

# CIAA BASKETBALL CHAMPS TOP AGGIES 67-60

## Beating The Gun

BY ALVIN MOSES

### NEGRO LEAGUE BASEBALL MUST SURVIVE

NEW YORK (AP)—We receive in an average month but less than 20 letters to our "Questions and Answers" box. Since Mrs. Ella Manney, wife of Abraham Manney, of the Newark branch of the NAACP, came to the attention of the Newark branch of the NAACP, most of our mail has been touched on her article and my answering piece read in the east coast in the PHILADELPHIA TRIBUNE, a weekly New Yorker is keenly interested in.

WHAT ABOUT NEGRO YOUTH (?)

Scanning quickly thru one of J. Lewis, Durham, N. C., we find this bit of logic: "Don't our boys have a stake in this national pastime and if not, why not? My father, now a man of 57, has had me about stars. He knew of a team, age had like Sol White, Great River Buckner, Matty Matthews, Harvard's university's greatest shortstop, Jackie Robinson's predecessor (forget his name now) in the international league, a 34-game winning pitcher with Newark (I think) back in the '80's, the "Black John McGraw", Andrew (Kube) Foster, and many more who paved the way for the Campanellas, Hankbeaus, Dobys and Robinson of 1948."

"Please don't stop even in your efforts to make Negro League baseball put its own framework in order and to make the loyal fans who did not disappear entirely when Rickey snatched Robinson away do their part by increased patronage."

Most of the letters were well written and carried similar punch lines like did this appreciated note from Mr. Lewis:

HARLEM GRILL OWNEH HAS PLAN

The one we decided to give most of our column to comes right from our own backyard in New York City. The writer is a property owner, happily married, and one intensely interested in Negro owned and operated enterprises. He writes: "I sent copies of the PHILADELPHIA TRIBUNE, in which the article appeared to many friends locally and one to my home town, Chicago. I feel that it is asking entirely too much to expect you, outstanding writer that you are, to bat 500 as we baseball fans say—for each and every New Yorker in support of brilliant Dr. John H. Johnson, re-elected league president and all his 1943 plays for the NEGRO NATIONAL LEAGUE. Such, in my humble opinion, would be to overload you."

"Of course I like big league baseball and have followed my favorite teams year in and year out. But as an American Negro, one devoted to the club of all Negro enterprises, I am all for Dr. Johnson's ideas of tightening up the loose-end making for a finer brand of diamond display on the part of our young as well as older league stars."

OUR SUPPORT VITAL

"I am not suggesting that we patronize Negro ball games just because the principles on the field happen to be of our color and racial origin. That would be a step in the wrong direction as you know for I have read articles penned by you touching on just this thing which I recall you termed, 'chavannism.' What I am saying here, Negro baseball has formed 70 miracles unbelievable to remain on its feet since the turn of the present century and before that, I feel this was achieved almost entirely upon mass Negro attendance and the support of white fans who came out to cheer on their sandlot heroes in clashes with ranking colored lines—all over this country. So, I would say that when we fail to include the once-a-week Negro baseball games played in N. Y. (Polo Grounds and Yankee Stadium), Ruppert Stadium, Newark, etc.—we shouldn't marvel when we read an article like yours, and the one Mrs. Manney gave out in her Dan Parker interview."

START COMMUNITY DRIVE

On reliable authority I understand that Harlem has more than 500 social clubs. Assuming there are but half that number, it would represent no mean box-office appeal to the magnates who took it on the chin during 1947. Such a turnout of youthful, intelligent and race-conscious baseball patrons will tend to fire the players to greater deeds and a quiet while patrons with a side of race that too many Sunday brawlers have reduced to a social pattern as it were.

From this second on this is my pledge to the NEGRO NATIONAL BASEBALL LEAGUE: (1) From my place of business where from 150 to 300 persons come and go daily, I will try to form a ticket-buying group who will attend all home games of the Cubans, New York Black Yankees and Mr. and Mrs. Manney's Newark Eagles. I will report to you (by a letter as usual) my progress in this connection. (2) I would like to meet with you at your or my office and plan an appointment for me with President Johnson to discuss a matter which I know, if acceptable to him and his colleagues, would place NEGRO BASEBALL, as well as other Negro enterprises such as education, hospitalization, slum clearance, etc.—in the forefront and not the rear of American affairs.

"I hope I have not consumed too much of your valuable space for time for I am prepared to bring forth a concrete plan for everything I have stated. May you continue to champion racial causes like you have since first me met, and with best personal regards, I remain,

Yours for Clean Sports,  
THAD STEVENS, New York."

### MELTING POT

In Harlem, near the corner of 132nd St. on 7th Ave., "small fry" betting commissioners are laying these odds (sidewalk talk of course) on the BRANCH RICKEY-ROBINSON, contract. The consensus of opinion lines up like this: for Rickey to pass Sir Robby a bundle of etchec amounting to \$20,000, it would serve to make Robinson's sophomore year a hurray. This school of thought does it out like this "Jackie, is at the crossroads where age is concerned. The fact that he lives a good life and is so much on the quick-thinking side of things, all of even on the close to 30 years, not young in a major-league baseball sense. Also, say these kids, "Robby has football shoulder and recurrent charley horses, since in his first year at Montreal, he was kept out of 27 games because of the latter ailment."

The other side of the picture feels that a \$15,000 pay check should be the lowest the Dodger first sacker should receive which would be TEN GRAND, and five century notes above his 47 salary. I feel that Robinson is worth every cent of \$20,000 with a bonus on box-office drawing just as KINER, TED WILLIAMS, BOB FELL, LEAND JOEY DIZENBAUGH get—while Robinson is a long way from being major baseball's greatest player, he is fast becoming the favorite of America's "Teen Age Gals" and when those kids of all races and color go for you, Brother, the club magnates had better watch their checkbooks.

SUNDAY NITE at spacious GOLDEN GATE ARENA, local fans saw a football favorite in action when massive MARION MOTLEY, famous Cleveland Browns star, played on the basketball court with the CANTON CUSHINGS of Ohio—a teammate of Motley's and ex-Renaissance Big Five player, "Wee" Willie Smith, skyline-act player against the NATIONALS.

MOTLEY and mates were guests at SAM TAUB Sunday by virtue of Harlem's Buster Miller getting them a "guest spot" with the genial brother of tailor Billy Taub whose Sunday "hour of champions" is heard weekly over the air—BEAU JACK proved conclusively to me that BILLY GRAHAM had better be at his best when Graham faces the Beau on Feb. 20 at Madison Square Garden. Despite the fact that a glaring White protector told one and all Friday nite in a Chicago ring that his injury fast sustained 13 months ago still bothered him, Jack punched hard enough to break "showbiz" Johnny Britton's jaw to score an eighth rd. TKO. The 13,000 fans who paid \$37,499 to see Beau Jack, most courageous fighter I ever knew come from behind to whip a real classy 20-year old kid who would be "tops" in my fistie book were he in Britain's social reading consumption) "the prizefight is no place for a foolish, vain exhibitionist—As we have often written (for to clown in, the circus tentback is reserved for clowns, etc.)

The fractured jaw punch that occurred in the seventh round was a Kid Gavilan-like holy punch which Beau shot across with lightning speed while foolish Branton was "muzzing." Branton will be out for two months according to Dr. John Drannin, Illinois Athletic Commission. With Weil and Chick Wengels still cutting in on the Beau Jack moneybags, I hope Jack gets most of his money from here on in for beautiful Mrs. Beau Jack has publicly stated her hubby was quick-changed in the past.

## W. Va. Hands Hampton Third Court Setback

HAMPTON, Va. — West Virginia 29, made another strong bid at State's 44, last Yellowjackets were in hot water more than once here Saturday but ran true to form in the last lap to beat Hampton Institute scrappy Pirates, 42-42.

Traced by the 40-point shooting of Robert Wilson, the Jackets jumped ahead, 10-4, at 6:25 of the first quarter and were never headed backward. Hampton pulled up one, three points behind at the half, 24-

## LOUIS IN BOUT WITH FOXWORTH

CHICAGO (AP)—Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis, weighing 220 pounds and looking a little flabby about the middle, easily demonstrated to 9,555 fans in the Coliseum here Thursday night that he was way above Bob Foxworth in boxing ability. The two appeared in a four-round exhibition match, wearing 10 ounce gloves.

Nearest thing to a knockdown came in the third round when Louis landed a right to the ear, and a right to the body, though countered by the blows Foxworth managed to keep on his feet, partly because Louis allowed him time to recover from the attack.

## W. Charlotte Lions In 23-19 Win Over Rams

CHARLOTTE — The West Charlotte Lions triumphed over the Highland Rams in a 23-19 victory in a Fieldmen Conference basketball battle at Charlotte Armory here Friday.

The Lions built up an 8-1 lead in the first eight minutes of play, but the Rams retaliated and closed the gap to 16-5 at halftime.

It was the uncanny dribbling and shooting of Mansey and Coleman which spoiled defeat for the Rams, for although they matched the Lions goal for goal in the first quarter the Lions found the range after that and quickly forged ahead, never to be overtaken.

WEST CHARLOTTE			
Player	G	FGS	F
Mansey	12	1	0
Sydney	2	0	0
McDowell	2	0	0
Johnson	6	0	0
Maxwell	2	0	0
Huntton	2	0	0
Shelby	0	0	0
Total	26	1	0

HIGHLAND RAMS			
Player	G	FGS	F
Stackston	6	3	0
Tolan	0	0	0
Wainman	4	0	0
Wainman	0	0	0
Minter	6	0	0
Thompson	0	0	0
Miller	0	0	0
Nixon	0	0	0
Total	16	3	0

Half time score, West Charlotte 6, Highland Rams 5. Outstanding plays were for West Charlotte: Sydney, Coleman, Maxwell, Griggs, Ferguson, Horton, McDowell, or Highland Rams: Stackston, Wainman, Minter, Punderbark, Wainman, Coleman.

## Tarheel On Dillard's New Basketball Team

NEW ORLEANS — Richard Brown of Wilmington is one of the eight out-of-state members of the Dillard University Blue Devils basketball team which is currently playing its first season on the hardwood.

The 18-man Dillard squad is evenly divided between residents of Louisiana and those of 8 other states. States presented in addition to North Carolina and Louisiana are Mississippi, Texas, Alabama, Pennsylvania, Oklahoma and Florida.

## Jackie Winning South

MIAMI, Fla. (CNS) — The South is giving way to accepting the mixed Brooklyn Dodger team to which this week was added a third Negro, pitcher, Roy Campanella. For in the Spring itinerary of the Dodgers, the deep South and southwest are well represented and each town has specifically requested that Jackie Robinson play.

Georgia, Texas and Oklahoma have all extended invitations to the Dodgers for exhibitions. Fort Worth, Dallas and Oklahoma City are towns named specifically for the Spring trip. It is noted that the Texas and Atlantans are rooting loudest for Jackie.

Of course, some part of the South is still "thumbs down" on the Dodgers with Robinson, Florida has gone out of its way to say "not welcome" to the Fleck if Jackie is along. And the Dodgers are retaliating by skipping the orange state on its trip in road training in the West Indies.

Va., scored 9, 7, and 7 points respectively to give the Jacket Wilson much stronger team support than his Pirate namesake could give.

West Virginia's winning streak has been all the more remarkable in that the Jackets have been on the road. The Pirates with an exceptionally tough schedule this year, are really in deep water now with one victory and three losses. Coach Buck Neilson's men this Saturday play host to Virginia State in the first of a five-game home stand over a two-week period—a stretch that will make or break their 1948 season.

The Pirates play Delaware State on the 9th, Howard on the 11th, Lincoln on the 14th, and Kentucky State, in a non-conference battle, on the 16th before hitting the road.

## Aggies Drop Hot Contest To Eagles In Overtime Tilt

GREENSBORO — In a closely contested match, decided by an overtime period, the North Carolina Eagles battled out a heated 60-50 victory over a fighting A. and T. basketball club here last Saturday night.

At the half Coach Johnny McLendon's Eagles enjoyed a scant seven-point edge with the score, 33-23 in their favor, but during the second period A. and T. overtook things up, scoring 27 points while leading North Carolina College to 20.

Thus knotted the score at 55-55, but in the five minutes of overtime play the Eagles scored 12 points against five for the hosts.

The high-flying Eagles, defended by champions of the CIAA, had to extend themselves to the limit to stop the fighting Aggie tide. Eddie (Flash) McCarroll who accounted for 17 points in the fray, was the margin of victory for the Durham club. The ransy 6 ft. 2 inch rookie, built from New York City, tallied six field goals and five free throws during the evening's activities.

## A. and T. College Cagers Top Twin City Teachers

GREENSBORO — Fighting to break the jinx of their four-game losing streak, the A. and T. College cagers battled their way to a 53-47 triumph over the Twin City Teachers of Winston-Salem Teachers College in a contest here last Wednesday night.

Anthony (Tony) Davis, colorful little Aggie forward, was the spark plug of the A. and T. attack. He found his range early in the game and ransy up basket after basket to compile 21 points, accounting for nine field goals and three free shots to register high points for the game.

Aiding and abetting Davis in the Aggie victory were Arthur Gooden and Tommy Priestley. Gooden scored nine points while Priestley came through with three timely free shots in the middle of the first half to give the A. and T. club their first sizeable lead.

## Jackie Robinson And Branch Rickey Win '47 Urban League Awards

NEW YORK — History was made when Branch Rickey, president of the Brooklyn Dodgers, smashed the barrier, which segregated Negro baseball players in the National pastime, and signed Jackie Robinson.

In recognition for the impact of the goodwill and fellowship which the event accomplished, the National Urban League, inter-racial social service agency, announced that Mr. Rickey and Jackie Robinson have been voted the 1947 season, have been voted the Jackie Robinson Award, the Dodgers' first baseman, the rookie of the League's "Two Friends Awards" for the year, 1947.

## Shaw Day Nursery To Be Closed All Week

RALEIGH — The Shaw University Nursery School will remain closed for the remainder of the week and will reopen Monday February 9, according to an announcement by Mrs. E. Yancy Jervay, Director. The decision was made at a conference with President Robert F. Daniel with a view to safeguarding the health of the more than 40 children enrolled in the school.

## Slim Win For Godoy

NEW YORK (CNS) — Arturo Godoy, whose chief fistie accomplishment is tied up in the fact that he once went 15 rounds with the invincible Joe Louis, and later managed eight more, barely won a 10-round decision over Muscato, a Bufilea heavyweight this week at St. Nick's Arena. Scoring ran as follows: Referee Abe Simon, 8 rounds to reach two even with 8 points for Muscato and 7 for Godoy; Judge Tom Quillfayle, 6 rounds.

JOHNSON C. SMITH (26)	
Player	G FGS
Foster	6
Byers	10
Bowser	2
Washington	20
Johnson	0
Wilson	0
Dorsey	0
Trickett	0
Turner	0
Total	36

NORTH CAROLINA STATE (52)	
Player	G FGS
Galbreath	10
Herring	10
Hunter	6
Young	8
Larver	2
Wassinate	2
McDougal	5
Nowas	4
McCarroll	2
Springfield	2
Outstanding players were:	
Smith — Mays, Washington, Bowser, and Turner; For N. C. State — Herring, Galbreath, Hunter, Young, McDougal and Wassinate.	
Halftime score, N. C. State 39, Smith 27.	

## IT'S AMAZING!

A GREEN-COLORED FOX WITH A BEAVER'S TAIL WAS BORN RECENTLY IN VLADIVOSTOCK, SIBERIA!

N. C. COLLEGE (67)						
Pos.	Player	G	FGS	FT	PF	FTM
F	H. Young	7	0	1	0	4
F	Whyte	0	0	1	0	0
F	Waver	0	0	0	0	0
F	Young	7	1	1	15	2
F	Galbreath	2	5	4	9	0
F	Hardy	0	0	2	0	0
G	Hunter	3	0	5	6	1
C	Miller	1	2	0	4	1
C	Boyers	0	0	0	0	0
G	McKay	5	5	1	17	1
G	Taylor	0	1	2	1	0
G	Harvey	0	0	3	0	0
C	McDougal	2	1	4	7	0
C	Massingale	0	1	0	0	0
Total		26	15	22	68	11

A. AND T. COLLEGE (60)						
Pos.	Player	G	FGS	FT	PF	FTM
F	A. Davis	5	1	5	11	2
F	Haywood	1	2	3	10	2
F	Parks	0	0	0	0	0
F	Martin	0	0	0	0	0
F	M. Davis	1	1	1	3	0
C	Wright	3	1	4	7	1
C	Douglas	2	4	2	8	0
G	LeFevre	1	1	1	3	1
G	Gooden	4	4	4	12	1
G	Harper	2	2	3	6	1
Total		22	16	25	60	16

## TAN TOPICS

By CHARLES ALLEN

FALEIGH — Raleigh fans who were eagerly awaiting last Saturday night to find whether or not the Shaw Bears will be able to even this season's cage wars by scoring a win over the Shaw Bears will have to keep on waiting.

The rain, first and, finally, snow which fell up, everywhere this week end, kept both teams on their respective campuses where study for semester exams rather than baseball was the order of the day.

While the Bears led the Saints by nine points to a 52-43 victory in their first meeting, Raleigh fans are looking for a hotly contested game when the schedule permits the playing of the postponed game.

## Weatherman Halts St. Aug-Shaw Game

WASHINGTON, D. C. (G) — An investigation has been ordered at the Memphis and Knoxville, Tenn. post offices by Senator William Langer, Republican of North Dakota, chairman of the Senate Post Office Committee by the National Alliance of Postal Employees.

## Dixie Rule Blamed For Jim Crow In Pro Golf

The domination of pro golf by "white men" with "unlimited prizes" was blamed this week for the recent barring of three top flight golfers from the \$10,000 Richmond (California) Open.

## Southern Post Office Bias Is Under Inquiry

John B. Fisher has been assigned to inquire into the complaint that World War II veterans have been denied certification as clerks because of their color and other abuses of upgrading for other postal workers in New Orleans, Shreveport and Baton Rouge, La., Selma, Ala. and Atlanta had been received by the Alliance.

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IN THE YUNNAN PROVINCE OF CHINA, THERE ARE A CERTAIN SPECIES OF WEBBED-FOOT DUCKS THAT CAN'T SWIM!!

LIVE SNAKES WERE WORN AS SHOE ORNAMENTS BY THE FASHIONABLE EGYPTIAN WOMEN OF ANCIENT TIMES!!

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