

Joe Walcott, NY Ring Commissioner a-feuding

NEW YORK (AP) — Former heavyweight champion Jersey Joe Walcott and Chairman Bob Christenberry of the New York State Athletic Commission started what may become a feud last week, because of a statement Christenberry made in connection with Walcott's age.

Their debate stems from a statement made by the boxing official in New Jersey before the Washington sportswriters association. He said Walcott probably will never fight again. He cited the fact that:

"Rules of the New York State Athletic Commission and almost every other state say that a fighter cannot be licensed after he is 30 years of age."

Walcott is listed as 39 in most states.

In reply, Walcott declared that he will be 39 on Jan. 31 and that he will fight Rocky Marciano for the heavyweight championship. He commented acidly:

"As far as Mr. Christenberry is concerned, he is nothing but a

total belcher. He hasn't done anything for boxing.

"I have given my life boxing and I have never done anything other than respect boxing and respect the public in my entire 22 years of boxing.

"I would appreciate if the governors of different states would stop and consider these boxing commission jobs, and appoint someone that knows and has experience in boxing instead of playing politics.

"When I get to the place that I can't give the public what I expected of me, I don't see Christenberry or any other bery to tell me when to retire.

"We have every intention of boxing Marciano. But I will do nothing until my manager, Felix Sotchiello, the manager is very ill in New York is back in some physical condition. I think I can give the public and the commissioner what that man to a man who has done so much for me and for boxing."

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Brooklyn Pitcher, NJ Schoolboy Are Presented Athletic Awards

NEWARK, N. J. — Dukes, 29, for his being named New Jersey state pitcher and Billy Paul, 16, for being named New Jersey state schoolboy pitcher, were presented with athletic awards at a banquet at the New York State Athletic Commission last night.

Dukes, a very impressive pitcher, averaged 2.15 in a Dodger pitcher last season. He accumulated 10 wins in the 1952 season. He pitched for the New York Yankees in the 1951 season. He pitched for the New York Yankees in the 1951 season.

Paul, a 16-year-old schoolboy pitcher, pitched for the New York Yankees in the 1951 season. He pitched for the New York Yankees in the 1951 season.

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Lincoln Univ. To Host CIAA Ring-Mat Tourney

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY, Pa. (AP) — The 17th annual Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) Boxing and Wrestling Tournament will be held at Lincoln University on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 27 and 28.

Robert N. Stout (Garner), acting Director of Athletics and coach of the Lion wrestling squad, said at least ten conference schools are expected to enter teams. The Lincoln grapplers hold the wrestling title while Howard University and A. and T. College are co-champions of boxing.

Lincoln last played host to the tournament in 1949.

Lincoln College and St. Augustine's College, respectively.

John Flowers led the victors with 24 points. Ed Howard topped va. Union with 20.

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HOME STATE HAS THREE

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Only 3 members of Knoxville College's current cake team hail from Tennessee cities.

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A & T Quint Beats Union

GREENSBORO, N. C. — A and T College's Aggies rang up their fourth victory in their CIAA campaign last Tuesday night in defeating Va. Union 75-61 on their local court. The Aggies led all the way in evening up their conference record, of four wins and four losses.

On the previous Friday and Saturday evenings the Aggies dropped two in a row to North Caro-



Fritz Pollard's SPORTS CLOSE-UP

NEW YORK (Global) — There is so much controversy at the present time about the various Halls of Fame, I thought it might be a good idea to explain why I founded the Negro Athletic Hall of Fame.

In the past two years there have been no elections to the Football Hall of Fame. They can make the Sullivan Awards, Helms Awards and others, but they are always going to be a controversy about who should have been awarded, who should have been elected, and who should not have been elected.

For some reason people are inclined to believe that the newly organized "Negro Athletic Hall of Fame" is a segregation institution. It is not. Perhaps a little understanding of my background will explain my reasons for wanting to establish such an institution.

I know nothing about segregation until after I had entered college. I was born in an all-white community — attended grade school and high school with my brothers and sisters, and we were the only colored students who attended. My father was a barber and my mother was a seamstress. We became an integral part of the community. The question of segregation was never allowed to enter our minds. We attended the churches in the community; we engaged in all athletic activities in the community and were a part of the social life of the community.

Whenever we were not invited to a party of social gathering, we never took it upon ourselves to think that an invitation was not

extended to us because of our color — we merely felt that these particular people did not want us.

I grew up with this philosophy until after my collegiate days. I went to a hotel with a professional football team. They told me the last room was gone. Instead of feeling humiliated, my attitude was that "I was too good to the hotel." If I went into a restaurant and they appeared not to want to serve me, my attitude was the same.

When I went to the coal region of Pennsylvania to play professional football, I was threatened by a police escort took me to the game, stayed on the field at halftime to give me protection and took me from the field after I had played 60 grueling minutes of football.

A week later I was invited to the game and his schools to lecture. However, I learned later that the real reason they invited me was to let the children in the local region see what a modern Negro looked like. I took no offense, but felt proud I was a Negro and that I had "equalized" myself to such an extent that I was accepted.

With these things in mind and with the experiences I had, I felt it necessary to establish such an organization and name it the "Negro Athletic Hall of Fame" so that the people of this country could realize that Negroes are capable of doing many things for themselves and to encourage the Negro not with the idea of segregation, but with the idea that a Negro organization does not have to be a segregated organization.

Our Negro Athletic Hall of Fame could take in such men as Coach Brown of the Cleveland Indians, Bill Veeck, Branch Rickey, Herman Hickman of Yale, Otto Graham of the Cleveland Browns, Bob Waterfield of the L. A. Rams and other outstanding heroes who have stood by and helped the Negro athlete become famous.

It appears that the majority of our complaints have come from people who themselves have attended Negro grade and high schools, and Negro colleges. Some have become doctors, and have been forced to go to Negro hospitals for their intership. These people, of course, are sensitive and react unfavorably to any project or organization that is labeled "Negro." I hope they will remember that our designating Negro Hall of Fame has been done with the desire to extol those Negroes who have achieved, and all others who have helped to make it possible so that future generations may be aware of the fine work of our Negro athletes.



BEATING THE GUN

TAKE A BOW JUNIOR

NEW YORK (AP) — THE BROOKLYN VOICES have been on the course, but not possibly refer to other than those of Dodger Vice President "Buz" Bavasi and President Walter O'Malley.

A royal carpet has been rolled out for the long-awaited unveiling of the most highly publicized fielder to break into the major league Branch Rickey has been signing for Jackie Robinson, who was and truly great graduate of the Kansas City, Mo., of the Negro Baseball League.

"On the lips of all is that one question: will 'dinner' become a replacement for Robinson when the upturn Manhattan TV, and movement needs to forsake baseball. I think that just one will but I know of no one without task to fulfill.

We saw a lot of Gailian, even as was in the Negro league. There was very little he couldn't do. He was the only one to play 60 grueling minutes of football.

Step right up, Junior, and let the freshman drink that most good 'dinner' cash in on — you figure it was an act — we are pulling for you!

IN A CAPSULE

Our "Meeting Pot" drippings had a savory flavor, one that brought out a brown dish like HAROLD JOHNSON, a 75 pounder, who reminds of such work as Indian Jack Turner, Lee Anderson, Kid Norfolk, Tommy Louderman, John Henry Lewis, Tiger Jack Fox, Jackie Kid, Tommy Gibbons, Harry Greb and other demonstrators in the division.

One saw in the Jimmy Slade machine, a Johnson, who tried up by his advance press notices (perhaps Dodger Vice President "Buz" Bavasi and President Walter O'Malley).

The unusual pattern of Negro stunts, causing each other when Archer Moore, referee of Harold Johnson, one of the best 175 pounders, will result perhaps the finest exhibition in the history of that division since both are members and boxers.

Only a Billy Conn of this best rates as high or higher than these two squarers.

A JAMES EVANS STORY

Six or seven years ago James Evans, one of the greatest Poolbilliard stars, who played the game, whipped World's champion Ralph Cleland over a 900 point match.

Two years later, Evans dropped his N. Y. state championship to Emilio Lora, one of the seeded players in numerous world's title matches against the kings of the green. Currently Evans is playing pool wherever some of the best players in the world play. The best part of this story is that in 15 years Evans gave up pool entirely.

Franklin Callaway, induced Cleland to fool around with the game again, merely practice weeks back in 1930. Since then Evans has operated at the very moderate Olympia Recreation Center. He has regained his form, victory trophies, trophies and still competing for the best in the world. . . . and we exclude no one in this statement.

The reminiscence of James Evans, Master Pocket-Pool artist, ranks alongside the work of oldsters like "Satch" Paige, Jersey Joe Walcott and Archie Moore.

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Gavilan Is Victor In Tuneup Go

WASHINGTON (AP) — Washington's road, heavyweight champion Kid Gavilan of Cuba, won every round last week as he tuned up for an easy 10-round Geisler over Vic Cardell of Hartford, Conn., in a non-title bout.

This was Gavilan's final tuneup bout before he defends his crown Feb. 11 at the Chicago Stadium against Chuck Davey, undefeated Islander.

According to the post-reporter used in Washington, Gavilan has a perfect score on his card, but a score one point short of perfect on the other two. Before Hart, Vollman gave it to Gavilan 100-2. Judge Emory Sapient, 10-7-1 for the kid, and Judge Julian Whitcomb, 10-1-1. In this system the winner of each round gets 10 points. The bout was a benefit affair for the women of Bunal Birth Day.

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Ducats For Title Bout Now Selling

CHICAGO (AP) — Tickets have been on sale for a week for the Feb. 11 welterweight championship bout between champion Kid Gavilan and challenger Chuck Davey.

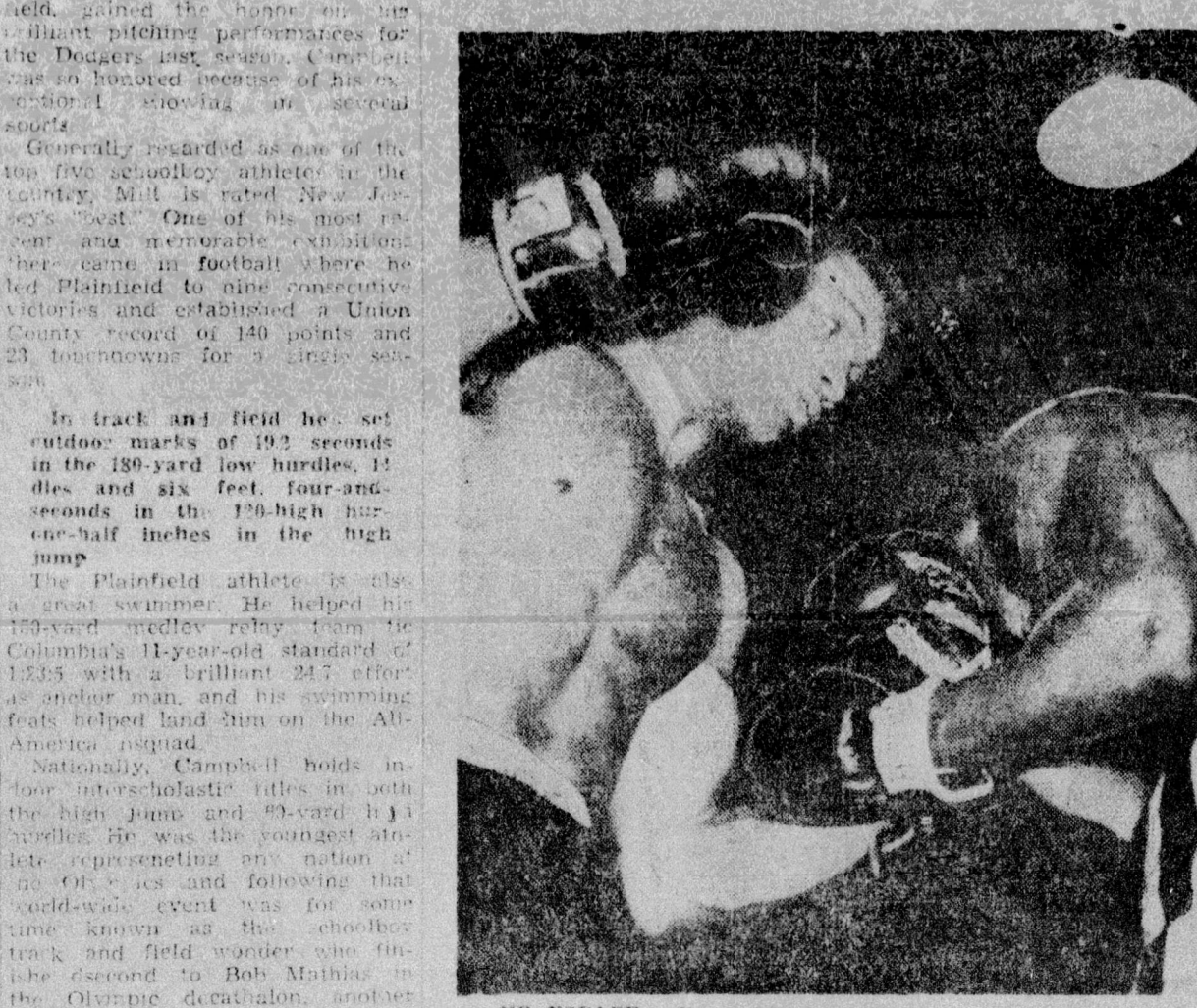
The International Boxing club, promoters of the fight, announced ticket prices as ranging from \$5 to \$25 with other prices being \$1 and \$15.

Already the usual Davey cheering section from Michigan has purchased a large block of tickets for the battle. Davey's corner, mainly carry banners and use colorful placards to root him on to victory in all his fights.

Evans has opened his training camp at the Tom O'Connor Country club just outside of Chicago for the bout. Helping him to prepare has been Orlando Zolotarev, sixth ranking lightweight, and a former diplomat of Gavilan.

Cardell also watched by television the Gavilan vs. Cardell bout. He said the fight, he said, he had noted a blow to the kid's mouth. He and his trainer, who conferred and reportedly are making out a plan to stop the champion. Current odds here in Chicago on the bout are 9 to 5 for Gavilan.

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NO ESCAPE — Jimmy Slade (right) of New York tried to cover up to escape the merciless rain of blows thrown by Harold Johnson of Philadelphia during their ten-round bout in New York recently. Johnson won the unanimous decision of the judges, and is next in line for a shot at light heavy champ, Archie Moore. (Newspress Photo.)

Dukes Leads The Nation As Highest Cage Scorer

NEW YORK (AP) — The great Valier Dukes of Seton Hall is the nation's leading scorer, according to the latest statistics released last week by the NCAA service bureau.

Dukes, the 6-foot, 11-inch tall center, has averaged 2.3 points per game as he has tallied 391 victories. Seton Hall is ranked in 14 points in 14 games. He has sunk 115 field goals and dropped in 131 free throws, to lead the nation in both departments.

The great play also helped Seton Hall to the 19th straight victory by sweeping Memphis State 103 to 85. This was the first time this season that Seton Hall has scored more points in 14 games. He has sunk 115 field goals and dropped in 131 free throws, to lead the nation in both departments.

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Race Coach Named To High Post As Confab Integrates

W. Minford, head athletic coach and director of health and physical education at Southern University, has just been named to the Executive Standards Committee of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Minford represents the first instance of integrating the new NAIA policy to integrate the structure generally. W. B. Reese, president of NAIA, in announcing the Southern University board member stated:

"This committee is composed of the members of the NAIA Executive Council, and I am sure that you will be very valuable to us in helping us solve our problems."

The function of the executive standards committee is to recommend any matters of eligibility or standards which should affect the attention of the executive committee of the association. Reese, president of NAIA, in announcing the Southern University board member stated:

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Morgan Mermen Powerful As 1st Season Wears On

BALTIMORE, Md. — Morgan State College is in the swim these days with the first swimming team in the school's history, currently stroking against stiff competition.

The Morgan swimmers were organized this fall at the direction of Edward P. Hurt, Athletic Department head, Stewart A. Brooks of the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Department, is coach.

The team lost its opener Jan. 10 to Howard University, 53-23. Meeting Hampton Institute here Jan. 16, the Morgan team outswam the visitors 49-23, then on Jan. 17, lost to West Virginia State here by a close score of 43-40.

After meeting Loyola Jan. 21, the Morgan swimmers stroked against Howard here Jan. 21, then met Georgetown University on Feb. 7. They close the season Feb. 14, meeting Hampton at Hampton, Va.

The Morgan team will host the CIAA sixth annual Invitational Swimming and Diving Championship Tournament here March 2-7. The six other colleges participating will be Hampton, Howard, Tennessee State, West Virginia State, North Carolina College, and Central State, Wilberforce, Ohio.

John Hodgins and Leonard George will be 12 and 15, respectively.

State's record now is 6 wins and 1 loss in CIAA competition while Morgan's record is 5 wins and 2 losses.

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Dillard To Compete In AAU Event

NEW YORK (AP) — Harrison Dillard, probably the greatest miler of all time, will seek an unprecedented seventh straight title next month in the 6th Annual United States indoor track and field championship of the Amateur Athletic Union.

A Clevelander, Dillard heads the list of thirteenth stars and 452 champions who will defend their crown. The meet will be held Feb. 11 at Madison Square Garden. Entries close Feb. 2.

At usual Dillard will be competing in his specialty, the 5,000 and high hurdles. He is also the 1952 Olympic 100 meter hurdles champion. If he wins again, he will be the only track star in AAU history to win seven straight AAU titles.

Among the other stars expected to appear in the meet is Lorenzo Wright, broad jump star from Detroit.

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Famcee Five Beats 'Bama

TALLAHASSEE — The Florida and M. College Battlers blasted the Alabama State College Battlers 27-7 here last Saturday night for their fifth win in six starts.

Famcee rolled for 28 points in the third quarter to pull ahead 25-7 after trailing 20-14 at the half. Six Battlers, including Muck Clayton, the moving junior captain from Jacksonville, were either in the hospital or watched the game from the bleachers. At the time he entered the hospital Clayton was the team's top scorer and a power on rebounds.

Herbert Beason, Tampa junior, who started his first college game, collected 22 points to pace the Battlers, followed by Harold Donald of Jacksonville with 21 and Co-Capt. Willie Irvin, St. Augustine, with 13. It was the rebound work of the latter, plus the all-around battle of six clubs that sparked the third-quarter surge, which ended in the Battlers having a 10 point lead.

Continued Howard with 17 points and Sampson Cotton with 15 were the top scorers for "Bama."

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Bill Anderson Top Draft Choice For Chi Bear 11

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Chicago Bears, probably the most famous name in professional football, drafted the grid world Tuesday when they selected William Anderson, 22, adopted son of the famed comedian, Rochester, as their first draft choice of college stars.

In selecting Anderson, Coach George Halas said he was taking a big gamble. He also may run into legal complications because young Anderson reportedly was signed to play with the Cleveland Browns.

Anderson headed a list of several Negro football stars from white and colored college drafted by the 10 clubs in the National Football league. Judging by an incomplete list of the players drafted, the Bears who fielded their first Negro during the 1952 season have chosen the most colored players, four. Here is an incomplete list of colored players chosen:

CHICAGO BEARS — Anderson, adopted son of the famed comedian, Rochester, first Negro ever to be captain of a team football team, tackle and James Caldwell, Tennessee State guard.

CHICAGO CARDINALS — Avonnie Slone, Syracuse passing artist.

GREEN BAY PACKERS — The Jones, UCLA, star pass catcher.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS — no body. This team never has had a Negro player.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Ed Bell, Pennsylvania, all-American end.

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