

MAJORS' USE OF STARS HITS NEGRO LEAGUES

Beating The Gun

BY ALVIN MOSES

NEW YORK—(ANP)—EZZARD CHARLES, hardest hitter the 15 pound division has known since Kid Norfolk retired, ended a career of 20-year-old Sam Baroudi Friday night, Feb. 20, in a cage ring. A hard left to the stomach dropped the popular Haitian (he was born at Akrou, O.) after 47 seconds of the 10th and final round had gotten underway. Baroudi dying of a brain hemorrhage in Columbus Memorial hospital where he was treated.

SUPPORT OF PARENTS
There is no joy in Harlem near the vicinity of 128th and 129th streets. I got down these lines for a loving father and mother awaited their young son's return in vain. Strangely enough, Baroudi himself ex-ecuted the indescribable moments of madness and worry last year when his opponent died from a series of Sam Baroudi head punches. What does it all add up to, sports fans?

I think this: Many of us have written pieces down thru the years demanding that STATE BOXING (Athletic) COMMISSIONS put not merely teeth, but wholehearted concern into their rules concerning the fighters themselves. The parents of Sam Baroudi are without the earnings power of a decent boy who under more normal circumstances might easily have contributed to their happiness and support for a quarter century or more. My delving into this matter reveals the fact that the late boxer's kin are left only with Baroudi's end of the \$5,000 he received from this fatal bout.

MAKE THE FUND MANDATORY
This could and should be arched immediately along with another point on my often-suggested agenda. (a)—Let the commissions of N. Y. and Chicago start the ball rolling for a nationwide FUND FOR ALL BOXERS. This would take care of the indigent ones; boxers who have become "washed up" as they say, and a lump sum for the next of kin in such incidents as the Charles Baroudi tragedy.

JOE YANCEY, coach of the greatest track club composed of ranking white and colored athletes, was always top in my book as you readers well know. Today, one sees the name of Sam Baroudi in the ranking papers here in the East and the Yancey name is one to be reckoned with in select track meet circles. In fact, Joe Yancey has become a symbol in the business of churning out men capable of performances of Olympic standards.

In the John Berman Memorial 600 to be raced March 12 at the 369th Regiment armory, N. Y. Pioneer club (Yancey's pride) will include the great REGGIE FEARMAN, N. Y. University, and the Yancey-trained ROSCOE BROWN. This should provide an exciting race, one of the highlights of the much talked about meet.

MELTIN' POT
HEALTH HINTS: To Robert Brandon Jersey City, we try to explain your question on allergy and exercises for the feet as follows:—There is still no accepted definite cure for allergy, one of New York's noted colored physicians informs me. It is a natural biological phenomenon that has gone wrong. After you have undergone the scratch test for absolute certainty as to whether you have the known symptoms, your "food enemy" will be discovered and a complicated chemical called "aminophylline" will strive to combat it.

The constant soreness of your feet after gym-exercises and boxing sessions, might well be blamed on the fact that we of the 20th century, pay the price for living in an age in which hard wood floors, concrete walks, etc., prevent the leg muscle exercising our bare feet and try picking up sea-shells, pebbles and other objects this summer. You will thank me for it when I hear from you again.

STORY OF THE WEEK—Lewis Burton, N. Y. Evening Journal writer, had many things to say about Joe Louis' sailing for England (vowed never to go back there) recently. Somehow the eternal comparison of Jack Johnson and Louis' fighting ability, became crumpled in the Burton logistics.

Johnson used to drive the biggest and fastest car money could buy. He'd get a high-powered Mercedes-Benz and tear over the winding roads of the French and Spanish countryside at 120 miles an hour, with his white wife, a big blond Dutch woman at his side. The only way he knew how to drive was fast.

A common prediction was, "That's how he's going to get killed." About two years ago, driving forth to attend the Louis Conn fight here, Johnson lost control of his car. It crashed into an electric light pole and overturned. Jack died of the injuries. This might be described as a strange introduction to wishing a man bon voyage, but here's good luck to the Brown Bomber overseas. Anyone recalling how much good cheer he brought to the troops in camps and hospitals, when he was on the other side during the war, can't wish him anything, but a wonderful time... with careful living. And we hope he gets along alright with King George too.

Aggies Lose To Bisons In D. C.

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Sophomore Whitfield Pollard and Freshman Ernie Davis tossed in 13 points apiece to lead Howard University to a 39-43 triumph over A. and T. College, Thursday night, in its fifth home game in Turner's Arena.

The Bisons, in piling up their 13th conquest in 16 starts, were off to a bad start and trailed 16-8, after the first 14 minutes of play. From the opening whistle, the visitors uncocked a dazzling passing and shooting attack, sparked by Arthur Gooden, Elton Hayward and Carson Wright, to give the locals a real fight.

After being stymied in the first five minutes of play, talking only one goal and five free throws, the Elsons came to life in the closing six minutes of play in the first half to take the play away from the Orange Williams-coached eagles. A surge ahead, 20-17.

Robert Sellers of A. and T. dead-ended the count at 21-21, before Smith and Ernie Davis broke the hoop with consecutive goals to give Howard a 26-23 margin at halftime. Howard came back after intermission with a revamped squad, exhibiting good team work and accurate shooting, and soon surged ahead of the visitors 1st at 26-29, and later at 49-36.

The setback was the 10th in 17 starts for A. and T. and gave Howard an over all record of 18 victories in 23 starts this season.

Davis and Pollard shared scoring honors for the locals with 13 points apiece while Arthur Gooden sparked the losers' attack with 10.

In the preliminary game, Howard Jayvee closed their 12-game schedule, facing Banker Vets, 58-21. The team, coached by Kenny Powell, former All-CIAA grizzer at Johnson C. Smith in the early forties, won 10 of its 12 games, dropping encounters only to Morgan's Jayvees and Banker Mohawks.

The lineup:

HOWARD (39)	G	F	P
Ward, J.	0	0	2
Davis, E.	6	1	13
Booth, J.	2	1	8
Wright, C.	1	1	3
Burroughs, J.	1	0	2
Johnson, C.	0	0	0
White, C.	0	0	0
Pollard, C.	4	5	19
C. Roberts, C.	0	0	0
Jett, C.	2	1	3
Evans, G.	0	1	1
Hyland, G.	0	0	0
Smith, G.	4	2	13
Anderson, G.	1	3	3
Humphrey, G.	1	0	2
TOTALS	22	15	59

A. AND T. (43)

G	F	P	
A. Davis, J.	2	1	5
M. Davis, J.	0	0	0
Douglas, J.	2	1	5
Harpers, J.	0	3	3
Wright, C.	4	1	9
Sellers, C.	2	0	4
Haywood, G.	3	1	7
Gooden, G.	4	2	10
Lewis, G.	0	0	0
Parks, G.	0	0	0
TOTALS	17	9	43

Howard: Both 14. Pollard 12. Wright 10. Burroughs 8. Smith 6. Davis 5. Humphrey 3. Bryant 2. White 1.

The game was sponsored by the North Jersey Alumni Association of Howard and Lincoln Universities. This game is an annual affair. This year it drew over 2,500 spectators.

Scholastic Cage Tournney Slated To Begin Friday

The fifth annual Fall Line Inter-scholastic tournament will be held in the Lousburg Armory, March 5th and 6th.

The teams expected to participate are Nashville, Mary Potter, Henderson, Warren County Training School, Hawkins, Perrys, Bricks, Albion Academy, Spring Hope, Zebulon, and Franklin County Training School.

Last year Person County Training School walked off with the top honors, with the East in County Training School being runners up. This year the competition will be much keener.

Lincoln Lions Bow to Dela. State In Pennsylvania Tilt

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY, Pa. — William Hart dashed on the court with only twenty records remaining in the ball game and sank the winner which gave the Delaware State Hornets a spectacular 23-12 victory over the hard fighting Lincoln Lions Wednesday night.

The Hornets' six point lead in the very part of both periods was the largest advantage enjoyed by either team in the re-saw contest, which saw the rivals desolated on seven occasions. The shooting duel was between Carl Winfield of Lincoln and H. Hart of Delaware, each of whom raved up a total of 14 points for the evening.

Lincoln rolled ahead at the outset on two charity throws by H. Hart, while "Sweet" Williams knocked a ringer from the floor to extend the margin. But Delaware's Hart brothers went into action and headed off the romping Lions at 7-7.

Carl Winfield, Lincoln's ace floorman, broke the deadlock with the first of his snappy loops, but again Delaware surged ahead by a 19-13 margin. Winfield, Brown and Moore countered for Lincoln to square off at 19-19 and racing ahead 23-20 at half time.

The entire Lincoln squad participated in the second half scoring as the Lions and Hornets battled furiously for the lead. "Stretch" Williams, Lincoln's fanly forward, who manned the boards on both offense and defense and proved troublesome to the Delaware fast break, Carl Winfield, masher of the hardwood from New York City, and George Moore, his running mate, touched the strugs for six points each.

Thornhill, Reid, Parker, and Ecken also scored, but the Delaware attack, led by Bayne with 10 points, H. Hart, and Schenck held Lincoln to a narrow three point lead which they attempted to protect by a freeze act.

The Hornets overcame this handicap on markers from Bayne and Willis and Delaware was ahead 31-30 in the last minutes when Bobby Ecken knotted the count at 31-31 on a free throw, but missed the chance to give the Lions the preciously won tie. Hart, who led when his other attempt failed to the floor, Coach Tank, Carl Reid then released W. Hart, who skirted around the Lincoln defense and sank the bucket that gave Delaware her story book victory.

SCORING — Lincoln: Winfield 14, Moore 10, Williams 9, Reid 7, Thornhill 4, Brown 4, Parker 3, and Ecken 1.

Delaware: H. Hart 14, W. Hart 13, Bayne 10, Senenick 10, Barwick 3, Willis 2 and Holiday 1.

Lincoln converted 9 out of 19 free throws and Delaware sank 5 out of 12.

Bears In 62-49 Victory Over Fayetteville State

RALEIGH — The Shaw Bears pelted over the Fayetteville State Teachers College Broncos, 62-43, Tuesday night at last week's Spaulding gymnasium.

The Broncos took the lead on a legup by Randolph Worsley, a set shot by Gacher Perkins and another layup by Worsley, while Alfred Shields tallied first for the Bears who fought and at the end of the first half led the Broncos 29-24, having made a clean sweep in non-conference games to date also defeating the Livingston College Bears earlier in the season.

Alfred Shields and Edward Todd with 17 and 15 points respectively, led the Bear attack while Edward Roper, followed with 10 markers. Randolph Worsley was the leading scorer for the Broncos with 15 points.

The Shaw Lassies "owned" the Fayetteville girls 34-26 in a preliminary game with Bonnie Briley leading the Lassies with 16 points. Amelia Sanford with 19 points sported the Bronco attack.

Harlem Checker King Beats Baltimore Star

Clyde "Kingpin" Black, Harlem's checker champion and co-author of "The Strategy of Spanish Chess Checkers" this week crushed the highly touted Alexander "Bomber" Bromon, co-champion of Baltimore, Maryland, 3-0 in matches. The three seasons were held one week each at Roy's Drawing Parlor, 212 West 132nd Street, Manhattan, N. Y.

Other February victories by the checker champion and book writer over East Coast stars were in Washington, D. C., where Black again defeated James "Old Man" Haver, 1-0 and two draws, and James L. Webb, 2-0 to 5 and 3 to 3.

Co-author of the new book which features checkers leaping backward as well as forward is Archie "Checkerboard" Waters, instructor of the Harlem YMCA Checker Club. The co-authors are planning a second book at their publishing address, 101 Madison Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

It Pays To Advertise!!

NEGRO PLAYER IS BARRED-PA. TEAM CANCELS GAME

HAGERSTOWN, Md.—(ANP)—A basketball game here between Hagerstown junior college and Shippensburg, (Pa.) state teachers college was called off last week because one of the Shippensburg players is a Negro. Coach Al Davis of Hagerstown announced this week.

The Pennsylvania cagers had voted not to play without the Negro player. According to the junior college the Washington County Board of Education would not permit the game to be played because of a policy of race segregation.

Coach Davis and several of his players wrote personal letters to the Shippensburg colored cagers saying they were willing to play but the matter was not in their hands.

In an earlier game between the two schools played at Shippensburg the two teams played, and the question was brought up about the Negro.

Hampton In Tie For Swim Meet

BY TOM SIMS
HAMPTON — Cooping 42.5 points each in nine events, Hampton Institute and West Virginia State College tied for first place in the 1947-48 season at the CIAA Open Swimming Championships at the Hampton Recreation Building Saturday.

The Howard University men's team finished fourth place in the 100-yard freestyle and 100-yard breaststroke, and fifth in the 100-yard butterfly and 100-yard backstroke.

Individual honors went to Frank Stewart of Tennessee State College, first place in the 100-yard freestyle and 100-yard breaststroke, and to Bill Frank of Hampton Institute, top marker for the hosts, winning the 150-yard backstroke and swimming at Hampton winning 300-yard medley relay team.

300-Yard Medley Relay — First, Hampton (L. Thornton, Lones Frank); second, West Virginia; third, Howard, time 3:28.3.

200-Yard Freestyle — First, Slow and Tennessee, second, Hampton, Howard, third, H. Hart, time 2:26.2.

50-Yard Freestyle — First, Aberdeen, Tennessee, second, White West Virginia, third, Baker, Howard, time 29.9.

100-Yard Freestyle — First, L. Howard, second, L. Thornton, Hampton, third, Jackson, Howard, fourth, Aternity Tennessee State, time 3:00.

150-Yard Breaststroke — First, Frank, Hampton; second, White West Virginia; third, August, Howard; fourth, Chambers, Hampton, time 1:54.3.

200-Yard Backstroke — First, Oliver West Virginia, second, White Howard, third, McArthur West Virginia, time 3:02.4 (Lopez, Hampton, and Johnson, Hampton, disqualified).

11-GAME DIAMOND CARD FOR SHAW U.

The Shaw Bears will have an eleven-game baseball schedule with 8 games at home on the Chavis Park diamond and five games away.

The complete schedule follows:
BOHE GAMES
March 29, N. C. College
April 5, Howard University
April 5, Virginia Union
April 9, A. and T. College
April 9, Lincoln University
May 4, Delaware State

GAMES AWAY
April 21, N. C. College, at Durham
May 12, Delaware State, at Dover
May 13, Lincoln U. at Lincoln
May 14, Howard at Washington
May 17, A. and T. at Greensboro.

Billy Fox-Lesnevich In Light-Heavy Bout At Madison Square Garden

NEW YORK — Gus Lesnevich, 48 consecutive knockout and 100 light-heavyweight champion, will meet Billy Fox in a ten-round bout at Madison Square Garden.

Billy Fox will make his second attempt to take the 120-pound weight title from Gus Lesnevich at the Garden on Friday night when he enters the ring as an 8-5 underdog against the Chiffade champ.

The last time that the two entered the ring more than a year ago Billy who landed a record 48 consecutive knockouts and 100 light-heavyweight titles, was a 1-1 favorite.

After a brutal six-round brawl, during which he pulled upon all of the experience gained in 14 years of ring warfare, Lesnevich emerged the winner by a knockout.

Despite the betting odds in favor of Lesnevich for Friday night's fight, Lesnevich is expected to win.

The Shaw Bears close their 1948 basketball season following their contest Saturday night at 8 o'clock with the Virginia State Trojans in C. C. Spaulding gymnasium. The locals edged the Virginians in their first meeting earlier in the season but the Trojans have come a long way since that time.

In the preliminary contest, the Shaw Lassies met the Livingston College sister from Salisbury. The Shaw girls defeated Livingston in a previous meeting.

and hit could whip the champion. "It's his legs," Dempsey said. "He can still punch and will knock your head off if you get close to him, but I still say a good puncher as well as a boxer can lick the champion."

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Louis Throuh, Says Ex-Champ Dempsey. MACON, Ga. (ANP)—Joe Louis is finished, according to the belief of Jack Dempsey, former heavy weight champion of the world. Throuh, a writer, said here that any young fighter who can box

A. L. Owners Ask To Enter Minors

Economic and other repercussions to the signing of Negro ball players by the majors and their farm teams is making their all-throughout Negro baseball, it was revealed last week.

At Chicago owners in the Negro American League scored Branch Rickey, Sr., president of the Brooklyn Dodgers, in their two-day schedule meeting at the Hotel Grand.

Rickey was the target for having deliberately signed Jackie Robinson in the fall of 46 without consulting the owners of the Kansas City Monarchs who owned Robinson as their property.

From New York City John H. Johnson, president of the Negro National League, declared that the minors had hadly refused to admit Negro teams into organized baseball despite a "nonobscenity" to bring Negro baseball practices more in line with those of organized pro ball.

LOSS OF STARS HURT
Wholly condemning Branch Rickey for opening the door of the majors to Negro players, McJohnson said.

"However, the Negro League now find themselves in a predicament as a result of Jackie Robinson's presence in the Major Leagues, Robinson and other Negro players in Organized Baseball, draw the colored fans who normally would patronize the all-Negro games. As a result, 1947 was financially speaking, a well nigh disastrous season for the Negro League.

"The fact is that we cannot survive in competition with organized Baseball. We do not have the parks, nor do we have the financial resources. Although we have many magnificent athletes, we do not have the advantages and the vast machinery possessed by Organized Baseball for developing their potentialities.

It takes at least three to five years to bring a promising young rookie to the peak of his power in the Negro League without any status, without the protection of a franchise, or recognition of the professional leagues, cannot accomplish this."

OFFERS SOLUTION
As "the only feasible solution" the Negro National League president urged the admission of the Negro leagues into organized baseball.

"Such a step," he said, "would be beneficial to two relations and would be in the best interests of baseball itself, for it would provide the Major Leagues with rich resources of colored talent to draw upon."

Johnson further pointed out that Robinson had been encouraged already "to quit Negro baseball altogether" prior to his signing by Rickey.

Discussions applications made by the two Negro Leagues for membership in the organized minors Johnson said these applications come as a result of a committee report from Larry McPhail, then president of the New York Yankees, in 1945 to the late Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia. The mayor appointed this group to study the Negro's position in baseball. Rev. Johnson headed the group and Branch Rickey was a member.

This league improved schedules, accepted a new constitution, and uniform contracts as recommended by McPhail, Johnson said. Yet both colored leagues were turned down in December at the major league meeting in Miami.

"Two years after McPhail's recommendations were made," he added, "the Negro league still possess no status, no voice, no rights, no relationship at all to the major of the minor leagues."

Concerning the signing of Robinson by Rickey, Tom Boyd, now sole owner of the Monarchs, admitted that he had had no sign contract with Robinson, but declared that he felt that Rickey owed him and his former partner "a moral obligation."

When asked why he didn't take Rickey to court, Boyd answered that he would have been "on the spot." "We welcomed Jackie and we have been the last ones to have admitted that we didn't want a Negro player integrated into big time baseball."

But we still believe Rickey owes us a great obligation. Whatever he might have offered would have been given with us — but to ignore our efforts to obtain something for our great thirst for preposterous."

American League Announces Schedule
The Negro American League this week released the following schedule of games to be played during the first half of the 1948 baseball season:

May 2: Kansas City Monarchs at Memphis, Cleveland at Birmingham, Indianapolis vs. Chicago American Giants at New Orleans.

May 9: Kansas City Monarch at Chicago, Indianapolis at Memphis, Birmingham at Cleveland.

May 16: Cleveland at Kansas City, Memphis at Chicago, Indianapolis at Birmingham.

May 23: Indianapolis at Kansas City, Cleveland at Memphis, Chicago vs. Birmingham at New Orleans.

May 30: Chicago at Cleveland, Birmingham at Memphis, Kansas City vs. Indianapolis at Indiana City.

June 6: Indianapolis at Chicago, Kansas City at Cleveland, Memphis at Indianapolis.

June 13: Birmingham at Chicago, Kansas City at Cleveland, Memphis at Indianapolis.

June 20: Memphis at Kansas City, Chicago at Birmingham, Cleveland at Indianapolis.

June 27: Cleveland at Kansas City, Indianapolis at Birmingham, Chicago at Memphis.

July 4: Chicago at Kansas City, Indianapolis at Cleveland, Memphis at Birmingham.

July 11: Chicago at Kansas City, Birmingham at Memphis, Cleveland at Indianapolis.

FIFTH ANNUAL FALL LINE Interscholastic Conference BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT DAYS 2 DAYS FRI. and SAT. MARCH 5th and 6th LOUISBURG Armory LOUISBURG, N. C. Participating Teams: Mary Potter, Wise, Nashville, Henderson, Warren County Training School, Hawkins, Perrys, Bricks, Albion Academy, Spring Hope, Zebulon, Franklin County Training School.