

"It's The Best Team I've Ever Had," Coach Irvin Says Of His A&T Aggies

GREENSBORO — "It's the best team I've ever had," said Cal Irvin, youthful coach of the A&T College Aggies following the championship game of the CIAA Tournament played in Durham last Saturday, February 26, night.

The Aggies had broken another tournament record in scoring 115 points on Virginia State College in the semi-finals, the largest turned in by any team during the 14-year tournament activity.

Cal ventured the opinion that this same team may have been the best in the history of conference. "About the only way we could have been better was to have been exposed to higher quality competition, week in and week out," he said.

Irvin still wonders about the full potential of his team. The Aggies won the games which should have been easy, the hard way, usually by slim margins, but in those "must win" games against the ordinarily tougher foes, his boys put on sensational performances leaving the floor with convincing leads.

Besides above ordinary skill in the game, Coach Irvin says that tremendous team spirit and effective defense were the team's biggest assets. "Free boys not only the game, but they love each other," is the best way he puts it. They are well disciplined, they never break training rules and are in top notch physical condition for every engagement and very rarely tire during a full game.



AGGIE CELEBRATION—A wild celebration followed in the dressing room of the A&T College Aggies following their 55-24 victory of Virginia Union University in the finals of the CIAA Basketball Tournament played in Durham recently.

CAA Baseball League Stages High Point Meet; Makes Plans

HIGH POINT — The Central American Association Baseball League met in High Point, N. C. on March 1, to discuss plans for the coming season.

The expansion program, which was the main topic of the meeting, was deferred until the next meeting which will be held on Monday, March 15, at Parkview Larch, 1538 Kivett Drive, High Point.

Besides deciding on the expansion program of the league for 1959, the directors also are expected to talk schedule and other terms of interest.

During the luncheon, league officials were elected and installed. Douglas Gordon of Durham was appointed treasurer, Richard Parker of Franklinton, vice-president, Wilbur Smith of Fayetteville, recording secretary. President Robert Kermagay of Durham and Vard Stewart of Charlotte were re-elected to their posts.

At the last league meeting, the owners voted a deadline of March 15 for each club to determine its intentions to operate. Each is supposed to give a definite yes or no at Sunday's meeting here.

Press representatives are welcome to attend the open discussion. The Chicago Cardinals football team offered as a mascot's head among local fans when they traded Offie Watson to the Los Angeles Rams, despite the fact the Birds got nine players in the swap.



WORKING ON RECORDS — Recently recorded the 40-40 picture of 1947 and 1948 when they were in the Army. They were in the Army in the 40-40 picture of 1947 and 1948 when they were in the Army.

COVERING SPORTS By Charles J. Livingston For ANP

BACK TO THE MILL: This column is normally written during the summer months when the need for full sports coverage, especially of baseball and other outdoor activities, is greatest.

test fighter in the ring—and one of the cleverest. A JOB WELL DONE: Brad Pyle, Jr. does a fine job for his campaign to elect John Calloway, a Negro, president of the Southern California Boxing Guild.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES: The Chicago Cardinals football team offered as a mascot's head among local fans when they traded Offie Watson to the Los Angeles Rams, despite the fact the Birds got nine players in the swap.

HAPPY IN ST. LOUIS: George Crowe is happy over the trade which sent him to the St. Louis Cardinals. Crowe claims the best-expected first baseman has been boiling ever since Manager Birdie Tibbetts benched him for has-been Walt Dropo when George was in a slump last season.

ONE FOR JACKIE: Credit Jackie Robinson with an assist for putting Jim Crow off-base in the Boston Red Sox.

INSIDE DOPE: There may be a great deal behind Althea Gibson's Latin American tour if our grapevine is correct. There is speculation the dusky campaigner is warming up for a movie role centering on her court game.

MEMO TO COLLEGE: The members of Grambling College should be declared national Negro basketball champions.

SHADES OF CAMPANELLA: The dark horse of the Brooklyn Dodgers catching staff, according to a reliable source, is a young backstop from LaGrange, Ill. named Wade Smith.

ROCKING THE BOAT: Gene "Aunt" Armstrong showed class in appealing rough-and-ready fans to Scorching the other night in Madison Square Garden.

WASHINGTON (ANP) — Delta Sigma Theta Sorority has announced the availability of awards and grants under its six-category college scholarship program for the next school year.

Addition of Twins, Other Stars May Help Phillies

PHILADELPHIA (ANP) — Some big changes are expected on the Phillies' baseball team during the 1959 baseball season.

George Williams, who has the highest batting average in the system, captured the Appalachian league batting crown. He plays second base.

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ADDITION TO FAMILY — San Francisco Giants slugger Willie Mays, shows off, for the first time, his 5-week-old adopted son, Michael Rosner, whom he and his wife, Marguerite, adopted recently in San Francisco.

Robinson, Newcombe, Lawrence Key To Success Of Redlegs

BY BILL BROWER EDITOR'S NOTE: This is another in the series of stories on major league teams and prospects of their fan players.

CHICAGO — (ANP) — The Cincinnati Reds continued a fourth-place finish last year in a season in which they were expected to do better in the National League.

This year, the Reds hope to do better. A lot depends on members of the team's fan contingent, particularly Frank Robinson, Don Newcombe, Brooks Lawrence and Vada Pinson.

"He's Just Remarkable," Say NBA Coaches Of Elgin Baylor

MINNEAPOLIS (ANP) — "He is just remarkable," said John Kundla, "I can't tell whether he's learning things as he goes along or whether he still hasn't used up his reporters of tricks."

"He's learned a lot about setting a block for a teammate and his defense has picked up a great deal.

Robinson in KEY ROLE The most important member could be the 23-year-old Robinson, who might be converted into a full-time first baseman, or even play third base.

Deltas Announce Availability Of Scholarships

WASHINGTON (ANP) — Delta Sigma Theta Sorority has announced the availability of awards and grants under its six-category college scholarship program for the next school year.

Among the scholarships is a grant for study abroad. Available to only outstanding Deltas, grant recipients may pursue graduate work in any foreign land their study project warrants.

Only forty-five specimens of the rare Javanese rhinoceros are believed to be still alive on the east Indian Island.

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