

Little Blues, State Champions, Suffer First Loss

AAU To Expand Youth Program

Nation-Wide Acceleration Announced

NEW YORK (ANP) — Plans for accelerating its four "Youth Activity Programs" on a nation-wide basis were announced Friday by the Amateur Athletic Union of the U. S.

Three coordinators have been named by Kellum Johnson, President of the Union. Bob Kiphuth, noted Yale university swimming coach will be chief of the trio. Assisting him will be Robert Montigny of Cuyahoga Falls, O. and Victor Di Filippo of South Orange, N. J.

Through the A. A. U. Age Group Swimming and Track and Field, Junior Olympics, Physical Fitness tests and Olympic Development of American youth and have already done much to raise the level of the nation's physical fitness, it is hoped that far more interest can be stimulated through this plan.

Howard Prof Featured In Greensboro

DR. BROWN IN ADDRESS GREENSBORO — Two addresses by Dr. Sterling A. Brown, professor of English at Howard University, Washington, D. C., featured the annual Humanities Week observance at Bennett College last week.

Dr. Brown illustrated his Thursday night address with readings from some of the poems from his book, "Southern Road," among them "Old Lem," "Strong Man" and "Long Gone." On Friday morning he spoke on "The Negro in Fine Arts" theme of this year's observance. Later, he talked informally with student groups and visited a number of classes.

On Tuesday night, Bennett College students who won prizes in a poetry contest, read their poems, and other students read from the works of Langston Hughes, Paul Laurence Dunbar, Margaret Walker and James Weldon Johnson.

Winner of the poetry contest was Miss Nancy Choi, a senior, of Seoul, Korea, with her poem, "Taust at Twelve O'clock." Miss Linda Brown of Akron, Ohio, a sophomore, was second with "Precocious Curiosity." Tied for third place were Misses Louisa Pope, senior, of South Pittsburg, Tenn.; Shirley Thompson, sophomore, of St. Pauls, and Theresa Keyes, freshman, of Randallstown, Maryland.

Morgan's Orators Affirmative Team Winners In Pa.

BALTIMORE, Md. — A boy-girl team of orators from Morgan State College out-talked all competitors to win the highest ranking affirmative team honors at the University of Pittsburgh Spring Novice Debate Tournament.

Frances Nicholson and Hughlyn Pierce, both members of the D. O. W. Holmes Debate Society, were awarded a handsome team trophy for their achievement.

The debaters competed in a field of approximately 200 orators from 18 schools in 7 states, with arguments centered on this year's national debate topic, "Resolved, That the further development of nuclear weapons should be prohibited by international agreement."

Last year, the same duo won top negative team honors at the Dickinson College tournament. Both are sophomores.

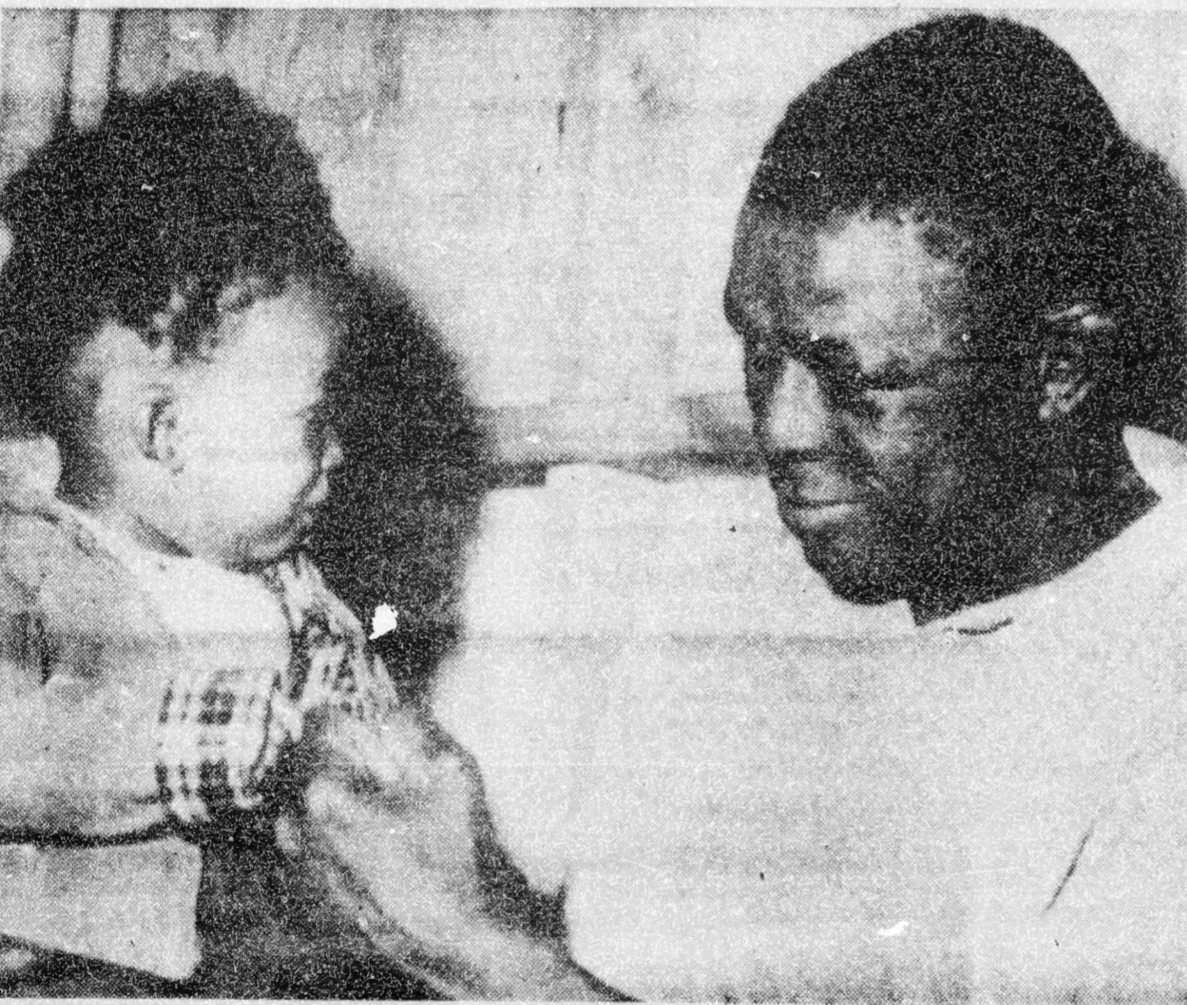
In other recent debate honors, Morgan orators won 8 out of 12 debates at the Rutgers University Debate Tournament. Representing the college were Mr. Pierce, Henry Sands, John Risher, and William Wagstaff.

Wagstaff, president of the Holmes debaters, was selected the fourth ranking speaker in a group of the top ten selected by judges out of the field of some 200. Morgan's team ranked seventh in the group of thirty-five schools.

Harold B. Chinn of the English and Speech faculty is director of debate at the college. Coach of Miss Nicholson and Mr. Pierce is Leroy Giles, also of the English faculty.



READY FOR ACTION — Heavyweight boxing champion Floyd Patterson is shown donning his head gear prior to going into the ring for a workout at his training quarters in Indianapolis, Indiana. The champ, who will defend his title against Brian London Friday night, is training at the Indianapolis Coliseum, site of the title fight. (UPI TELEPHOTO).



YOUNGEST FAN — Former welterweight champion Virgil Akins holds his fist up for his eight-month-old son, Joel, to inspect. The youngster paid his dad a visit at the gym where he was working out at St. Louis, Mo., last Wednesday. Akins lost in his bid to regain his crown in a 15-round bout with Don Jordan on the night of April 24. Jordan won the bout by a unanimous decision. (UPI TELEPHOTO).

COVERING SPORTS

BY ASSOCIATED NEGRO PRESS

MEMO TO DERBY FANS: Ten fans joining the thousands of racing fans thronging to Louisville, for the 85th running of the Kentucky Derby, Saturday can perform a memorable and significant tribute to America's greatest jockey by organizing a pilgrimage to the grave of Isaac Murphy at Lexington. Besides honoring Murphy—a Negro and the first three-time Derby winner—the pilgrimage, if properly organized, could also serve to dramatize the injustice done to race jockeys since the heyday of the famed rider.

Angle: Although Negro riders have written some of the most glorious chapters in the history of racing in America, segregation and the greed of white competitors have combined to "freeze" them off the track. None have ridden in the Louisville classic since Jimmy Winkfield won the Derby in 1902.

The freezeout has been so rigid that today Negroes are employed at the tracks only as stable cleaners and exercise boys. The whole rotten setup is an insult to Murphy, whose performance in winning 14 derbies over a span of 16 years is still unmatched in American turf racing. Murphy's grave, bare but for a plain wooden marker bearing his name, is located in old Number Two Cemetery on East Seventh St. in Lexington, just a few hours removed from Louisville.

BALLYHOO DEPARTMENT: The ballyhoo boys are finding it difficult to drum up interest for the Floyd Patterson-Brian London tuncup title bout at the Indianapolis Fairgrounds May 1. Reasons: Fans are looking past the London bout to the Patterson-Johanson showdown in June, while Floyd's long absences from the ring has decreased his popularity as a box-office attraction. An equal flop in date, has been the efforts of Abe Saperstein's press agents to publicize as a coming champion, Antonio Marcella, Abe's so-called South American welterweight phenom.

The boys are learning that you can build a ring rep on the basis of victories over "setups" in second rate fight clubs. And what happened to Philadelphia's Len Matthews, until recently billed as the hottest lightweight discovery? Len was unbeaten in 15 fights until he ran into journeyman fighter Paulie Armistead of California, and more recently, Carlos Ortiz of New York, a powderpuff puncher, who stopped him on a TKO in six rounds.

THEY HAD IT COMING: Boston Red Sox brass have no one but themselves to blame for the adverse publicity connected with the NAACP charge of the club's discrimination of Jerry (Pumpsie) Green, first and only Negro to wear the Sox uniform. Green had what many consider an all-to-brief tryout with the club during spring training and then was politely and quietly shipped to Minneapolis, Boston's minor affiliate.

But apart from the Green case Red Sox brass, despite their protestations, had plenty of opportunities to grab tonight Negro talents since the advent of Jackie Robinson on the major league scene. Unless their scouts were asleep or color-

Big Dates For Lincoln's Athletic Teams Revealed

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY, Pa. (ANP) — Three big dates, including the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association Track and Field championships at Virginia State college, have been announced for athletic teams at Lincoln university.

The Lions thincalcs will engage the Trojans of USC, May 8-9. The other dates and contests on the Lions schedule, are a golf match with Howard university, Washington, May 14, and tennis matches with Rutgers college, Philadelphia Textile Co., and Millersville State, May 2, 7, and 11.

Aggie-Elizabeth City Game Not Completed

GREENSBORO — The balance of a baseball game between the A and T College Aggies and Elizabeth City State Teachers College interrupted last Saturday night by rain, will have to be completed in Elizabeth City later.

The Aggies were leading, 6-1, in the bottom of the sixth as action was suspended. The decision to play the remaining

NCC Wins 3 Of 4 Relays Versus Winston's Rams

WINSTON-SALEM Special — Coach Leroy T. Walker's relay team, in a bid for national honors, won three of four relays from Wilbur Ross' Quantico Carnival champions here at Winston-Salem's Relays last Saturday.

The Eagles also won five first places and two seconds to be runner-up in the meet which the Rams won.

Elias Gilbert in the 120 highs and 220 low hurdles won in impressive times of 14 flat and 23.2. Vance Robinson, NCC's highly touted century star, blazed thru his specialty in 9.6 to finish ahead of Rams Bob Manning and Charles Lewis.

Walkers sprint relay charges dashed out front first with the foursome of Bobby Dobbs, Willie Ward, Robinson, and Walt Johnson defeating the pride of the Rams.

Running the quarter mile relay later, the Eagles jetted through in 42.2 to lumble the proud champions of Quantico fame.

For their triple triumph of the day, the Eagle speedsters upset Ross' runners in the half mile event with 1:27.0 time.

Mason O'Neal paced the NCC runners in the third relay follow-Dobbs, and Willie Ward. Ward led by Freeman Hightower, Bobby ran a 1:54.5 anchor to overcome a two foot deficit and give the bacon to NCC.

Carl Hawthorne, NCC distance ace, copped the mile run in 4:36.5.

Noble Sissle Pleads For USO Fund Help

WASHINGTON (ANP) — "Because the world is not in a shooting war, many people fail to realize that there are still more than 25 million American service men and women in the Armed Forces," declared Noble Sissle recently.

In Washington to attend the national council of the United States service organizations meeting at Sheraton Park hotel, Sissle spoke of the continued needs for contributions to supply entertainment to armed forces personnel.

"It is hard for the general public to realize that the USO's functions are just as important in keeping good morale of the military personnel during the cold war as it is when the war is hot," he said.

Sissle is a member of the entertainment committee who helps to solicit first class entertainment for the boys overseas. The USO sponsors three types of activities for the army installation - religious services, entertainment and clubs. He expressed hope in interesting Sammy Davis to take an overseas USO tour.

Many entertainers have gone over from time to time including top notch Negro entertainers, Lena Horne was among the group which has visited army camps. The most recent was Frank Motley who visited Turkey and the Far East as a member of the "Swinging Along" variety show.

A number of colleges are now taking plays overseas under the auspices of the American Educational Theater association. Florida A and M is one such college whose play was directed by Randolph Edmonds. They are now considering sending a group over from Chicago City college.

President Rufus Clements, Atlanta University, also attended the Meeting. He is one of the 30 members on the board of governors. Mrs. Ralph Bunche is another member of the board but was not present.

Hillside Gets 4 To 1 Win Over Raleigh Baseballers

First baseman Woods' home run was the big blow of the game as Hillside High snapped Ligon's winning streak and handed them a 4-1 setback in their bid for state honors.

Ligon pitchers only allowed 3 hits but gave up 7 walks and committed two errors in losing their first game of the season.

The Little Blues managed 4 scattered hits but were unable to capitalize on the breaks. The big bat of Ligon's 3rd baseman, Thomas Bennett, was silenced as he failed to get a hit and broke his hitting streak at six games.

Cheek was the winning pitcher. Raymond Henderson started for Ligon and was charged with the loss on his first start since being converted from short stop.

Ligon had to play without the full services of Wendell Smith, their number 1 catcher. Smith pulled a muscle in practice. William Tate, slugging left fielder, handled the catching chores. Coach Williams stated that he hoped that Smith would be ready by Monday when the Blues take on Henderson in Raleigh so that the team could go at full strength. Ligon beat Henderson, 16-3, Monday night.

Ligon outbit Hillside, 4-3, but their hits were scattered. The Little Blues grabbed the lead by scoring a run in the 1st inning as Napoleon Johnson led off with a single.

Hillside came back in their half to go ahead on a walk and home run and to never again be headed.

Red Sox And Monarchs To Play Tigers

A pair of Negro American League teams, the Memphis Red Sox and the Kansas City Monarchs, will invade Raleigh for a pair of exhibition games with the Raleigh Tigers.

Memphis is slated to meet the Tigers at Chavis Park on Tuesday night, May 12th, and the Kansas City Monarchs will take on the Tigers in an afternoon contest at Chavis Park on Wednesday at 3 p. m.

The Tigers, having already scored exhibition victories over a pair of strong state semi-pro teams, Durham Rams and Greensboro Red Sox, take on another good semi-pro club, Fayetteville Cardinals at Chavis Park on Thursday night, April 30.

The Tigers lost a total of 15 exhibition games prior to opening their official Negro American League season at Newark, N. J.

Raleigh is slated to meet the Newark Indians at Roosevelt Stadium on Sunday, May 17th in the loop's opener.

The Tigers exhibition slate follows:

April 30, Fayetteville Cardinals, at Raleigh; May 2, Edenton, at Edenton; 3, Edenton, at Edenton; 4, Durham, at Durham; 7, Newark, at Norwood; 8, Holly Hill, at Holly Hill, S. C.; 9, Holly Hill, at Holly Hill, S. C.; 10, Sharpsburg, at Sharpsburg; 11, Greenville, at Greenville, S. C.; 12, Memphis Red Sox, at Raleigh; and 13, Kansas City Monarchs, at Raleigh.

L. T. Walker, Eagles' Track Coach, To Tour Europe

DURHAM — Dr. Leroy T. Walker, professor of physical education and track coach at North Carolina College, will leave Durham early in June for a tour of Europe and the Near East.

His trip will be under the auspices of the U. S. State Department's International Education Exchange auspices. Specialist Branch.

While Walker, coach of Lee Calhoun, 1956 Olympic gold medalist in the 110 meter high hurdles, will conduct clinics and lectures on athletics and problems related to physical fitness programs, generally, he will also devote considerable time to his specialty, track and field events.

Arthur Ashe, Jr., Will Defend His Scholastic Tennis Crown

DURHAM — Arthur Ashe, Jr. of Maggie Walker High, Richmond, will defend his interscholastic crown in Durham, May 14, 15, 16 in the A.T.A. National Interscholastic USLTA Qualifying tournament. Ashe is the youngest champion ever to wear the crown. Can he repeat, is a \$64 question. Ashe will receive a real test in the Virginia State Tournament at Petersburg, May 1 and 2, where he will meet the most feared opponent in tennis, "Red" Cunningham of Dunbar High, Lynchburg.

In the national, competition will be very tough and Ashe will not reach the semi-finals before he loses a game, like he did last year. Some players gunning for a place on the Qualifying team that will play in Charlottesville June 15 are "Red" Horace Cunningham, Joe Williams, National Junior ATA champion of Laurinburg Institute, Laurinburg; Charles Brown, Hillside High, Durham; Hubert Eaton, Jr., Lennox High, Lennox, Mass. Eaton is captain of his team and may elect to represent his school with hopes of being drafted to the Development Team for the summer on his showing in Charlottesville.

Thomas H. A. W. Willis, Hillside High, Wilmington, a member of the team two years ago, almost upset the number one Boy's Champion Robert Siska at Kalamazoo, Mich. James E. Malone, number two player to Clark, Grabner National Boys Champion Cleveland, Ohio, City rating; Grabner is present USLTA Boys champion.

In addition to these players there will be a large number of other players from Georgia including Long from Atlanta. Players from South Carolina, Pennsylvania, Maryland, D. C. and the largest number of players ever entered from North Carolina. The committee will try to enlarge the development team if money becomes available.

All players are urged to send to: Mr. W. L. Cooke, 2100 Otis Street, Durham, N. C., for room reservations. If you do not have entry blank write to W. L. Cooke. Entries must be in by May 12. Draw will be made May 13. Play starts May 14 at 8 A. M. Be there or be defaulted.

Raleigh Tigers Top Greensboro

The Raleigh Tigers defeated the Greensboro Red Sox Sunday by a score of 3 to 1. Both teams were scoreless until the 5th inning. Raleigh made the first score on an easy double play. An error was made by second baseman "Rip" Mangum.

In the seventh inning, pitcher Horace Bell gave up a walk, a hit and a double that netted two runs.

The game was fast and well-played. Wells and Worington were outstanding for the Tigers, while C. Bell, H. Bell and Hinton played good ball for Greensboro.

Negro Athlete Represents Us, Says Jim Brown

NEW ORLEANS, La. — (ANP) — Jim Brown, star fullback of the Cleveland Browns' football team, was the featured speaker at Dillard University's annual athletic banquet in honor of its Blue Devil teams recently.

Brown, rated the 1958 "Professional Player of the Year" credited the Negro athlete with a major role in improving race relations.

"Whether he likes it or not, the Negro athlete represents his race in the public mind. We have been most fortunate generally in the kind of representation we have had," Brown told the Dillard audience.

"The Negro athlete, particularly, has a great responsibility. He must be qualified to lead and inspire. He must be an educated person," he cautioned.

The Michael Dorizas Memorial Trophy is awarded the outstanding high school athlete at the Penn Relays. The trophy is given in honor of a legendary Pennsylvania football player, wrestler, and winner of the inaugural javelin throw at the Relays in 1914.

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