

# At The Ringside

By CHARLES J. LIVINGSTON FOR ANP

**ARCHIE MOORE—A RECKLESS GAMBLER**

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# 'I Won't Be Pressured Into Signing Negro,' Red Sox Manager Tells Sports Reporters



FREE TICKET TO SECOND—Pittsburgh's Dale Long slides safely into second, upsetting Brooklyn's Charlie Neal in the first inning of a recent game in Brooklyn. The throw from catcher Ruhe Walker to Neal was too late to nip Dale, who scooted from first after a passed ball. (NEWSPRESS PHOTO.)

## Harris, Newsome, Cooper Star As

# Redcaps Slaughter Caledonia Prisoners 20-8 In Franklin

By CHARLES F. BLALOCK

FRANKLINTON — The Franklin Redcaps turned on the power in the initial frame, when a walk to William Nichols, a sacrifice by Sam McGuire, a double by Charles Blalock, and a single by James Williams put them out in front, 2-0. They were never headed, adding runs in every inning.

**FLOYD LEADS OFFENSE**  
Lionie Floyd, replacing Clarence Hicks at first base, led the Redcaps offensively. He connected for 3 singles and a double in five trips to the plate. He was followed closely by Blalock, who received 3 hits in 4 at-bats, including his 6th home run of the season in the 4th inning.

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By CONRAD CLARK

BOSTON, Mass. (ANP) — Newspaper readers learned here last Sunday that Joe Cronin and the Red Sox "are willing and eager to have a Negro player when one comes along who measures up to major league specifications."

The news article, written by Bob Holbrook of the Boston Globe, said "unfortunately (referring to the search for Negro material by the Red Sox) they haven't found one yet."

For some time now, sports writers of New England and other states where the major leagues have their ball parks, have been writing that no Negro has ever played for the Boston Red Sox, one of the three major league (?) teams that do not have colored players on their rosters.

"Pigment of the skin means nothing to us," Cronin declared in the story. "We want major leaguers on our team. We'd be delighted to have a Negro major league ball player — when we can sign one to a Red Sox contract."

"We will not be pressured into signing a player because he is a Negro," were the final words of Mr. Cronin.

Continuing, Sports writer Holbrook went on to say that Cronin, Yawkey and the Red Sox in general have been subjected to bitter criticism for not having colored players on the roster.

According to the article, the Red Sox team has now signed two young Negro players to minor league contracts. Earl Wilson, a pitcher, and Jerry Green, a shortstop, maybe the first two to make it.

It was written that Yawkey has spent considerable money for scouts who have been ordered to get the best colored talent available. To date, the scouts have failed to carry out their orders.

Banks and Mays and Frank Robinson, as well as Larry Doby and the others have been taken from the Red Sox by keener and quicker scouts.

Referring to the Negro populace's suspicions of the Red Sox back in 1945, and a little later on when Jackie Robinson had a try-out in Fenway Park and wasn't signed, and asking the question, "why?" the story says that Cronin remembers Jackie.

"First of all the Negro barrier remained to be broken. Maybe the Red Sox didn't feel they could handle such an assignment. How many baseball men had the courage to do it? One — named Branch Rickey."

## LEAGUE STANDINGS

CHAVIS SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.
Hall's Grill	7	0	1.000
Lassiter's Hardware	6	2	.750
Peeble's Bricklayers	2	3	.400
Kenney's Lunch	2	5	.285
Pine State	1	6	.142

CAPITOL CITY LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.
Amvets	4	0	1.000
Kabala Temple	2	2	.500
American Legion	1	3	.250
Tuttle Center	0	4	.000

## Redcaps Standings

REDCAP BATTING LEADERS

Player	AB	R	H	AV.
Blalock	71	33	462	
C. Hicks	57	23	402	
Stallings	45	18	396	
J. Hicks	60	21	349	
Nichols	71	23	322	

HOME RUNS

Player	R
Blalock	6
Stallings	6
C. Hicks	3

RUNS BATTED IN

Player	R
Blalock	29
Stallings	25
C. Hicks	20

PITCHING RECORD

Player	W	L
Harris	6	2
Tharrington	5	1
Newsome	3	1
Cooper	2	1
Vass	2	2

## New Stadium Replaces Old Tiger Field

GRAMBLING La. (SPECIAL)—Tiger Field reeked with the madness of farewell at Grambling College last week as workers moved the last piece of stadium equipment to the new athletic field.

The new stadium is located on the east end of the campus and will seat approximately 18,000 when concrete and steel stands are completed in 1957.

It will have a definite "new look."

Major improvements will include new lights with sealed beam reflectors, a quarter-mile cinder track, an enlarged press box with separate radio booths, adequate plumbing fixtures, and seats painted and numbered to handle large crowds.

The new field was sodded in April and should be in excellent shape for the opening game with Paul Quinn College Sept. 15.

GRAMBLING'S AERIAL ARTIST  
GRAMBLING La. — Pitching Paul Green handles the aerial antics for the defending National Negro Championship Grambling college eleven. Last fall his take-charge throws accounted for 325 yards and five touchdowns.



LOOKING FOR A BREAK—"Doc" Wendler looks for a possible fracture on the left ankle of hustling Dodger outfielder Sandy Amoros, injured during a recent game at Milwaukee. Injury has plagued the little World Series hero, who was subsequently sidelined for a few days after being spiked on a second base play. (NEWSPRESS PHOTO.)

# Intersectional Tilt Tops NCC's 1956 Grid Schedule

DURHAM — North Carolina College's 1956 football Eagles have a nine-game card opening in Durham on Sept. 23 with an intersectional classic featuring the famed and feared Florida A and M Rattlers as opponents. This will be a Saturday night tilt slated for Durham Athletic Park.

Eight other games are on tap for the Eagles, including CIAA champion Maryland State, the NCC eleven's Homecoming opponent on Oct. 20.

The Eagles close out season play on their own gridiron on Nov. 23 in their traditional Carolina Classic tilt on Thanksgiving Day with A and T College.

NCC's home schedule includes, in addition to Florida and Maryland, St. Augustine's at Durham Athletic Park (Saturday night), Oct. 6, and Benedict College, O'Kelly Field, 2 p.m., Nov. 10.

Herman Riddick's charges CIAA champions in 1953 and 1954, and fourth place loop finishers last season, are out to dethrone the mighty Marylanders of Coach Vernon (Skip) McKain this season.

The Eagles figure they have the kind of schedule this season to enable them to claim national recognition if the gridiers "come through."

Games away from Durham for the Eagles include Morgan at Baltimore, Sept. 29; Virginia State at Petersburg, Oct. 13; Shaw at Raleigh, Oct. 27, and South Carolina State at Orangeburg, Nov. 3.

This year's schedule includes five of the nine first division clubs from last season: Maryland A and T, Virginia State (finishing in that

order) sixth-place Shaw and ninth-place Morgan.

The Hawks, Argles, Trojans, and Morgan Bears are greatly strengthened over last season and Shaw is reportedly better off in depth. All this forebodes ill for the Eagles if they falter en route.

In CIAA ratings for 1955, Maryland won the championship with a 7-0 record and a Dickinson rating of 26.67. A and T was runner-up

with a 4-1-1 record and a Dickinson of 22.91. The Virginia State Trojans ended season play with 4-0-3 record and a Dickinson of 22.50.

NCC's count last season was 3-1-1 and a Dickinson of 21.30.

Other first-division clubs and their won-lost and Dickinson counts:

5th W-Salem	(5-1-1)	21.25
6th Shaw	(4-2-2)	19.33
7th Delaware	(5-1-0)	19.16
8th Bluefield	(5-2-1)	19.06
9th Morgan	(4-1-0)	19.00

tion now. This leaves the burden of carrying the "Blue & White" at Melbourne to Bradford.

The road to Melbourne is not without obstacles for Bradford, however. Davis, who was the world's ranking lifter for nearly a decade, figures to be over the hill now, but an even more formidable opponent has appeared in the form of Paul Anderson, the 330-pound Georgian who has broken nearly every record in the books.

Bradford figures that he will have to get at least a second-place at the Olympic trials in October to make the team. This is his primary concern now. He says he'll cross the Melbourne "bridge" if and when he gets to it.

Bradford, who is a native of Washington and a Dunbar High grad, was runner-up to New York City's John Davis in the heavyweight weightlifting competition at Helsinki in 1952 when Norvel Lee became the first Howard athlete to annex an Olympic title.

Lee, who won the lightweight boxing crown and was later voted the top boxer at Helsinki, has retired from active competition now.

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GIBSON GIRL—Tennis champion Althea Gibson flashes a big smile as she disembarks from a Pan Am clipper from London. The first of her races to compete in Wimbledon, Althea lost her singles match, but shared the women's doubles title. She was hailed at New York's City Hall, and is a favorite to win the Forest Hills tournament. (NEWSPRESS PHOTO.)

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