

NC Grid Ace Weds Caroline's Former Sweetheart Roxboro Baseball Team Seeks National Semi-Pro Title

Hughes-Thornton Vows Supports Rumors At NCC

DURHAM — Amos Thornton, all-American halfback on North Carolina College's 1954 and 1954 CIAA championship football teams, was married to Miss Sallie Mae Hughes, former sweetheart of the University of Virginia, in mid-July. The report will be denied at NCC, but Thornton is also reported to be a backfield chaser. He has one more quarter's academic work to do, and he may return to NCC.

Miss Hughes is a strikingly attractive young woman who often wears a closely cropped hair style that gives her a Leslie-Caron appearance. She is the daughter of Mrs. M. H. Hughes, 1013 Weaver St., Washington, D. C. She formerly resided in Columbia, S. C., where she and Caroline were friends in high school. She is working in Washington at this time.

Thornton is a native of Norfolk, and a graduate of Booker T. Washington High School here. He received his degree at the



NCC GRID ACE WEDS CAROLINE'S FORMER SWEETHEART — Amos Thornton, the "Mr. Dynamite" of two CIAA championship football teams at North Carolina College, second from left, and Miss Sallie Mae Hughes, shown here, were married recently in a quiet ceremony at Thornton's home in Norfolk, Va. Pictured with the couple two years ago when Miss Hughes' name was constantly

SPORTS BRIEFS

TENNIS MENTOR STUDIES
DURHAM — James W. Young, head tennis coach at North Carolina College, is currently enrolled in the Graduate School of Physical Education at Temple University, Philadelphia, Pa.

WALKER AT SC STATE
DURHAM — Leroy T. Walker, head track coach at North Carolina College, is serving as a visiting professor of physical education at South Carolina State College, Orangeburg, S. C., for the summer.



"SPEE WEE" BOYD NAMED TO ATHLETIC SPOT IN DURHAM
Edward Beckford (Spee-Wee) Boyd, former manager of N. C. College's championship basketball team during 1943-44, has been named to a supervisor of athletics post in the City of Durham. Boyd was manager for the Eagles CIAA visitation champions of 1943 and 1944 and the N.C.C. three conference tournament winners of 1943, 1944 and 1945. Boyd has already started work for the city's Recreation Department. He is temporarily stationed at W. D. Hill Recreation Center. Later, however, he is expected to be located in the new T. E. Grady Recreation Center on Lakeland Avenue.

Only Negro Team In NC Tournery Is Victorious

ROXBORO — Melvin Bates, Roxboro Colts, carried another notch in interracial sports competition here Friday night when pitcher H. H. Coleman fanned 13 members of the Caval team in the State Semipro Baseball Tournament.

The Colts, the only Negro team appearing in the tournament, had little trouble making the pressure of the white team by the time of 1-1 as Charlie Knack, the first Negro to play with a New Bern, N. C. team, fanned the offerings of Caval pitchers for a single, a double and a triple. The white team got only three hits off of Coleman while the Colts garnered eight.

The Colts will meet the winner of a contest between Ashland and Statesville teams here Friday night. Bates, who got by last year, they are expected to at least play in the national finals which will be held in Wichita, Kansas.

Althea Loses To Louise Brough In Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — A Barely Hills, California, Louise Brough fought off both her opponent and the hot weather for the second successive day when she failed to beat Althea Gibson of New York 1-5, 6-1, 6-1, in the finals of the Women's 5th annual Pennsylvania and Eastern States tennis championship at the Merion Cricket Club Saturday.

Miss Brough, recent winner of the Wimbledon title for the fourth time, thereby regained the state crown which she held in 1952. It also marked Miss Brough's third conquest of Miss Gibson, top ranking Negro woman tennis player in the country. Louise beat Althea in the Nationals at Forest Hills, N. Y., in 1950, and again in the state tourney at Merion in 1953.

Brough, duPont Win Doubles
Miss Brough landed her second title when she paired with Mrs. Margaret duPont, Wilmington, to win the States doubles crown by defeating the U. S. girl champion, Barbara Breit and Darlene Hart, Montebello, Calif., 6-3, 6-6 in the finals.

Miss Hart and Miss Breit led 6-5, 20-15 on Mrs. duPont's service, and were within two points of taking the second set but the winners scored several points to

At The Ringside

BY CHARLES J. LIVINGSTON
CHARLES JUST WON'T MAKE IT

ERASER, Charles should stop kidding himself about winning back the heavyweight championship. He, supposed of his up and established line combination, just won't make it. It is as plain as that, and a half-dozen TV viewers who saw him get fanned around the ring last night (July 29) know it.

Charles, a colorful fellow, who has been in the ring for a long time, is a former champion of the title. And he, however, the world's heavyweight champion, has been away from him.

Three weeks ago, in the Chicago Stadium, during the fight following the Andrews fight, the former "Cassius" looked like a champion. He is still anxious to meet Sugar Ray Robinson in a third time showdown. But I can guarantee you he will be probably only a pit bull with his tin.

Sincerely enough, one of the reporters present took Andrews' statement seriously. "He just don't believe I don't 'has it' anymore. I don't either."

Of course, with Rocky and Archie Moore meeting in Yankee Stadium on Sept. 29, the future of the heavyweight championship is unpredictable at this time. But this much is clear: whoever wins that fight can knock off the former Charles I saw against Andrews.

With Charles it is a case of the mind is willing but the flesh is weak. He knows what he wants to do, but cannot put his ideas into action. He is what is termed a feeling fighter, on his way out.

In boxing a lot depends on coordination. A fighter must be able to coordinate his thinking and punching with his movement around the ring, and when he loses that quality, he is in for trouble. That is Charles' case. He lacks coordination.

To beat Charles, Charles' legs are not what they used to be. They fail him under pressure, causing him to get nailed in his tracks. He got plastered against the game but green Johnny Holman, and against unseasoned Paul Andrews, all because he was too slow. In both fights, he might have avoided most of these blows by simply dancing out of range.

Sports Close-up

NEW YORK (GLOBAL) — There were predictions and rumors flying thick and fast about the Ray Robinson-Castellani fight in San Francisco last week. This week by close friends of the boxer, the big, 27-pounder who stands 6'7" was an all-conference standout in grid and cage circles.

So let's admit it Charles. You are not as good as you used to be and, thus, cannot perform as before.

As an individual, I have always admired Charles for his forthrightness and integrity, yet he is not sincere to himself when he continues to think he is the same Charles when his action in the ring proves otherwise.

Charles just won't make it.



LEADERS IN INTERRACIAL PLAY — The Roxboro Colts, managed by Melvin Bates, Roxboro filling station owner, are shown above. They are well on their way to the national baseball tournament, which will be held in Wichita, Kansas soon. They have won their first two starts. They meet the winner of the Ashland-Statesville game Friday night in Roxboro. This is the only Negro group in the play-offs. This is the second year that they have taken part. Shown in the picture are: Seated, Jr., Pete Patton, Durham; Clarence Whitfield, Roxboro; Daniel Williams, Roxboro; J. T. Richardson, Roxboro; Shearthur Jeffers, Roxboro; and row; Manager Bates, Walter Thomas, Creedmoor; Joseph Cox, Durham; James Brown, Wilmington; A. D. Plummer, Durham; Pete Hayes, Durham; Morris James, Roxboro; back row; Alexander Robinson, business manager; Gilbert Mangum, Roxboro; Henry McPherson, Durham; Marvin McPherson, Hillsboro; Charlie Knack, Durham; Lety Jenkins, Creedmoor; and Maryland Stewart, mascot.



CALL HIM 'SLUGGER' — Don Newcombe, the Dodger's big gun, rests in the dressing room at Ebbets Field after personally wrapping up his 15th victory of the season with an eight-hit pitching job against the St. Louis Cardinals. Don hit his eighth homer of the season in this game to tie the record for National League pitchers. He also singled twice and got a double, boosting his batting mark to a league-leading .401. (Newspress Photo)



RALEIGH BOY STRIKES OUT THIRTEEN — James Frazier, Jr., 12, ace pitcher for the American Legion in the Little League and the All-Star team, struck out 13 men and had five assists in a game recently against Rocky Temple. The final score was 5-2 in favor of the AL team. As far

Floyd Brown Settles NCC's Money Worries

DURHAM — "We're starting a long-term program to bring the top sports attraction to the home of the N. C. Eagles as we settle our present financial problems," according to Floyd H. Brown, NCC's new athletic director.

In this connection, Brown said athletics at NCC "are open to limitations from the nation's top competition in all sports." He said NCC would "consider invitations to post-season football games within the provisions of the CIAA's rulings on promotional events." This was interpreted to mean that the Eagles are unable to conduct invitations to the Orange Blossom classic or similar post-season games. Official institutional and CIAA approval would have to determine the Eagles' accepting any and all bids.

"We've been fortunate in producing championship teams in football and basketball for the past two years, but this fact alone has not kept us solvent financially.

And although some of the "big name teams" have been on our schedules, financial support at our home games has been inadequate to "maintain national prestige at the expense of grassroots operation."

Brown's discussion of NCC's finances is expected to break a silence long self-imposed by some CIAA mentors. Ironically, NCC's national prestige in sports competition has steadily spiraled up while its finances have dropped to near-alarming proportions.

Brown said of the situation, "We don't know how long we can stay on with the leaders but we want to play the very best teams at any rate. We can't sacrifice our total athletic program for that when no real money really takes money to run an athletic program. We have to make the money for the total program here without any aid materially from any other source. Considering the money we have for our program here, I feel that we do a very good job."