

Cassius Clay Fails To Show Up For Army Examination Campanella Leads In Bid For "Hall of Fame" Honor

Says Mix-Up Developed; He'll Take Exam In Fla.

NEW YORK (ANP)—In typical fashion, Cassius Clay, the "Louisville Lip," last week kept Army officials and reporters waiting for hours at the U. S. Army Induction Center here, where he was scheduled for his pre-draft physical examination. But it was disclosed later that a misunderstanding had developed and that he would take the examination in Miami.

However, for a while it appeared that Clay, who usually "pops off" about virtually every thing, had gotten himself into hot water with Uncle Sam.

He was expected to report at the center at 7 a. m., but he

didn't show up, and at 10, the press was informed that Clay had arranged to have his credentials transferred from New York to Florida.

This was done because Clay is in training in Miami for his heavyweight title bout with champion Sonny Liston on February 25. The boastful Louisville boxer says Liston "will fall in eight." He calls Sonny "that big ugly bear."

This was the second time that Clay had transferred his draft papers. In November, he had them transferred from Louisville, Ky., to New York.



TRYING TO GET THROUGH — John Thompson (50) of Providence tries to get a shot off the guard of St. John's Ken Wirell (14) during game in the Holiday Basketball Festival at Madison Square Garden December 30th. Providence won, 72-67, gaining fifth place in the meet. Thompson threw in 20 points (UPI PHOTO).

WESTCOAST SPORTLIGHT

BY L. L. "BROCK" BROCKENBURY I'M THANKFUL
LOS ANGELES (ANP)—For some time now, I have not bothered you with any mention of my illness of July 27, 1962, when I suffered a stroke in Detroit. . . . If you will bear with me, I promise not to do it again. But at this joyful season, I feel compelled to pause and show my appreciation and reiterate my thanks for what has been done for me.

I am sure you will agree that I have a great deal to be thankful for. A little over a year ago, I could not move. Today, although I still have some difficulty with my speech, I can be understood. I can walk as good as ever I could. All this, when at the time of my stroke, I was not even expected to live.

The Lord must be at the head of the list of the many who worked to save my life, for all things come from Him. Completing the list would be Longworth (Shortie) Quinn, editor-general manager of the Michigan Chronicle. I was in his of-

fice in Detroit when I was stricken. It was his quick thinking that got me into the best hospital where I received the best possible medical care.

The drug that was used to dissolve the clot on my brain was a new one. It was not available in all hospitals. And because of "Shorty" Quinn, I was sent to Ford hospital. If I had had a stroke four years ago, I would have died because this drug was not available.

Then there is Dr. Arthur B. Eisenbrey, neurologist at Ford Hospital, who worked frantically over me all night long - finally succeeding in dissolving the clot on my brain.

Dr. Pearl McBroom, internal medicine specialist of Los Angeles, had been working with me before, and when I had the stroke, she was in immediate contact with Ford hospital and those who were working on me. All during my stay at Ford hospital in Detroit, she kept in contact with the doctors there. I am still in her care. Dr. McBroom is one of the leading heart special-

ists in the country.

Then there were the many prayers that were said for me. My many friends, told me they had prayed for me, and I believe them. I know the prayers helped because I could feel the results and knew it could only be the result of Divine aid. Even though we have the best doctors, specialists, therapists, etc., there is only so much that they can do. Then we must rely on God's power to take over. I am very grateful to my many friends who took time to pray for me.

I must say a word, too, about the therapists at both the Ford hospital and Cedars of Lebanon here. They really went all out working with me to get me moving around and talking again. I have since revisited Detroit and went to Ford Hospital to see some of those who were with me when I became ill. They couldn't believe it when they saw me walk in. One of the male nurses actually shed tears when he saw me. They thought it was a miracle - and it was!

I have kept the same weight now for a year and two months. I am staying between 190 and 200 pounds. I have had all my clothes cut down or new ones made, so I have to maintain this weight, or go around in rags. I will never allow myself to get back to what I was two years ago.

It was a tribute I shall never forget. I don't think there has ever been a more impressive gathering of local sports greats, including athletes and writers, for such an occasion. I was overwhelmed.

I will always be grateful to Brad and Marie for their tremendous effort. That is why I got a big kick out of Brad's being projected as one of the top sports editors in the country for his coverage of the Anthony Lorick case. He really got some great publicity in the top newspapers and radio sportscasts. I was really proud of him.

In this, I realize there is nothing like friendship. I have so many friends - many whom I did not even know. To all of you - each and every one - I say thank you for your friendship. A Happy New Year to you and your families. And may God forever bless you.

Shaw Bears Edge ECSC, 92 To 91

Robert Height made a free throw with four seconds left to give Shaw University's Bears a 92-91 victory over Elizabeth City State's Vikings at Elizabeth City Monday night.

The Bears led at halftime, 45-40 but in the second half Elizabeth City rallied to take a 10 point lead.

Then it was the Bears' turn to rally and they did it successfully to run their conference record to 7-8. They will be at home Thursday, January 8, with Livingston College as opponents.

Ira Mitchell 5-11" sophomore from New York City, led the second half Shaw spurt. He got 24 of his 28 points in that time. Joe Byers, 6-1", sophomore from Greensboro, scored 21 points. Robert Fran-

LIVING with SPORTS

TAN STARS WHOOP IT UP AFTER BEARS CHAMPIONSHIP VICTORY
CHICAGO (ANP)—The Chicago Bears dressing room was a bedlam of excitement. Players, coaches and well-wishers were yelling at the top of their voices in unrestrained jubilation. And there were the traditional handshaking and backslapping as the players congratulated one another on their 14-10 championship conquest of the erstwhile haughty New York Giants.

Shouts of "We Made It" filled the room.

"We are the Champs!" shouted Bennie McRae, former Michigan grid and sprint star, who was one of the big stars of the game. "Yes, we really proved we're the champs!" blared, boyish Dave Whitsell almost shouted in reply.

Tan McRae and Whitsell knew whereof they spoke. The two, along with Roosevelt Taylor, ex-Grumbling college star, were thorns in the side of the Giants all afternoon on the frozen gridiron of Wrigley Field. And their heroics were cheered lustily by the capacity, partisan crowd of 45,801, wearing all sorts of outlandish costumes to ward off the bone-chilling eight-degree (above zero) temperature.

McRae and Taylor, and safetyman Richie Petitbon, "read" Y. A. Tittle, the Giants ace quarterback, like a book. They covered the defensive backfield like a blanket, particularly in the third and fourth quarters, when McRae came up with a "money play" on an interception of a long pass from Tittle intended for Alex Webster in the Bears' end zone with only about four minutes, 20 seconds remaining in the game. He was mobbed by his teammates as he returned to the sidelines.

If Elected, Campy Will Join Jackie Robinson, Others

NEW YORK (ANP)—Roy Campanella, former Brooklyn Dodger great and one of baseball's greatest catchers until an automobile accident ended his playing career abruptly, appeared headed to become the second Negro to be elected to the "Hall of Fame", as the year 1963 rolled to a finish.

If elected in the balloting soon by 368 members of the Baseball Writers of America, "Campy" will join Jackie Robinson, who currently is the only Negro member of the "Hall of Fame."

Campanella, crippled from the waist down and confined to a wheelchair as a result of the accident, heads a list of distinguished candidates that include such former players as ex-New York Yankee right-hander Red Ruffing, former Chicago White Sox short stop Luke Appling, ex-Boston Red Sox outfielder Dom DiMaggio, the Yanks' one-time formidable hurler Bobo Newson and ex-Pittsburgh slugger Ralph Kiner.

Robinson and former Cleveland Indians fireball pitcher Bob Feller were elected to the "Hall" in 1962. Jackie was installed in ceremonies at Cooperstown, N. Y., the shrine of baseball, last July.

To be eligible for election, a candidate must be retired at least five years and must have been an active player no more than 20 years ago. Any player named on 75 per cent of completed ballots is elected.

Campanella's credentials include his three-time selection (one of only two players to be so honored) as the National League's most valuable player and 242 home runs hit in his 10 years as a major leaguer. The robust catcher was a pinch to eventually hit 200 homers or more, when the accident occurred.

Campanella had his greatest year in 1953, when he set club records with 142 runs batted in and 41 homers. Nineteen fifty three was also one of the years when he won the MVP award.

Sharpshooting Delaware State Cagers Play Philly Textile Thurs.

DOVER, Del.—The Delaware State Hornets return to action on Thursday, January 9, when they travel to Philadelphia to meet Philadelphia Textile.

Delaware State has won six consecutive victories and will take an overall record of 6 wins and 1 defeat into the regional contest between the two small colleges. The Hornets' CIAA record is 3 wins and 1 loss.

Coach Bennie George's DSC

quintet is a sharpshooting aggregation averaging 92.4 points per game. Coach Bucky Harris of Textile lost Herb Magee, one of the highest small college scorers in the nation by graduation, but this one meeting of these two small colleges looms as a thriller.

DSC is steadily moving without any one standout scorer. The fact that Coach George has several combinations who score in double figures gives depth to his team.

Prairie View Panthers Capture Coveted Scott Memorial Trophy

ATLANTA, Ga.—The Panthers of Prairie View A&M College, Texas, have been named the 1963 recipients of The W. A. Scott, II, Memorial Trophy, annually awarded by The 100 per cent Wrong Club, Atlanta, to the mythical championship team of Negro intercollegiate football, according to announcement made last week by the Club's president, A. L. Thompson.

William J. "Billy" Nicks, Prairie View athletic director and head football coach, and his star quarterback, Jimmy Kearney, were named "Football Coach" and "Collegiate Player" of the year, respectively, by the 100 per centers. Mr. Nicks' team had a 9-0 record for the regular season, while in post-season competition his Panthers defeated Kearney State College, Nebraska, 29-7, in an NAIA small college play-off.

At Sacramento, California the Panthers dropped the NAIA championship, 33-27, to St. John's College, Collegeville, Minn., in a hotly contested Camellia Bowl game. During the season, Prairie View defeated Lackland AFB, Jackson Grambling, Arkansas AM&N, Bishop, Alcorn and Southern.

The Scott Trophy, sponsored by the Coca-Cola company, Atlanta, Ga., was initiated a decade ago by The 100 per cent Wrong Club of the ATLANTA DAILY WORLD in memory of the newspaper's founder and first editor-publisher, W. A. Scott, II, an All-American quarterback at Morehouse College in the late twenties. The award will be made in Atlanta on January 31.

At the 28th annual All-Sports Jamboree, honors are also set for two other coaches of the year, a professional football player, a sports public relations man and the club's all-Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. "The Pioneer Awards" and "The Two Friends Awards" which honor the memory of A. F. Herndon, founder of The Atlanta Life Insurance Company, will be announced at a later date.

Coaches C. E. (Biggame) Gaines, Winston-Salem State College, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Anne, Maryland, are the Clubs' basketball and track coaches for 1963.

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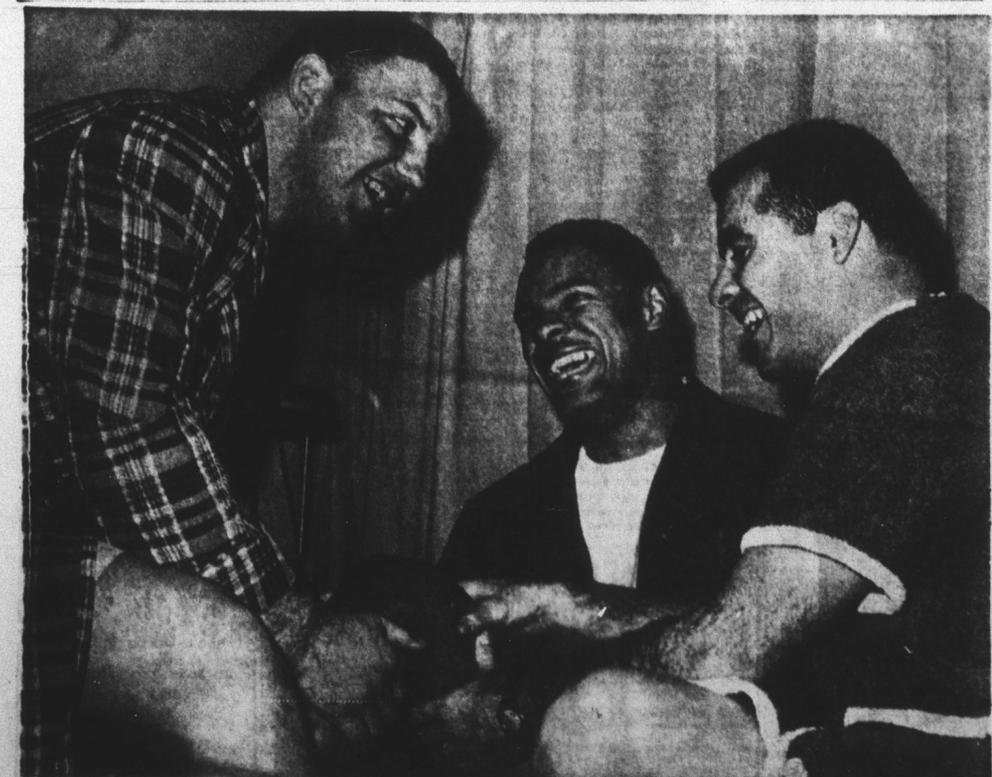
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HOLDS FIRST NEWS CONFERENCE — World heavyweight boxing champion Charles (Sonny) Liston held his first news conference of the year in Las Vegas, Nevada's Thunderbird Hotel last Thursday. Liston will defend his title February 25 in Miami Beach, Fla., against Cassius Marcellous Clay. Liston is training 4,000 miles from the battle site, "so's I don't hear that loud mouth sounding off." (UPI PHOTO).

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THREE GIANTS TO UNDERGO SURGERY — Prospect of impending surgery doesn't seem to perturb this cheerful trio, New York Giants' linebacker Mickey Walker, halfback Allan Webb, and end Joe Walton (left to right), as they await opera-

tions at St. Vincent's Hospital, New York, Jan. 2nd. Surgery was performed on the players' knees Jan. 3rd for removal of loose cartilages and other minor obstructions. (UPI PHOTO).

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