

# Eagle And Ram Harriers Star In Fla. Relay Carnival

Meet E. E. Smith April 15:

## Little Blues Take Off On '59 Baseball Winning Spree

BY ALTON LEE THORPE, JR.  
The Ligon High Little Blues opened their 1959 baseball season two weeks ago with a pair of victories over Dillard High of Goldsboro.

The Little Blues took the first game, 12-3. The contest was played at Chavis Park before a large crowd. Maryland Jones hurled his first win. Wendell Smith did the chores behind the plate.

Thomas Bennett, a rookie standout last season, led the hitting. In the second game at Goldsboro, Ligon took the measure of the Dillard nine, 8-3. William Christmas went the distance on the mound.

Napoleon Johnson, one of the team's leading hitters a year ago, took up where he left off in the 1958 season by slashing out a long long three-bagger.

The roster as released by Coach Pete Williams includes infielders Christmas, Hartsfield, Raymond Henderson, Bennett, Charles Christmas, Wiley Latham and James Giles.

The outfielders are Johnson, Tate, William Crockett, Broadus Cox, Theodore Powell and William Matthews. The pitchers are Jones, William Christmas, Isaac Williams and Charles Walters.

The Little Blues play their next home game April 15, when they play host to E. E. Smith High of Fayetteville at Chavis Park.



FIVE LIGON BASEBALL STARS

## BEATING THE GUN

BY BILL BROWER

In 1956, a young fellow was called up by the New York Giants from the team's Minneapolis farm club in the American Association. He was handed the first base job and he promptly proceeded to cement his claim to it by belting 23 home runs.

For Bill White, it looked as though he had it made. But then White was serving a two-year hitch in the Army and while a young Puerto Rican appeared on the scene, last season, with the Giants in San Francisco, Orlando Cepeda had such a successful major league debut that when White came out of service, he could find only a place on the bench.

Thus, it was a foregone conclusion that White eventually would be traded. He was coveted by a number of teams, particularly some American League clubs. But the Giants bided their time. The team needed pitching and could afford to give up White.

And from the trade that sent White to the St. Louis Cardinals last week, it would appear while the Giants got in the that the waiting was worth exchange the most feared curveballer in the majors, righthander, Sam Jones.

It could be that the Giants traded themselves into a pennant. With Willie Mays, Cepeda, Andre Rodgers and Leon Wagner to supply the power, the team needed pitching help badly.

Jones, whose pitching fortunes have had their ups and downs since he broke in with Cleveland in the American League in 1951, has been perennial strikeout leader in the NL since he hurled for the Chicago Cubs in 1955. That season, incidentally, he turned in a no-hit, no-run performance against the Pittsburgh Pirates.

NL STRIKEOUT KING  
Last year, with the Cardinals, Jones had a 14-13 record, but here figures truly belie performance. Jones deserved a better fate. He was the hardluck hurler of the year.

This is attested by the fact that San struck out 225 batters, a record for the senior loop, and compiled an earned run average of 2.88, which was the best in the league. He still has a tendency toward wildness, walking 107 batters to lead the league in that respect.

With the Cards last year, Jones lost several heartbreakers by one or two runs. But the Giants have some of the most powerful batters in baseball and that should help the 33-year-old Jones.

the greatest man around then was Franklin D. Roosevelt and he was president. So I started calling him president, which naturally got shortened to "Prez."

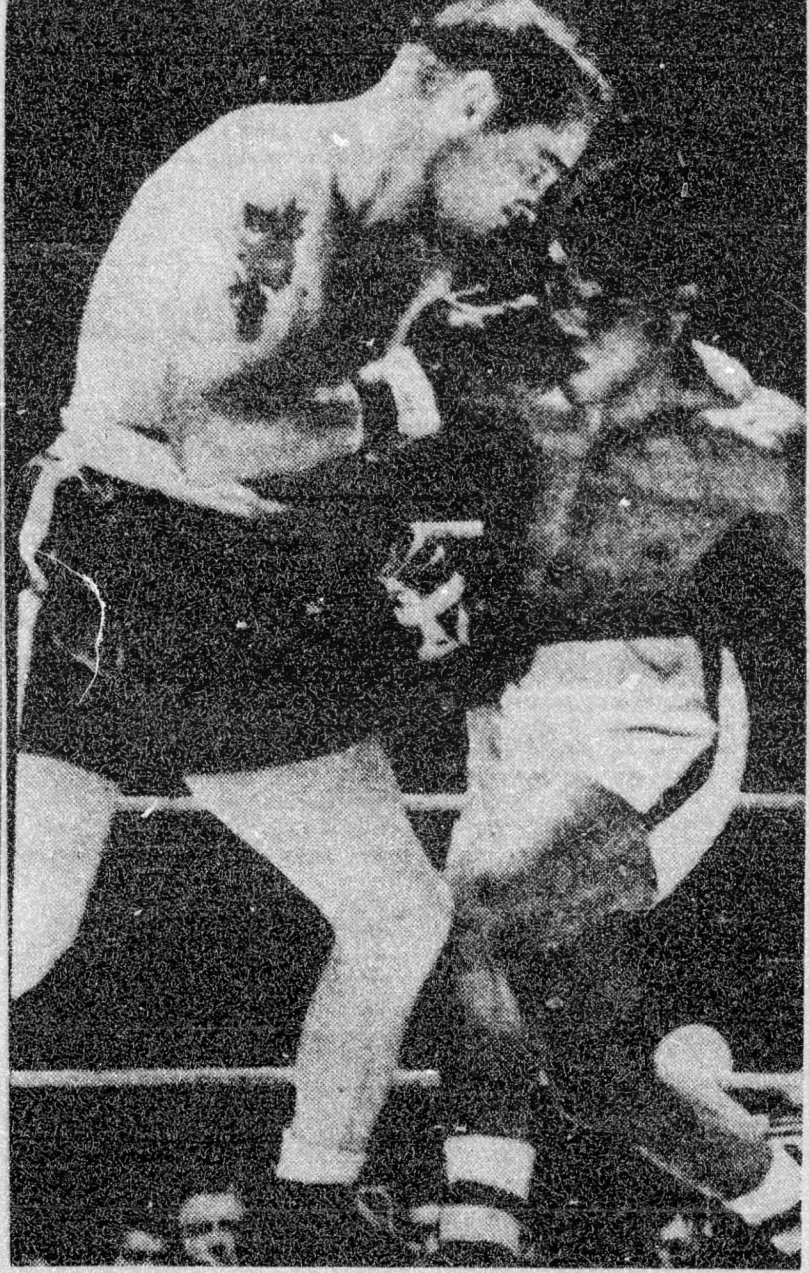
TEMPEST is creating quite a storm over singer HERB JEFFRIES. . . . Speaking of perfect timing, BILLY WARD, leader of the DOMINOES Quintet, in Hawaii at the time of the "welcome to the United States celebration," just waxed an album which hit the stands during the HULABAHOO titled "Pagan Love Song."

Here's a puzzle: "Have you ever figured out why apartment house walls are so thin when you sleep and so thick when you listen?" Watch for the L. P. which will combine the talents of BILLY WILLIAMS and BARBARA MCNAIR. On a Coral label, the title isn't quite ready. . . . Jazz singer MARIE KNIGHT (Rosetta Tharpe's sound-alike) has a sound-alike. Her sister Toni who recently joined the act, SONY TIL doesn't owe his uncle Sam that is a thing. He finally cleared up \$25,000 worth of back taxes and expenses incurred when he led the ORIOLES.

Happy Birthday SARAH VAUGHAN who just celebrated number 35 while chipping at the swank Miller Kelly's out Chicago-way.



BASKETBALL AWARDS — Maynard Sandridge, left, and Coach L. A. Warner hold trophies won by the Livingstone College Bears during the past season. Sandridge, elected captain of next year's team, displays the Eastern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference trophy and Warner holds the conference runner-up award. Livingstone finished first in the EIAC during the regular season.



TRADING LEATHER — Former middleweight champ Carl "Bobo" Olson (left) mixes it up with Rory Calhoun in the 8th round of their San Francisco, Calif. 10-round scrap March 30th. Olson, withstanding a body attack by Calhoun, won a unanimous decision. Olson also floored Calhoun for a five-count in the 7th round. (UPI TELEPHOTO).

## Spring Sports At St. Paul's

### Outlook For Grid, Cage Teams Said 'Promising'

LAWRENCEVILLE, Va.—Athletic officials believe that in several track and field specialties the Saint Paul's Tigers will make good or winning showings during a series of spring meets, but they concede that the outlook for tennis is not as good. The college is not competing this spring in varsity baseball.

The Tigers throw-in will run, jump, and throw in three meets, and possibly in the Spring Sports Carnival annually sponsored primarily for secondary school athletes by the Journal and Guide of Norfolk, Va., in one of the special relays or other special events. This year the meet, scheduled for May 1 and 2, will be held on the athletic field of Crestwood High School in Norfolk County. At least three internationally known Negro track and field stars, all holders of either world's records or Olympic championships, have been invited to the Guide meet.

TRACK SCHEDULE  
In track, the Saint Paul's schedule follows:  
April 11—quadrangular (four-team) meet at Virginia State College, Petersburg.  
April 25—quadrangular meet at Lawrenceville, with Virginia Union

Shaw, and Saint Augustine's competing against the host Tigers.  
May 8 and 9—CIAA championship track and field meet at Virginia State College, Petersburg.

TENNIS ACTIVITIES  
Athletic Director Joseph E. Thompson said that the tennis schedule is not finally made up so far, but will include at least two matches against Virginia Union of Richmond, one against Fayetteville (N. C.) State College, two against Saint Augustine's of Raleigh, N. C., and participation in the CIAA championship tournament at Virginia Union on May 7 and 8.

Coach and captain, respectively of tennis are Robert Allen Bryant and Lenox Coles of Halifax, Va., a senior. For track they are Charles M. Jones, also football coach, and Shirley Stuart, Roanoke, Va., a junior.

BRIGHT OUTLOOK  
Athletic Director Thompson, in viewing the spring and next term outlook as promising and likely to bring an upturn in Saint Paul's athletic fortunes, referred to several factors. Several veterans will be returning.  
Six boys now seniors in a top-flight northern high school, he said, have indicated plans to enroll at the school.

## Tar Heels Win 2nd And 3rd Places In Tallahassee, Fla.

BY JOHN A. HOLLEY

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — North Carolina College's track team garnered only one first place win, but placed fifth in the ninth Florida Relay Carnival with 19 points. Southern University won the meet with 38 points, and Winston-Salem finished in second place with 45.

NCC's jet-propelled sprinter, Vance Robinson, scratched from the 100 yard dash, ran a 20.8 220 yard dash, nosing out Tennessee State's Johnny Clipper and Mel Adams. The fast time by Robinson in the 220 yard event was a new meet record at the Florida Relay Carnival and the fastest time by Robinson at an early stage of the track season.

Coach Leroy T. Walker's

with scores qualifying them for academic scholarships. In assaying the basketball outlook, he said he was especially pleased by the interest of a top-flight Connecticut high schooler to enroll here.

Director Thompson released the following schedule:

FOOTBALL—1959  
(\*indicates home games)  
October 3, J. C. Smith; 10, Fayetteville State; 17, St. Augustine's; 24, Elizabeth City State; 31, Delaware State; homecoming, November 7, Lincoln (Pa.); 14, Livingstone; and 22, Winston-Salem Teachers.

BASKETBALL—1959-'60  
(\*indicates home games)  
December 1, Howard; 5, Elizabeth City; 9, Fayetteville; 10, St. Augustine's; 14, Howard; 15, Va. State; January 7, Morgan State; 13, Shaw; 14, Smith; 15, Va. State; 18, Smith; 20, Va. Union; (exams Jan. 21-Feb. 3); February 4, St. Augustine's; 6, Shaw; 8, Fayetteville; 10, Elizabeth City; and 11, Hampton.

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newest protege, Walter Johnson, New Haven, Conn., sophomore, in his second season as a runner, sped to an amazing 46.8 clocking in the 440 yard dash to finish a close second to David Robertson of Southern University who was pushed to a 46.5 clocking by Johnson. Both times were new meet records.

In the middle distance event, the 880 yard run, William Ward, NCC's junior half-miler, dropped to 4th place, running a 1:58.0 half mile. The winning time was 1:56.1, credited to Southern's half-miler, Bob Wilkerson. Ward made his bid to go ahead in the race on two occasions, but fell behind.

In the mile relay, NCC finished second to Southern's quartet of quarter-milers, running a 5:19.0 five-tenths of a second slower than Southern's winning time of 5:15.5. Walker's charges led in the event until the third leg when Bobby Dobbis, running a 52.0 lost the lead to Southern's third leg, Ward, clocked in 51.5 on the lead-off leg, and Robinson, timed in 48.5 on the second leg of a "packed" relay, gave NCC the early lead.

However, when Johnson took stick on the anchor leg, the lead by Southern was too great to make up, despite the blazing 47.5 anchor leg he put down. This burning pace was not enough to close the gap on Southern's Robertson.

In the other relay event entered by NCC the 880 yard relay, the Eagles' foursome again finished second, this time to Winston-Salem's quartet of Joe Manning, Herb Conaway, Elizab Gilbert, and Fran Washington. The Rams' team was clocked in 1:27.0, while NCC's foursome of Dobbis, Johnson, Louis Seaton, and Robinson were caught in 1:28.0.

The next outdoor competition for the Eagles' Harriers will come in the heavily laden field at the Quantico Relays on April 10-11.

## GOOFIN' OFF BY "SKINK"

Coach Pete Williams' Little Blues baseball team of Ligon High School knocked off Goldsboro twice last week and are destined to knock off many more teams in weeks to come. The team is rich and deep in material and talent and seasoned with years of experience in playing together.

If Rock Sanders and his Henderson Panthers don't upset the group, chances are the Little Blues will defend their state championship honors again in May.

Joe Cotton, the A & T College basketball ace, is also a crack baseball pitcher. Last year he pitched a no-hitter and beat some of the toughest teams on the A & T schedule. But Cal Irvin's baseball team is so heavy this year with talent until he is permitting Joe to lay off the game while and rest up from the tough basketball campaign that carried the Aggies to the NCAA playoffs in Indiana.

Many baseball fans are wondering what happened to Tom Alston the Greensboro first baseman whom the St. Louis Cardinals paid \$100,000 dollars for. To begin with Tom's hitting was played up far beyond his potential and the Cardinal top brass discovered it early in his major league career. After a couple of shifts up and down the baseball ladder, he landed in Omaha, Nebraska where the curtain closed on his days as a pro.

Tom returned to Greensboro where a series of unhappy events befell him and the brilliant future that illuminated his path just a few years before, faded in the sad oblivion of "has beens."

The Pigskin Club of Washington, D. C., is the largest and most successful of its kind in the U.S.A. The organization, headed by President Lawrence A. Oxley, will throw its big 1959 spring smoker April 8 in the fashionable Willard Hotel. Its members come from the four corners of the country and the roster numbers well over 400 enthusiastic and well-bred gentlemen. The Pigskin Club, though primarily concerned with stimulating "Democracy in Sports", has, over a period of more than twenty-one years demonstrated a healthy awareness and given tangible financial support to many worthy community movements and to the organized efforts and constructive programs of progressive, civic groups; such as the YMCA, the Boy Scouts of America, the Columbia and the Heights Boys Club.

In 1958 the club expressed a continuing interest in the dynamic programs of the NAACP, the United Negro College Fund, the Big Brothers of America and many other projects of local community interest. Undertaker Charles A. "Doll" Haywood is Raleigh's only member.

The Central American Baseball Association is going into its second year of operation. This year the Hillsboro All-Stars have joined Durham, Asheville, Fayetteville, High Point, Charlotte, Winston-Salem, and Franklinton, Hillsboro will play Winston-Salem in Hillsboro Sunday, April 12th, at 2:30 P.M., in a pre-season exhibition game.

President Frank McDuffie of Laurinburg Institute has transformed the place into a story book show place that encompasses every modern item for comfort and convenience. Frank has always shot for the number one spot in any undertaking under his supervision. When he was in charge of athletics at the school his basketball team won the National Championship and his football team was rough on the toughest of competitors.

The only two nationally-known Negro athletes from North Carolina are McDuffie trained products—Sam Jones of the Boston Celtics and Wes Covington of the Boston Braves.

Both are Laurinburg boys and both are from Laurinburg Institute. Frank started them on their careers and they still possess the McDuffie spirit of "being number one." No other school, no other town, no other coach in North Carolina has come up with two boys who became great "pros" in organized "ball" and stayed there. Frank McDuffie is "Number One!"

## DATA 'N' CHATTER

BY DARCY DEMILLE  
AND SYNDICATED COLUMNIST FROM HOLLYWOOD TO HARLEM. . . . Lady Day, BILLIE HOLIDAY, unable for quite a spell to secure that permit which would allow her to work in New York supper clubs, is packing her bags, furniture, and bidding her friends adieu. Along with her accompanist, Mal Waldron, the two will play to the cream of society in Britain, Switzerland and France from now on. Lady Day has a cute villa selected across the pond in which she plans to permanently reside.  
Another singer, PEARL BAILEY is doing right well. She just paid \$25,000 for a full length Russian sable coat. Incidentally, Pearl's Mae and her revue straight from Vegas, way opened at the Tivoli Theatre on Chicago's southside in a packed house. That same night, LONEL HAMILTON was jumping away at the famed Regal Theatre, another southside mecca for swarming groups and swinging audiences.

Chuckle of the Week: "A man's life is 20 years of having his mother ask him where he is going, 40 years of having his wife ask the same question, and at the end, have the mourners wondering too."  
The eagerly awaited BILLY DANIELS baby has arrived. It's a girl for Billy and his wife Perri. Incidentally, Billy's daughter Diane, now in Switzerland, will be a bride come June-time.  
Confided CLAUDIA McNEIL recently. . . . "More than anything, I'd like to adopt a child." Hope you get your wish Miss M. As a mother in "Raisin in the Sun," she puts lots of love into the part.  
Confided BILLIE HOLIDAY shortly after she heard of LESTER "PEZZ" YOUNG's death: "I always felt he was the greatest. He discovered me, gave me the title "Lady Day". When it came to a name for Lester I always felt it had to be the greatest. In his country kings or dukes or counts don't count.

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