

Cassius Clay's Dad Claims Boxer-Son Is "Confused"

Says Son Doesn't Know Whether He's Going On Coming On Race Ques.

MIAMI (ANP) — Cassius Clay's father last week said the boxer is a member of the Black Muslim sect and branded him "confused" and "brainwashed". He added that Cassius doesn't know whether he is going or coming on the race question.

Cassius M. Clay, Sr. 51, told the Miami Herald newspaper here that his son has been a member of the Black Muslim sect headed by Elijah Muhammad since he won the Olympic light-heavyweight title at the age of 18. Clay is now 22.

In confirming that his son is a Black Muslim, the senior Clay went further than the mouthy boxer on the subject. So far, Clay had refused to say whether

he is a member of the Muslim sect, described as a black supremacy organization. He said once, however, that he would explain it if given two hours of prime TV time. He got no offers.

The senior Clay accused the Muslims of brainwashing his son, saying: "They've been hammering at him and brainwashing him... He's so confused he doesn't know where he is at." Clay's father is a painter in Louisville, "The Lip's" hometown. Meanwhile, Clay, who fights champion Sonny Liston for the world's heavyweight title in Miami Beach, on Feb. 25, was busy condemning integration as "wrong."



COLD WAR WEAPONS — Heavyweight contender Cassius Clay listens to trainers Angelo Dundee (left) and Drew Brown as he continues his "psychological warfare" against champ Sonny Liston at Miami Beach, Fla. Clay announced that he and his camp followers and 30 high school students would "picket" the Liston camp at the suburban Surfside Center. Things will go from the psychological to the physical when Cassius meets Sonny for the title February 25. (UPI PHOTO).

Shaw Bears To End Regular Season Play Vs. NCC Quint

The Shaw University basketball team will conclude its regular season on Saturday night, February 22, with the North Carolina College Eagles. The Bears will play the A&T College Aggies on Friday, February 14.

The Bears are tournament-bound and would like to knock off the high-rated Aggies to clinch a delayed round tournament slot. As of this week, the Bears are in fourth place in the CIAA standings with a 10-3 record. Wins over A&T, North Carolina College at Dur-

ham, and Fayetteville State College, Feb. 21, would boost the Bears to top contention for the CIAA championship title.

The Bears lost the first three games in the conference after the Christmas break, but are now back on the winning trail. In their last three games the Bears have been victorious in their meetings with Allen University, non-conference; St. Augustine's College, and Fayetteville State. Coach Spann has all week to prepare the Bears for the important game with A&T. In their first meeting at Greensboro,

the Bears were offed by the fast-moving Aggie five, but it is expected that the Bears will play a slower game in an attempt to slow down the fast-running Aggie offense.

Slated to appear for Shaw is Jim Snow, who has been averaging 20 points in the last five games, at center; Kermit West, key rebounder, at forward; Les Monroe at the other forward spot; Irma Mitchell at guard; and Bennie Jo Byers at the other guard spot.

It is expected that all of the Bear bench will see action in an attempt to defeat the A&T Aggies.

LIVING WITH SPORTS

BY CHARLES J. LIVINGSTON
U. S. FAILURES AT INNSBRUCK PLACES BURDEN ON OLYMPIC TRACK STARS

CHICAGO (ANP) — The inept showing of U. S. athletes in the Winter Games in Innsbruck, Austria, places a massive burden on our track and field stars who must now rely upon to roll up tremendous victories to offset our present losses and thus rescue Uncle Sam's prestige in the upcoming Olympics in Tokyo this October.

Every loss by the U. S. ski, bobsled and hockey teams at Innsbruck increases the burden for our tracksters. Luckily, the U. S. is currently blessed with an abundance of topnotch track and field athletes, particularly a fine array of tan stars who will do doubt carry the load at Tokyo.

But the question might be asked: Are we continually expecting too much from our track stars? Isn't it about time we started balancing the athletic sheet by embarking on an untried recruiting program in which Negroes as well as whites will be sought out and trained in the search for the talent that is lacking in our

bruck? This brings us to the question of selection.

One reads occasionally of a few Negroes skiing for kicks, but as far as is known, none have been recruited for, or competed in any of the major AAU ski contests. Needless to say, none tried out for the current, pathetic U. S. Olympic team. "No Soul Brothers are in the lineup," one tan observer commented comically on our winter Olympic team. And this brings up another question: why haven't Negroes integrated such winter sports as skiing and bobsledding?

welcomed or that their talents would not be appreciated. These have been among the reasons, also, for the late integration of such other sports as baseball, tennis and, in a sense, golf.

Just think of the run-around a young Negro skier might get if he showed up at one of the elite winter ski lodges where athletes prepare for national and international tournaments and asked to be enrolled! What sort of reception would he get? What sort of support would he get from officials of the AAU and other athletic bodies.

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Former Track Champ Mal Whitfield

Now Proving Himself Top Organizer

LONG BEACH, Calif. (ANP) — Former track star Mal Whitfield is proving to be just as successful as an organizer and promoter of athletics as he was during his heyday when he dominated the cinder path as one of America's greatest middle champions.

Whitfield recently returned from a successful mission as goodwill sports ambassador in the Middle East and Africa, where he helped in the training of athletes under the auspices of the U. S. States Department, and almost immediately tackled another major project.

He has been appointed co-ordinator of the upcoming Long Beach Games, Feb. 18, and has succeeded in lining up one of the finest arrays of track and field stars ever to compete in the annual meet. Whitfield and Bill Gill, meet director, are working together as a team.

Among the stars scheduled to compete in the Long Beach meet are:

vault titlist, and shot putter Pat O'Brien.

Also, milers Jim Beatty, Tom O'Hara and Dyrrol Burleson; Jay Silvester and Dallas Long.

In addition there are such popular and outstanding tan stars as

Ulis Williams, Henry Carr, Adolph Plummer and Jim Dupree.

The meet will be run over the nation's newest and "fastest" indoor track, constructed at a cost of \$15,000.

The latter group will, I believe, carry the United States to victory over Russia and the other nations at the Tokyo Games. The question still remains, however, of whether our overall track victory will be large enough to offset the losses at Innsbruck. I hope so.

Judging from the dismal headlines (or the U.S.) coming out of Innsbruck, the U. S. must have sent a sorry team to the Winter Games. I am not knocking the athletes personally. They are doing their best, I am sure. But I am questioning the type of programming and training which produced the current crop of winter athletes.

At best, something must be wrong with our method of recruiting and training when a great sports power such as the United States fails so miserably in winter athletic competition. I, in particular, cannot help wondering if race might have been the results if tan skiers or bobsledders were competing in Inns-

College President-Coach Is Feature Of Nat'l Magazine

BY COLLIE J. NICHOLSON
GRAMBLING, La. (ANP)—President-Coach R. W. Jones of Grambling College is one of 73 successful baseball and track mentors of the current issue of the Coaching Clinic, published by Prentice-Hall, Inc., Englewood Cliff, N. J.

He discussed "Ideas on Pitching" in the special spring sports issue of the monthly magazine.

Coaches offered thoughts and trends on techniques and strategy on a position-by-position basis.

Each consultant led his team to the NCAA or NAIA national tournament, or won state high school championships in 1968.

Grambling won the NAIA area seven title and was runners-up in the national tournament.

The national championship elud-

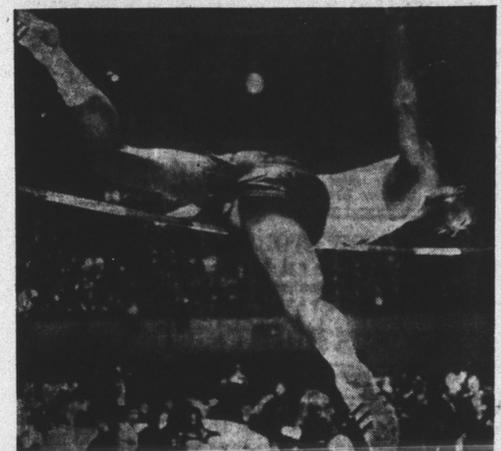
ed "coach" Jones, but championship quality has not.

Since world war II the Tigers have compiled a 256-56 win-loss record and Grambling stars have received more than \$300,000 in bonuses from major league teams.

Grambling has won three straight southwestern conference championships.

The astute Grambling coach is also the subject of a special feature in the current issue of Collegiate Baseball, official publication of the American Association of College Baseball Coaches.

Having eliminated polio as a public health problem through the Salk and Sabin vaccines, The National Foundation-March of Dimes now fights birth defects and arthritis.



UPS AND DOWNS — Going over the bar (top) or landing in a foam rubber pad after the leap (lower), John Thomas of Boston displays championship form as he competed in the Millrose Games high jump event at New York's Madison Square Garden. Thomas won the event with a meet record leap of 7' 2 1/2" last week. (UPI PHOTO).

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TWO-FISTED ATTACK — Second-ranked, heavyweight contender Doug Jones (R), of N. Y., launches a two-fisted attack on Tom McNeely in the 5th round of their scheduled 10-rounder at the N. Y. Coliseum Feb. 3rd. Jones scored a TKO over the former challenger from Arlington, Mass., at the end of the 5th because of a broken nose. The bout was stopped by the ring doctor, Dr. Alexander Schiff. (UPI PHOTO).

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