncanny shooting of Al Attles, and with it built up a handsome 49-28 bulge at halftime. Taking the lead from the opening tip, the Aggies fell behind only once during the ball game and that after five minutes of play. Fayetteville went ahead 15-14. With sizzling speed and accurate shooting a few moments later, 41-19.

As the Aggies emptied the bench at the opening of the second stanza, the previous dazzling scoring touch was stalled. They sank only 29 points in the final period while Fayetteville came to life by bucking 35.

Joe Cotton, the big, 6-4 Aggie forward from Garysburg, led the scoring from both teams as he dumped 16 points. Attles was second for the Aggies with 12 points. John McIntyre was best for Fayetteville with 14 points.

Pitcher Ruben Gomez Is Injured Chasing Thief

SANTURICE, P. R. (AP) — Pitcher Ruben Gomez, recently traded by the San Francisco Giants to the Philadelphia Phillies, was temporarily sidelined recently after he injured himself chasing a thief in his home here.

According to a report Gomez was sneaking through the darkened house at night trying to catch the elusive burglar when he tumbled over a table, severely bruising his knee and cutting his lip.

He had been scheduled to pitch the following day for the Santurice club of the Puerto Rican Winter League. He failed to keep the date.

Gomez, a temperamental fellow, went to Philadelphia along with Negro catcher Valmy Thomas in exchange for pitcher Jack Sanford in one of the big deals of the winter season.

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THE PIGSKIN HUDDLE

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PRAIRIE VIEW RATED TOP FOOTBALL TEAM OF 1958

By virtue of being the nation's only undefeated team, although once tied, the Prairie View Panthers rank as the nation's No. 1 football team for the 1958 season.

Playing against top competition in nearly every game, Prairie View opened the season with a 14-14 tie against the Jackson Tigers, then rolled to seven straight victories to end the season with a 7-0-1 record.

The Panthers' victims included Texas Southern (42-0), Mississippi Vocational (59-14), Wiley (13-0) and Southern (20-14). Prairie View spotted Southern 14 points, then came back to win. This victory earned the No. 1 spots.

Rated second are the Southern Jaguar Cats (6-2-0). Southern started off strong until it ran into a 13-6 snafu against Texas College. The Jaguars reached their peak when they swalloped Florida A and M 35-6, then faltered in their final game of the season against Prairie View.

Florida A and M (7-1-0) rates third. The Rattlers had a good season, but were not as strong as last year. They had narrow squeaks against Morris Brown and Texas Southern, but won most of their games handily.

Holding down fourth is Lincoln (Mo.) with an 8-1-0 record. The Tigers did not lose to any Negro team and won a bowl game to achieve their record.

After a slow start Texas Southern (5-3-0) finished strong to land in fifth place. The Grambling tigers (6-3-0) were going great until in fifth place. The Grambling tigers (6-3-0) were going great until they ran into Prairie View, then faded in the stretch. They rate sixth.

Seventh are the Jackson Tigers, the team that tied Prairie View. Jackson achieved a 5-2-1 record. Tennessee State's Tigers with a 4-4-0 mark, poor for them, were still good enough for eighth place.

The A and T Aggies (7-2-0) place ninth, and the North Carolina College Eagles (7-2-0) rank 10th. Rounding out the Huddle's Baker's Dozen ratings are South Carolina State (7-2-1), Wiley (4-5-0) and Morgan (5-3-0).

Conference champions for the season are Prairie View in the Southwestern, Lincoln (Mo.) in the Midwestern, Florida A and M in the SIAC (Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference) and A and T in the CIAA (Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association).

Offense jumped ahead of the defense during the 1958 season. The highest scoring team was Southern with 300 points in 10 games. Florida A and M with 257 in eight games and Prairie View with 236 in eight games were tops in average points per game.

The best defensive team was Southern, giving up only 71 points in 10 games. Playing minor competition SST Augustine's (6-2-0) permitted only 48 points in eight tilts for the best average among all schools.

Wiley scored the most points in a game, slaughtering Alcorn 74-0. Grambling blasted Paul Quinn 72-8. Florida A and M scored an easy 63-0 victory over Benedict. Morgan 69-0. Among the minor teams, Mississippi Industrial rocked Tongalo 66-0, and Rust rolled over Oklahoma 69-0.

As usual, St. Paul's College of Lawrenceville, Va. was the nation's most hapless team, losing eight straight to run its losing streak to 23. St. Paul's lost as follows: Elizabeth City (6-23), Winston-Salem (6-34), Howard (8-20), Delaware State (6-40), Johnson C. Smith (6-14), St. Augustine's (6-2-0) and (4-4-0), Miles (4-2-0), Tuskegee Benedict (3-3-0).

Other teams ranking close include Texas College (5-5-0), Bluefield (5-2-1), Hampton (7-7-0), Johnson C. Smith (6-2-0), Central State (6-2-0) and Xavier (4-3-1).

A total of 77 teams played football last season. The Huddle did not get complete records of several of the smaller schools.

Sudden changes in a cow's daily routine may upset milk production.

THE WEEK IN RECORDS

BY ALBERT ANDERSON FOR ASSOCIATED NEGRO PRESS

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS ALBUMS

One of the most cherished of all yuletide traditions is the singing of Christmas carols, the songs that tell the story of the birth of Christ. Whenever and wherever carols are sung, they help to rekindle the spirit of Christmas.

This year, in keeping with that tradition, many record companies are releasing special recordings of Christmas music in LP's, stereo, and singles. A number have already hit the sales market.

Among the best released to date are albums by RCA, Capitol, Vanguard and Warner Brothers. Capitol's entry is in stereo. All the albums are done up in gay colors matching the season.

"Christmas Holidays At Radio City Music Hall," by RCA is the best of the lot. Featuring the Radio City Music Hall Orchestra, under the direction of Raymond Paige, and the Music Hall's choral ensemble, this album provides the finest balance of orchestral excellence and sound reproduction to be found anywhere. Fine pacing and brilliant introduction of the selections add to listening pleasure.

However, the set recorded at the world-famous New York theater, is not devoted entirely to carols, but mixes such light pleasures as "Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer" and "Sleigh Ride." It starts with an arrangement of "Silent Night," shifts to an interlude, and closes with a selection of "Chances Are." In between there are "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," "Adeste Fideles," "Joy to the World," and "Deck the Halls." Also featured is a fine organ medley.

A double-headed, single-record album, complete with beautiful illustrations and a brief history of the history of the music hall, this package should also provide an ideal gift. It's a bargain in many ways.

Another RCA Christmas treat is "To Wish You A Merry Christmas" by balladeer Harry Belafonte.

Harry's musical Christmas greetings consist of 20 songs that are not all standard carols. Top side mixes such novelties as "A Star in the East," and "Gifts They Gave," with the better known "O Little Town of Bethlehem," and "Deck the Halls," while on the flip Harry is especially good on "O Come All Ye Faithful," "Joy to the World," and "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day."

Harry is in top form on this album, and the music, provided by orchestra and chorus conducted by Bob Corman, is outstanding.

NCC Eagles Drop 2 Of First 3 Cage Clashes

DURHAM—North Carolina College's basketball team opened the 1958-59 season by dropping two of their first contests, Floyd Brown's career in their debut this year lost a 75-52 decision on December 1 to the strong and veteran Camp Lejeune Marines on the Dough-Boys' homecourt.

The following night the Eagles rebounded to win their encounter with the Elizabeth City Pirates by a score of 82-72. However, the Eagles returned home for their debut before the home crowd on December 6 and dropped a 63-55 tilt to a smart-looking Virginia State College squad.

In the Camp Lejeune game, Carlton "Dim-Dong" Bell, 6'7" forward from Houston, Texas, lunged up 15 points in the Eagles' losing effort to the marines.

At Elizabeth City, Brown got his "husses" moving early with Bell and his running mates Calvin "Sweetcake" Alexander, a 6'1" guard from Houston, Texas, and Preston "Boss" Lewis, 6' 8 1/2" pivotman, leading the offensive attack and dominating both the offensive boards on the rebounds. On the sterling performance of this trio, the Eagles had built up a 47-34 lead at halftime.

The Pirates put on a second half rally, led by their all-conference candidate, Henry Fields, a 6'8" rebounding demon, but it was not enough to catch the Eagle hoopsters who played superlative ball the entire evening.

Bell was the top man for the evening with 22 markers, followed by Alexander who scored 18 points. Lewis racked up 10 points and grabbed 13 rebounds.

Bell, the Eagles' top rebounder, Bell, the Eagles' top rebounder, grabbed 21 balls off the boards.

In their home debut, the Eagles were unable to find their mark, and after falling behind a hot Virginia State team, found it impossible to cut a seven point lead which the Trojans maintained throughout the second half of play.

Davis, a native of Orange, N. J., was the Trojans' top scorer with 16 points, followed by Parker who poured in 12 points.

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