

Grid Ass'n Drops Ban On Negroes

NEW ORLEANS (ANP) — The Sugar Bowl Football Association's long-standing practice of excluding any team with Negroes in its lineup from participating in the local annual grid classic went by the boards with the announcement this week that this custom would no longer be observed.

Selection of the Syracuse University eleven from New York as the opponent to Louisiana State University's team completed the fragmentation. The Syracuse squad contains eight Negro players.

Negro players will also be on view in the Rose Bowl the Cotton Bowl and even in the Bluebonnet contest where the University of Mississippi's mole-skin-clad athletes will meet Negro players on the Tulsa team. That one takes place in Houston, Texas.

None of the teams in bowl games have ever publicly expressed objections to playing against Negroes. Nor is there any record of any individual southern player objecting to being named on an All-American eleven upon which a Negro has also been placed.

Edge Garner, 68-64:

Ligon Wins Fourth In Row

BY RICHMOND STEWART
The J. W. Ligon High School Little Blues overcame a one point halftime deficit and used their height to an advantage in maintaining control of the backboards to go ahead and defeat a fired up

Garner High team, 68-64, Friday night in Garner.
The Blues, who might have thought it would be an easy game because of having won handily over the same team two nights before, by 22 points, were soon made

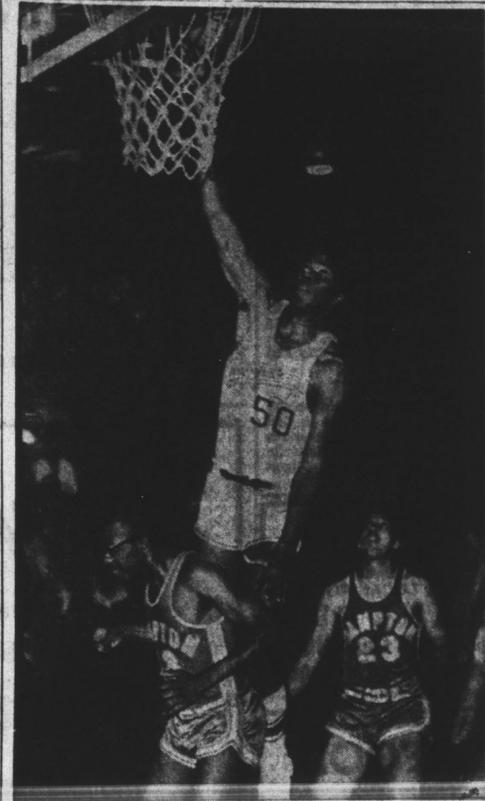
aware they were in for a battle when the scrappy Garner team traded them basket for basket at the opening whistle.

This was the fifth straight win for the Harvey Heartley-coached Blues and raised their average per game to 72.2. Larry Spence, a 6'2" junior, pumped in 25 points for Ligon while Jimmie Robinson added 19 markers. They also pulled in one half the rebounds for the winning Blues. Co-captains George Holloway and Tyrone Bailey showed vast improvement also. They were able to move the ball better and set the plays in motion, and along with Jesse Clements, help develop a well-balanced team effort.

A great deal of credit for the victory should go to Robert Drakeford, who came off the bench to score eight needed points when one of the starting players hit a "cold spot."

Heartley, who is reserved in revealing his opinion as to what the team might do this season, did admit that the Blues are in trouble if the bench is not strengthened or the defense does not improve without so many foul violations.

The Junior Varsity Team, coached by George Jones, also picked its fifth straight win without a loss and stretched its winning streak to ten games over the two seasons.



AGGIE SCORE — Dewey Williams (50) center for the A&T College, scores a layup in the game played last week against Hampton Institute. Hampton's Marvin Brandon, left, and Bill Fuller (23), await the rebound which never came. A&T won the ball game, 73-60.

Shaw Bears Drop Two CIAA Tilts

BY SPENCER BALDWIN

The Shaw University Bears dropped two conference games in their week's activities, first to the Panthers of Virginia Union 79-68, Thursday, December 10, in Richmond, Virginia, and the Eagles of North Carolina, 110-100, on Saturday, December 12, in Raleigh.

In their game against the Panthers of Virginia Union, the Bears grabbed the lead in the first half and stayed from four to five points ahead of the Panthers for the first half, with the half-time score being Shaw, 34 and Union, 30.

However, in the second half, the Panthers returned to give the Bears a hard way to go. With 4 minutes left in the game, the score was 62-62 in favor of Union and they had possession of the ball. At that point, Art Niles and John Payne, who had 19 points each, led a Union spurt that moved them to a final score of 79-68.

In their second game of the week, the Shaw University Bears were out-flown by the "Flying" Eagles of North Carolina College of Durham, by a score of 110-100. The Eagles tied the game at two all, with 18:11 to go in the first half, and commanded the game from then on, with the exception of a hot spurt by the Bears in the final minutes of the game.

With 11:21 to go in the half, little (5' 8") Gus Jones lead a hot spurt with his shooting of 30 and 35 footers. Also in on this hot spurt for the Eagles was big 6' 4", Ted Manning, NCC's great forward. As a result of this spurt, the Eagles were ahead 48-31 at half-time.

With a 22 point lead and 14:28 to go, the Eagles were then attacked by hard-hustling Shaw Bears. Ira Mitchell, little 5' 10" guard for Shaw, led this drive. Mitchell was



LIGON'S HIGH SCORER — Shown above is Larry Spence, who scored 25 points last Friday night as the J. W. Ligon Little Blues whipped Garner, 68-64, for their fourth straight victory against no defeats, and the second win over the Garner squad. (See story).

John Bacon Plays Here Vs. State

John Bacon, the only Negro on the Southern California basketball team, was the ace-netter for the Trojans in a game between the North Carolina State Wolfpack and the Southern California Trojans at the Reynolds Coliseum Saturday night.

He is a 1961 graduate of the Overbrook High School in Philadelphia, Penna. He followed such notable basketballers as Wilt Chamberlain; Walt Hazzard and Wally Jones to Overbrook. Bacon attended the Antelope Valley Junior College for two years, earning All-State honors.

Southern Cal's coach, Forrest Twogood, says his success this season depends on Bacon for the backcourt.

Although the Trojans were defeated by a 9-point margin, they fought back gamely with leading scorers Bacon and Zarraro to put the pressure on the Wolfpack in the late minutes. The Trojans were rugged physically and had a 46-42 in rebounding.

Also in on this Shaw drive was George Gerald, freshman forward, and Joe Byers, who finished as high point man for the Bears with 26 points. With the NCC lead still dwindling, at 1:59, the Eagles lead was cut to five points at 9:51. However, the hot-shooting of big Ted Manning proved to be the deciding factor of the game, enabling the Eagles to close out with a 110-100 victory. Manning, was actually the story of the game, with his great jumping and phenomenal shooting. He finished the game with 45 points, 29 of which came in the 2nd half.

The Bears close out their pre-holiday schedule with two games this week. On Wednesday, December 16, the Bears will be at Elizabeth City State, Elizabeth City, and will journey to Virginia State in Petersburg, Virginia, on Thursday, the 17th.

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Grambling's Eddie Robinson "Coach Of Year" For District

GRAMBLING, La. (Special) — Glum Eddie Robinson, the astute football carpenter who did a titanic rebuilding job at Grambling College this season, has been named NAIA "Coach-of-the-Year" for District 30.

Robinson commands the NAIA rostrum despite a 40-15 setback by Florida A&M in the Orange Blossom Classic recently in Miami.

The coach admits that the Florida memories spoil things somewhat, but he feels that the lessons learned will aid and abet the Gram-

bling program for the 1965 season. Robinson has won 149 games, lost 59 and tied 10 in 23 seasons at Grambling.

He is second vice-president of the NAIA Football Coaches Association.

Never park in the hot sun if you can avoid it, the Catholic Digest advises, because gasoline evaporates very quickly in the heat.

IN LIFE, as in fiction, we all look forward to a happy ending, and are resentful if it turns out otherwise.



TO TRADE FOOTBALL GEAR FOR TRACK TOGS — Elvin Bethea, Trenton, N. J., who this season broke into the starting football lineup of the championship A&T College Aggies, has begun training for competition in winter indoor track meets. He holds national high school championships in both the shot put and discus throw. He stands with Mel Grooms, assistant football coach at A&T, also of Trenton, who last summer invited Bethea to join the Aggies.

Clay And Liston

BOSTON (NPD) — April 19 has been tentatively set as the new date for the Cassius Clay-Sonny Liston rematch. It was announced here last week by Edward J. Powers, president of Boston Garden, site of the bout.

Powers said that Bob Nilco, president, International Promotions, Inc., had requested the date. Originally scheduled for Nov. 18, the bout was cancelled when Clay was stricken three days before with a hernia attack.

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