

EAGLES WIN-LOSE CIAA TITLE SPORTING WORLD

W. V. A. Quits MWAA Joins CIAA

Beating The Gun

Bright Prospects Seen For Hampton's Wrestling - Boxing

New York. — Tiger Jack Fox, a few nights before stepping into the ring with southpaw Melio Bettina, was cocksure he'd return to Harlem world's 175 pound boxing champion. He refused to believe that the two inch knife wound received at the hands of a girl who claimed he attempted to attack her was anything more than a scratch. Bettina, on the other hand, a smart Italian bruiser hailing from Beacon, N. Y., felt he could like a roomfull of "Tiger Jacks" with a few hyenas thrown in for good measure.

This same Bettina two weeks ago was given a split verdict over roughhouse Harry Bobo of Pittsburgh, who can fight in any man's language. Recently one Lee Savold, an over-stuffed ex-barkeep who trained off 65 pound to re-enter the prize ring, won what was called "the 1941 edition of the White Hope Tournament." Some fans are of the opinion that Savold is the honoree to watch in the heavy-weight picture. But we argue differently. Two recent graduates from the 175 pound division Les-nivich and Bettina, are likely to prove to the beef trusters that a good man scaling all of 177 pounds is a match for most 240 pounders.

Langhran Rosenbloom, Tiger Flowers, Norfolk, Jamaica Kid, Greb, Tunney, Tom Gibbons, Me-Teague, Siki, et al, are but a few of the glomven who swept into the fight headlines from 1920 on, who were capable of performing such chores. We don't include such names as Philly Jack O'Brien, the incomparable—SAM LANGFORD, or . . . Jack Dillon, "the giant-killer," for these fighters were supermen, whose like may not flash across the fistie horizon for a century or more.

THE PASSING SHOW

Football's swan song, for New York City at least, showed a few bronzed supermen in action Negro and white fans will not soon forget; blotting out that 1939 shell-lacking by the Chicago Bears, Joe Lillard came back to the Polo grounds two weeks ago, to coach a group of youngsters and oldsters into winning form in less than two weeks time—Chaps like Ozzie Simmons, Bernie Jefferson, Ox Anderson, Maso Ryan, Lou Montgomery, (played with a slight brain concussion), Walker of Iowa, Sidat-Singh (of a former great Syracuse team)—That they could hold a classy white squad to a four point victory, proves conclusively to me that younger men, coached as efficiently as Friedman and Lillard collaborated to do, would have won convincingly; — when the snow keeps you at home soon and you're reminiscing in front of your fireplace, give a thought to those gallant Negro football titans of 1941 who came out of the mothballs to make Commissioner Battle and Frank Forbes, immeasurably happy over the brand of game they played before 23,000 fans.—Bob Montgomery, easy a leading sports writer (Jim Powers, of N. Y. Daily News), is boxing's "forgotten man." — "Many believe he could take Ray Robinson."—Keep your eyes peeled on Bill Fisher, who graduates from DeWitt Clinton high this fall, for he's a whale of a baseball player—we're writing the New York Black Yankee Management to sign this boy up before some smart scout for one of the west or south outfits beats them to the gun.

GLOBE TROTTERS TAKE OPENER FROM DETROIT

De Kalb, Ill. — (ANP)— The original Harlem Globetrotters, 1940 world's professional basket champions, gave every indication of having finally hit their best stride when they toyed with "Dutch" Dehnert's Detroit Eagles, present world titleholders who eliminated the Trotters in the 1941 tournament, in a game played at De Kalb Teachers college here Wednesday. The final score was 36 to 22 and might have been more one-sided had not the Trotters eased up and proceeded to delight the crowd with their extensive repertoire of stunts and antics. The game was close for the first quarter, but from then on, with Roobey Hudson, the sharpshooting forward, finding the range, the Trotters began pulling away easily.

Hudson had himself a field night with seven baskets and four free throws. Bernie Price, the great center, likewise was prominent, getting himself four of the Trotters' 16 field goals. Babe Pressley, Ted Strong, Bill Ford and Inman Jackson were brilliant on the defense as the Eagles were held to a scant eight baskets.

Arnold says illegal labor practices cost billion yearly.

Hampton Institute, Va. — With a strong nucleus of varsity men on each team, boxing and wrestling prospects for the 1942 season at Hampton Institute appear bright, Coach B. L. Dutton stated today.

Of the 20 men who seek berths on the boxing team, four are varsity men. Two of these, Co-captains Carl Fountain, 145 pounds, of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and Norrece Jones, 165 pounds, of Woodbine, New Jersey, are 1941 C. I. A. A. boxing champions. John V. Parham, 127-pound class, Petersburg, Virginia, and Louis H. Haman, Jr., 175 pounds, Wilmington, Delaware, are the other varsity men.

According to Coach Dutton and Robert Mero, boxing manager, plans are already under way to build a strong team around last year's freshman boxers. Outstanding of these are three Hampton numerals men: Talmadge Moore, Aiken, South Carolina; Charles Kirkland, Gary, Indiana, and Richard H. Davis, Atlantic City, New Jersey.

This year's crop of first year boxing candidates also includes some particularly flashy punchers. Among them are John Dailey, Clarence Barber, Jr., Baltimore; and Thurman Miller, Kinston, North Carolina.

Four 1941 lettermen are also on the roster of this year's wrestlers: Captain Paul R. Jenkins, 183 pounds, Norfolk, 1941 CIAA runner-up in the unlimited class; Luke Bauch, 145-pounder, Richmond; Bailey Jackson, 155 pounds, Columbus, Ohio, and John T. Brown, 165 pounds, Winnabow, North Carolina.

Especially promising among freshmen of wrestling calibre is Norman A. Berthann, Athens, Pennsylvania, who has his numeral.

Coach Dutton and Assistant Coach Alfred Price hope to get at least four or five dual meets for Hampton wrestlers before the CIAA championships.

At its annual meeting held at Virginia State College last week CIAA officials ruled that North Carolina College Eagles had played an ineligible player in five games and therefore, were not entitled to the football championship for 1941. The conference in turn named Morgan College that had lost one game as the titleholder for the year. The Eagles had lost no conference games during the entire season.

The player in question was Henry Thomas of Farrell, Pennsylvania whose name was listed among those which the Eagle coaches sent to every team prior to the opening of the season. No complaint about Thomas being ineligible was lodged against the N. C. College team until they became championship threats, and had played five games.

Peulias as it may seem the two coaches who brought the charges against Thomas had both tried unsuccessfully to get Thomas to become a member of their squads. Although it appears that the association could take no other course than the one it did, it does seem that the Hucles of Union and Jackson of J. C. Smith University, who brought the charge were riled because Coach Burghardt of the Eagles outdid them in getting Thomas to enter N. C. College.

The decision, rendered by the committee headed by Clarence W. Davis of Howard, with George G. Sibley of Va. State and Arthur P. Chippey of St. Augustine, as members, was reached after a week of investigation dating back to November 10 when the case was brought to the attention of the conference by Coach Edward Jackson of Johnson C. Smith, N. C. State's opponent of that week.

Thomas, graduated from Farrell high school in 1939, spent a part of the next fall at Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Mo., then returned to Farrell where he was employed until his entrance at N. C. State College in September.

Thomas Falsified

In registering at the Durham school, however, Thomas neglected to inform N. C. State officials that he had attended Lincoln. Instead, he entered as a freshman using his high school record to meet the scholastic qualifications. N. C. State, acting in good faith, accepted the athlete's word and knew nothing of the breach until it was called to the school's attention by a rival conference coach.

5 Games Forfeited

The decision forced N. C. State to forfeit games to Bluefield, St. Paul, Lincoln, Shaw and Johnson C. Smith, all of which the Eagles eleven previously won.

Under the revised order of the standings, Morgan, with six wins and one defeat, retains the conference crown won in 1940, with Johnson C. Smith, Va. State, Bluefield, Hampton and Shaw next in order in the first division. N. C. State, left with only one conference victory, a tie and the five forfeited defeats, is down in eighth place behind seventh-place Virginia Union.

Eligible Next Dec. 12

In a subsequent ruling by President H. C. Perrin, it was declared that Thomas would be eligible for participation in CIAA athletics on December 12, 1942. The ruling was made by the president after the body's eligibility committee was split, 2-1, on Thomas's status, with

Ineligible Player Causes N. C. College Eagles To Lose CIAA Championship

Davis averring that he would not be eligible until the 1943 football season.

Dean Taylor, in presenting N. C. State's side of the case, made a sympathetic plea, stressing the fact that N. C. State had no knowledge of the player's transfer as the school's registration record showed clearly that he was a freshman and the youth's own word was that he had been working and in a CCC camp during the elapsed year from high school graduation.

Taylor declared the verdict would be a shock to the fifteen senior members of the N. C. State team who had worked four years to win a championship only to have the conference penalize them for something in which they had no responsibility.

Accuse Coaches

With Coach William F. Burghardt, Taylor further charged CIAA coaches with negligence and failure "to live up to their duty as men and educators" for their hesitation in notifying N. C. State that the player was a transfer student.

Taylor pointed out that eligibility lists were submitted in September and the Eagle eleven played a non-conference team in September and remained idle a week before facing a conference foe, which was ample time for any person to notify the eligibility chairman of the school about Thomas's status. He hinted broadly that the school had been "hoodwinked" into using an ineligible man.

"Everybody Knew It"

His accusation seemed to borne out later in the discussion when Hucles revealed that it was rumored as early as September that Thomas was the former Lincoln University player and that "everybody knew it" but were "not men enough to let them know about." Union was not on N. C. State's schedule, but suggested that Taylor inquire into the player's status when it developed that he was playing in every game, though he was used only as an alternate.

Tipped by Coach

Coach Jackson of Smith declared he learned from "another coach" that Thomas was ineligible and based his letter and subsequent protest to Davis on this knowledge. He denied previous knowledge of the player's status.

The eligibility committee took the position that N. C. State acted in good faith yet was guilty under the conference law, and cited precedent for its decision which was backed by the conference to the letter.

Langston University Versus Morris Brown Set For Birmingham

Birmingham, Ala. — Langston Oklahoma, one of the top teams of the Southwest Conference, will meet Morris Brown, 1941 SIAC champions and present holders of the mythical nation crown, in the inaugural Vulcan Bowl Classic at Rickwood Field, Birmingham, New Year's Day.

Led by All-American John (Big Train) Moody, Morris Brown has plowed through a nine game schedule without a tie or loss. Moody has been scoring sensation of the nation, having personally compiled 84 of his team's 192 points. Only three teams have scored on the Wolverines who in turn have held their nine opponents to a total score of 24 points.

Coached by Wip Gayles, former Morehouse All-American, the Langston Lions have come through a nine-game schedule with only one setback, that at the hands of Texas College who upset them 7 to 18. They have garnered 196 points to 45 in the nine games.

Morris Brown, coached by Billy Nicks, in addition to holding the national title, is the only college team in the nation who holds three football titles simultaneously. They won the city championship in Atlanta, beating Morehouse and Clark, annexed the SIAC title, and then grabbed the national crown. By winning from these same two teams this year have duplicated their feat of last year. They beat Clark 32 to 0 to round out their 1941 regular schedule undefeated.

Morris Brown, defeated Wilberforce for the national grid crown in the bowl classic in Birmingham last year. The Wolverines will be setting something of a precedent by coming back to the Magic City this year.

Langston, though slightly behind Prairie View in the percentage standings of the southwest Conference, ranks ahead of Sam Taylor Coharts in the latest national ratings. They played Prairie View to a bloodless, 0-0 tie this season.

The Vulcan Bowl Committee has completed plans for seating arrangements at Rickwood Field which is being set up to handle a crowd of approximately 20,000. Most of the seats are covered which will be an advantage to fans in case of rain or inclement weather. Reserve seats are expected to be placed on sale within a few days.

For years the Lions have come up with one good team after another. Langston, noted for their smart football and granite-like lines, was considered the best possible foe to meet the rugged Wolverine machine.

Many varied and related activities are being planned in connection with the Vulcan Bowl Game. Coming as it is, on New Year's Day and national Emancipation Day these events will blend into synthetic celebration of Vulcan Day, in honor of the "god of the forge," the Iron Man, symbolic of the Birmingham District, located in beautiful Vulcan Park top Red Mountain.

JOE LOUIS IS NAMED WINNER OF NEIL MEMORIAL AWARD

WEST VIRGINIA STATE MAKES 14th SCHOOL TO JOIN CIAA

Jefferson City, Mo. — The chief feature of the eleventh annual meeting of the Mid-Western Athletic Association convening here was the withdrawal from the conference of one of its founders—West Virginia State College. Members of the association were not surprised at this action, as West Virginia had expressed its desire previously to join the C. I. A. A. This meeting resulted in the confirmation of that fact.

The opening meeting of the Association was featured by a dynamic address by the President of the Association—R. B. Atwood of Kentucky State. He charged the member colleges with a lack of full cooperation in sports activities of the conference, and urged that unless the member schools change their attitudes and programs the conference is doomed to fail. He issued a stirring challenge to the member colleges. Said President Atwood: "I should like for us to continue, but I am frank to say that our continuance will require that we do some things which, un-

til now, we have not done."

1. We, each of us, must resolve to be a good association member and make the M. W. A. A. live.
2. We, each of us, must resolve to participate in all the sports which our association promotes.
3. We, each of us, must resolve to attend dutifully and meticulously to each item of Association business, such as filing eligibility lists, answering correspondence management of Association events at our Institutions, issuance of the Association Bulletin and other publicity.
4. We, each of us, must resolve to see to it that our Institution is represented at Association meetings.
5. We, each of us, must resolve to it to see that our Institution knows and follow the letter and spirit of Association regulations as affect officials, eligibility of players, fulfilling of contracts, etc., never being brought before the Association for penalties and punishment."

In conjunction with naming the winner of the trophy, the writers also voted their rankings of champions and contenders in seven of the eight weight divisions, excluding only the flyweights, in five of which prominent colored fighters are named. These were:

Heavyweight—Joe Louis, champion, Detroit.

Light heavyweight—No. 1 contender, Booker Beckwith, Gary, Ind.

Welterweight—No. 1 contender, Ray Robinson, New York.

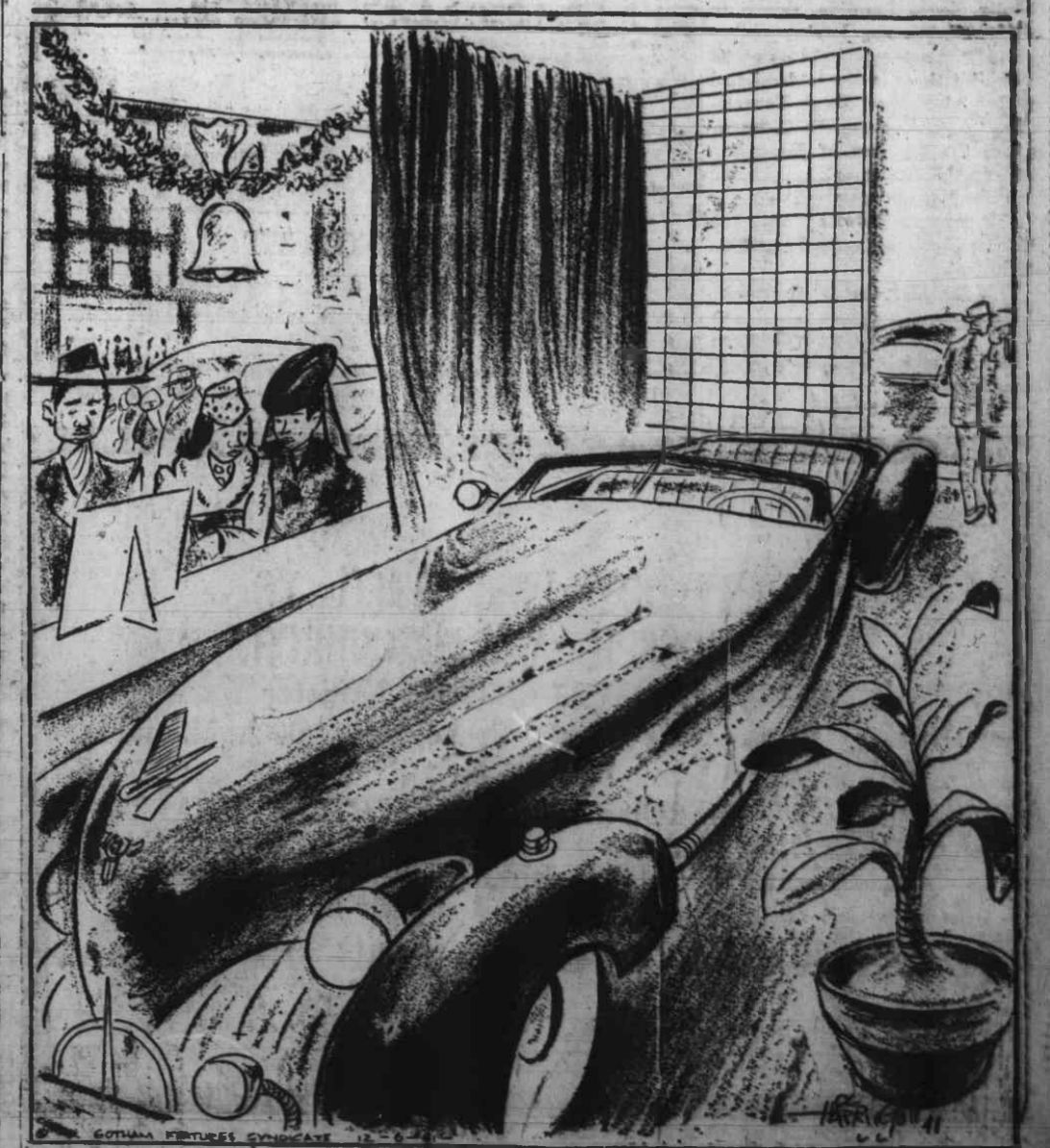
Lightweight—No. 1 contender, Bob Montgomery, Philadelphia.

New York.—(ANP)—Joe Louis was named as winner of the Edward J. Neil Memorial award last Wednesday for his record breaking reign as king of boxing and the job he did in turning back seven challengers this year. The annual award is made by the Boxing Writers' Association of New York in memory of the Associated Press sportswriter and war correspondent who was killed in Spain in 1938. The trophy was voted by acclamation to Louis as the man who did the most for the sport in 1941.

This was the first time that an acclamation vote had been given in the four years it has been awarded. Among the previous winners of the trophy is Henry Armstrong, former tripletitle holder.

The award will officially be presented to Louis at the boxing writers' annual dinner Jan. 14.

Dark Laughter BY OL HARRINGTON



"Mister Bootsie was Tellin' me that he was goin' to buy it but they wanted him to pay seven dollars an' fifty cents more than he thought it was worth."