

Frank Figments

By MIKE FLOYD

Sonny Liston convinced the last of the Patterson fans that he is the better boxer. He may have shown them too convincingly, for Comisky Park was not nearly filled this time and next time, wherever it may be, there probably won't be as many as then. That could cost Liston a million or two (\$\$). Floyd Patterson never satisfied men in the profession that he was as good as his title. His manager has protected him all along from tough fights, accounting for his "fine record". If you think Liston is invincible, watch for his inevitable bout with Cassius Clay.

Pick The Winners; Win Five Dollars

Do you want five dollars? If you do, pit your mind against this matter. The points listed in parenthesis by the names of the various teams are points to pad the score of the underdog. Adding these points to the actual scores of the teams, pick the winners.

- Anyone who delivers the answers of all ten games THE BLACKBIRD room by 3:40 Friday afternoon will win. Should there be more than one winner, the pot will be distributed among them.
- Clemson Vs. Wake Forest (12)
 - Duke Vs. Florida (15)
 - Maryland Vs. NCS (9)
 - UNC (20) Vs. Mich. St.
 - Harvard Vs. Cornell
 - Notre Dame Vs. Purdue
 - LSU Vs. Georgia Tech (12)
 - Miami (Fla.) Vs. Fla. St. (8)
 - Southern Cal. Vs. Iowa (8)
 - Ohio St. Vs. UCLA (17)

American League crown. The Los Angeles Dodgers predicted from the first of the season to win the Senior Loop flag, did an almost impossible final week pluge, and wound up in a playoff with the San Francisco Giants. Both teams have exciting ballplayers and the experts are putting the winner of the NL playoff over the Yankees. Only time will tell. Sandy Koufax will hold the key to the Dodgers' hopes, both in the playoffs and in the World Series.

This could be one of the few times in history that the odds-makers will not favor the Yanks. Some say that the American League was exceptionally strong, accounting for the fact that the Yankees only won three of every five. Yet, the National loop had three teams with better records than that.

Rocky Mount leads the Eastern 4-A Conference in two offensive categories.

The categories that they are first in are especially offensive to their opponents, as they are total offense and rushing offense. The total offensive average is 303.3 yards; the rushing offense average is 261 yards; and the difference in total offenses is 159 yards.

Coach C. V. Lundy is adding to my "bookie" sideline. He has offered a season's pass to all Rocky Mount athletic contests for this year to the first person that submits the correct winners of the Eastern 4-A games to be played this weekend, including the margin of victory by eight points. Deliver your calculations to THE BLACKBIRD room.

Schedule Seems Rough For Birds For Last Games

The Eastern 4-A Conference appears to be as well balanced as it has been in recent years.

Raleigh, Rocky Mount, and Fayetteville are the leading contenders for the conference crown. Goldsboro has a fine team but, having lost twice, they must be counted out of the race; however, they may play the role of spoiler.

Rocky Mount is now in the midst of five straight conference games. This Friday, the Blackbirds face their most important clash of the season, meeting the Fayetteville Bulldogs. The game should be a defensive struggle as Fayetteville has allowed only seven points per game and RM has allowed 4.5 points per game. Fayetteville leads the conference in both rushing defense and total defense.

After Fayetteville, Wilson comes to Rocky Mount to continue their personal feud for the Shelton Looms Trophy. Wilson is possibly the weakest team in the conference, but the intense rivalry between the schools must be reckoned with.

The following Friday, the Blackbirds journey to Durham in another critical game. Durham gave the number one team in the state a stiff battle last Friday before falling 7-0, the touchdown coming on a pass interception. Although it has lost one conference game now it can not be completely counted out of the race.

The last two regular season games of the year will be tough ones for the Birds as they play the number one and the number two teams in the state. All-around quarterback, Jeff Bever, leads the Myers Park Mustangs against the Blackbirds, hoping to get some measure of revenge for last year's 21-18 loss. Raleigh, defending state champions, lost their first game of the year but have improved steadily. The Raleigh offense features the talented running of Austol Youmans, who played a big part in the Capitals' 21-0 triumph over Rocky Mount last season.



Aided by a block by Bill Blaylock (84), Froggie Ricks takes off on a fine 60-yard run. (Photo by Killebrew)

Jayvees Win First Three Games; Ricks Leads Win Over Raleigh, 7-6

Rocky Mount Senior High Junior Varsity kept its slate clean with a hard-fought 7-6 win over Needham Broughton Jayvees. The Babybirds had previously beaten Wilson, 20-6, and Durham, 13-7.

Piling up 177 yards rushing, the Babybirds scored on a five-yard run by Froggie Ricks. On the previous play, Ricks had jaunted 60 yards to set up the winning touchdown. Jerry Lundy added the extra point, which was eventually to become the victory margin. Offensive stars were Ricks, Steve Peterson, Jimmy Arrington, and Joe Swaim. Defensive stars were Henry Strickland, Don Rabon, Mike Boykin, and Bunn Woodard.

In the 20-6 win over Wilson in the season opener, Ricks, Swaim, and Arrington scored the touchdowns. Arrington and

Ricks had punt returns of 40 and 45 yards to set up touchdowns. Defensive stars were Rabon, Woodard, and Don Bennett.

Arrington and Peterson scored the two touchdowns in the win over Durham. Both came on short runs. Jimmy Clack and Lee Pearce were the outstanding defensive stars.

The Jayvees next game is October 11, when they play Enloe in Raleigh.

Whitley said of the Babybirds: "I think we've progressed offensively and move the ball real well. We've been pleased by the progress of some boys who have never played before: Mickey Hagan, Henry Strickland, Gary Brown, Ronald Moore, and Chip Edwards. The team should have 20-25 players developed for the varsity by the end of the season."

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Jerry Lewis in
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and
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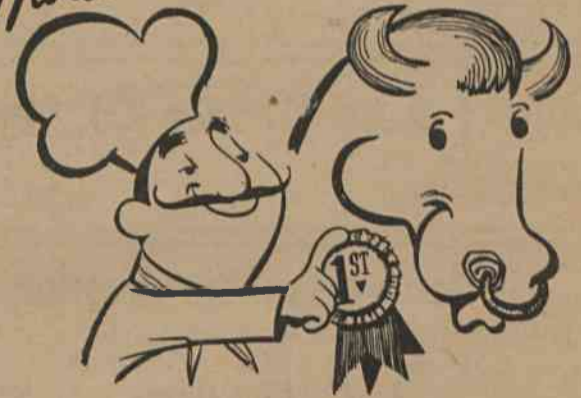
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