

# ATHLETICS AT J. C. SMITH

## THE POWER BEHIND A THRONE

COACH



EDWARD L. JACKSON

CHARLOTTE — Much has been said of the almost phenomenal rise of the Golden Bulls in sportsdom during recent years, but little has been said or is known of the man who molds, directs, and controls their athletic destinies, Coach Edward L. Jackson.

A native of Springfield, Mass., Mr. Jackson had left a trail of success in his wake before being retained by Johnson C. Smith University in September, 1936.

He received his bachelor's and master's degree in Physical Education from Springfield College and spent a year on the staff of the Orange, N. J. YMCA before he made his debut into collegiate circles, taking over the Delaware State College, Dover, Del. in 1932 as Director of Physical Education and coach of football, basketball, and track.

By 1934 his charges showed the fruits of their labor and training and swept through an untied, unscathed, and undefeated season to capture the gridiron diadem. The next season the feat was almost duplicated for the Staters dropped but one tight, close battle to the Virginia State Trojans in a 6-0 decision.

But what was so narrowly missed on the gridiron was gained on the hardwood that winter as Coach Jackson's proteges pulled down the basketball championship crown, defeating a great Bordentown five with a string of forty-five victories behind it.

Recognized, despite his youth, as one of the most talented and efficient coaches in organized athletics and a master fundamentalist, Mr. Jackson considers perseverance and determination the two most important and desirable characteristics in a player. He reads deeply, biographies particularly, and also lists tennis among his hobbies. Modest and retiring in private life, though none the less assertive on the gridiron and hardwood, he has won the respect and admiration of not only his Gold and Blue associates and charges but of the entire sports world as well.

## SMITH'S GOLDEN BULL ENTERTAINS

CHARLOTTE — Paced by Captain and three time All-CIAA tackle, "Bull" Meadows, Jack Brayboy, "Choo Choo" Jackson, "Yokum" Best, and Kenny Powell, Johnson C. Smith University's terrible Golden Bull Brigade won national renown last season as it rumbled to the North Carolina gridiron championship, a close third place in the CIAA, and fourth among the nation's Negro pikin' might.

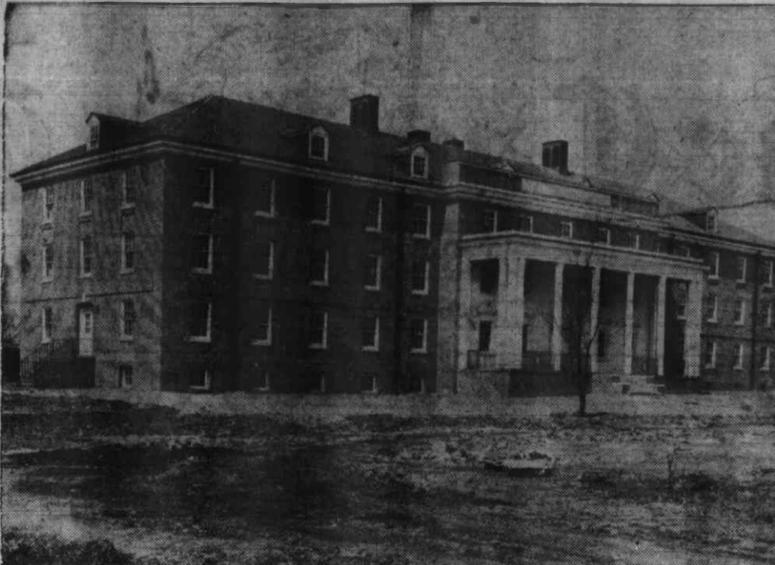
With a grueling nine game schedule that included the cream of competition, the Jackson men dropped but two contests, a hard fought 12-0 encounter to Virginia State and a 24-0 blitzkrieg by the Bluefield State Teachers.

Allen University, Tennessee A and I. Shaw University, North Carolina State, St. Augustine, and Livingstone all had a taste of the Bulls' power and great-

ness as they bowed before the Brigade's irrepressible onslaughts.

But it was Homer Harris' highly touted powerhouse, locked in its Greensboro stronghold with 3,000 high school seniors invited for the slaughter, that felt the full force of the Bulls' wrath and fury in a never-to-be-forgotten battle last November. Outsmarting the Aggies on every turn, the Bull Brigade wrote pikin' history that afternoon as they accomplished the impossible and added a gory 18-12 scalp to its totem pole.

And when post season laurels were being tossed here and there, it was the inimitable "Bull" Meadows, the unconquerable Jack Brayboy, the sensational Kenny Powell, and the redoubtable "Choo Choo" Jackson who were chosen on the All-CIAA roster.



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SMITH' GOLDEN BULL BRIGADE CHAMPIONS OF N. C.

## Bull Brigade Captures '39 North Carolina Crown

CHARLOTTE — The famously familiar thud of cleated shoes on which did more to him than all last season's opponents could do Smith University again as the renowned Golden Bull Brigade rushes its preparations for the 1940 gridiron season.

But there was mourning in the Smith camp last week as the Bulls entrained-mourning for the redoubtable Bristol, Conn. locomotive, "Choo Choo" Jackson who last year as a freshman was hailed as one of the most out-

chiefly of freshmen and sophomores. Among the veterans already encamped are Kenny Powell, the great sophomore running and passing halfback; "Sugar" Dowling, his New Rochelle, N. Y. high school running mate; Joe Tusi, powerful guard who is expected to be one of the mainstays of the line this fall; "Tackhammer" Brooks, brilliant sophomore quarterback; and Walter McDowell, end, whose magical toe spelled victory over Tennessee A and I's mighty aggregation last Oct.

An asize from the fullback problem, Coach Jackson is searching desperately to replace the gap left by the graduation of captain and three time All-CIAA tackle, "Bull" Meadows. Already three deep in center, "Little John" Tate, massive 210 pounder of Lexington, N. C., has been converted into the tackle spot and looms as the most likely prospect.

Due to the graduation of many key men, yearlings, as yet untried form the bulk of the material for the 1940 edition of the Golden Bull Brigade. Chief among those who have shown possibilities are "Slew" Jackson, flashy Wilmington, Del. quarterback; "Elbie" Fletcher, Elizabeth, N. J. guard; "Gums" Baker, Harrisburg, Pa. center; Jimmie Holmex, triple-threat Paulsboro, N. J. halfback; Chester Gudger, Manassas, N. Y. guard; and Eddie McGirt, 202 lb. fullback whose triple threat greatness paced the Mather Academy eleven victory to the SCAC championship last season.

The agricultural problem is about as important a question as we have amid our domestic issues.

By the year we get our two-ocean Navy somebody will suggest that we save money by disarmament.

A week later there followed a great repeat performance over the Columbia club on the home courts.

And then the Bulls, five strong, roared northward to Lincoln University, Oxford, Pa. for the CIAA Tennis Championship matches. There they annexed the team crown, and Stocking and John gained the doubles diadem which Smith lost to Morgan College in 1937.

## BOXING AT J. C. SMITH

CHARLOTTE — Boxing is in its infancy at Johnson C. Smith having been introduced there but three brief years ago. But boxing is also a very precocious infant for the Bulls have held the CIAA pugilistic crown for two of those three years.

Under the tutelage of H. S. Adams, the Gold and Blue last season enjoyed its greatest year yet. Winning two, drawing two, and dropping but one engagement, the Bulls showed themselves to be fighting champions as they took all comers.

Winding up the season in March at the CIAA championship matches at Howard University, Washington, D. C., Smith, despite the vastly improved calibre of the competition, managed to retain the CIAA crown, which they first annexed in a three way tie with Hampton and Lincoln.

"Shrimp" Johnson of hardwood fame was crowned for the second year consecutively and "Hammer" Brooks of football fame was crowned for the third year consecutively kings in the 120 lb. and 165 lb classes respectively.

Later, Lawyer Cochran, brilliant and promising sophomore battler, carried the colors of the Gold and Blue in 'o the local Golden Gloves Tournament and kept them flying as he flattened all opposition in the lightweight division.

"Sugar" Dowling, welterweight; "Choo Choo" Jackson, lightweight; Amos Dinkens, lightweight, and Mercer, welterweight, all showed last year as yearlings and should be definite threats in this year's competition.

## '39 BASKETBALL RESOMAS

CHARLOTTE — Inspired by the magnificent record of their gridiron predecessors, the Bulls marched across the hardwood last winter to hang up 17 wins out of a 22 game schedule.

With a squad comprised chiefly of freshman material, Smith got off to a good start, sweeping eight straights before being slowed up by the lofty Eagles of Durham.

Sparked by the whirlwind offensive of captain and All-CIAA forward "Preem" Bowers and the dead-eyed wizardry of "Hurricane Bill" Oliver, the Bulls went undefeated in the state, except for North Carolina State and aside from the slaughter tendered the skyscrapers by Union University, furnished the Eagles their stiffest competition of the season.

"Shrimp" Johnson, diminutive Hartford, Conn. cyclone, was picked on Sam Lacy's AFRO All-CIAA team to engage the "Dream Team" in a post-season tilt.

Conquering all their non-conference opponents, including the Florida A and M Rattlers and South Carolina State's powerful quintet, the Golden Bulls blazed an indelible trail across the annals of basketball history, finishing fifth in the CIAA and making the Golden Bulls a name that inspires fear, admiration, and respect.

## GOLDEN BULL BRIGADE'S 1940 SCHEDULE

- Oct. 5—Allen University at Columbia, South Carolina.
- Oct. 12—Virginia State at Charlotte, night.
- Oct. 19—West Virginia State at Charleston, W. Va.
- Oct. 26—Shaw University at Charlotte, night, Homecoming.
- Nov. 2—St. Augustine College at Raleigh.
- Nov. 9—Bluefield at Charlotte.
- Nov. 16—N. C. State at Durham.
- Nov. 23—A and T College at Charlotte, night.
- Nov. 28—Livingstone College at Charlotte, Turkey Day Classic.

## The Contribution Of Tennis To J. C. Smith

CHARLOTTE — Annexing both the North Carolina State and the CIAA Doubles Championship, Johnson C. Smith University's redoubtable Golden Bulls regained their place in tennis circles last year.

Under the direction of Coach W. R. Coleman, the Bulls started practice in the gymnasium before weather permitted them to take to the out of doors.

The racket wielders showed the first results of their training and diligence when they invaded Columbia, S. C. to defeat the Columbia Tennis Club 4-1 in match play.

On Friday and Saturday, April 26 and 27, Smith played host to the fifth annual North Carolina State Intercollegiate Tennis Tournament. John Stocking, pounding Florida southpaw, wound up in the runner-up position in the singles competition and then paired with "Tuck" Johns, able Virginian, to display an unquestionable mastery of doubles play.

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