BRAVE BOMBERS — The National League's Boston Braves now boast the second quota of Negro players on their roster. The first team is the NL champion Dodgers. Shown during Braves' spring training in Bradenton, Fla. are (left to right) infielder George Crowe; outfielder Bill Bruton; infielder Jim Pendleton, and Sam Jethroe, outfielder. (Newspress Photo.)

Fritz Pollard's

SPORTS CLOSE-UP

NEW YORK (Global) — It's always pleasant to take a walk down Memory Lane. We like to remember:

The late Leslie Pollard, brother of the writer, who will be remembered by many of the old-timers of Howard U. and Lincoln U. He was considered one of the greatest half-backs Dartmouth ever had. They will especially remember Pollard's coaching days at Lincoln and one particular game between Lincoln and Howard in Washington, D. C. when a man was injured and there were not enough men to finish the game. Coach Pollard went in and played out the game. He is still remembered as Lincoln's first outstanding football coach through 1914. Frank Forbes, the Iron Man of Howard U. also played in that game. He is now a scout for the New York Giants.

The outstanding performances of the Lincoln Football team which remained unscored upon for three seasons until Charlie Morrison with his Howard Bisons came along and scored 42 points in the last half of a game with Lincoln. These were the only points scored against Lincoln in the three years that the writer coached the Lincoln team.

Many Howard U. followers will remember a well - built youth, Binga Dismond, who attended the University about 1912. He later enrolled at University of Chicago to become one of America's outstanding 440-yard dash men. He held the Conference record for the 440-yard dash and also held the world's record along with Ted Meredith, the great Pennsylvania middle -distance runner. Dr. Dismond is now a retired physician living on Long Island.

Then there is Irving Howe, the great sprinter at Colby College, now a policeman in Boston . . . and Roy Morge, now an Internal Revenue officer, one of the outstanding dash men of that era . . . Pete White, founder of Salem Crescent Athletic Club . . . the great Sol Butler of Dubuque College Broad Jump champion of 1920 who held the world's record of 24 feet, 9 3-16 inches. Sol strained a tendon in the 1920 Olympics and was unable to compete in the finals.

When we think of that period, we think about the St. Christopher Basketball Club of St. Philips Parish here in New York. It was considered an outstanding team of the time and boasted players like Fats Jenkins, the late Alderman Charlie Bradford, and Dr. Eddie Lowry . . . We think of Bob Douglas, who founded the great Renaissance Basketball team. Then there were no 6-foot Negro players. The little fellows commanded the situation.

Those were the days when Harvard had its great High Hurdle champ, A. L. Jackson who later became Valedictorian of his class and who is now a successful Chicago realtor . . . The late Dr. Ted Cable was champion Big-3 hammer thrower . . . Dr. Willis Cummings, was Captain of the University of Penn's cross - country team . . . And it's hard to forget Charlie West, great quarter-back from Washington - Jefferson College, at present a successful physician in Washington, D. C. He was the second Negro to play in the Rose Bowl game.

Joseph Trigg, eminent physician and Boxing Commissioner of Washington, D. C. was a great lineman at Syracuse U. U. in 1915 and also was the only Negro member of a crew team . . . Thornton Wood, now a successful physician in New York City, was on the ski team at Dartmouth College, 1916 . . . Kid Collins, of the great Lincoln U. team of 1912 is now a Sheriff in Newark, N. J. . . . We can't forget the playing of Red Dabney of Hampden, considered the greatest center in Negro collegiate football history, or Woo Tang Ward, wizard of football and basketball at Wilberforce, or Big Ben Stevenson, football flash of Tuskegee.

No matter how many star athletes appear on the horizon, all of these will still shine among the brightest.

—BFC—

BEATING THE GUN

NEWSETTES AND QUESTIONS

NEW YORK (ANP) — The most expectant baseball item, one can go out and win a sure wager on, is the Jackie Robinson approach to any subject reporters deem of leader interest.

Surrounded by writers at the Dodger training camp, Vero Beach, Fla., the best of present day second sackers had this to say about his chances of winning the batting crown from Stan Musial, perennial swatting king.

"I'm going to take that batting crown from Stan Musial," predicted Robinson with a straight face. Then busting out with a wide grin in all seriousness Robby added, "Of course it's a lot easier to do that in March before the season starts."

In every magazine article that Robby has either personally commented upon or written in his facile style, he has accounted Musial as the greatest "pro" he has seen to date.

GILLIAM FANS BORING

Again the two - schools - of-thought baseball managers are in session on sidewalk corners and radios in cars. Lawyer A sets up the "Junior" Gilliam case like this:

"Why all the fuss about Junior Gilliam running the brainiest second basemen out of the regular lineup. Don't you know that baseball is ice-cold business and that in this connection, Jackie Robinson is the best gate attraction since Babe Ruth? Gilliam is a whale of a player else the Dodgers would have sold him long ago. We shuld be glad to know that no noble experiments will come his way such as having to play the outfield.

—BFC—

Downy mildew disease has been one of the most serious threats to North Carolina's 7,000 - acre cucumber crop.

During fiscal 1952, some 339,735,630 pounds of fresh, cured and canned meats were imported to the United States from foreign countries.

Most of the meat imported into the U. S. comes from Argentina, Canada and Mexico.

A total of 25 countries export meat to the United States.

TUSKEGEE TO PLAY TWENTY DIAMOND TILTS

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala. (ANP) — A 20-game baseball schedule for the 1953 Golden Tigers was announced by Coach Allison Figaro here this week. Of the 20 games, 11 will be played at Tuskegee, nine away.

Among the opponents for this season are Grambling, Allen, Alabama State, Morehouse, Florida A&M and Fort Valley.

Coach Figaro has been practicing the prospective diamond candidates for several weeks. Prospects for a successful season are promising. Tuskegee will miss Carl Allen, ace southpaw, now property of the Chicago White Sox. Allen has an excellent chance to advance within the White Sox organization, ultimately becoming a major league ball player.

Returning members from the squad of last year are: Joe Weems, Donald Green, Miles McAfee, Joe Trawick, Willie Hockett, infielders; Jimmy Clark, and Ronald Bryson, catchers, Frank Bannister, Oscar Coleman, outfielders and Edward Lavell, pitcher.

The Tigers open their home season, March 24, with Alabama State of Montgomery.

—BFC—

ARCHIE MOORE WHIPS CUBAN HEAVY KING

ST. LOUIS (ANP) — Archie Moore, world's light heavyweight champion, found the Cuban heavyweight champion, Nino Valdes, too big to knock out last week, but he scored an easy one-side decision victory in a 10-round bout.

For the first few rounds, Moore appeared to be undecided as to what to do to take care of Valdes, but beginning with the fourth round he took over. He tried desperately to knock the Cuban, but could not floor him.

Weighing 180 pounds, Moore looked extremely small against against Valdes who weighed 220 pounds.

—BFC—

ABOVE THE CROWD — The New York basketball writers handed out their awards to outstanding athletes during their annual dinner last week. Among those honored were (left to right): John (Honey) Russell of Seton Hall, "Coach of the Year"; Walt Dukes, Seton Hall center, "Outstanding Player"; Tom Gola, La Salle, "Outstanding Visitor," and Bob Cousy of the Boston Celtics, "Outstanding Professional Player." (Newspress Photo.)

Tennessee State Wins 2 Before Elimination

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (ANP) — Coach Joe Smith's East Texas State Tigers won their first two games last week, then were eliminated in the 16th annual National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics basketball tournament.

By appearing in this tourney, Tennessee State made history as the first Negro college first ever to participate in this event.

The Tigers opened their big game Tuesday, March 10 by edging out Geneva, Pa. by one point, 89 to 88.

On Wednesday night, March 11, the Tigers played St. Benedict's of Atchinson, Kans. They had little trouble as they won 79 to 56:

In the quarterfinals Thursday night, March 12, Tennessee State met its downfall. A team from the Tennessee A&I State university whipped the Tigers 72 to 67.

It is the general belief of the fans, however, that Tennessee State proved that Negro college teams were worthy of competing in this meet. The Tigers represented of the newly formed district, as large as one of 32 teams in the tourney.

This district includes southern Negro colleges which are not allowed to complete in regional elimination meets because of the race of their players.

One colored school participated in its regional tourney. Central State of Wilberforce, O. lost two games to one to Findlay in the Ohio district finals. Findlay was eliminated in the second round of the NAIA meet.

Jimcrow Mars 'Trotters' Appearance In Memphis

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (ANP) — The Harlem Globetrotters, fabulous funmakers of the basketball court appeared in Memphis recently but there was little fun to a Negro jimcrow audience in an aftermath to the game.

Negroes were learned that they had missed part of the between games show which an afternoon white audience had viewed. They also found that whites were admitted to "their" game although no colored persons were admitted to the "white" tilt.

As most Trotter fans know, a vaudeville show featuring several white acts is a part of every presentation of that team. In this year's cast are Doug Courtland and Marty Reisman, top ping pong players; Roy Wilbert, expert with hoops, and Beverly and Les Ferdin, with a trampolin act.

According to Chauncey Barbour, manager of the Ellis Auditorium, where the game was played, because of Lloyd T. Binford, chairman of the Memphis and Shelby county board of censors, it had been agreed that two games would be played, one for whites and one for Negroes, and the white acts would appear for whites, but not for colored.

"It was all rearranged," Barbour said. "I had talked to Mr. Binford and he told me he had rather not have the acts presented to the Negro audience."

Binford said he advised Barbour that the censor board "let each race handle its own show" as a general policy. He commented:

"I didn't know and still don't know what the extra acts were all about, but I did tell him that it had been the board's policy to handle each show (for Negroes and whites) separately."

Asked if Negroes playing basketball for a white audience were different from whites entertaining for a colored audience, Binford said:

"I don't think there was any social equality in the Negro ball teams playing before a white audience."

—BFC—

Atlas wheat, introduced in North Carolina in 1948 has averaged seven bushels per acre more than the two most widely grown old varieties.

JACKSON QUINT TAKES TITLE

JACKSON, Miss. (ANP) — Jackson college was recently declared basketball champions of the Mid-Western Athletic Association by George E. David, president of the conference.

This action of the president resulted from a forfeiture of a play-off game by the Northern Division which should have determined the conference championship. The Northern Division of the Conference is made up of four teams—Tennessee State A. and I., Central State; Kentucky State and Lincoln (Mo.)

Jackson has a 7-1 conference record and a 22-4 seasonal record. The one conference loss was to Texas Southern. Jackson beat Kentucky State of the Northern Division two straight games. The Southern Division of the Mid-Western Conference is made up of Texas Southern, Tillotson - Houston, Grambling college, and Jackson.

Players who made Jackson champ were: Lucius Mitchell, the rebounder; Ingram McCoy, high scorer; George Herring, left hook man; Paul Cobington, most uncanny; Norman Warner, greatest teaser; Ellis Grayson, non-excitable; William Logan, strongest, Joe Redditt, crip shot; Roy Tayler, corner shot; George Evans, most versatile; Roy McInnis, hardest fighter; Fulton Brown, right hook; William Colton, long shot; and Willie Pearson, good guard.

—BFC—

FLORIDA STAR GETS PRO JOB

TALLAHASSEE — Willie Irvin, offensive end and defensive halfback on the 1952 national championship Florida A. and M. College football team, came to terms with the Philadelphia Eagles recently following a telephone conversation with Steve McNally, general manager of the pro outfit.

Irvin who comes from St. Augustine, was drafted by the club late in January. The General manager, was drafted by the club and told Irvin to sign his contract reported to be for $5,000 regardless of whether or not he expects to be inducted into the Armed Forces in the near future. Irvin holds the rank of cadet second lieutenant in the ROTC.

Young Athlete Sets Up Record As Cage Scorer

LYNN, Mass. (ANP) — Eddie Robinson, captain of the Lynn Classical high basketball team, has become the highest one-year scorer in the history of Massachusetts Class A school boy basketball for the eastern part of the state.

Robinson has already scorred 546 points in one year this season to nose out the previous record of 544 established back in 1949. In 19 games the young Lynn Classical basketball star racked up an impressive average of 28.7 points per game.

An extremely good student, Robinson is a straight A honor student, senior class president (an honor he also held in his sophomore and junior years). He is also the current champion and record for the State Meet Class C high jump at 5 feet 10 1-2 inches.

Robinson's coach, Jim Tsohig, accounts that the star's phenomenal scoring ability can be attributed to his agility in the high jump.

—BFC—

IN GUEST SPOTS

NEW YORK — John Davis of Brooklyn, the world's Olympic weightlifting champion, seems to be one of the most sought after television and radio guest in town these days.

The 6-foot-9 230-pound Negro, who set a new Olympic record for weightlifting in the heavyweight class at Helsinki last year and whose great victory enabled the United States team barely to nose out Russia, has appeared on one radio show and a network TV show in a week, and is scheduled for two more radio and at least one other TV spot next week.

The flurry for John's services began with the publication the week of a remarkable series of photos of him in the current issue of LOOK magazine. The most incredible picture in the article—which is entitled "The Strongest Man in the World"—is one showing him lifting on his back a steel platform on which TEN U. S. Marines are standing, a total of 1,000 pounds.

Almost immediately as Look hit the newsstands, it would appear John's telephone began ringing and doorbell ringing.

Monday afternoon he guested on "Luncheon At Sardi's" over WOR in New York; Thursday night it was "Broadway To Hollywood" on the DuMont TV network. Next Monday evening, "Spotlight, New York" over station WABC; Tuesday night, "Where Was I?" over DuMont TV; and next Thursday, Bill Stern's sports show on New York's WNBC.

The friendly, articulate Brooklynite has lifted as much as 400 pounds in the conventional weight lifts. He has been undefeated for 12 years. John also aspires to be an operatic singer, having taken lessons for several years now, and critics have found his voice "good" and "promising," it's said.

—BFC—

RATTLERS BEAT WILDCATS TWICE

TALLAHASSEE — Capt. Willie Irvin of St. Augustine, Fla., dropped in a free throw with two seconds remaining to enable the Florida A. and M. College Rattlers to edge the Bethune-Cookman Wildcats 67-66 here last Saturday night.

The win was the second of the week posted by the Rattlers (SIAC cagetation champs and defending tournament kingpins) over the Wildcats during the week. Victory number one came on Wednesday when the locals knocked off the Daytona-Beach five 81-76 on the later's home floor to avenge a previous 80-66 NAIA tournament victory posted on February 26 in Nashville.

Herbert Beacham, Tampa junior, copped individual scoring honors for the evening with 21 points. Irvin got 15. John Chaney hit for 18 to pace the offensive effort of the Wildcats.

The Rattlers led 17-14 at the end of the first quarter and held a cozy one-point half-time margin—36-35. A and M was out front 55-50 at the close of the third stanza but the Wildcats came back strong to tie the game at 66-66 with less than a minute remaining.

The Rattlers posted a campaign record of 16-1 and an overall record of 16-5. The 1951-52 cagers won 26 of 28 games—the best record of any Negro college in the country.

FAMCEE THINCLADS PREP FOR SEASON

TALLAHASSEE — An average of 20 candidates for the 1953 Florida A. and M. College track and field team have been working out daily for the past three weeks as the Orange and Green thinclads prep for the coming cinder season. Their first outing will be the Famcee Relays scheduled for Mar. 28.

Fourteen freshmen are seeking berths on the squad with three, Arthur Mobley, Bartow, Fla.; Eddie Nolan, Miami, and Rubin Fender of Jacksonville, seeking to oust returning lettermen in the sprints. This is one area in which the Rattlers were especially strong throughout the 52 season. Returning sprinters include James Moore, Salathia Gaiter, Felton Kemp, Oliver Gross, Miami, and Emanuel Cranford, Chattanooga.

Coach Robert Griffins says the team will be without adequate strength in hurdling, high jumping, and javelin throwing. However, this weakness may be partially offset by the presence of Benny Thomas of Miami, who looms as one of the greatest distance stars ever developed in the south.

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