

Prairie View Panthers National Grid Champs For '58



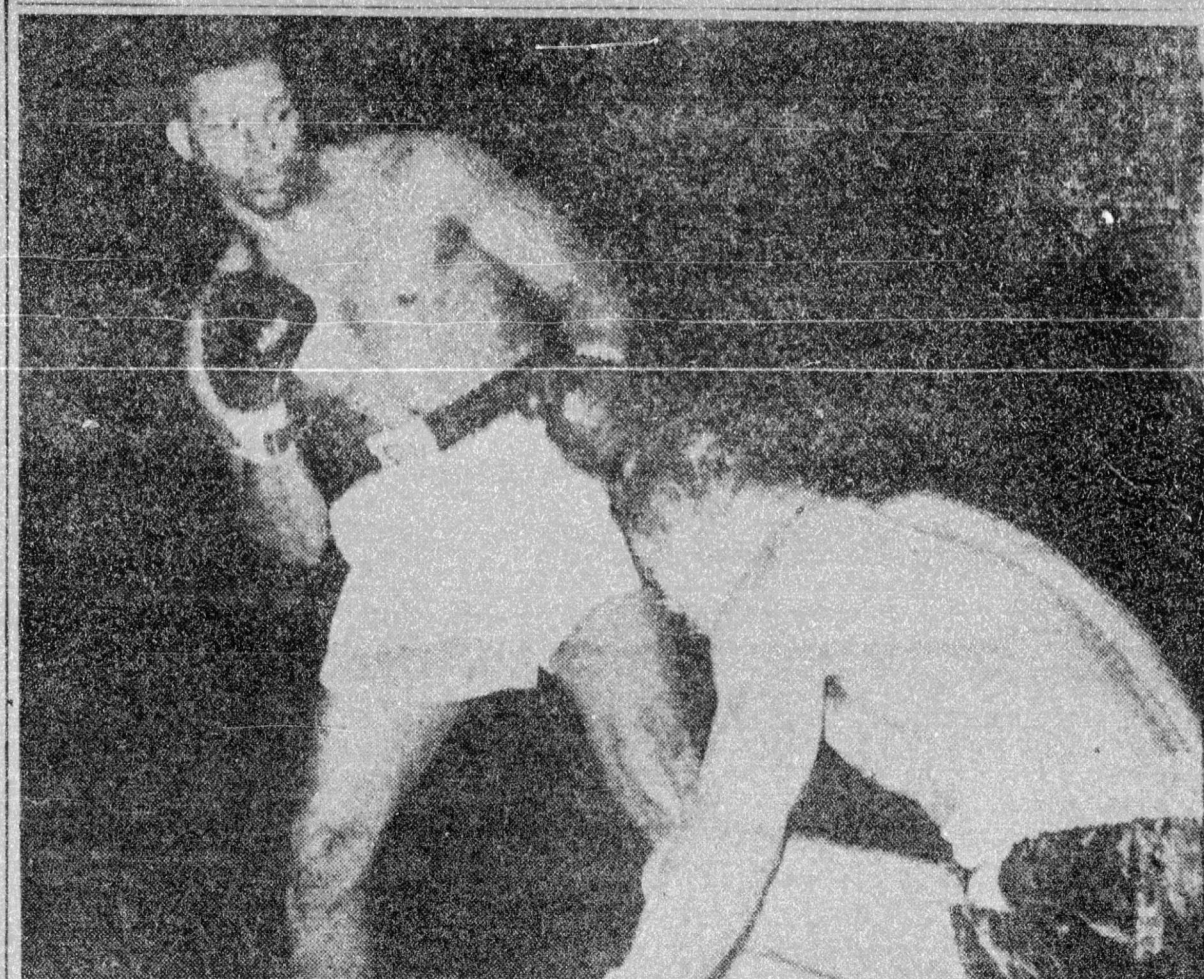
STUDY PAST PERFORMANCES — Defensive coach John Bridgers of the Baltimore Colts operates movie projector at Baltimore, December 23, as he shows films of the Giant games to his defensive linemen. The seated players are: Gino Marchetti, Art Donovan, Ray Krause, and Gene Lipscomb. Standing are Ordell Brasse and Don Joyce. The Colts defeated the Giants 23-17 at New York Sunday after five quarters. (UPI PHOTO).

Atlanta Sports Body Says Panthers Were Best 11

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP) — The 100 Per Cent Wrong Club, nationally known sports group of this city, has named the "Panthers" of Prairie View A&M College, Prairie View, Texas, national intercollegiate champions for 1958.

At a press conference, A. L. Thompson, Atlanta housing official and club president, made public a report issued by the club's selections committee several days ago in which the board named the Texas team "tops" among 1958 Negro football outfits. Ralph A. Robinson, local scout executive and former Clark college, Atlanta, football coach and athletic director, is chairman of this committee.

Prairie View finished its 1958 four of play with a near-perfect 6-0-1 record. In the first game of the season, the "Panthers" tied Jackson College, Jackson, Miss., 14-14 and went on to defeat Texas Southern University, Houston, 26-19, Grambling college, Grambling, La., 44-6, Texas college, Tyler, 43-0, and Mississippi Vocational



VALDEZ SCORES TKO — Pat McMurry, down on one knee struggles for balance as opponent Nine Valdez stands by with his right hand cocked and ready for action during the first round of their December 19 bout at New York. The referee stopped the fight after two minutes and 39 seconds of the first round. (UPI PHOTO).

Ex-Allen University Gridder Stars In Army Classic Abroad

COLUMBIA, S. C. (AP) — Bill Duren, Staff Writer for the Stars and Stripes, paid special tribute to Wilson Bickley along with 7 of his teammates for their performance in the USAREUR football finals at Soldier's Field, Nurnberg, Germany.

Bickley, a 1957 graduate of Allen University and a native of Lexington, S. C., plays with the Bomberg Riders.

Dick Gilpin, also staff writer for the newspaper, said, "Time after time, the hard-blocking Riders would provide space for Wilson Bickley, Ulysses Morton and Harvey Seligman to break into the secondary. In all, the Riders netted 333 yards rushing to only 88 for the Weisbaden Flak."

"When questioned as to the game's proverbial turning point in the 36-6 victory, Coach Fry felt that Bickley's 70-yard run on a draw plan which set up the go-ahead touchdown in the second

Name 3 FAMU Players To An All-American Squad

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Three members of the Florida A and M grid team were named to the Pittsburgh Courier's All-American mythical team for 1958.

Tallahassee's Willie Weche and Willie Taylor were named to the first and second teams at tackle and center, respectively. Weche played guard but was so outstanding he was placed on the dream team as tackle. Taylor was edged for first team honors by Herman

Harlem Satellites, Cage Team, Taking The Midwest By Storm

NEW YORK — The New York Harlem Satellites, the newest Negro basketball team to hit the professional barnstorming circuit, is taking the Midwest by storm with its outstanding playing and varied comedy routines in the first two months of competition.

Starting their second year on the pro-circuit, the Satellites, under the sponsorship of Ted Rasberry's Enterprise of Grand Rapids, Mich., have won 32 games and lost one against some of the leading college all-star and semi-pro teams in the Midwest.

Owner Ted Rasberry said the Satellites will be in the Columbus, Ohio area from Jan. 4 through 10th, playing against Bevo Francis' Ohio All-Stars. From Jan 10th through the 23rd, the Negro stars will show their wares in New York state, against strong college stars.

Plans for the Satellites to move into Memphis, Tenn. territory are being made for Feb. 2-8. The club will then move into Mississippi starting Feb. 9 and in Birmingham area around Feb. 18. Florida the 21st, and Georgia the 24th.

Balanced scoring and terrific defense have been instrumental in keeping the Satellites the No. 1 sensation. The club is averaging 73 points per game while holding the opposition to 59.

Included in the victory list is eight scored over Bevo Francis' Ohio All-Stars 1 nine Ohio State. The lone setback was to ex-Rio Grande college star's team in an overtime session.

Playing before houses in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Michigan, the Satellites' policy of providing entertainment for the entire family has been well received.

Hook Harvey, 6-7 center, and last year's leading scorer, is taking over again in the offensive department. He is hitting the netting for a 24 game average with his single game output of 31 against Bevo Francis' team for the season. He leads in the rebound department with 14 per game.

Oris Hill, another ex-Harlem Globetrotter, who joined the Satellites ranks this year, is lending a helping hand in the scoring. The 6-4 forward has been hitting a terrific pace in the last 10 games and is maintaining a 15 game average. He also teams with Brown and Kirksey in the slapstick end of the game.

"Black Panther's" Last Rites Held From A New York Church

NEW YORK — (AP) — Scores of ring celebrities and other dignitaries Friday attended funeral services for Harry Wills, former heavyweight contender, who was known universally as the "Black Panther."

The services were held in the chapel of the Walter B. Cooke Funeral Home, 117 W. 72nd St., in this city. Burial followed in Woodlawn Cemetery.

One of ringdom's immortal Wills during his lifetime amassed a comfortable fortune, but the goal he sought most—the heavyweight title—eluded him.

The man who stood between Harry and the title was Jack Dempsey, known then as now as the "Manassa Mauler." Wills tried hard to get him into the ring for a title showdown, but was unsuccessful.

At one time, Wills collected \$50,000 for a match with Dempsey which never came off. That was in 1924, shortly after Wills, in the views of ring observers, gave Louis Angel Firpo, the Argentine wild bull, a good going over, in a 12-round no-decision brawl in Jersey City. N. J. Firpo had knocked Dempsey out of the ring in their memorable meeting, and his fight with Wills, besides netting the "Panther" \$150,000, raised the latter's stock.

The stage was set for a possible million-dollar fight between Dempsey and Wills but the Dempsey camp failed to go through with the match. One report has it that Tex Richard, top promoter of the era, was opposed to a "mixed match." Another held that Dempsey's lawyers forfeited the champ's \$50,000 purse because of the racial issue. Wills, a Negro, himself, maintained that the race angle prevented the match. He remained a friend of Dempsey.

In and out of the ring, Wills was as crafty as they come. Inside the ropes, he could punch and box with equal dexterity. He was a master of the arts of feinting and sidestepping.

Outside the ring, Wills was a shrewd businessman who invested wisely. No spendthrift, he invested his money in real estate, and at the time of his death had considerable holdings in Harlem and the Bronx.

One of the legends about Wills concerns his habit of dieting, an annual affair. He is known to have fasted 30 days at a time solely on water and liquids. During the fasting he walked 12 miles a day and slept only four or five hours a night. He imposed the diet to "burn off the impurities" in his body. Whether or not he accomplished this, he remained healthy until recently.

He entered the hospital Dec. 8 for appendicitis, and died early last week.

Bill Russell Pulling Away In NBA's Rebounding Race

Basketball Association figures released last week by the league's information bureau.

The 6-foot-10-inch center of the Boston Celtics, the only player in the history of the NBA to grab 40 or more rebounds in a single game, did it for the fourth time in retreating exactly that number against the Cincinnati Royals.

Russell grabbed 40 (the all-time record), 41 and 40 on three different occasions last season. The elongated Russell had a total of 507 rebounds in 22 games for an average of 23 a game.

Third in the rebounding department was the talented Elgin Baylor, rookie star of the Minneapolis Lakers. Baylor had pulled down 364 rebounds in 24 games for a 15 average.

Fifth was Walter Dukes, the 7-footer of the Detroit Pistons, whose total for 26 games was 316 for a 12.1 average.

Baylor was third among the scorers. He had tallied 611 points in 24 games for a 25.5 average, which placed him second in average scoring.

Russell, with 405 points in 22 games, and 18.4 average, and Woody Sauldsberry, the Philadelphia Warrior and rookie of the year last season, with 326 points for a 14.8 average, were among the scoring leaders.

Russell and teammate Sam Jones were among the front runners in field goal percentages. Jones, the talented sophomore, had hit on 60 of 100 tries for a 60 mark. Russell's percentage was 44.9 on 154 for 343.

Dukes had the dubious distinction of committing more personal fouls exclusively to an interpretation of Christmas music in sound. The blending of strings with organ music and the chimes of bells provide an unusual richness in sounds seldom heard on record. The set features 12 tunes, including "Silent Night," "Adeste Fideles," and "White Christmas."

ROLAND HAYES SCORES

"Christmas Carols of the Nations" by Roland Hayes. This is perhaps the most outstanding Christmas record on the market. Hayes, one of the world's greatest tenors, shows on this LP that he has lost none of the control, phrasing, and communicative qualities which made him famous. He is exceptional on "Sleep, My Little One," the opening tune, and "O Come All Ye Faithful," which he sings with convincing sincerity. In all, Hayes sings 14 English, American, Afro-American, Canadian, German, French, Dutch, and Hebrew carols to make the Vanguard record truly international in sound. This one is tops.

LOMBARDO PLAYS CAROLS

"Jingle Bells," "Christmas Around the World," "The Night Before Christmas," and "The Bells of Christmas," all Decca recordings, round out the Christmas list.

"Jingle Bells" features City Lombardo and his Royal Canadians in 12 tunes, including four kiddies favorites, "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town," "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus," "Rudolph the Red-

THE WEEK IN RECORDS

BY ALBERT ANDERSON FOR ASSOCIATED NEGRO PRESS

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

On behalf of everyone of the ANP staff, the author wishes all our readers A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR! It is my wish, also, that the pleasures we enjoy on record during 1958 will continue throughout the coming year.

However, just in case you might have missed out on some of the latest groovings, I suggest that you jot down on your local music shopping list the following Christmas records:

BING SINGS:

"That Christmas Feeling" by crooner Bing Crosby, for Decca. This album, one of the finest on the market, is sure to add to the Christmas spirit. The songs range from the light-hearted "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" to the most conventional Christmas chorales heard on Side 2, and Bing seems to go all out to project in each the rule message. This is especially true on "Deck the Halls" and on "Angels We Have Heard On High." Collaborating with Bing in providing the musical background are nine choral and orchestral groups, including an orchestra directed by Victor Young, and the Ken Darby Singers. However, there is one drawback. Bing omits "White Christmas," a song for which he is universally famous. Otherwise, the set is solid.

BELLS AND CHIMES

"Noel, Noel," featuring European composer Hans Carls and his orchestra with organ and bell. Another Decca recording, this LP

GOSSIP of the MOVIE LOTS

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. — HOLIDAY NEWS APPETIZER. Santa Claus Lane, into which Hollywood Boulevard was transformed. Thanksgiving week, having its final episodes of top stars, beneath glittering multi-colored lights, also searching searchlights, and numerous sun-ares. Hundreds more spectators seen strolling on Sunset where a forty feet high pine tree stands in CBS square, resplendent in Christmas decorations, than used to be seen twenty years ago.

THE BEASON MORE SEPIANS

seen strolling now in the "Heart of Hollywood," is because of the "Beason" "interracial" Negro citizens used to be huddled as far as possible to do so in Gex ghetto-like pastside districts, with the larger, cleaner beautiful westside rigidly restricted. Still tighter restrictions housing covenants were in effect in Beverly Hills.

San Fernando Valley, Palmdale and other healthy clean rural districts, where hundreds of Negro families now dwell since the "Memorable" Supreme Court decision against racial restrictions went into effect, they are closer to "Santa Claus Lane," and closer to the shopping centers, where the Negro as a characteristic is always a "good spender." So you see Brother Faubus, Democracy and non-segregation pay! On now with the news:

SAD NOTE ECHOES OVER HOLLYWOOD, as throngs may their last respect to "The Kingfish," well liked comedian of the famous actress "Amos 'N' Andy Show." With many showfolk and friends of both races paying their last respects he was laid to rest from the Mt. Sinai Baptist Church. He passed at General Hospital from what was diagnosed as advanced tuberculosis.

"PORGY AND BESS" wound up all its important photography last week, and is now in the process of editing, or what is called "cutting room." When six months of technical work is completed, the more



FLYING FULLBACK — With a grimace and a leap, New York Giants' fullback Mel Triplett charges through the line during a workout at the Yankee Stadium, New York City, Dec. 23. The Giants were getting ready for their National Football League Championship game against the Baltimore Colts in New York December 23. (UPI PHOTO).

Xavier U. Defeats 2 Cage Teams

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Xavier University's basketball team racked up successive victories in trouncing Fort Valley college, 75-53, and Tuskegee institute, 85-60, on the home court recently.

By beating Tuskegee, once of the collegiate Athletic Conference, better teams in the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association, Coach James "Hawking" Hooper, contender for conference honors. The Gold Rush, paced by freshman Kenneth Arthur, came from behind in each contest to win. Arthur scored 29 points in the Fort Valley game.

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