

# Clayton Captures State 2-A Championship Title

## SPORTSCOOP Is The Sport of Boxing Too Brutal?

By JOHN B. HENDERSON

Two unnecessary deaths have occurred in the last year in the professional boxing circles. And who knows, the slow deaths may continue if something is not done to curtail them.

Most of us remember the gruesome and fatal Emile Griffith-Benny Paret match. Most of the news media around the nation played up the fight showing how, by television... magazines and other illustrations, Paret lost his life. Ohio born, Davey Moore lost his life last week in Los Angeles.

It is my opinion that the purpose of this type of publicity was not only informative, as to what boxing is turning into, or should I say, what boxing should not turn into, but it helped the public take a more serious look than ever before at this sport called boxing.

Is boxing too brutal? As your self this question the next time you view a boxing match. Indeed, the particular sport is fast becoming more and more controversial... more scrutinizing... and more ostracized than ever before.

While on the other hand, the sport is surprisingly enjoying a great era which has colorful fighters... which is still pull-

ing fans through the gates to view these fistic agendas... an era, which is definitely making the money... and most of all, despite the deaths in boxing, fans still love to see people box.

What is your opinion? Do you think stricter laws should be passed to protect the individuals involved in the rings?

Congressional moves have been made by senators and congressmen to outlaw the so-called "barbaric" sport. In the state of the last boxing death, California, Governor Pat Brown is taking serious steps to ban boxing in the state of California.

Just where does this leave boxing? Hanging on a limb? Not really. As foretold, right now boxing is definitely in an upswing. Presently there is in professional boxing a "lip" who can quote poetry like a Rhodes Scholar... This "lip can" also predict his rounds of triumph over his opponent with some degree of accuracy. There is a "Fist" who is presently the world's heavyweight champion who has vowed to button the "Lip" once and for all.

Yes, there is repercussion coming from both sides of boxing, but which side will win in the end.



### TOPS BASKETBALL TOURNEY

Nashville's Pearl High School's "Tigers" wearing the banner of Tennessee hi champs, defeat Hill High School, Jackson, Miss., to win the 19th annual National High School Basketball Tournament, played at "Kean's Little Garden," Tennessee State University, Nashville, last weekend. High school champions from Alabama—Tuskegee, Arkansas—Lincoln of Camden, Florida—Dillard of Fort Lauderdale, Georgia—Beach of Savannah, Mississippi, Hill of Jackson South Carolina—Bond-Wilson of North Charleston, Tennessee—Pearl of Nashville, and Virginia—Crestwood of Chesapeake.

Melvin Black, standing 3rd and 4th from l. in first row. At far right is J. H. Cooper, Central State College, Wilberforce, Ohio, who is NMSAA commissioner. In center photo, from l., are Cooper, H. R. Miller of Nashville, Dr. W. S. Davis, president, Tennessee State University, NMSAA president C. T. Smiley, Booker T. Washington High School, Montgomery, Alabama, J. E. Johnson, and NMSAA executive secretary, C. T. Kincaide, Athletic manager at Tennessee State. In lower photo, Smiley, l., and Dr. Davis, r., with Cooper, Will Alexander, 3rd from r., association veeep, Orlando, Fla., and Mr. Hiller, flank the tournament's all-star team. The youngsters are Larry Danfel, Mississippi, David Hodge and

Henry Watkins, Tennessee, Richard Vaarden and Plummer Loft, Mississippi, kneeling. Standing, the all-stars are Ezekiel Moore, Alabama, James Brown, Arkansas, Roosevelt Barnes, Florida, and Frank Brown, Arkansas. The NMSAA will observe its 20th anniversary at next year's tournament at Tennessee State. The association was launched almost twenty years ago through the efforts of Tennessee State's president, Dr. Davis, with the assistance of the late Henry Arthur Kean of Tennessee State, the late Fay Young, Chicago Defender sports editor, Commissioner Cooper and B. T. Harvey, commissioner, Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association, Miles College, Birmingham, Ala.

### Jackson Linksmen Defeat Southern

JACKSON, Miss. — Led by a sparkling 68 and 71 by Troy Roundtree, the Jackson State College linksmen downed Southern University by 21 strokes in their 30-hole match played at Jackson's Oak Grove Golf Course.



**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER AWARD**... at Mid-West Athletic Association basketball tourney goes to sophomore forward David Barnes of the host Kentucky State College team in Frankfort, Ky. Shown here with the first annual Pepsi-Cola most valuable trophy award is Barnes' coach (left), Jim Brown and Warren Dowdell representing Central Division, Pepsi-Cola Company.

### Pitching Wins Two For Jackson

JACKSON, Miss. — On the strength of two sharp-pitching performances, the Jackson State College Tigers swept a 1-0 and 7-1 double-header with Southern University here Saturday.

## Cooper Wins First Title In School's History

CLAYTON — The Cooper "Eagles" of Clayton, advanced to the State finals in the 2-A Tourney. In the first round of the tourney Cooper defeated Peterson of Red Springs by a score of 75-47 with Willie Watson grabbing 29 rebounds and scoring 19 points. Robert Sanders aided the winning cause by contributing 28 points. Willie Sinclair hit 17 points to aid further to the cause.

In the second round of the tourney, Cooper could never come from behind. Going into the fourth quarter Cooper was behind by 11 points. With hustle, determination, rebounding, and shooting skill, Cooper outscored Hickory 31-17 in the fourth quarter and won the game by a score of 76-61.

In the semi-final game at half-time Cooper was behind on the scoreboard by the score of 36-35. After a few words in the dressing room, Cooper came back on the floor and played a magnificent third quarter which gave them the game by a score of 64-52. Hitting in the double figures for Cooper were Robert Sanders with 27 and Willie Watson with 23 and 18 rebounds.

In the final game of the tourney Cooper was by many mistakes. It was a cliff hanger of a ball game. With seven seconds left Robert Sanders made a two point play which gave Cooper a 69-68 victory and the state Championship, its first in the history of the school. Cooper ended the season with a 30-2 record.

## Grid Clinic

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Coach Luke Gaither of Florida A. and M. University has announced the football faculty for the annual Florida A. and M. University Coaching Clinic to be held here June 17-21. Coach Gaither is the director of the clinic.

The 18th annual clinic will have two sections—basketball and football. The basketball clinicians will be named later.

Clinicians for the football section of the clinic as announced by Coach Gaither are:

Head coaches Frank Broyles of Arkansas, Tom Nugent of Maryland, Ara Parseghian of Northwestern, and Wright Basemore of Valdosta (Ga.) High School, assistant coaches Charlie Tate and Jack Griffin of Georgia Tech, Pat James of Alabama, and Pepper Rodgers and Gene Ellenson of Florida.



**CHAMPIONSHIP BOUT** at Sir John Knight Beat—Famed Athlete Althea Gibson serves as "referee" as Sonny Liston (left), world heavyweight champion, "squares off" against that brash youngster, Cassius Clay. The "bout" took place when the two met recently during a visit to Clyde Killens' famed Sir John Hotel Knight Beat Club in Milwaukee.

## Mays, Mantle, Pre-season Picks

NEW YORK — Mickey Mantle, for the second consecutive year, has been named the favorite to win the American League leading-hitter title and the Most Valuable Player award in Sport magazine's eleventh annual pre-season poll of the players. Harmon Killebrew replaces Mantle as this year's choice for home-run leader.

Robinson and Tommy Davis, with 25 each, got more than six. For home-run champion, Mays outdistanced his closest rival, Orlando Cepeda, 85 to 32.

Milwaukee's Hank Aaron received 47 votes to take leading-hitter honors. Frank Robinson followed with 35. Mays with 28, and Tommy Davis with 23.

The Dodgers' Don Drysdale received a plurality of 77 votes as outstanding pitcher. His team mate, Sandy Koufax, is runner-up with 45 votes.

In the pennant predictions, the Yankees were picked first with 142 ballots. Los Angeles was chosen No. 1 by 118 players.

The 172 players, managers and coaches who forecast the 1963 season exclusively for Sport also picked the Yankees and Dodgers as pennant winners. Results of the poll, appearing in the magazine's May issue, published today, reveal that Mantle drew 79 votes for MVP to Al Kaline's 45. In balloting for the batting championship, Mantle edged Kaline 63-61. Minnesota's Killebrew in turn won the homer title from Mantle, 60-55.

In the final category, pitching leader, the Yankee's Ralph Terry received 48 votes to 35 for the Twins' Camilo Pascual and 20 for New York's Whitey Ford.

Far ahead in National League balloting is San Francisco's Willie Mays. He gathered 69 Olympic Track and Field Committee, made the announcement.

## FAMU Sprinter Selected For U.S. Pan-Am Team

TALLAHASSEE — Bob Hayes, Florida A. and M. University's sprint "phenom," has been named to the United States track and field team which will compete in the 1963 Pan-American Games at Sao Paulo, Brazil, April 20-May 5. George Eastman of Manhattan College, chairman of the U. S. Olympic Track and Field Committee, made the announcement.

## NBC TV Show on Friday to Give Preview of Baseball Season

NEW YORK—Baseball fever is running high these days. The major league season opens officially in Washington April 8. The next day, all 26 big league teams will be in action. For the few who can't wait, NBC-TV has a special pre-season treat. It's "Baseball '63", a round up of baseball stars, rookies, opinions, history and background which will be seen on Friday, April 5 at 9:36-10:00 P.M. New York Time.

Emceeding the show will be Joe Garagiola, a National League catcher for nine seasons and one of the best known broadcasters of the nation's favorite sport. With him will be all-time baseball great, Joe DiMaggio. The two guys named Joe will talk about some of the "almost certain headlines" we'll be seeing this year. Early Wynn's 300th major league victory. Base stealing exploits by Maury Wills. Record breaking by the magnificent veterans Stan Musial and Warren Spahn.

Musial, Willie Mays, Casey Stengel and Birdie Tebbetts will have their say too on this NBC sports extra sponsored by The Hartford Insurance Co. of Hartford, Conn. The show will feature highlights of the season's most promising rookies will be seen on portions of the show filmed in the training camps of Florida and Arizona.

There'll be some memorable archive films, too, commemorating some of the more historic moments from professional baseball's recent years. Floyd Bevens' near-no-hitter for the Yankees in 1947, Bobby Thompson's 1951 home run in the National League playoffs, Willie Mays' amazing catch off the bat of Vic Wertz in 1954, Don Lar-

sens perfect world series game in 1956. Bill Mazeroski's world series winning homer in 1960 and Bobby Richardson snaring Willie McCovey's line drive to end last season's world series—this is the kind of excitement which will be generated during the "great moments of the past" portion of the program.

## England Elected Head of NCHSA

GREENSBORO — A Lexington, N. C., high school football coach was last week elected president of the North Carolina High School Athletic Conference.

Charles England, who has coached Lexington's Dunbar High School football team to several state championships, was elected to head the state high school athletic group at its annual meeting held here at A. and T. College on Saturday, March 16.

Other officers elected at the meet included: J. V. Morris, Oxford, vice president; John Carson, Morganton, secretary; W. M. Reinhardt, Goldsboro, financial secretary; B. T. Washington, Wilmington, treasurer; Joseph Wynn, Trenton, parliamentarian, and Dr. W. T. Armstrong, Rocky Mount, commissioner.

The conference voted to draw up schedules for athletic contests on a statewide basis, adopted special baseball rules which will permit substituted baseball players to return once to the lineup and authorized stiff fines for non-conformance to conference rules.

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