



## The Stars Came Out To Run, But Most Stayed Home

By Elson Armstrong, Jr.

Three of the world's best track teams came to Durham last weekend, put on an outstanding show of speed and agility, but most of the area's track fans stayed home. The competition pitted U.S. Pan-African and German track teams.

Only about 13,000 people showed up for the two-day meet that featured some top track stars and others who combined to produce at least three new American records, and several new records for the Wallace Wade Stadium on the campus of Duke University. The track meet was sponsored by the Miller Lite Brewing Company.

The competition was outstanding. The weather was excellent, with temperatures in the 90's, and no rain. Speculation about where the fans were flew hot and heavy.

Track media coordinator Tom Mickel said, "I can't understand it. We got great media coverage, but it's not only happening in Durham. Track attendance across the nation is down."

According to Mickel, a track meet in Knoxville, Tennessee, just before the Durham competition, drew about 3,500 fans for a three-day competition.

The Durham turnout was considered small because past meets of this type had drawn 30,000 fans and more. Many comments mentioned that not nearly as many black track fans showed up for this meet as in the past.

There might have been several reasons for that. Durham's Annual Rhythm IV music festival in the Campus Hill Park in southeastern Durham drew a lot of music-loving black folks, and might have kept some track fans from the Saturday session of the two-day track meet. On Saturday, according to sponsors of the music festival, about 12,000 people came to the park, while only about 8,000 folks went to the track—about half of them were blacks.

Barry Jacobs, a freelance writer who covers events in this area for various national publica-

tions, said he thought that it was the U.S. decision to boycott the 1980 Olympic Games (in Moscow) that's hurting track attendance.

"When the U.S. stayed out of the Olympics, it caused many American fans to lose interest in track," Jacobs said, "and unless you're an avid track follower, then you don't know about Edwin Moses' accomplishments or who else is prominent on the track scene."

Still others felt that although the Africans and West Germans have great athletes, the competition is viewed as too friendly.

"The Russians would've drawn very well in Durham," said Gary Dornburgh of WPTF Radio, "the antagonism between the two countries plus the competition would've been a drawing card."

The hassle for tickets might have also hurt attendance, according to several fans. They said that you couldn't get your tickets on the spot, an order form had to be filled out and the tickets

arrived in the mail.

"The lack of fans was our only problem," said Steve Coran, the sports director for Miller Brewing Company. "We got great cooperation from Duke officials, Dr. Leroy Walker, and North Carolina media. The facilities are great here. Maybe we scheduled this event at the wrong time. If, say, we held it in May, most of the area college kids would still be here. Holding it in late June could've been a detriment because with the hot weather a number of people probably used the weekend for an outing at the beach or some place."

Other Durham fans said many local fans might have felt that the best American track performers would not be in Durham.

Those who came seemed to have enjoyed to meet.

Dr. Leroy Walker said, "The crowd that attended was enthusiastic. We just could've used many more of them."

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Four of the Best

These four runners set a new record for the mile relay in Wallace Wade Stadium last weekend during the two-day Miller Lite track meet. Photo by Stan Mayfield

## Grambling and Morgan To Return To Yankee Stadium September 4

NEW YORK — When Eddie Robinson leads his Grambling Tigers into Yankee Stadium on Saturday, September 4, against Morgan State College, the fabled coach will open the campaign leading to his 300th victory—a milestone in the football coaching profession.

Starting his 41st year as head coach at the Louisiana school, Robinson has amassed a total of 297 victories, needing three wins to enter the magic circle of 300 wins. But, the first roadblock to overcome is a rebounding Morgan State squad headed by coach Tom Morris, who is starting his second year as the boss of the Bears from Maryland. The two teams meet in

the 14th Annual Whitney M. Young, Jr. Memorial Football Classic that is sponsored by the New York Yankees Foundation in association with the New York Urban League. Proceeds of the classic help to support the Whitney M. Young, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund. Each year ten students in the New York City area (two from each borough) receive financial assistance toward their college expenses as a result of the classic. At the end of this year 50 students will have been helped, in the amount of \$60,000.

Grambling's gridiron record for 1981 was 6 wins, 4 losses and one tie, a little off their normal pace. They did not figure in the bowl picture

for the first time in many years. Defense will be Grambling's big stick led by seniors Albert Lewis and Junior Roberts.

Lewis led the conference with seven interceptions from his defensive back position. Roberts, a defensive end, tips the scale at 235 and stands 6' 8". Sophomore James Polk is a menace at defensive tackle. He is just about the biggest man on the squad standing 6' 9" and weighing in at 325. Flankerback Tremaine Johnson is expected to be a first round draft choice in the NFL. He snagged 43 passes, good for six touchdowns and 711 yards last season. With the loss of three All-Conference offensive linemen through

graduation, the Tigers will have to do it on "D".

Morgan State posted a 4-6 record in '81, partly because they had to learn the new coach's system during the regular season. This year, however, Coach Tom Morris has had the benefit of a spring practice to teach his system, which should result in some of those losses being reversed. Morgan lost one game by a touchdown and two by field goals, pointing to the fact that they could have easily been 7-3 instead of 4-6.

Morgan's Hans Ramsey, 6' 3" and 250 pounds, anchors the offensive line and should be a high draft choice in the NFL. Wide receiver Cornelius Johnson, clocked at 4.4 for 40, snared 37 passes and scored two touchdowns for the bears last year. Quarterback Darryl Coulter, a small signal caller at 5' 9" and 163 pounds, makes up for his size with a bullet arm and field generalship.

Ticket prices for the Classic are \$18, \$15, \$12, \$9 and \$7. Tickets will be available at all New York Urban League offices in the five boroughs and at Yankee Stadium, starting at the end of July. For further information contact the New York Urban League, (212) 730-5200.

## Dr. Bert Piggott Steps Down As AD

GREENSBORO — Dr. Bert C. Piggott has announced that he will step down as athletic director at North Carolina A&T State University, a position he has held since January, 1980. The move becomes effective August 23, 1982.

In relinquishing his duties as athletic director, Piggott will remain in the athletic department as a professor in the department of

health, physical education and recreation.

In accepting Piggott's resignation, A&T chancellor, Dr. Edward B. Fort, said:

"Dr. Piggott's contributions to A&T State University as director of the intercollegiate athletic program have been significant. He served during a crucial period and his statesman-like conduct of the affairs of that department is greatly ap-

preciated by the administration, coaches, students and faculty members," said Fort.

"He has also rendered more than 30 years of service to the University."

Fort said he will immediately launch a national search for a successor to Dr. Piggott. Fort added that an interim director may be appointed until a successor is named.

Piggott joined the A&T

staff in 1949 as backfield coach and was named head football coach in 1957. In the following 11 years, A&T was a model of consistency under Piggott.

Piggott's teams won back-to-back Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association championships in '58 and '59 and added a third in '64. During his years as football coach, Piggott compiled a record of 61-40-4

## Wachovia Cup Awards For Excellence Announced

Winners of the third annual Wachovia Cup awards for excellence in North Carolina high school athletics are Edneyville in 1-A, Lejeune in 2-A, Watauga of Boone in 3-A, and Chapel Hill in 4-A claiming the honor for the third straight year.

The Wachovia Cup award, sponsored by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association and Wachovia Bank and Trust Company,

recognizes schools which have the best overall interscholastic sports programs in North Carolina. Winners are determined by a point system based on performance in state championship events and the number of sanctioned sports in which the schools participate. Equal points are assigned to all sports and competition by girls and boys.

Edneyville ended the

year with 270 points, while Tryon and John Wilkinson of Belhaven tied for second place with 162.5 each. Edneyville was the state 1-A champion in baseball, and tied for first place in 1-A softball and girls volleyball. The school also advanced to the quarterfinals in boys and girls basketball. Tryon finished second in girls track and boys basketball, and advanced to the semifinals in

girls basketball. John Wilkinson was the 1-A champion in boys basketball, finished second in football, and advanced to the quarterfinals in girls basketball.

Edneyville and Tryon received 50 participation points for fielding teams in 10 of the 17 sanctioned sports, while John Wilkinson received 30 participation points.

Lejeune finished with 240 points in 2-A competition, and Ledford of

Thomasville ended the year with 192.5 points. Lejeune finished first in girls swimming and boys soccer, finished third in girls volleyball, and came in fourth in boys track. Ledford was the 2-A champion in boys swimming and girls volleyball and tied for fifth in softball. Lejeune received 80 participation points for having teams in all but one of the sanctioned sports. Ledford received 70 participation points.

In the 3-A race, Watauga finished with 40 points, while T.C.

Roberson of Skyland was the runner-up with 287.5 points. Watauga came in first in boys cross country, second in girls cross country, third in boys swimming and advanced to the semifinals in girls basketball. T.C. Roberson was the 3-A champion in girls volleyball, finished second in boys tennis and boys cross country, tied for second in boys soccer, and came in fifth in girls track.

Watauga received 80 participation points and T.C. Roberson received 75 participation points.

Chapel Hill won the 4-A Wachovia Cup with a total of 388 points. Chapel Hill was the state 4-A champion in girls swimming, and boys and girls cross country. The school also finished second in boys basketball, fourth in boys swimming, tied for fifth in baseball and girls volleyball, tied for eighth in girls track and boys soccer, and advanced to the semifinals in girls basketball. Page High of Greensboro came in second in 4-A competition with 307.5 points. Page



St. Aug.'s Hosts Capital Basketball School

The eleventh annual Capital City Basketball School for boys and girls nine years of age and up is underway at Saint Augustine's College in Raleigh. Shown in photo are participants of the school along with co-directors Harvey Heartley, Saint Augustine's College and Ed McLean, Needham Broughton High School and staff, Gary Bowne, Millbrook; John Haskins, UNC-Wilmington; Von Allen, Baylor; Andrew Hinton, Jacksonville; Sonny Vinson, East Tennessee State; Terry Teague, Mercer; Mike Warren, N.C. State; and Billy Williams, Clemson. The next two scheduled basketball schools will be July 12-16 and July 19-23.

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