

BLACK BULLS MAY BE STATE'S TOP TEAM

Richardson Sees Great Nine In Youngsters

BY WILLIAM "SMILING" TUCK (SPORTS EDITOR)

The North Carolina baseball team that will bear watching this season is the Black Bulls of Durham under the management of Bertie Richardson, veteran player and trainer. According to a statement from Mr. Richardson, this year's edition of the Black Bulls will be the fastest group of young players that has been seen on a North Carolina Diamond in years. This team is made up of young players who have a great deal of natural ability but not much experience, however, there are enough veterans in the group to bring out the best that is in the YOUNGSTERS.

The outstanding veteran players Junius Layton, Blue Hodges and Manager Richardson. All of the Bulls' players are Durham fellows who have regular jobs and consider baseball their favorite pastime. There are no hired players. These boys have been practicing seriously during the past five weeks and will end training this week. Their first game was an exhibition game Sunday, April 14, when they went to Oxford to lose by one point. This game could have been won easily, according to members of the team, but the attempt on the manager and coach to "try out" most of the young players allowed the Oxford team to get the upper hand.

When the "wheat" is separated from the "chaff" Manager Richardson states that he will be ready to begin the season with not more than fourteen players. Aside from the veteran players mentioned above he is relying on Doug McCuller whom he terms a "sweet catcher." There also will be Red Jenkins at short stop, Nathan Blake and Austin Carr at the same position in the infield. The first home game will be played on Decoration day, May 30; the team to furnish the opposition for the opener has not been named.

Oscar Tooms is owner of the Black Bulls and William Roberts is business manager. The team is coached by Joseph Riley.

SOFTBALL

BARO YANKEES DROP TWO SOFTBALL GAMES

DURHAM — Although the softball season has not opened officially in the Durham league, the Baro Yankees of East End have already played two games, both of which were lost. The Yanks lost their first encounter to the strong Walltown team on Sunday afternoon; the score was 18-6. As soon as Walltown was through with the Yankees, West End invaded their diamond and handed them another shellacking. This time the count was 12-7. The Yanks were scheduled to meet West End again on Wednesday afternoon for their revenge but at press time no scores were available.

ANOTHER SOFTBALL TEAM IN THE MAKING

DURHAM — Watch for the newest addition to Durham's number of softball teams. Its name is the TIMES-PHOTO-SERVICE team and is composed of members of the composite Carolina Times, Reuben-Rudolph Studio and the Service Printing Co. The members of this team have turned down offer after offer from other teams that are already formed, who know and respect their playing ability. Many of them have had experience as outstanding members of winning baseball teams in other cities and their softball schedule this season will be taken right in stride.

3 Negroes Win International Golden Gloves

CHICAGO (A N P) — Three of the four colored members of Chicago's Golden Gloves team bouts in the international fights at the Chicago Stadium Wednesday night before 20,000 spectators, thus enabling the hosts to tie the champions of Europe, four matches of four.

Leon Haire, elongated feather weight from St. Louis, toyed with Federico Cortonesi of Italy in their three round bout, keeping the savage punching invader at bay with a long left. Anthony Jones of downstate Illinois, normally a welterweight, won over Karl Noren of Sweden as a middleweight in an old fashioned slugging match that had the crowd roaring. Jones smacked Noren at will and outclassed him all the way but the foreigner refused to go down. James Richie of St. Louis, classiest boxer on the squad, gave the European light heavyweight representative Jozso Szegedi of Hungary, a boxing and punching lesson to win decisively. Of the four white

American fighters, only one could win, welterweight and middleweight, Count Gerardo di Lennardi of the Italian Boxing federation and Oscar Soderlund of Sweden, president of the International Boxing federation, who were in charge of the visitors, thinking Joyce had won. The decision was unpopular.

Entertains Club

Mrs. Willie Perry entertained members of the Aurora Social club Friday evening at her home on Beatties Ford Road. Pokeno was enjoyed during the evening, after which the hostess served her guests Buffet Style. Members present were: Mesdames Rose Smith Pitta, Annie Warner, Misses Minnie Phifer, Mina Reid, Olivia Weddington, Leland Bishop, Beulah Moore, and Lillian Perry. Guests present were Misses Zelma Caldwell, Frances Sampson, Mesdames Corrie Peeler, Chisholm

and Eunice Heiling. Mrs. Annie Warner won club prize and Miss Frances Sampson won guests prize. Mrs. Nancy English entertained members of the Young Ladies Missionary circle No. 1 of Little Rock church Wednesday evening at her home on North Myers Street. In the meeting plans were made for a Pageant that will be presented by the group sometime in May. The young ladies greeted Miss C. Townsend as a new member. The hostess served a delicious salad course.

Great Support Being Given American Youth

NEW YORK (ONA) — Students of DeWitt Clinton High School, The Bronx, this city took the lead this week in picking up the rapidly growing campaign to end Jim-crowism in organized baseball.

During the same week, "Friday," a new weekly picture magazine, took up the fight for recognition of Negro baseball stars in a smashing article entitled "Baseball Needs Them." The article quotes big league managers and players who have testified that many Negro stars belong in the majors, and cites figures showing the amazing success of Negro stars in post season exhibitions against the big leagues' best.

"The addition of the battery of Satchel Paige and Josh Gibson to any of the first division American League clubs would make the Yankees the best second best team in the history of the game," the article says.

Petitions circulated at De Witt Clinton High School met with an immediate response from the students of the world's largest high school. The petitions were issued jointly by the Frederick Douglass Club, the American Student Union and the Shofar Society.

The petitions quotes big league managers and players who asked for an end to Jim Crow last summer and say:

"In the name of true sportsmanship in the American tradition, we, the undersigned, add our voices in demanding an end to Jim-crowism in Major League Baseball."

Among its immortal athletes of all races, Clinton has had many great Negro sports heroes. George Gregory was captain of one of its greatest basketball teams, and went on to become Columbia University's first Negro Captain. The present crack football and basketball team have Negro stars of high caliber. The sensational Negro Golden Gloves winners of the past two years, Buddy Moore and Ray Robinson, are both Clinton boys.

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JIMMIE LUNCEFORD Started in April Jimmie Lunceford switches from Vocalion to Columbia labels. This is another sign in a series of events indicating that the Lunceford band, ever rising in name band popularity, will go far and high in the music makers' world.

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Champions Are Crowned in Charlotte Glove Tourney

The Sports Bazaar By William Tuck

TO BEGIN A CONVERSATION is all that is necessary to learn that BERNICE RICHARDSON player-manager of the Durham Black Bulls, is sincerely "wounded" in baseball. Mr. Richardson is bounding his 1940 team on young players who have been wanting a chance to show their teammates, opponents and the general public that they really deserve a break. "My highest ambition," says Manager Richardson, "is to train a group of young Durham players in the fundamentals of baseball. I want to see players that are real gentlemen."

By offering the invitation to all-comers for this year's team, Richardson and his co-workers have discovered "something on the ball." They not only have a great deal of power and natural ability but they love the game and have the strange characteristic of being willing to learn what they don't know. Richardson's formula for working with these youngsters is first to observe whatever natural ability they have and then to start in the attempt to develop some form and polish.

THERE SEEMS TO BE A bit of unrest among a few members of the Durham softball league; they don't think that President Donald Love is having his pre-season meetings as often as necessary. There are schedules to be made, officials to be selected and other minor details to be thrashed out before the season opens officially but the presi-



Charlotte Takes Four Trophies At Event

CHARLOTTE — Champions in eight divisions were crowned at the conclusion of the Third Annual Carolina Golden Gloves Tournament at the Armory here on Thursday night, with four of the top trophies being won by local fighters.

Easily the best fight of the evening was in the light heavyweight division, in which George "Young Joe Louis" Parks defeated Charles Gray in a thriller. Parks showed superb ring generalship, and a flashing left that will take him places pugilistically if he so desires, to roundly defeat his larger, heavier foe. For this demonstration he was given a 15 Jewel watch as the

most scientific fighter in the tournament, while Charles Gray, the favorite of the hundreds of school kids present, won the popularity trophy.

The heavyweight bout for the championship was disappointing, with Carl Chavis of High Point getting a close nod over Elliott Lockham of this city. Hardly a clean blow was struck by either man during the eight three rounds, for as often as they were separated Chavis would crouch low, and rush in and wrestle his man to the ropes. A five man battle royal, and an exhibition in which Kid Raymond won by a TKO in the

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