Griffith Shakes Recent KO; Flattens Dupas In 3rd



GRIFFITH WINS - World welterweight champion Emile Griffith of the Virgin Islands stands over his dazed opponent, Ralph Dupas of New Orleans, La., after flooring him in the

third round of their scheduled 10-rounder at Sydney Stadium in Australia February 10th. Griffith scored a knock out in 2 minutes 19 seconds of the third round to win. (UPI PHOTO).

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babbling Cassius Clay is beginning to realize that its possible to lessen the effectiveness of a project sim-ply by overdoing it. In his case, he too much.

People who understand the me hanics of puglism and prize fight ng off," as Mr. Clay puts it, if It will help to popularize him and advance his cause financially. But the nature and authenticity of such ballyhooing, and the extent to which it is taken, are serious conderations. In short, how far can a braggart go and how reckless can he get without hurting himself.

Last week Clay, who earnestly believes he will win the heavyweight championship from Sonny Liston in their Miami Beach showdown on Feb. 25-even if his fellow Americans doubt this, some 4 to 1admitted that his ceaseless ballyhooing has technically turned against him, to the benefit of Liston. He was quoted as saying:

"I made Liston the favorite of the fans. He used to be the villian—a mean ex-convict and people wanted to see him best. Then I came along and they got an earful of me and they began rooting for Liston to shut me up. I'll fight him and the fans, too."

Mr. Clay is so right. He has cer-tainly made Liston the sentimental favorite with boxing fans by the extremity to which he carried his bragging. Gaseous Cassius has gone such ridiculous extremes in his talkfest, that fans either refuse to believe that he is that "great," or consider him an indiscriminate loudmouth and strutting egotist.

Clay might want to know that the public, as fickle as it is, has a definite way of resenting people trying to "whip the game" on it. It doesn't mind being jived, or kidded, but it certainly objects to being gassed to death in what might well be regarded, in his case, as a

bedly played con game.

Let me explain. The sports public, and boxing fans in particular, doesn't mind a fellow bragging about his ability to one. But when a felw like Clay goes to such a ridiculous extreme as to virtually say that he is conducting a personal publicity campaign for the benefit of a fat gate, then fans begin taking exception and are apt to turn against the box-or or at hiete for trying to

Fist fight fans will go to the -Clay showdown-with the hope of seeing Liston ram his giant basketball team dropped a 80-73 de-dist down Cassius' mouth— but a cision to Hillside High in Durham e of seeing Liston ram his giant at many of them won't be root-

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"SPECIAL" FOR CASSIUS — Heavyweight boxing champion Charles (Sonny) Liston, top photo, has a "special" valentine for challenger Cassius M. Clay, Jr., bottom photo, shown at his Miami training camp. Liston is pictured at his Surfside, Fla. training camp. The two will meet for the championship bout on Tuesday, February 25. (UPI PHOTO).

The J. W. Ligon Little Blues filed by a score of 66-53. Friday night then bounced back on Saturday night to outclass Johnston

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rival Hillside, Ligon suffered from poor ball handling and shooting and what seemed to be a disorganized effort. The taller Blues were cold from the start falling behind 21-13 in the first quarter but they stormed back the second quarter to outscore the Hornets by 6 and go into the halftime break behind just two points 36-34.

The game was nip and tuck the rest of the way with the shorter but faster Hillside team holding off lost to a determined final drive by the Blues to win 80-73.

Willie White and Bobby Moore took scoring honors for the Raleigh team with 18 points apiece and James Robinson getting 12. The Hornets mighty George Outlaw topped everyone with 23. His quick, twisting moves were trouble for Ligon all night. Joseph McGill gave him support by tallying 17 markers.

On the next night the Blues with 6-4 Bobby Moore leading the way came from a 30-23 deficit at halftime to knock off Johnston County Training School, 66-53. Moore got 17 points. The Blues also got a good

The George Handy coached Ra-leigh squad had its troubles at the free throw line during the last two games. Out of 53 attempts they made only 29.

This week Ligon has two gam scheduled. They played Adkins from Kinston in Raleigh Tuesday night and travel to Wilmington Friday to do battle with Williston

The Ligon Junior Varsity also lost to Hillside Friday, 47-40 as the Blues suffered a double defeat. This was sweet revenge for Hill-side's baby Hornets for they were beaten earlier by the George Jones coached Junior Varsity team.

They, also, bounced back to edge the Junior Varsity of Johnston County, 51-50.

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SYDNEY, Australia (ANP) — World welterweight champion Emile Griffith of New York showed no after effects of his recent knockout at the hands of middleweight Rubin (Hurricane) Carter recently, in his tremendous title tuneup win over fellow American Ralph Dupas here last week.

Griffith, a twe-fisted bex-ex-puncher who specialises in lefthocking off the jab, dealt Dupas, of New Oricans, a bad beating before flattening him in 2 minutes and 19 seconds of the third round in their scheduled 10-round bout before a capacity crowd of 10,-500.

Griffith, who was tuning up for his scheduled welterweight title fight against Luis Rodrigues in June, floored Dupas three times in the second round before putting him away in the third. While he was hammering Dupas in the second, the crowd pleaded with Referee Vic Patrick to stop the one-sided fight. But the referee permitted he fight to go the third. At the 2:09 mark, Griffith jabbed Dupas stiffly and then expleaded a terrific left hand punch on his chin that put him on he deck for the full count. Emile described the punch as "a looping left from the shoulder."

Shaw Bears Beats A&T In 2 Overtimes, 64-63

throws in the last half-minute of the second overtime period to give Shaw a 64-63 basketball win over A&T here Friday night.

Snow's charity toes broke a string of deadlocks that began late in the game when Shaw tied it up after trailing throughout the contest.

The regulation game ended, 80-50, and the first overtime ended with the score 86-86.

ended with the score 56-56, A&T's Mac McHartley pulled

Shaw: Mitchell 27, Snow 17, Mon-roe 4, Byers 10, West 5, Height 1. Halftime score A&T 33, Shaw 32.

SHAW WHIPS AST HERE PLAN FINAL HOME GAME The Shaw University Bears will play their last home game of the regular CIAA basketball season, Friday, Feb. 21, at 8:00 p. m. in Spaulding Gymnasium. The Bears will play host to the Payetteville

into the second evertime.

It a Mitchell's 27 points kept Shaw on the heels of the Aggies until the Bears made their winning move. Snow with 17 and Benny Byers with 10 were other point leaders. Jackson had 18 and Davis 15 for A&T.

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The highly-rated Shaw Bears will travel to Durham Saturday night to play North Carolina College. For the last meeting of the two teams the Bears emerged victorious in a thrilling CIAA contest.

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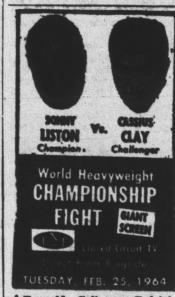
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