

For Easter Basketball Tilt: Harlem Hobos, College All-Stars Meet Mon. Night At Garner School

The Harlem Hobos, novelty basketball team that successfully mixes comedy and skill in a La. Globetrotter style, will be at the Garner Consolidated High School gym on Easter Monday night for a benefit game, sponsored by the Garner Alumni Association. The Hobos will be opposed by the 1964 selected college All-Stars. The famed Hobos who annually tour the United States and Mexico have proved to be real ambassadors. All-Stars will have some of the top players from the C. I. A. A. and the Atlantic Coast Conference in their lineup. The sponsors of the game have arranged to have dancing afterwards.

N. C. Native, Sam Bowens Makes Good With Orioles

BY SAMUEL STOKES
WILMINGTON — Back in 1954, a slender, muscular, mild mannered youngster, in his freshman year at Williston Senior High School, strode out on the baseball diamond at the Williston Athletic Field and asked E. A. Corbin, baseball coach at the school for a tryout on the Tiger squad. Little did Corbin realize at the time that this youngster would reach stardom in three sports at the school in his four year tenure but the lad went on to win 12 letters in basketball, baseball and football, a feat which has never before nor since been duplicated at the Port City school. The young man mentioned is none other than Sam Bowens, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel E. Bowens, Sr. who resides at 415 South 13th St. Sam, better known as "Punkum" around the Williston campus, pitched and played shortstop on the baseball team, was a triple threat quarterback on the then Frank P. Robinson coached football eleven and played the pivot post on the basketball team, winning "All state" honors in each category in his junior and senior years while captaining all three sports. Now, ten years later, Bowens is at the crossroads with a chance to gain greater heights in baseball, the sport which he picked as first choice, having been touted as the brightest "Rookie" prospect in the Baltimore Orioles baseball organization. Wilmington should be proud of representation in baseball by such a deservitive and determined young man as Bowens and below is a testimony of how the Baltimore "brass" feel about the ex-Williston star as written by John F. Stedman, sports editor of a Baltimore Daily. Certainly the most talked-about new name in a Baltimore Oriole's uniform, the one player who holds the greatest hope for the future, is a well muscled outfielder with a rhythmic swing and the other essential credentials to go with it. He hits, runs and throws and his every action suggests power personified. The ironical part in the case history of young Sam Bowens is that the Oriole's sign him on somebody else's say-so. Bowens is probably the first farm system product to ever arrive in the Oriole's major league camp wearing a positive stamp of approval who was actually signed without being scouted. This is rather an unusual way to start a professional baseball career. And, it's all the more surprising when Bowens, five years later, after serving his apprenticeship, is on the American League scene as one of the most publicized rookies of 1964. The shock will now be if Bowens doesn't stay. He looks to have all the physical equipment and the mental attitude to accomplish the thing the Orioles want most—ANOTHER OUTFIELDER WHO CAN HIT GOOD PITCHING on a regular basis and won't have to be plied. Bowens is the Oriole's foremost hope for 1964. If he is able to do what his records indicate then there's little risk that Sam is going to be getting his mail in Rochester. Only 24 years of age, he already has two seasons behind him in the International League where he turned in averages of .269 and .287. All the way across the line, he im-

Tan Players Dominate The NBA Action

NEW YORK CITY (ANP)—As the National Basketball Association season draws to a close, the expected has happened: —Wilt Chamberlain is the leader in scoring. —Oscar Robertson is the leader in foul shooting accuracy and play-making. —Bill Russell is the leader in rebounds. It is likely that Robertson will be acclaimed the most valuable player in the league, although he will receive stiff argument from Chamberlain. Chances are, too, that Robertson, Chamberlain (or Russell) and Elgin Baylor will occupy three of the five places on any all-star team named. Robertson, the all-purpose performer for the Cincinnati Royals, was the runaway choice for the Player of the Year, selected in the voting by NBA players for the Sporting News. In the same poll, Chamberlain, who developed into a superb team man for the San Francisco Warriors (perhaps leading the former Philadelphia Warriors to their first division title since he joined them five seasons ago), edged Russell, of the Boston Celtics, for the pivot spot. Baylor, of the Los Angeles Lakers, again was named to one of the corner positions.

On four different occasions, Russo went to see Bowens play but each time the game was rained out. Finally, out of desperation and part intuition he signed Bowens without ever getting the opportunity to see him hit. Bowens received no bonus money. However, Russo put an incentive clause in his contract that the day he was placed on an Oriole major league roster he was to collect \$5,000. The moment came last September 20 when Oriole president Lee MacPhail called him into his office and handed him the check. So right now the Orioles are depending on Sam Bowens more than he ever realized they would, and all because a scout let himself be touted. It's possible, as has happened, that if Russo had been given the opportunity of seeing Bowens play that he wouldn't have been impressed. It's on that small measure of chance and a scout playing a hunch, that Sam Bowens is with the Baltimore Orioles and holding an important role in an approaching season that is vital to the organization on the field and at the gate.

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ORIOLE SCOUT PLAYER A HUNCH
The story of how the Orioles signed Bowens is revealed today for the first time by scout Jim Russo, a regional supervisor who works out of Florissant, Mo. Russo says he was drawn to Bowens when Fred Valentine, another Oriole outfielder of past promise, now with the Washington Senators, wrote to him Valentine gave him the first recommendation and then the kid's coach at Tennessee State University, a man named Ray Whitman, seconded the motion. Meanwhile, an Oriole "bird dog" in Nashville, Dub Allen, also was high on his potential. But Russo had to decide if Bowens was worth the chance.



SHAW BEARS WIN TROPHY IN PHILADELPHIA INVITATIONAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT — Front row, left to right: Norman Joynes, Robert Height, Bennie Lake and Ivon Donovan. Back row, left to right: Lee Monroe, James Snow, Kermit West, Arthur Bridges, James Edmondson and Bennie Byers. (See story).

Shaw Bears Take 3rd Place In Invitational Cage Meet

In an exciting and fast-paced game of the first round, Delaware State College, edged Shaw by a score of 86-83. Shaw managed to get a ten-point lead three times during the contest, but were lost as a result of pressurized defense and the sharp-shooting staged by Delaware. Jim Snow and Joe Byers were top scorers with 26 and 24 points, respectively. K. West and Lee Monroe contributed with fine rebounding. J. C. Smith defeated Delaware State College, 97-77 to capture the first Philadelphia Invitational Intercollegiate basketball tournament championship. The Shaw Bears closed out the season with a much improved record over previous seasons. With over-all record of 13 wins and 6 losses, the Bears are in hopes of an even better season next year since the only expected loss on the squad will be K. West, a top rebounder. West, a senior, will be finishing this year.

Boxer Archie Moore Survives Crash Down Embankment In Calif.

SAN DIEGO (ANP) — Former light-heavyweight champion Archie Moore and a boxer companion miraculously escaped serious injuries when the automobile Moore was driving plunged down a 10-foot embankment after colliding with another car on U. S. Highway 101 last week. Moore and his driving companion, boxer Charles Payne, 24, of Toledo, were rushed to Doctors Hospital where they were treated for back and leg injuries. Doctors said they suffered no broken bones. The driver of the other car, Marine Pfc. Eddie Wallace, Jr., 19, of Camp Pendleton, Calif., suffered only minor cuts and bruises. Police said the accident occurred when Wallace lost control of his southbound car, which swerved into the northbound lanes and hit Moore's auto, sending it crashing down the embankment.

As Baseball Season Opens: Shaw Bears Meet Malone College Nine Here Fri.

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The Shaw University Bears will open its regular baseball season with a practice game against Malone College, Cleveland, Ohio, Friday, March 27, at 1:30 p. m. in Chavis Park, and will play Norfolk Virginia State on Saturday, March 28, in Raleigh, Chavis Park, at 1:15. The starting pitcher for Friday's game will be Bernard Walker, followed by Alvin West. The Saturday starting pitcher will be Haywood Moyer, followed by Joe Love. The Bears finished in fourth place in the C. I. A. A. conference last year, but will be shooting for the championship title this season. The loss of All-Conference star short-stop Bill Hartsfield will be a problem the Bears must cope with. Returning letterman include, Murray Maye, who came into his own last year with consistent hitting and fielding. Maye finished among the top ten sluggers in the conference. Alvin West, pitcher-out-

Romance Between Barbara McNair And Mort Sahl Hinted By Writer

CHICAGO (ANP)—A hint was dropped last week that a romance may be subtly blossoming between tan and beauteous singer-actress Barbara McNair and white comic Mort Sahl. Writing in his daily syndicated "Tower Ticker" column about the friendship of the interracial twosome, Herb Lyon said: "Comic Mort Sahl and Oriole-Actress Barbara McNair are finding each other excellent company." There was no immediate comment from either Miss McNair or Sahl on the line. Miss McNair and Sahl were the headlining co-stars at New York's world famous Copacabana supper club last week.

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MCHARTLEY AND HIS TOOTHPICK — Maurice McHartley, star forward with the championship A&T College Aggies Basketball Team, found last week that he also plays well without a toothpick. He plans to abandon the toothpick habit for good.

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STRETCHES WAY OUT — Levern Tart (31) of Bradley tries to get off a shot over the stretching arm of Army's Joe Kosciusko (53) during their semi-final NIT game March 19th. Tart scored 20 points to lead Bradley to a 67-52 victory over Army and thereby gain entry to the tournament's finals. This game was played in New York City. (UPI PHOTO).

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