The A. and T. Aggies tennis team has just completed another successful season. It repeated as team titlelist in the C.I.A.A. championships and DeWitt Willis, a member of the team won the singles crown.

The group also placed third in the team championships of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics meet held recently at Abilene, Tex., in winning third place in doubles and fourth place in singles.

Composing the championship outfit are from left to right: Matt Brown, coach; Julius Martin, Wilmington, DeWitt Willis, Plainfield, N. J., and Vincent Moore, Durham.—A-T Photo

Globetrotters Help Enliven Coronation With 10 Contests

SPORTSBEAT

By L. T. WALKER

EDITOR'S NOTE: This week, the old "SPORTSBEATER" himself takes pen in hand and scrawls out the following column from Prairie View, Texas for loyal SPORTSBEAT readers. From time to time this summer, guest columns will appear in this space.

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THE ONE-PLATOON DILEMMA

In spite of the torrid baseball pennant race, national track and field competition, international tennis, etc., there is still much discussion about the fate of football under the one-platoon rule comes September. Two big questions are asked: 1) How will the single platoon system affect the quality of play? 2) What effect will the rule have upon spectator appeal? SPORTSBEAT will have the questions answered by several CIAA mentors before the 1953 season gets underway.

The opinions which have been expressed by coaches vary. Frank Leahy of Notre Dame has already dusted off his crying towel. With only 39 players returning from his 1952 squad which had a 7-2-1 record, he does not know what "po little" Notre Dame will do in '53. Leahy feels that the platoon system will bring inferior college football because players will have to be tutored more and fewer will play. The number of extra offensive plays will be cut down, the line blocking and tackling will be poorer, so says Coach Leahy. Do you think he has forgotten a certain All-American from his '52 squad by the name of Johnny "two-way" Lattner? He averaged better than 50 minutes a game last year and will return in '53.

The answer to the one platoon problem will probably be the two team system. Coaches will attempt to develop two-elevens with balance which may be alternated. Notre Dame was one of the earlier exponents of this idea with the use of the "shock troops," although the two teams were not as evenly balanced as they probably will be on the present day teams.

Southern Methodist's 1947 and 1948 conference champs had seven men who averaged 50 minutes per game, four linemen and three backs. These two-way stalwarts could hardly have been inferior.

The coaches with the most material will probably go along with the two team squad. One eleven will play the first quarter and the second eleven will play the second quarter. The two will then be employed in the second half to meet the tactical situation.

Frankly, the calibre of play may drop over the country, but not to any appreciable degree. The games will be tough and exciting and John Q. Fan will get his share of thrills. Moreover, he will know the playing personnel. As it has been in the past, the team with the most and best players and the craftiest coach will win the majority of its games.

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SIDELIGHTS

Ted Rhodes of Chicago won the Lone Star Negro Golf Tournament with a 72 hole 283. The matches were played over the Memorial Park (White) course in Houston.

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Cramer overpowered Sedgeman in the cross-country pro-tennis tour, 54 matches to 41. Pancho Segura was complete master of Ken McGregor, 71-25, and the Segura-Cramer and Sedgman-McGregor combinations were tide at 49 all in the doubles exhibitions.

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SPORTSBEAT correctly predicted that Abe Saperstein would land Walter Dukes of Seton Hall for the Globetrotters. The N. B. A. pro circuit just could not match Abe's long cash. The Knickerbockers, for example, had a salary ceiling on their efforts. SPORTSBEAT further predicts that after two or three good financial seasons, Dukes will quit to go to law school.

Alonzo Brooks, star second baseman on the 1953 SIAC champion Florida A and M College Rattler nine, became the second Negro to join the St. Louis Cardinal organization when he was signed to a Red Bird contract last week. A native of Ft. Lauderdale, he is 20 years old and bats and throws righthanded. Brooks has been assigned to the Cards' Hamilton, Ontario farm club in the Class D Pony League.—Staff photo by H. Jones of Famcee.

Virginia State Gridders Face 9-Game Card

PETERSBURG, VA.

The Virginia State Trojans face a nine game football schedule this Fall, according to an announcement made here this week.

The Trojans, who last year regained some of their ancient lustre as a CIAA power, will take on the normally top eight teams of the conference and in addition will mix with Tennessee State in an intersectional tilt. Four of the games will be played in Petersburg, home of the Trojans.

The complete schedule includes:

Tennessee A. and I. at Nashville, Sept. 25 (non-conference); Bluefield State at Bluefield, West Va., Oct. 3; Shaw at Petersburg, Oct. 10; North Carolina College At Durham, Oct. 17; Hampton Institute at Washington, D. C., Oct. 24 (National Classic); Virginia Union at Petersburg, Oct. 31, (Homecoming); West Virginia State at Peterburg, Nov. 7; A. and T. at Petersburg, No. 14; and Morgan at Baltimore, Nov. 26 (Thanksgiving Day).

Abe Saperstein Unveils Dukes In England

LONDON, ENGLAND

Abe Saperstein's fabulous Harlem Globetrotters have done their share to make Coronation time in England the joyous holiday it was.

On their fourth annual tour of Europe, the scintillating merry mad men of the hardwood court came to London town, after opening their itinerary with two big nights in Paris, as one of the main invited sport attractions of Coronation Time.

They put on ten brilliant nites of exhibitions against the United States Stars, a picked team of leading American white players, and literally rocked spacious Empire Pool of Wembley Stadium each time. Saperstein also had along a sparkling floor show of many fine acts he had signed on previous jaunts around the world.

Saperstein, recently operated upon in Chicago, personally arrived June 9 to join his traveling troupe, bringing with him the sensational Walter Dukes, elongated Seton Hall College star and the No. 1 man of the recent college season.

The man Saperstein had to bid high to land instantly became a favorite with London fans. He joined a Globetrotter unit including Josh Grider, Clarence Wilson, Nat ("Sweetwater") Clifton, Sam Wheeler, Lee Garner, J. C. Gipson, Leon Hillard and Johnny Wilson.

With the United States Stars, being coached here by Ed Gottlieb of Philadelphia Warriors fame, are Mark Workman of West Virginia University and the Philadelphia Warriors, Claudel Overton Ada Oklahoma's East Central States Teachers College, George Senesky of St. Joseph's College and Philadelphia Warriors, Frank Sloan of Toledo University, Bob Karstens of St. Ambrose College, Louis Klotz of Villanova, Carl Meinhold of Long Island University and Pete Honska of West Chester (Pa.) State College. Like Workman and Senesky, all of these men played on pro clubs this past season in the States.

Accompanying the two teams are such standout entertainers as Elimar, slack wire juggler from Australia; Forgie and Larson, badminton aces. Rudy Cardenas, the Mexican juggling wizard; Jacques Cordon, unicyclist trickster from France; Ray Wilbert, the Canada hoop manipulating expert; Tony Lavelli, wizard of the accordion and former Yale University basketball All-American; Don Poynter, star batonist from Cincinnati; table tennis sensations Doug Carland and Marty Reisman, and "Pork Chops and Kidney Stew," crack dancing duo from New Orleans.

Some 60 coaches from Florida, Georgia, Alabama and Louisiana, attended the recently held ninth annual Florida A and M College coaching clinic where they had the opportunity to hear some of the nation's top grid and cage mentors.

In the top photo are shown some of the coaches who served as instructors. Left to right, A. S. "Jake" Gaither, head coach and athletic director, A and M; Sal Hall, head coach, Virginia State College; Murray Warmath, head coach, Mississippi State; Chuck Mather, head coach, Massilon high, Massilon, Ohio; Allyn McKeen, scout, University of Tennessee, and Hansel Tookes, assistant line coach, Famcee. In the bottom photo are shown some of the coaches who attended in a typical session.—Staff photos by H. Jones of Famcee.

N. Y. Yanks Will Use Negro Soon, Says Sportswriter

NEW YORK

The July edition of Jackie Robinson's OUR SPORTS magazine lists as its lead article a penetrating investigation by Milton Gross on one of sport's most controversial subjects—"Will the Yankees Hire A Negro Player?" Gross, who travelled with the Yankees for fifteen years was asked to dig deeply into the subject and establish the facts, regardless of whom it might offend.

Gross reveals the Yankees have actually signed twenty-one Negroes since 1948 and presently have ten with their minor league affiliates. These signings represent an investment of over $150,000. Gross doesn't think the Yankees, a capably run organization, would shell out with such money only to say they aren't anti-Negro by offering as proof of this feeling the fact they have Negro players on their farms.

The Yankees are proud, Gross points out. Proud of their financial and diamond success, both unrivalled since 1921. "Their standard of performance is higher. Perhaps they demand more, not only of Negroes, but of whites." This is the reason he feels no Negro has made the grade yet with the perennial champions.

Jackie Robinson himself takes pen in hand and writes an informative article on his old Brooklyn boss, Branch Rickey. Jackie's article is entitled "The Rickey They Don't Write About" Jackie stresses he has a personal fondness for Rickey which might not allow an entirely objective evaluation of the man. However, he says he didn't let his own prejudice in favor of Rickey discolor his appraisal, as he checked with other players and baseball writers, gathering opinions and material before writing the article. He says there is absolutely no basis for the fallacy that Rickey was a tightwad. He never was stingy with Jackie and investigation shows few who can substantiate this mistaken beliefs.

S. W. Garlington, executive editor of OUR SPORTS, has an interesting sketch on Jimmy Carter, "The Champion Nobody Knows." Within six weeks Carter won two nationally televised fights—the Boston massacre of Jimmy Collins and the George Araujo test in New York, both frays where his lightweight crown was at stake. Carter is handicapped before the public because he is so efficient. He has

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Heart Attack Is Fatal To Arkansas Coach

PINE BLUFF, ARK.

Roland K. Bernard, head football coach at the A. M. and N. College since 1950, died here Wednesday from a heart attack. Bernard joined the A. M. and N. College faculty in 1948.

A native of Cambridge, Massachusetts, Bernard was a graduate of Boston University where he received the B. A. and M. A. degrees in Education. From 1939 to 1942 Bernard served as assistant and later head football and basketball coach and director of Physical Education at A. and T. College in North Carolina.

While at Boston's Rindge High School, Bernard lettered in five sports including hockey and track. He was awarded the coveted Boston University Blanket in 1939 for lettering in a major sport four consecutive years. His last three years at Boston University, Bernard played in the track position.

During World War II, Bernard participated in the American Theater and European-African Middleeastern Theater Campaign with the 366th Infantry Regiment. He was awarded the Campaign Medal, Campaign Ribbon and Victory Medal for his services in the Upper Appenines and Po Valley Campaigns in Italy.

Bernard piloted the A M. and N. College Golden Lions to two bowl games during his tenure at A. M. and N. College and saw his team rank high in the Southwest Conference standings.

Funeral services were held in Caldwell Hall Auditorium on the campus, Saturday, June 27 with members of the 1953 football team serving as pallbearers. The body was shipped to Boston for interment.

The deceased is survived by his wife, Mrs. Phyllis Flowers Bernard of Arkansas and an aunt, Mrs. Madlene Brooks, an uncle, Paul Bernard, his father Charles Bernard, Jr., and two cousins Harold and Barbara Bernard all of Boston.

Lucky Strikes . . . by JOE BLACK

I sure hope you folks have been enjoying these columns every week because I've been getting a big kick out of writing them. It's a lot of fun taking you behind the scenes into the dugout and clubhouse and having you visit with the players on the field. I think the more you fans know about baseball and the players, the better fans you are going to be.

The other day it occurred to me that there must be many things you'd like to know about a big league team, whether it be about how we travel, or who rooms with whom on the road, or who the comedians are and some of the funny things they say, etc. Tell you what! How about sending along these questions to me? I'd like to hear from every one of you, even if it's only to say hello. I promise I'll answer every card and letter. Okay?

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