

Greenville Eleven Bow To Determined Raleigh Team

BY GEORGE HALL
GREENVILLE—The famous Little Blues of Raleigh's John W. Ligon High School came to town last Friday night and edged past the local Epps High gridders, 20-18, after coming from behind when Greenville led at the half by a score of 12-8.

After the team members had dressed, they were given very inspirational pep talks by Ligon Coaches Williams, Heartley, Poole and Jones, who told the team that "Tonight is the time and this is the place. We are going to show ourselves and others what we have mastered in the art of football."

Ligon's co-captains are Alfredo Hicks and James Smith.

The game was put underway and, from the beginning, you could see it would be a hard-fought tilt. Greenville led the scoring with a touchdown by Willie Tucker, but Ligon count-

ered with a touchdown pass from quarterback Larry Graham to Alfredo Hicks. The point-after-touchdown was carried over by William Yates.

Greenville retaliated by another touchdown which put them in the lead as the teams went in for the half time. The score at the half was 12-8 in favor of Greenville.

As Ligon took the field in the second half, the Greenville drive was halted and the Little Blues capitalized and scored on the blocked kick by Jimmie Robinson and Henry Perry. Robinson picked the ball up and carried it over for the touchdown, putting Ligon ahead 14-12, in the third period. Greenville retaliated with another touchdown by Willie Tucker putting them ahead again, 18-14, and the third period ended with that score.

In the fourth quarter things then began to shape up again and Ligon started its way down

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Livingstone Bears Open Vs Pirates

SALISBURY—The Livingstone College Bears will open their 1964 football schedule at home Saturday, September 19, under the mentorship of a new football coach. Coach Elijah Johnson's forces will encounter the Elizabeth City State College Pirates in a night game at the Dunbar High School Stadium at 8 p. m.

Starting their third year in the powerful CIAA the Bears hope to improve their 1963 record of 1-1-8 with a nucleus of last year's team back re-enforced with some promising newcomers and the new system being installed by Coach Johnson. The Bears will be strong at the ends with a wealth of backfield talents on hand but Coach Johnson is worrying about his interior line and still searching for a consistent punter.

Following the opener at home with Elizabeth City, September 19, the Bears will play Fayetteville State, September 26, away; St. Augustine's College, October 3, away; Albany State, October 17, at home; Norfolk State, October 24, at home; St. Paul's College, Oct. 31, away; Johnson C. Smith, November 7, at home; Allen University, November 21, at home; and Howard University, November 21, away.



EAGLES AT WORK—Three North Carolina College Eagles are shown practicing during the first week of drills for the 1964 season. All sophomores and all backs, they are from left: Charles Nevels, Winston-Salem; John McGill, Durham; and James Black, Durham. Coach Herman Riddick's "Birds," who were CIAA champions in 1963, open this year's campaign on September 26 when they meet Allen University in Durham.

Shaw U.'s Bears Begin Once-A-Day Practices

The Shaw Bears will travel to Richmond, Va., September 26, where they will take on the Virginia Union University Panthers in their first CIAA contest of the season.

The Shaw University Bears began Monday a once-a-day practice

after having completed their two-a-day practice which began Sept. 1. Coach Robert H. (Stonewall) Jackson says that a good first team is in the making, although the team is small in number, light in weight and limited in terms of depth.

Among the promising freshmen

are Randolph Fryer, halfback, of New Jersey; Robert Miles, fullback, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Also expected to show great potential will be James E. Howell, junior of Warrenton.

Coach Jackson says the Bears will give a good account of themselves during the coming season.

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the field, touchdown bound. Behind the quarterbacking of Larry Graham and Robert Sapp the goal was in sight. The final score was a touchdown pass from Robert Sapp to Alfredo Hicks. The conversion attempt was missed, but Ligon won, 20-18.

Following this, Ligon came up with some sensational defensive play, holding Greenville in its own territory and finally gaining possession of the ball. The game ended with Ligon in control of the ball.

Outstanding players offensively were Alfredo Hicks, Xavier Artis, William Yates and William Watson. Defensively they were: Alfredo Hicks, Jimmie Robinson, James Smith and Gregory Sledge.

The Little Blues play host to the powerful Tigers of Wilmington's Williston here Friday night at Chavis Park.

Luci Baines Offered Pact To Aid Dad

Luci Baines Johnson, 17-year-old daughter of President Lyndon B. Johnson, has been offered a "Motion Recording Contract" to record the song of her choice with proceeds from the record to be donated to the Democratic National Campaign Fund.

Miss Johnson was recently offered a motion picture contract during her appearance at a California Rally of the young Democrats for Johnson, at which she was pictured in a national magazine doing the "Watusi," the West Coast dance rage.

SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS

by Charles J. Livingston

CASSIUS (MUHAMMAD ALI) CLAY, THE MORALIST
CHICAGO (UPI)—Boxing is a sport in which a fellow can spend his entire career—brief as it usually is—without ever being recognized as a "Child of God."

Indeed, hardly a decent word is ever said about the fist fighter. All the talk of cleansing pugilism of unsavory influences, is well and good, but in the end, it is the pug who gets bruited around.

The more popular spot today on the part of both fan and crusader is to picture the first fighter as some sort of ogre in a sport that is already crude by its very nature.

So, when someone comes along and says something charitable about the poor pug, it is not only unusual, but noteworthy.

There are, of course, a few exceptions to the rule—like Joe Louis, the former Brown Bomber who, on his record alone, is the greatest heavyweight champion of all times; and the personable Rocky Marciano another creditable ex-champion. There is also the case of Harry Wills, a gentleman in and out of the ring during his career.

The target of critics and boxing protagonists today is a brash, supremely confident young champion named Cassius (Muhammad Ali) Clay. Because of his excessive bragging about his ring ability and the fact that he has embraced the "muslimism" of "The Honorable Elijah Muhammad," Clay is being bruited about by the critics.

But the other day, I heard some rather complimentary remarks about the "Louisville Lip" from a man is close enough to know about his idiosyncracies and complex personality.

Chicago Atty. Chauncey Eskridge, tax counsellor to Clay, swore, by the books that Cassius, despite his boastful attitude, is a moralist of the first order. Listen to Eskridge expound on "The Lip":

"Clay is a very moral person. So moral, in fact, that he confounds you. He is a young man who realizes fully his role as a champion and is determined to do everything to remain on top."

According to Eskridge, Clay does not chase women and is very determined to remain faithful and spotless to his beautiful young Muslim bride, the former Sonji Roi, ex-model from Gary, Ind. More than that, he is determined, says Eskridge, to keep his body in the very best of physical condition, so that he can withstand the onslaught of the Big Ugly Bear, Sonny Liston, when they meet in their heavyweight championship rematch.

"You can bet your life that Clay will be in top condition and will retain his crown when they meet again," the articulate attorney vows.

The rematch is tentatively set for Boston on November 16, the threat by the World Boxing association to lift Clay's title if he dares cross gloves with Liston, notwithstanding.

It is Eskridge's belief that Clay "really whipped Liston" in their first title match, in Miami Beach, last March, and will do so more convincingly the second time.

Listening to Clay's counsellor speak one, at first thought, gets the feeling that he is indulging in salesmanship. This columnist has heard enough to such build-ups and praises by people associated with prize fighters to take such comments, such as Eskridge, with a grain of salt. But in Clay's case, it's different.

No matter what else might be artificial about Clay, this writer knows that the one thing he adores is his pugilistic body. He will guard it with his life in and out of the ring, and so the prediction by Eskridge that "The Lip" will be in top-notch shape for the Liston encore is accepted here. I've followed Clay through the Golden Gloves

and all the way to the heavyweight championship, and have yet to see the time when he as entered the ring out of condition.

But morals is not the only thing that Clay is meticulous about, according to Eskridge. He is determined to protect his financial interest, and himself against the federal tax bite that has put many a moneyed fighter in hock. That is the reason Clay hired Eskridge to advise him on tax matters.

The government gets 90 per cent of the prize fighter's purse for taxes, and Eskridge thinks this is somewhat of an unfair burden to the pug, whose career is very brief as compared to other big money-making mortals. The tax scale should be adjusted, he thinks, to take the prize fighter's uncertain future into consideration.

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