

"Night Train" Lane, All-Pro Star, Undergoes Surgery

Will Make Comeback In 6 Weeks

DETROIT (UPI) — Dick (Night Train) Lane, all-pro defensive halfback of the Detroit Lions and ex-husband of the late blues singer Dinah Washington, underwent surgery last Friday to correct a knee injury, but doctors said he'll be back in the lineup in from four to six weeks.

During the surgery, doctors removed a chunk of cartilage from the knee. Lane had suffered the injury during an intra-squad game.

Because of his age—36—and the apparent seriousness of the injury, there were speculations that Lane would be sidelined this entire season.

But Lions Coach George Wilson remained optimistic. He had said before the operation that Lane could possibly return to the Bengals lineup in about six weeks, the same period forecast by the doctors.



HANK AARON KNOCKS PHILLIES' PITCHER DOWN — Bobby Shantz, Philadelphia Phillies pitcher, left, is knocked off his feet covering home plate as Milwaukee Braves right fielder, Hank Aaron scores from third on a wild pitch in the sixth inning of the game, played last week at Milwaukee. Phillies catcher Clay Dalrymple threw to Shantz. (UPI PHOTO).

FSC Broncos Open Grid Yr. Sept. 19

FAYETTEVILLE—The Fayetteville State College Broncos will open their 1964 grid season away from home at South Carolina Area Trade School in Denmark on September 19, according to Athletic Director H. L. Scott.

A slate of ten games, including five home engagements, will pit the local eleven against Livingstone College on September 26. The foe for High School Day, on October 3, is Shaw University.

Other home contests carded are St. Paul's College, October 10; Claflin College, October 31; and the annual homecoming tilt with Elizabeth City State College on November 7.

October 17 will find the Broncos at Allen University in Columbia, South Carolina. In remaining games, FSC will face St. Augustine's College in Raleigh on October 24, Winston-Salem State College in Winston-Salem on November 14 and Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte on November 21.

In his third year as football mentor, Coach Frank Robinson says that it is too early to make predictions about his 1964 squad. The complete schedule lists: Sept. 19, South Carolina Area Trade School at Denmark; Sept. 26, Livingstone College at Fayetteville (High School Day); Oct. 3, Shaw University at Fayetteville; Oct. 17, Allen University at Columbia, S. C.; Oct. 24, St. Augustine's College at Raleigh; Oct. 31, Claflin College at Fayetteville; Nov. 7, Elizabeth City State College at Fayetteville (Homecoming); Nov. 14, Winston-Salem State College at Winston-Salem; and Nov. 21, Johnson C. Smith University at Charlotte.

Olson Short-Circuits Thornton's Light Heavyweight Title Hopes

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—Veteran Carl (Bobo) Olson short-circuited the campaign of young Wayne Thornton for an early light heavyweight title bout by scoring a unanimous, upset decision over Thornton in a nationally televised 16-round bout Friday night.

Thornton had hoped to beat Olson decisively and bolster his claim for a title bout with light heavyweight champion Willie Pastrano.

Thornton at 178 pounds to Olson's 177 1-2 was a 6-5 pre-fight favorite.



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Confounds Crystal Gazers:

Eddie Robinson Openly Admits Grambling's Tigers Could Knock Off Headlines

BY COLLIE J. NICHOLSON
 GRAMBLING, La.—Glum Eddie Robinson has confounded the crystal gazers by openly admitting that his Grambling Tigers could knock off a few headlines this fall.

A considerably stronger schedule confronts the squad and a lot of ground must be covered, but Robbie obligingly concedes that "by picking here and patching there" Grambling should have enough glitter to make Southwestern Athletic Conference coaches salivate.

Last fall the ball bounced strangely for his harassed crew in a 5-3-1 campaign that found the team suffering from a shortage of defensive relief.

The defense is big enough to keep the opposition at bay this fall and

the attack will be supported by a balanced assemblage of runners, passers and kickers.

Depth is excellent at halfback and quarterbacks Mike Howell, 18, and Eddie Robinson, Jr., 18, son of the coach, can throw in a manner that suggests a wide-open air game.

The problem, if it can be called that, is fashioning a defensive line strong and cohesive enough to make Grambling a major factor in the SWAC race.

Pass defense will also be troublesome, but the degree of overall improvement is encouraging. For one thing, foes won't find defenders lacking in incentive.

Grambling lost 11 stalwarts by graduation, but 27 lettermen are returning.

SPORTS INTERNATIONAL

BY A. S. "DOC" YOUNG

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — All this hullabaloo about whether Sonny Liston should be permitted to fight Cassius Clay—on, I'm sorry, I mean Muhammad Ali—in an effort to regain the world's heavyweight title comes far too late to be impressive.

I'm for whatever cleaning up that boxing requires, including its total abolition, if necessary, but all those sanctimonious sounds about Sonny have no more meaning than a locking-up at the barn after the horse has been stolen—if that much.

Most of the knocks on the return match are predicated on two factors: (1) the curious ending of the first fight at Miami Beach, when Sonny "conferred" the title on Muhammad reportedly because of an arm that ached or pained; and (2) Sonny has had a brush or two with the law since last fight time.

The Liston-Clay fight at Miami Beach certainly ended in a twist Perry Mason would've been ashamed to use. Alfred Hitchcock would've held his nose at the suggestion of it. It was so strange that one must doubt a gangster thought it up.

I thought the ending was strange, and I was there. Fact is, I like most people present, was dumfounded and didn't know, for an agonizing few minutes, just what had happened.

But I have no evidence to prove that the bout was fixed and, obviously, nobody else does—else we would've seen it, or heard it, before today.

It is very possible, you know, that Liston's arm did pain him sufficiently to make wise his quitting on the stool. Many people suggest that, handicapped or not, Sonny should have continued, for the good of the game, in honor of its tradition, or for some such reason.

But, it could be that Sonny is smarter than many people, smart enough to know that it's dumb to enter a battle unarmed. Well, it looked shameful, but Sonny didn't get killed (not that he was in any real danger of it).

I don't condone brushes with the law, and heavens knows, that phase of Sonny's life has been raked over enough. Take away the headlines, though, and you can prove that thousands of Americans have committed worse crimes than

Sonny since winter and haven't been deprived of their jobs.

Two wrongs make no rights, nor left jabs, but, if America needs redeeming, Sonny comes far down the list of "places" to start, about eight million miles behind Mississippi, to name one.

If men with police records were removed from boxing—which I'm not saying they shouldn't—then boxing would be embarrassed more than somewhat.

But, let's get down to more positive basics:

1. When he was a challenger, Sonny Liston fought every tough man in sight. He earned his shot at the crown. Floyd Patterson, one-time American idol, made him wait gracefully long. He kept on plugging. Sonny had never been questioned for courage before.

2. When the fighting stopped, such as it was, Liston and the man then known as Cassius Clay were all even on official scorecards. This isn't hear say; look it up. Where then was all that slaughter? In fiction only, that's where it wasn't seen in the ring that night.

Why, one of Muhammad's own men has said the guy wanted to quit in the fourth. We know he thought about it in the fifth, because he, himself, said so. Marty Marshall, a fighter who had beaten Liston, said Clay, himself, was tired as the end came.

Perhaps Liston was over-confident. There is little reason to doubt that he was. But, at worst, this is a human failing. Many athletes have been over-confident, and that's been no lasting disgrace.

It gets pretty ridiculous when Las Vegas claims itself to be too pure for the second Liston-All fight. There's something in the old books about "people who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones."

But Las Vegas may be right about one thing, it's 11 to 5 announced odds favoring Liston in the rematch. Sonny wants the title back. He expects to get it back. And he's been working himself into sledge-hammer shape for many weeks now.

The second Liston-All fight should go on . . . if only as a curiosity.

AS ALWAYS, wishful thinking keeps my mind well occupied.

Coach 'Marse' Hill Of Morgan Has 65 Grid Candidates

BALTIMORE, Md.—Morgan State College, which has an 8-1-0 CIAA record last year, will have 65 candidates reporting for football practice Tuesday, September 1, Coach Earl Banks announced today.

Coach Banks said the Bears lost 8 men from last year's

first team including All-American Phillip Galmus; Leroy Kelly, right halfback, who is trying out with the Cleveland Browns; and Oliver Dobbins, left halfback, who is now with the Buffalo Bills.

Line Coach Talmadge (Marse)

Hill says his big job is to find replacements.

One of the bright spots at Morgan, says Head Coach Banks, is the addition to the coaching staff of Jesse Thomas, former Colt star. Coach Thomas will have charge of the defensive backfield and "with his wide experience in pro ball he will be a help to us," said Banks.

Other graduates missing will be George Tyson, Center; Leroy Sheppard, Guard; Oliver Taylor, Tackle; and William Tinkler, End.

Bernie Blanks, a junior, and Earl Mayo, a sophomore, might be good replacements for the right Halfback spot, Coach Banks said.

Roland Savage of Pely and George Johnson, both juniors, will be groomed as left Halfbacks.

Morgan's first home game is September 26, with Hampton Institute.

entire second half of the Bills game.

In his first game as a running back, against the Raiders, Hill carried four times for 21 yards, but he said that in the close win over Buffalo, despite the fact that he played the entire game, passing was the chief weapon and he didn't run at all.

The 238-pound fullback saw action Saturday night when the Chiefs play the San Diego Chargers in Kansas City.

Haymond, one of the best kick return specialists in the history of Southern, has been going great guns with the Colts, and he is confident that if he can stay off the injury list, he can make the grade.

Haymond, like Hill, was signed as a free agent following his final year of collegiate play at Southern.

Hampton Homecoming Foe:

Shaw U. Bears Slate Ten Games During Grid Year

The Shaw University Bears began their initial football practice on Thursday, September 1, on the school's athletic field. Coach R. H. (Stonewall) Jackson is expecting 20 returning players.

Outstanding returning veterans will include Charles Brandon, 20-year-old, 260-lb. rising senior of Rosemont, Pa.; Beau-regard King, 18, 200-lb. halfback junior, of Chester, S. C.; Nathan Walton, 19, 178-lb. quarterback, junior, from Elizabeth City; and Dalton Moore, 21, 220-lb. guard from New Bern.

Among the newcomers expected are Robert Myles, halfback from Brooklyn, N. Y., and Calvin Web-

ster of Elizabeth City, tackle, both reported to be strong men in their respective positions. The Bears will hold two practices a day until school begins. No time will be lost in getting down to the basic fundamentals of football, says Coach Jackson.

The opening game will be played on September 26, with Virginia Union University as opponent on their territory at Richmond, Va.

The Capital Classic is set for October 21, when the Shaw Bears will take on the North Carolina College Eagles at Washington, D. C.

Coach Jackson regrets the loss of Super Scout and Assistant Coach Tommy Kee who has been appointed Dean of Students at Shaw.

The schedule:

Home Games

Oct. 10 Va. State Coll., 2:00 p.m.

Oct. 17 Elizabeth City State, 2:00 p.m.

Nov. 7 Hampton Inst., 1:30 p.m. (Homecoming)

Nov. 14 Morgan State College, 1:30 p.m.

Nov. 26 St. Augustine's College, 1:30 p.m. (Thanksgiving)

All home games played at Chavis Park, Raleigh.

Games Away

Sept. 26 Va. Union University, Richmond, Va.

Oct. 3 Fayetteville State College, Fayetteville, N. C.

Oct. 24 Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, N. C.

Oct. 31 North Carolina College, Washington, D. C., Capital Classic

Nov. 21 Allen University, Columbia, S. C.

Robert H. Jackson is head coach; J. E. Lytle, athletic director; and T. E. Kee, chairman, athletic committee.

Southern U. Stars Click With The Pros

BATON ROUGE, La. (UPI) — As professional football teams—American and National leagues—begin to break camp and either swing to the road or head to the home field, three or five former Southern University gridgers remained on their rosters.

Fullback Mack Hill, halfback Alvin Haymond and end Sidney Williams are the former Jaguars who have survived all cuts so far.

Hill is with the Kansas City Chiefs of the AFL. Haymond is running out of the Baltimore Colts backfield, and Williams is with the Cleveland Browns.

Before his team broke camp at Liberty, Mo., last week, Hill called and said that he had played in two games—the Kansas City victories over Oakland's Raiders and the Buffalo Bills—He played the



DEMONSTRATE KARATE TECHNIQUE — Virginia State College Karate Association Instructor Hulon Willis (left) and Reuben Pierce demonstrate a technique of the ancient art for Harold Long (behind Pierce) who is a chief instructor of the United States Karate Association. Long's two-day visit was for the purpose of Virginia State's affiliation with the United States Karate Association.

Given 'Night' By Friends Elston Will Donate Gifts

NEW YORK (UPI) — New York Yankees star catcher Elston Howard was given "A Night" by fans at Yankee stadium Saturday (August 29), and he in turn will donate all gifts received to a scholarship fund named in his honor at Fairleigh Dickinson University, Rutherford, New Jersey.

"Elite," as he is called by his teammates, is urging that all gifts and donations be sent to the Elston Howard Scholarship fund, Bronx Central Post Office, Box 1964, Bronx, N. Y., 10451.

Howard will be honored by his teammates, fans and neighbors between games of a twilight-night double-header between the Yankees and the Boston Red Sox.

The Yankees regular catcher since 1962 and the American League's most valuable player in 1963, Howard, a native of St. Louis, now living in Teaneck, N. J., has been a member of the Bronx Bombers team since 1955. Until 1962, he shared catching duties with the veteran Yogi Berra, now the Yankees manager, while also playing the outfield and first base.

As a hitter, Howard and his best year in 1961, when he hit his career high of 348. He has a lifetime batting average of

.366, including 128 home runs. Elston had his finest season as a home run hitter last year, when he belted 28 round-trippers.

Howard has also tied World Series records by getting two hits in one inning, four hits in a five-game series and a home run as a pinch hitter.

Howard is the second Negro major league star to be honored by fans and teammates recently. The other was Ernie Banks of the Chicago Cubs of the National League, who was given "A Great Day" at Wrigley Field in Chicago.

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