

Thumbs Down!
The post that I like less and less is the saucy wag who says: "Oh, yes?" We'd like to squelch. All are agreed. The miss who says: "I'm so intrigued!" —Borrowed.



NMA Designates Emergency Defense Interests of Medicine

The Litkenhous System, Difference-by-Score football ratings syndicated from the Louisville Leader, white metropolitan daily newspaper located at Louisville, Kentucky, has just released, under a Richmond, Virginia date-line, a final standing of Negro football teams in which Morgan State college of Baltimore, Maryland, is rate dnational champion.

Occupying the No. 1 spot in Litkenhous Ratings, Morgan is followed by Florida A and M of Tallahassee, Florida, No. 2; N. C. College of Durham N. C., No. 3; Morris Brown of Atlanta, No. 4; Paris View of Texas, No. 5; Virginia State of Ettrick, Virginia, No. 6;

Ky. State of Frankfort, No. 7; Southern U. of Scotlandville, La., No. 8; Tuskegee Institute, of Alabama, No. 9; and Langston of Oklahoma, No. 10.

Earlier this year, the Litkenhous System came out with a rating of the top 10 Negro football teams which, at the stage of the season placed Shaw U. of Raleigh, N. C. atop the national standings. The early rating deserved and received a big laugh far and near. It was nothing short of a farce. I suggested then and there that either the Litkenhous System sponsor should introduce himself to Negro football by availing full and complete information or else that System should stick to its main function of rating white football with which it is familiar.

Now, the Litkenhous System comes out with a rating which places Morgan first and Morris Brown fourth. This, alone is a monstrosity, and other weak points of the System, as applied to Negro football, pale in significance when compared to these two major failings.

I do not propose to know the technical workings of the Litkenhous System with its Difference-by-Score method of rating teams. But I do know that any system which on the strength of records and performances in Negro football in 1941, puts Morgan up front as national champions and relegates Morris Brown to fourth honors is a travesty on justice, a downright farce, and, in my book, is the Joke of the Season. I say this, for the following reasons:

1. Morgan is the only major team in the country of championship caliber which played only seven games.
2. Morgan is the only major team in the country of championship caliber which played exclusively teams of its own loop.
3. Morgan lost to Hampton Institute in one of the major upsets

of the season and, all told, boasts only the rather modest record of six' wins, one loss, no ties.

4. Four of Morgan's seven games were against secon division clubs. Against first division opposition, Morgan won two and lost one.

5. On her own performance, Morgan did not even win the championship in its own conference. (The CIAA probably will award the title to Morgan, runner-up, because of ineligibility charges against N. C. State which cause five games to be thrown out.)

Who can see a national champion which is not even the outright champion of its own conference? Now, let us consider the quality of schedule played by Morgan from another point of view. Let us look at the won and lost records of the teams which Morgan faced, as an index as to their class. This record is given below:

Team	W	L	T	Score
Va. Union	3	5	0	25-0
Lincoln (Pa.)	2	6	0	14-0
Bluefield	4	5	0	31-0
*J. C. Smith	5	2	2	12-2
A. and T.	3	6	0	38-6
*Hampton	6	2	0	6-8
*Va. State	5	2	1	19-6
Total	28	28	3	145-22

* First division teams.

Ifail to see what is so outstanding about Morgan's performance. She played only seven games, winning six and losing one; she beat only two first division teams and lost to one; and despite the weakness of her schedule, she scored only 145 points and gave up 22.

I think Morris Brown, just as the Dickinson Rating System shows, is the class of the nation by a considerable margin. The CIAA awards both its football and basketball championships by the Dickinson Rating System. So does the STAC, and these two loops are generally regarded as representa-

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ive of the best in Negro football. (The Midwestern and Southwestern conference use a round robin procedure, which makes a rating system unnecessary for deciding championships.)

For many reasons I think Morris Brown is the class of the country. Among these are the following:

1. Morris Brown has won 16 straight games over two seasons including 10 in as many starts this year.
2. Morris Brown, still having a game to go, boasts a schedule list-

ing teams from five different conferences: The usual SIAC crowd, Langston of the Southwest Lincoln (Mo.) of the Midwest, N. C. State of the CIAA, and Allen University of the SIAA, Langston won seven, lost one, tied one; Lincoln won three, lost four; N. C. State won eight, lost one, tied one; and Allen won seven, lost three. Only Lincoln was second division.

3. Morris Brown played four first division teams (she has one to go in Langston) and whipped the entire quartet.

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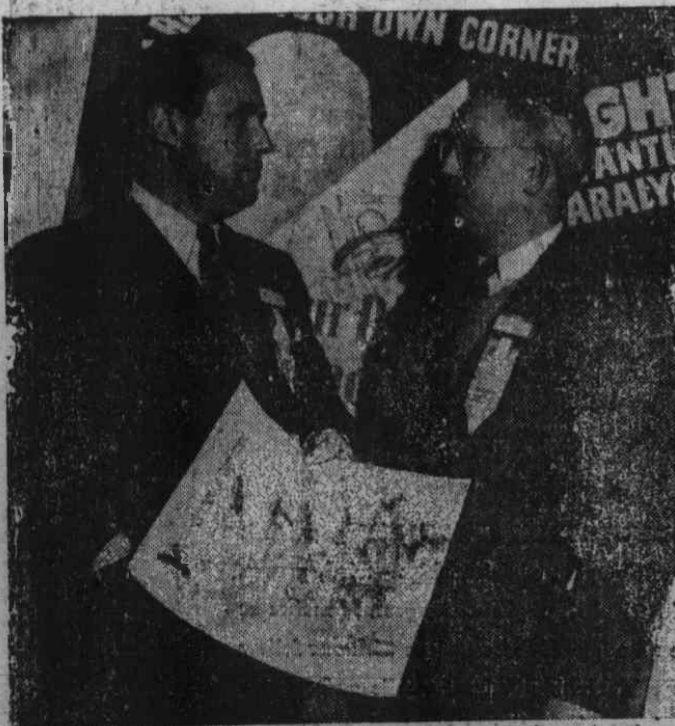
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"In 1940, \$1,529,295.78 was authorized for repair, alteration and renovation of clothing and equipment; in 1941 the funds for this work amounted to more than six million dollars. Much of the reclamation was done by the Quartermaster Corps and the remainder was sent to private concerns. The QMC maintains clothing shops, wood shops, shoe shops and various other outfits," Col. Ritter explained, adding that the funds spent saved many times that amount on new equipment.

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