ROOTER STARTER — The cellar-dwelling Philadelphia A's, who surprised the baseball world and themselves by jumping the league-leading Cleveland Indians' winning ways last week, were their usual selves against the second-place Yankees in a succeeding series. Even though the Athletics' Vic Power, shown here about to hit the dirt, made his slide to the plate, while catcher Yogi Berra waits comfy for an out, the Yankees went on to beat the A's 3-1 and sweep the New York series. (Newspress Photo)

CIAA Hopefuls:

'Bisons' Launch Grid Practice

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Football fortunes, including the Bisons, are expected to be among the 20-odd questions when report to Coach Carl Johnson Wednesday, September 12, as the Howard University football team begins practice sessions for its 6th season of Bison ball.

There will be two-a-day drills every week-end for the team at Howard Stadium. The sessions begin at 10:00 a. m. and 4:15 p. m. and are to be open to the public.

Two new assistants have been added to the Howard coaching staff. Johnson and Bernie Dawkins last year. They are Ed Bennett and Mel Gardner. Bennett, a Hampton Institute grad, formerly coached at Bethune-Cookman College in Florida, and is currently in the faculty at Richmond Hughes High School. Dawkins, a Howard alumnus, is a teacher and coach at Dunbar High School.

Gardner, an airman currently stationed at Bolling Air Force Base (D. C.), will serve as backfield coach. Gardner played his college ball at Indiana, and later spent two years with the Detroit Lions, National Football League champions in 1952. Gardner was a member of the Bolling team which won the All-Armed Services championship.

Another new feature of this year's Howard team will be its speed. Johnson has decided to return to the Single-T offensive last season's sub-par record under the single-wing.

Only Young experienced backs are expected to report to Howard this year, according to Johnson. They are Charlesteen Jenny Jones, and halfbacks Earl Strother, Fleming Gregory, and Wilmer Cullen.

Jones, a blocking back in the single-wing, will be switched to a halfback slot in the single-T offensive; while Gregory and Smith are expected to alternate at quarterback. Strother, who was All-Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association selectman in the "two-platoon" era, will be used as halfback.

All-Conference Ford Hillery Thompson will lead the array of returning linemen, who represented the equivalent of two complete Bisons walls. Thompson, a Cardozo High (D. C.) grad, returned to Howard last year after a two-year Army stretch, but sat out the season.

Other veteran linemen expected to report on Wednesday are Colters Flagg, Marshall and Van Whitfield, Glands Rupert Clarke, Donahue Scott and Clyde Howard. Tackles Joe Drew, John Daniels, Earl Phillips, Evan Walker, and Don Jones; and Ends Jim Bodnie, Johnny Walker, and Artie Smallwood.

Lorenzo Jackson, a Bison stalwart who alternated at end and guard, is undecided at present whether he will suit up this year. An All-Conference baseball player for the past two seasons, Jackson is reportedly considering several baseball offers. According to Johnson, Detroit, Milwaukee, Pittsburgh, the New York Giants, and Chicago Cubs have offered Jackson contracts.

Among the new players due in on Wednesday are two transfer students who have returned from Army service. They are H. M. Austin, a Dunbar High (D. C.) grad who formerly played at Southern University in Louisiana, and George Hampton, a Paterson, N. J. native who played at Virginia State. Hampton is a 185-pound halfback while Hampton, a 187-pounder, has been used at tackle.

Freshman candidates who bear watching, according to Johnson are Don Brown and Leroy Moore, a pair of 220-pound linemen from Brooklyn's (N. Y.) Boys High; Bill Young, a 205-pound guard from Harrisburg, Pa.; and Leroy Barron, a 165-pound speedster who played halfback at Southside High in Newark, N. J.

Howard opens its 1956 schedule against the D. C. National Bearcats on September 22 at Howard Stadium. Subsequent Saturday Homecoming Game kickoff is 2:00 p. m.

Golfers To Tee Off At Tourney

Play Slated In 3 Divisions On September 19

GREENSBORO — (SPECIAL) — The Nocho Park Anniversary Golf Tournament will be held here Sunday, September 19 at the Nocho Park Golf Course celebrating the 4th year of operation for the first Negro Municipally owned golf course in the south.

The tournament, an 18-hole medal play, has been set up to equalize all entrants despite individual ability. Play will be in three divisions, namely A, B and C. All contestants in the Men's Division must play an 18-hole qualifying round, in order to be classified.

Class A will be for those who shoot 85 or under in their qualifying round; Class B for those who shoot 86-95 and Class C 96-108 and over.

The Professionals and Women's Division will not have to qualify. Qualifications may be made any time before the tournament or the morning of the tournament.

Entry fee for the event is two dollars. U.S.G.A. golf rules will govern the play, modified by any local rules as will be indicated on the score card. Trophies and prizes will be awarded in each division.

Starting time for the tournament will be 12:00 noon.

Critics Rate Banks With Carasquel

CHICAGO — (ANP) — Over in Wrigley field, home of the Chicago Cubs, two newcomers with the team currently are thrilling baseball fans with their spectacular play afield.

Ernie Banks and Gene Baker have been performing so brilliantly that they are considered the backbone of the team. "Think where we would be without Ernie Banks and Gene Baker" has become the team's slogan.

A glace at their combined records quickly answers that question. When the team returned from its last road trip, Baker and Banks were batting .279 and .275 respectively. They had a record of 26 home runs and 108 runs batted in.

Banks has held the fort at short so ably that critics are now comparing him with Chico Carasquel of the Chicago White Sox.

Tuskegee Choir

TUSKEGEE, Ala. — The internationally known 36-voice Tuskegee Institute School of Music will make its second appearance as the guest of Eddie Fisher, star of "Coke Time," on September 2nd.

The famed choir will sing "Rise and Shine" and "Go Tell it on the Mountain." The Coca-Cola Star will offer "April Showers," "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes" and "I Believe."

KOREAN VET IS EAGLES' STANDOUT GRID TACKLE — James Crawford, 22 year old veteran of the Korean war and an alternate tackle on North Carolina College's championship 1953 football team, is expected to receive serious consideration for all-America honors this season. "Foots" Crawford stands an even six feet and weighs 245 lbs. He will probably start against the St. Augustine's Falcons when the NCC eleven opens play at their O'Kelly Field, at 2 p. m. on Saturday, September 25. Other NCC home games include tilts with Maryland State in a gigantic Homecoming Day celebration on Saturday, October 23; the grudge re-match with West Virginia on November 11, and the traditional Thanksgiving Day clash with A. and T. on Thursday, November 25. Crawford makes his home in Charlotte with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Crawford, 116 North McDowell Street. He is a graduate of Second Ward High School and played on his high school basketball and football teams.

Bout Won't Be TVed

NEW YORK — Exclusive blow-by-blow coverage of the Rocky Marciano-Ezzard Charles return heavyweight championship bout will be aired over the CBS Radio Network on Wednesday, September 15. It will be blacked out on home television.

The ringside description of this 15-round fistic thriller from Yankee Stadium, New York will be sponsored by the Pabst Brewing Company with Russ Hodges, one of the nation's top sports reporters, giving the blow-by-blow account and veteran sportscaster Jack Drees handling the between rounds commentary.

Radio broadcast time of the [illegible] 10:00 P.M. EDT. [illegible] bout was inevitable. It will be carried over the full CBS Radio coast-to-coast network in addition to outlets in Puerto Rico, Alaska and Hawaii and will mark the 19th world's championship boxing bout broadcast sponsored by Pabst Brewing Company.

Charles, veteran Cincinnati boxer and ex-heavyweight champion, and Marciano, the Brockton, Mass. pulverizer, met at Yankee Stadium last June in what was considered one of the great heavyweight title bouts in the history of the sport. Charles put up a brilliant stand against Marciano but the Rock came on in the closing rounds to take a close decision and retain his title.

Pianist Now With Mercury

NEW YORK — (ANP) — Pianist Erroll Garner has made the shift again — this time, signing with Mercury records on an exclusive pact.

The signing, done last week, coincided with the cutting of his first records for the disccry, two complete 12-inch LP's, plus several single discs. The first release under the label, made Aug. 30, paired "Exactly Like You" and a Garner original, "Misty."

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SPORTS CLOSE-UP

NEW YORK (Global) — We noted with considerable interest that the University of Illinois football team will have an all-Negro backfield this year. All-American J. C. Caroline whose extra-curricular appearances here and there interfered with his studies to such an extent that he fell by the wayside academically last year, has been going to summer school and has now caught up. He will be in the backfield with his old sidekick of last year, Mickey Bates.

Joining these two stalwarts, we understand, will be two other outstanding Negro athletes, Harry Jefferson of White Plains, New York and Abe Woodson of Chicago, Illinois. Woodson is the State sprint champ from Chicago's Austin High School.

This, of course, brings us back to the discussion of "cycles" in sports when certain sports activities seem at times to be dominated by a particular racial group. The cycle of Negro domination in the boxing field seems on the wane; but baseball has come up with so many Negro heroes that Negroes are certainly a factor in organized ball whether they are dominating the sport or not. And now we have an all-Negro backfield coming into Illinois, which reminds us of the Irish backfield at Note Dame years ago, known as the "Four Horsemen".

All of this is particularly interesting to us, also, because we can remember when a Negro couldn't even get a "look-in" when it came to breaking into the football team at Illinois. My own son, Fritz, Jr. had made an outstanding record as a grid star, and when his High School coach went to Illinois to coach, he wanted to take Fritz with him. But he learned on good authority that there was no chance for a Negro at Illinois, and advised my son to go elsewhere.

How times have changed!

The fifteen-minute program is sponsored by The Coca-Cola Company over the Mutual Broadcasting System. Fred Robbins is emcee and music is supplied by Axel Stordahl and his orchestra. The transcribed show is written and produced by Gordon Auchincloss. Ed Stokes is the announcer.

The Coca-Cola Company urges persons in the various localities to check their radio guides for exact time of the program.

NAL's Big 3 Still Leading

CHICAGO, Ill. — The big three of the NAL, Johnny Williams, George Wanamaker and Rufus Gibson, continue to lead the league in hitting, with averages of .371, .371, and .369 respectively.

Besides being a leading hitter, Wanamaker also is tied with John Washington of Memphis for home runs. Each has hit 12 round-trippers.

Other leaders are Ray Higgins of Memphis, leading in RBI's with 53; Tate Sims of Memphis, 15 doubles; and Lonnie Harris of Louisville, stolen bases, 29.

John Kennedy of Birmingham, Allen Washington of Memphis are tied for the pitching record department.

Isiah Harris of Memphis continues to top pitchers with seven or more games. He has a record of 11 wins and 4 losses.

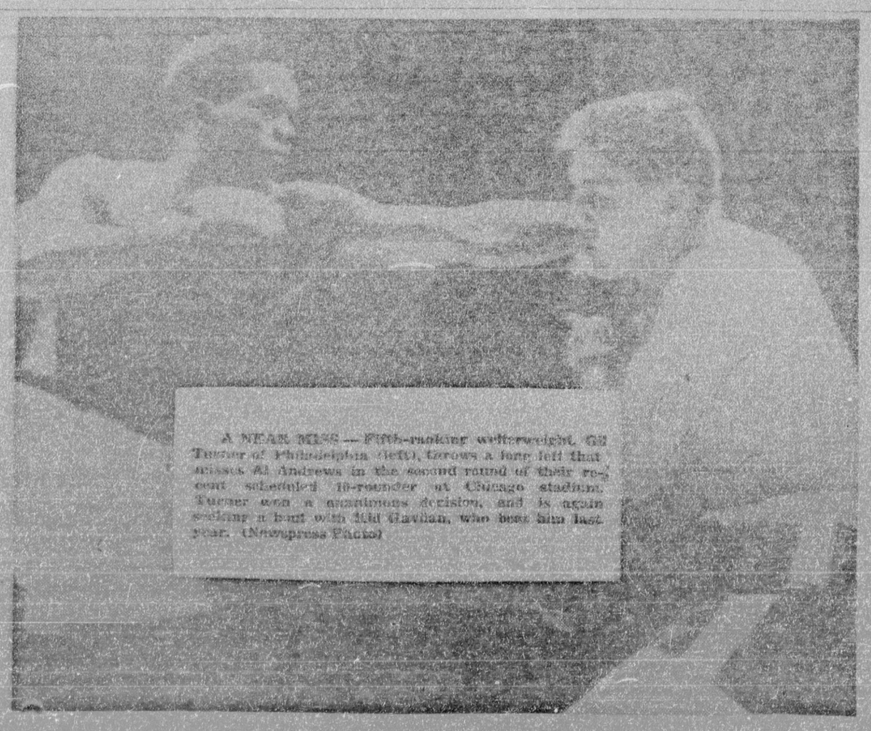
Two leaders of the league played top roles in the recent East-West game at Chicago, won by the West with a score of 8-4. They are Francisco (Pie) Herrera, who collected three hits in four times at bat, including a two-run seventh inning homer; and George Wanamaker who had two for four.

'Hi De Ho' Man Returns

HOLLYWOOD — (ANP) — Cab Calloway, formerly one of the leading lights in the musical world, and known particularly for his "Hi De Hi" routine, has returned to the night-club-theatre circuit, fronting a small combo.

For the past two years Cab has been touring with the company of "Porgy and Bess" in which he played the role of "Sporatin' Life". He left the show at the close of its Los Angeles stand on Aug. 14.

Initial opening of the Calloway combo will be at the Sahara hotel in Las Vegas on September 3. Actually, the combo will debut on several TV guest spots, one of which will be the Dennis Day show on September 3.



A NEAR MISS — Fifth-ranking welterweight, Gil Turner of Philadelphia (left), throws a long left that misses Al Andrews in the second round of their recent scheduled 10-rounder at Chicago stadium. Turner won a unanimous decision, and is again seeking a bout with Kid Gavilan, who beat him last year. (Newspress Photo)

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