

# Middleweight Neal Rivers Trapped In "Spider's" Webb

## Ligon Blues Elect Grid Captains

Bobby Gardner and William Robertson were elected co-captains of the 1959-60 J. W. Ligon football team. Gardner, 6 ft. 2 1/2 inches tall, weighs 185 and runs from the fullback position. Credit is given him for his drive and hustle brought on by his desire to win. Robertson was injured the latter part of last year and had to sit out the last two games. His absence was sorely felt.

Ligon Coach "Pete" Williams hopes that Gardner and Robertson can help fill the shoes left vacant by the departure of All-State Charlie Watkins and Napoleon Johnson.

For basketball, Ligon teammates elected James Giles and William Crockett for co-captains of the 59-60 season. Both boys will be seniors and play guard. They are good players and can be deadly with outside shots. Giles stands 5'8" and Crockett 5'10".

James Giles was again honored by the baseball team by being elected to serve as co-captain along with Charles Christmas. Giles is a two-letter man and plays shortstop for the star-studded Ligon State Champions. He is rated as a good gloveman and hit .406 for the first 6 games.

This year he shares the duties with fancy playing Raymond Henderson. Christmas, who plays behind the veteran William Harrisfield at second base, is one of 3 brothers playing on the Ligon team. He can also play any position on the infield.

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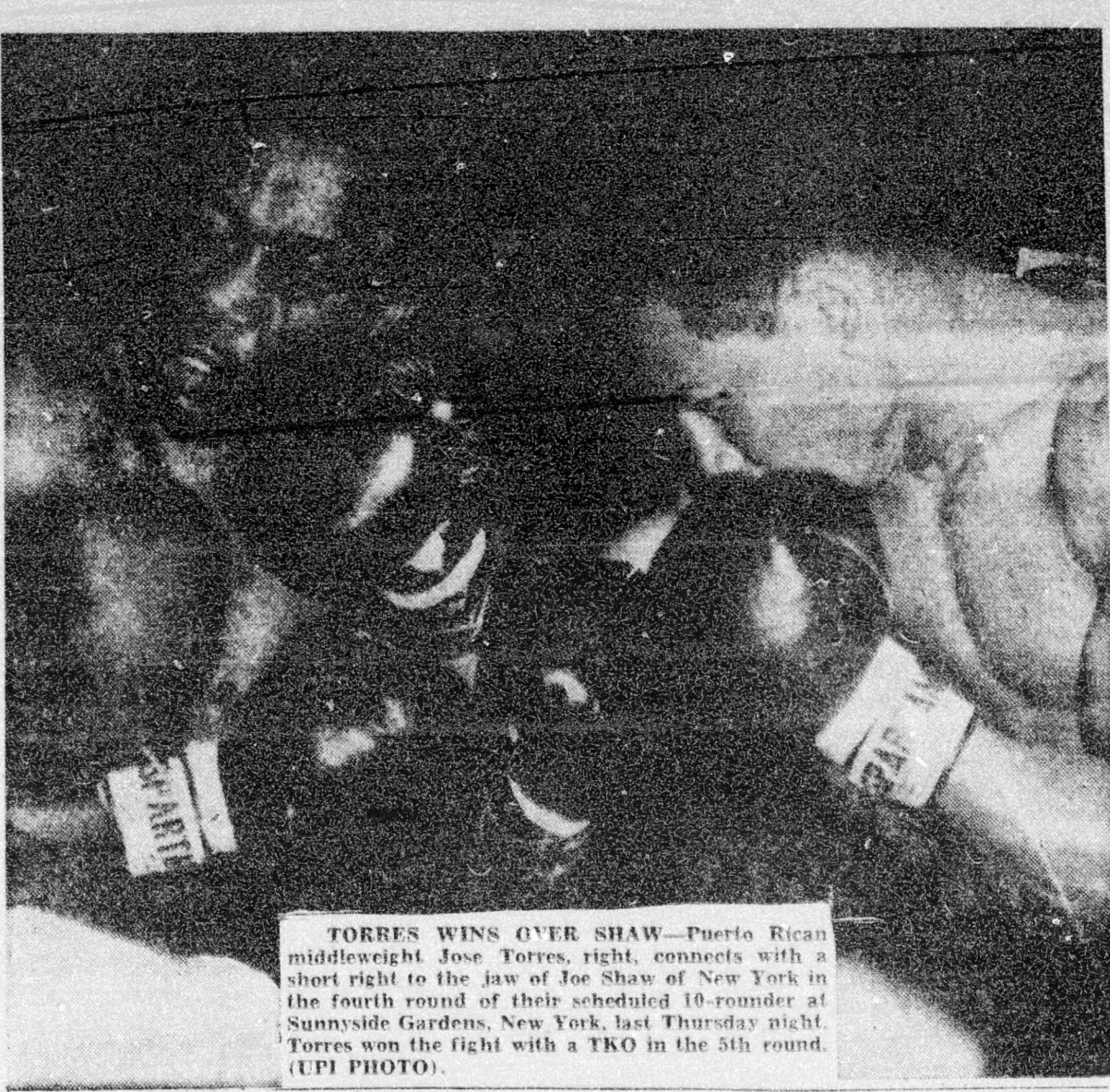
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**TORRES WINS OVER SHAW**—Puerto Rican middleweight Jose Torres, right, connects with a short right to the jaw of Joe Shaw of New York in the fourth round of their scheduled 10-round at Sunnyside Gardens, New York, last Thursday night. Torres won the fight with a TKO in the 5th round. (UPI PHOTO.)

## Ellsworth Webb Spins Web Around His 33rd Victim

CHICAGO — (ANP)—Ellsworth (Spider) Webb spun his web around the 33rd victim Wednesday night.

The victim was 24-year-old Neal Rivers of Las Vegas, a dangerous puncher whom Webb previously had decided in 1957. This time, however, Rivers was no match for the "red hot" Chicago middleweight.

Before a small Chicago Stadium crowd and a nationwide television audience, Webb, ranked No. 3 and anxious to prove that he deserves a title match, dealt Rivers a savage and bloody beating before Referee Joey White halted the scheduled 10-round bout in 2:49 of the fourth round. Rivers was cut over the left eye and inside the mouth and streaming blood from the nose when this bout was stopped.

**TOO GOOD FOR OWN GOOD**  
But in winning so convincingly over the dangerous Rivers, Webb, a master boxer and puncher, might have hurt his own chances for the title bout on a showdown with either Carmen Basilio or Gene Fullmer, the No. 1 and 2 contenders. Before the bout, Webb accused champion Sugar Ray Robinson, Basilio and Fullmer of running away from him. There is no reason to believe now that any of the trio wants glove traffic with him.

The knockout was the fourth in now for Ellsworth and second straight executed in the stadium. In earlier bouts, he stopped Joey Giardello in seven rounds, Terry

Downes of England in seven, and fellow townsman Bobby Boyd in the first.

**OUTCLASSES OPPONENT**  
In the bout Wednesday, Webb completely outclassed Rivers, winning every round on the card of the three officials. He started Rivers on the way out in the third round when he decked him for a six count. Rivers, however, surprised everyone by bouncing back from the knockdown to nail Webb with a hard left hook that drove him into the ring.

That was the only time Spider was in any semblance of trouble.

Webb kept the pressure on Rivers throughout. Moving in behind a sharp left jab, Ellsworth punished his man with combinations to the head. When Rivers crouched to avoid the assault, Webb shifted his attack to the body. There was just no escape for Rivers.

**SCORES 19th KNOCKOUT**  
After the bout Webb's manager, Kec Knowles, said he'll press the Spider's demand for the title bout. But the consensus of opinion is that Webb will challenge the winner of the Robinson-Basilio bout, if it comes off.

Webb's fighting form was best described by an admirer who visited his dressing room. "That Spider Webb is really something. Man can he go. I bet he could whip both Robinson and Basilio."

On the basis of Webb's recent showings, who can doubt the man's words.

## Mays Featured On 'Baseball Leadoff'

## CCNY Beats Hampton In A Tournament

HAMPTON, Va. City College of New York was declared winner of the First Mid-Atlantic Debate Tournament held recently at Hampton Institute. Winning second place was the Hampton team.

Debating on the national topic, "Resolved that the further development of nuclear weapons should be prohibited by international agreement," City College compiled a score of 6-2 to beat Hampton's score of 5-3.

Completing the first five were Morgan State College, Baltimore, Md., third place; North Carolina A and T, Greensboro, fourth place; and Virginia State College, Petersburg, fifth place.

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## Indianapolis Clowns Start Big '59 Barnstorming Tour

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. (ANP)—The fun-making Indianapolis Clowns baseball team begins its 1959 spring training barnstorming tour this week with games at Atlanta, St. Petersburg, and Miami. The clowns will also play games in other cities.

The Clowns' opponents on the tour, which extends through May 9 with a game at Tallahassee, Fla., are the Georgia Flyers, and independent squad.

The game at Tallahassee is being sponsored by a local fraternity chapter at Florida A and M university. It will be played at Centennial field on the university's campus.

## Eagle Stars Point For Net Crown

DURHAM — Coach Jim Young's North Carolina College Netters, closing out a three game home stretch on April 30 with non-conference Livingston's Bears, take to the road May 1-2 and close out CIAA play in the conference's annual tennis tournament at Virginia Union University in Richmond on May 9.

NCC downed Howard University in Washington on April 18 and came back home to entertain Johnson C. Smith on April 21 and St. Augustine's on April 25.

After entertaining Livingstone in Durham on April 30, NCC travels to Charlotte for the Smith engagement on May 1 and closes out seasons regular play with Livingstone in Salisbury on May 2.

In the Howard matches which the Eagles won 6-3, these were summaries:

SINGLES: Davis of NCC over Roberts 7-5, 6-3; Handy of NCC over Calendar, 6-3, 6-2; Sprue of Howard over Townsend, 2-6, 6-3, 6-3; Bowdy of Howard over De Shield 6-4, 6-8, 7-5; Bell of NCC over Cartman, 6-3, 7-5; Martin of NCC over Brown 6-2, 6-4.

DOUBLES: Rogers and Clemen of Howard over Davis and Handy 3-6, 5-3, 7-5; Townsend and Bell of NCC over Bowdy and Sprue, 6-2, 6-4; De Shield and Martin of NCC over Brown and Cartman 6-1, 6-2.

determination and high purpose to the solid structure and Grambling has the fine potential for a long run of Saturday scaping.

Words have a different meaning to different ears, so be careful how you use them.

## Spring Training Underway: Grambling Expects Upsurge In 1959 Football Prospects

GRAMBLING, La. — Offensive schematics leveled off perceptibly at Grambling College during the past two football seasons, but spring training has local fans talking loudly about a tremendous upsurge.

The Tigers staged their final in-ter-squad game Thursday night and the introductory performance found talented hands prevailing in considerable quantity.

The White squad, boasting an immense reservoir of freshman material, mortified the Gold and its solid layer of learned hands, 26-12.

For the first time, both elevens sprinkled a little single-wing with a lot of "T" in the dual-control routine.

Coach Eddie Robinson has installed the winged-T as a basic formation, with firm gridiron footing available, may not need the customary long development period required for proper installation.

The trail-blazing "T" team, led by freshman quarterback John Johnson, a target-measured passer; George Robinson, a tank-tough halfback; and a covey of speedy linemen — threatening first-team status — are the major sources of optimism.

Robinson said he was pleased with the work of both squads and predicted that some of his hand-picked products will play early starting roles next fall.

A long-time single-wing adherent, he plans to merge it with the winged-T to "create confusion." The coach said he plans to use two teams next fall, but insisted that the availability of necessary personnel will be a determining factor.

His backs are fit company for gathering, however, he must come up with two hard-driving lines to outmaneuver the rest of the Southwestern Conference.

Presently, there are few vitamin deficiencies apparent among the hulking play-spoilers. Add dogged

## Winston Stars To Challenge Morgan May 8-9

WINSTON-SALEM — On the basis of Winston-Salem's domination of early NAAIA statistics, the Rams loom as potential challengers of perennial champion Morgan State in the CIAA's 35th Track and Field Carnival to be held at Virginia State College, Petersburg, Va., May 8-9.

CIAA track and field statistics contained listings from only four schools at the start of the season. Only Winston-Salem and Morgan are included in current NAAIA standings.

Coach Wilbur Ross' Ram thrifolds are listed in six events with Elias Gilbert their outstanding star, combining the 120 high. His best 120 time is 14.

The only other CIAA college listed, NCC, has Vance Robinson, one of three runners-up in the 200 yard dash and Walt Johnson, 440 yard dash standout tied with the Rams' Frank Rowens.

Winston-Salem stars placing in NAAIA stats are Bob Manning, 211 in the 220 yard dash; Gilbert, Carl Brown (14.2), and Russell Rogers (14.0), 190 yard high sticks; Godfrey Moore (24.8) and Joseph Middleton (23.7), broad jump; and Middleton (45-11) in the broad jump.

CIAA colleges were slated to participate in the 65th Penn Relays last weekend at Philadelphia.

The annual Carolina Relays at NCC this weekend was expected to provide track and field start a last minute chance to engage formidable competition before the important conference carnival May 8-9 at Va State.

Although unlisted in current NAAIA stats, WESTC's Quantico Carnival relay champions promise great things in the East this season. However, NCC's relay foursome, winners over the Rams in three of four relay races at Winston-Salem last week, appear in position to challenge the powerful clubs of the Rams and Morgan State's Bears.

## Grambling And Bishop Sign A 2-Yr. Contract

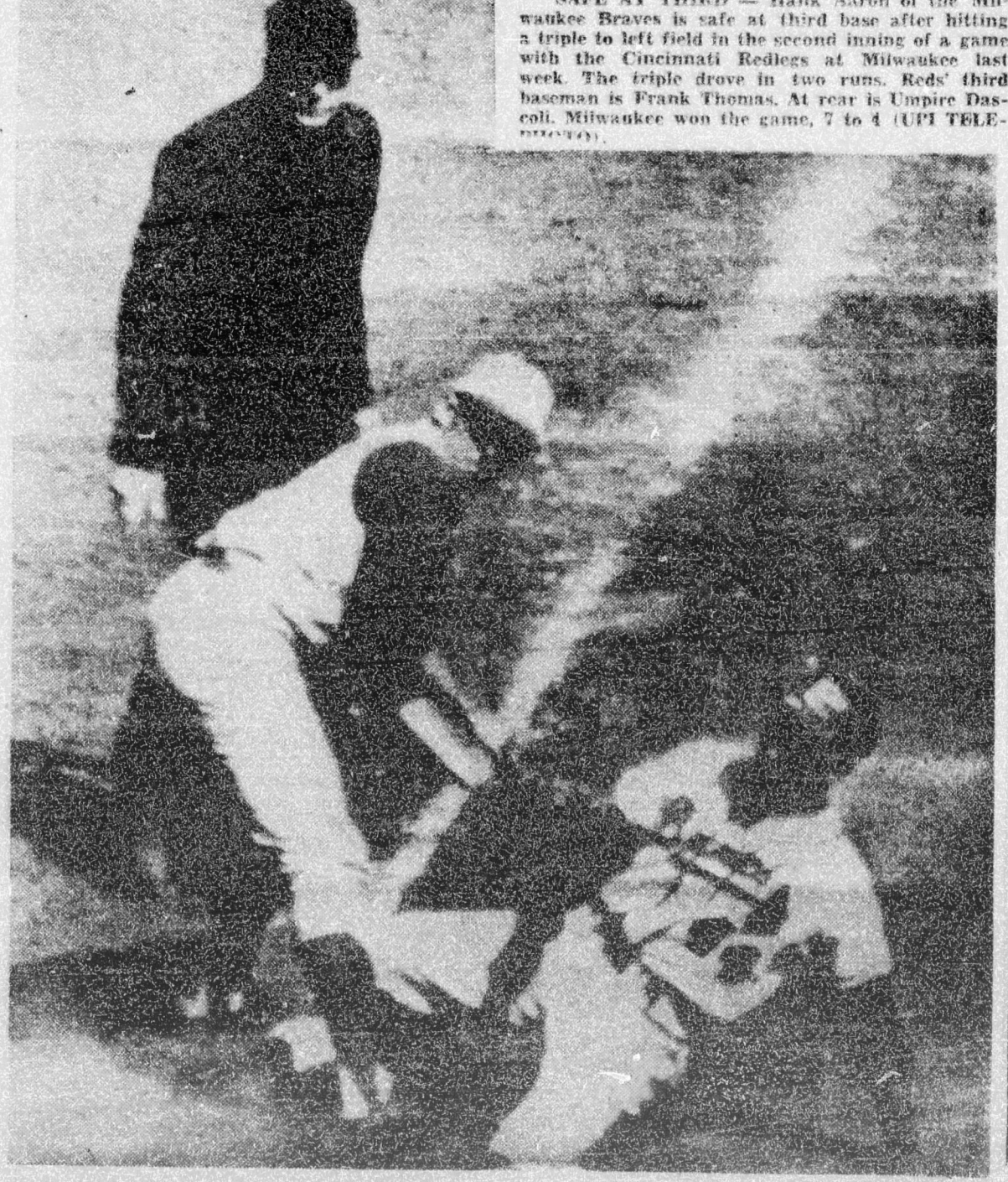
GRAMBLING, La. — Athletic Director Eddie Robinson announced Monday that Grambling has signed a two-year football pact with Bishop College of Marshall, Texas.

The cross-state rivals will play in 1959 and 1960. Dallas will be the site of the first game on Sept. 19.

Bishop, coached by foxy Dwight Fisher is enroute to more consistent contention in area and inter-sectional competition after a seven-year hiatus that saw the Parsons make headlines in athletics with embarrassing infrequency.

Fisher led Bishop through an 8-1 campaign last fall.

Grambling will play a 10-game slate for the first time since 1955 when it won national Negro championship honors.



**SAFE AT THIRD** — Hank Aaron of the Milwaukee Braves is safe at third base after hitting a triple to left field in the second inning of a game with the Cincinnati Redlegs at Milwaukee last week. The triple drove in two runs. Reds' third baseman is Frank Thomas. At rear is Umpire Dascoll. Milwaukee won the game, 7 to 4 (UPI TELEPHOTO.)

## Gilbert And Rams Spark CIAA Runners In 65th Penn Relays

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — (CIAA News Service) — Winston-Salem Teachers College rising to the occasion in magnificent style, led all CIAA colleges in a thrilling performance at the 65th annual Pennsylvania Relay Carnival in Philadelphia's Franklin Field. The Rams, coached by Wilbur Ross, set a new American collegiate record in the 480 yard shuttle hurdles relay as they skipped the hurdles in 37.5, to the delight of some 41,000 track fans here on Friday and Saturday, April 24 and 25.

Elias Gilbert's feats were hardly short of spectacular as he anchored the shuttle hurdles relay team for the Rams besides winning individual conquests in the 120 yard high hurdles and the Hillman 400-meter hurdles.

The National Collegiate high hurdles champion equaled the record of 1:37 set by Lee Calhoun of North Carolina College in 1957 as he retained his Penn Relay title in this event.

The mark of 37.5 run by the Rams in the shuttle hurdle relay shattered the Rams' own Penn record of 58.6 as well as the American mark of 58.4 set by Missouri in

## GOOFIN' OFF BY "SKINK"

A "howl" from two or three corners of the state protesting a statement made in "Goofin' Off" a fortnight ago crediting former Coach Frank McDuffie of Laurinburg with being the only schoolboy coach in North Carolina to have two former players go into organized professional ball and stay there, produced nothing to disaffirm anything different from what had already been said.

It is true that Altman from Goldsboro is with the Chicago Cubs and Bobby Perry of New Bern is a "call up" to the Giants; but the "big time" season is in front of them and all concerned fans are pulling to the fullest for their major professional success. Sam Jones and West Covington of Laurinburg came through, and Coach McDuffie was the beginning of both of them.

**COACH SIMON COATES OF NEW BERN SENDS THREE TO THE BIG TEN**

Heavy Coach Simon Coates of the J. T. Barber High School in New Bern is the only high school coach in North Carolina to ever send three of his proteges to the Big Ten, and one—Big Walt Bellamy, 6'10 1/2" in height at 244 lbs., with a game point average of 16.6—is not only the powerhouse on the Indiana basketball team, but the big noise in big time college basketball. In the Kansas State-Indiana game he outscored Bob Boozer for the time they were paired against each other and Kansas State followers rated Big Walt in that game as more impressive than Wilt Chamberlain's sophomore appearance at Manhattan.

Earl Bryant, 6'2" at 184 lbs., another Coates product at Indiana, was a sensation on the freshman football team last fall and is a bright Indiana hopeful for the varsity next season.

Charlie Holloway, 6'3" at 206, a graduating senior at J. T. Barber will use a football scholarship at the University of Iowa next fall. Holloway made All-State in 1956 and '58 and has been the rave in high school football circles during his four seasons of football competition. The great All-American Duke Slater—Iowa All-time great, now a Chicago Judge—is a Holloway enthusiast.

Bellamy, Bryant and Holloway were basketball and football teammates for two years and Coach Simon Coates inspired the three to the point in their careers where the heights are unlimited.

Bellamy played his final North Carolina high school game against Ligon High School of Raleigh in the state tournament in Durham. New Bern led in the first quarter, 16-13; at halftime, 27-19; third quarter, 50-40; but Raleigh won, 65-63. Coach Coates says that in the fourth period Bellamy dunked in ten points and the official charged Bellamy with hanging on with each dunk and nullified the score which put Raleigh out in front. Coach Coates says, "until now those 'calls' are among the saddest memories of his 'coaching' repertoire."

Bellamy is still dunking them in out in the big ten; but he is not being charged with hanging on.

Note: "Big Bob" Mann, Michigan All-American and some years ago, was a star football player and graduate of J. T. Barber High School in New Bern.

Sedrick Suggs, a high school sensation in North Carolina football a couple of seasons ago from Booker T Washington High School in Rocky Mount, will shake hands next fall with Bryant on the Indiana varsity. Coach "Big Red" Atkinson of the "Fighting Bookers" has won state championships in two consecutive years and Suggs was instrumental in leading his team to the first title.

**HILLSIDE 4; LIGON**

Something went wrong. It always does when favorites lose. Hillside came up from nowhere and spanked the Little Blues, 4-1, last weekend in the most surprising upset in modern North Carolina high school baseball. How did it happen? The Ligon charges are seasoned performers and Hillside hasn't played a complete baseball schedule in five years.

Maybe overconfidence, maybe complacency, maybe head heavy may be the name Hillside, maybe an off day, maybe anything that could allow Hillside to cross home plate with four runs to Ligon's one. Where was "Doobum" Tate, Maryland "Cooney" Jones, Napoleon Johnson, Christmas, "Money" and other star performers of better days? If such a fruitless performance occurs once or twice again, the schoolboy Yankees will be yanked as the "top flops" of the high school baseball gauntlet.

The Raleigh Tigers will need more batting power to halt such teams as Kansas City, Birmingham and Detroit unless they are suffering from the same weakness. The defense is ready. Pitching and catching is plenty dependable, but against curve ball pitching the batting is below par. "Lip music" won't make batters hit the ball. It's practice, practice and ability to develop.

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