

Eagles Lash Howard and S. C. State

SPORTING WORLD

THE SPORT'S TRAIL

(By Lucius "Melancholy" Jones)

FOR ANP

Seldom has Negro football ever experienced a season in which great coaching jobs were more numerous than during 1941.

Out at Morris Brown, Billy Nicks put an end to that ancient Florida jinx and, after the Purple Wolverines had lost 9-7, 14-12, and 20-13, in successive years, the little iron man gave the Rattlers a decisive 20-0 blackeye. His team held Florida to a minus five yards rushing. Nicks' men won 10 in a row, losing the last time out.

Big Bill Bell at Florida refused to be daunted by the Morris Brown rout. He, Jake Gaither, and Buck Nielson kept right on coaching. In the end, it was Florida who came out of the chaos of stirring 1941 season with the strongest claim on the national title and, in fact, the highest average by the Dickinson Rating System.

Cleve Abbott did a phenomenal job the past season. Operating with learner material for the past several years, Abbott has been coming along all the time. Last year, Tuskegee regained first division for the first time in a number of campaigns.

Tuskegee scored a definite comeback in 1941, winning eight out of 10 and ranking first in the nation in scoring along with N. C. State. The Golden Tigers routed Xavier 25-6, Benedict 20-2, Morehouse 20-7, S. C. State 33-12, Knoxville 34-7, Lincoln (Pa.), and Alabama 33-6.

Ox Clemons at Lane took a team which had finished in second division in 1940 and piloted it to a spot in the nation's First Ten through the regular season, being rewarded with the annual Flower Bowl Classic invitation against Johnson C. Smith. All told, Lane won six, lost two, and tied one in regular combat. The loss to the Golden Bull came in the New Year's Day post season skirmish at Jacksonville, Fla.

Thus, there were four outstanding coaching jobs in the SIAC during 1941, while Leslye P. Stallworth at Benedict and Ollie Dawson at S. C. State turned out the best teams that have represented those schools in a number of years. Both of South Carolina teams earned first division berths nationally.

But Ox Clemons gets the "Coach of the Year" laurels for 1941. Not because he did any more impressive a job than Nicks, Bell, Abbott, Dawson, or Stallworth, but because in achieving his feat, Ox did so without eight graduating lettermen of acknowledge skill as well as four other key men in the selective service draft, among them All-American halfback, Jack Gilmore.

Had Morris Brown or Florida lost so many men, the performance would not have been so extraordinary. But Lane has no such football resources as these institutions and has always been more or less

noted for squads, which boasted a minimum of manpower.

Considering that Clemons, not boasting but a limited amount of material in the first place, lost half of his lettermen and yet came back with the best season he has enjoyed at Lane, the SNS sports department hastened to dub him as "Coach of the Year in the SIAC."

Despite the eligibility technicality which caused five of her victories to be thrown out, N. C. State and her Coach William F. Burghardt still rank in the minds of all C.I.A.A. people as the combination of the year.

The Eagles had a fine team in 1940 but they neither played any such challenging schedule nor did quite as well as they have done in 1941. Along with Jap Hurt at Morgan, James Griffin, the little dynamo at Hampton, Big Jeff at Virginia State, and Ed Jackson at Johnson C. Smith, Burghardt was one of the year's successful grid mentors. There are many who feel that he deserves overall recognition as "Coach of the Year," the whole nation considered.

It would be hard to give so extended a palm to Burghardt, though I have a sneaking suspicion such an award would not be misguided, because there were simply so many splendid coaching jobs in 1941.

Henry Arthur Keen was undisputed Coach of the Year in the Midwestern circuit. His Thorbreds were undefeated winners of the conference title, won five out of seven in regular play, and climaxed the season with a 19-13 triumph in the Oil Classic New Year's Day in Houston, Texas, against Prairie View.

Out in the Southwest, Sam Taylor had his best season since leaving Clark. Sam turned up with a club that went through the regular campaign undefeated. The lone setback was in the season's final New Year's Day.

However, there were other good coaching jobs. A. W. Mumford did all right at Southern and A. V. Rettig had a highly improved team at Texas, figuring in the upset of the year in the Southwest when the Steers routed Langston 18-7.

But the Coach of the Year in the Southwest loop, after the New Year's Day results are in the support regular season performance, is Charles Felton (Zip) Gayles, the old Morehouse, All-American forward and end under the immortal B. T. Harvey. Beating Morris Brown in the Vulcan Bowl Classic was, without a doubt, the super-colossal coaching gem of the year. On the strength of the startling feat alone, Zip Gayles deserves overall recognition as "Coach of the Year." It would be a deserved tribute, because, at best, the honor is only mythical anyway.

I offer you, as Coach of the Year, Zip Gayles!

Deans Honor List For Fayetteville State College Is Announced

- FIRST QUARTER 1941-42**
- Freshman**
- Beaufort, Dorothy Mae — Fayetteville.
- Clarke, Lucinda—Littleton.
- Clemons, Olean—Southport.
- Grant, Mary—Rocky Mount.
- Hunter, Alice — Fairmont, W. Va.
- Ingram, Velma—Four Oaks.
- Mallette, Esther—Wilmington.
- Person, Isabel—Franklinton.
- Stitt, Gertrude—Warsaw.
- Thorne, Marian—Benson.
- Sophomore**
- Campbell, Maudress—Lillington.
- Freeman, Melba—Hillsboro.
- Mallette, Azzalette—Wilmington.
- Paige, Myrtle—Maxton.
- Smith, Daisy O.—Rocky Mount.
- Strong, Channie—Hamlet.
- Junior**
- Bowser, William—Fayetteville.
- Hester, Delphine—Morehead City.
- McRae, Laddie—Pinehurst.
- Rogers, Geneva—Kittrell.
- Wade, Alberta—Ellerbe.
- Walden, Zelma—Rich Square.
- Watson, Mary E.—Louisia, Va.
- Williams, Thomas W.—Whitakers.
- Senior**
- Brown, Mable—Wilmington.
- Carter, Dolly—Durham.
- Crowell, Mary W.—Weldon.
- Frierson, Nellie—Rae ford.
- Hagan, Jessie—Rocky Mount.
- Haynes, Charlotte—Wilmington.
- Hudson, Orlando—Beaufort.
- Lynch, Willie Ruth—Chimney.
- Maize, Ermytrude—Fayetteville.

A&T TOPS W.S. TEACHERS; UNION PANTHERS NEXT

SHAW and N.C.C. MEET JAN. 17

EAGLES AND BEARS SET FOR TOUGH BATTLE SATURDAY

Raleigh. — The Shaw University Bears will pry off the lid of their 1942 C. I. A. A. basketball schedule Saturday, January 17, in the Shaw University gymnasium where they meet the champion Eagles from the North Carolina College of Durham.

This opening contest of a twenty-game schedule is expected to give a good line on the Raleigh school's possibilities this season as well as to discover whether or not coach "Jimmy" Lytle has found adequate replacements for captain Fred Williams, Austin Davis, "Big Ed" Haynes, John Spriggs, and Roy Pendleton of whom were instrumental in the Bears success last season but who because of ineligibility, graduation and absence from school are not available for service.

Among the new men to see service with the Shaw team this year are Warren Allison, Cape May, N. J.; Lewis James, Keyport, N. J.; and John Robison of football fame; all of whom are untried C. I. A. A. hardwood activists.

The nucleus of the team is expected to include Sam Brown, high pointed scorer for the Bears last season, John "Stretch" Edmonds, southpaw push shot specialist, and Emmett "Blue" Elliott, the fighting flash from Fayetteville. Other holdovers are James McCargo and Theodore C. Childs.

Greyhound Bus

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defendant's rejoinder.

Hairston was awarded a decision, compensatory damages of \$500 and punitive damages of \$1,000 was awarded by the lower court.

From judgement of the lower court the defendant appealed, assigning as error the following excerpt from the lower court judge's charge to the jury:

"Nominal damages, gentlemen, are construed to be, say \$1.00, \$15.00, \$50.00, some nominal damages, and if you reach this figure, and you find he is not damaged more than what is a nominal sum of money unless you find that the sum of \$55 paid to him and his lawyer and his doctor is a full, just and complete settlement already. The defendant says therefore, on this issue you ought not to allow any amount of nominal damages, because the defendant says it has already paid the plaintiff \$55, which is nominal damages as the court instructed you, regarded usually as \$1.00, \$10.00, \$15.00, \$25.00, or \$50.000, maybe \$100.00 as nominal damages."

The excerpt according to plaintiffs was prejudicial on the issue relating to the release set up in the answer upon which the case largely hinged.

The court had instructed the jury they might consider the issue

Eagles Upset South Carolina State With 53 To 24 Victory

The North Carolina Eagles launched their 1942 Basketball season last week with a 53 to 24 victory over Howard University on Saturday, January 12, in Washington.

The local Eagles, defending C. I. A. A. basketball champions are highly favored to retain the crown that they won last year.

The C. I. A. A. champions returned home Saturday night and played the highly publicized quint from Orangeburg, South Carolina, which was one of the four teams to defeat the locals in 1941.

The South Carolina outfit invaded the Eagles strong hold with the team that divided two games with the college last year. They were led by Holden, their high scoring captain, who led the scoring for the team with 19 points. After two minutes had passed Holden intercepted an Eagle pass and scored the first two points of the game to put his mates in front 2 to 0 after which John Brown sophomore forward scored a foul shot for North Carolina College.

Brown scored again for North Carolina College with a field goal to put his team out in front. Farley tied the game up at 3 to 3 with a foul shot. Roberson, the Eagle's mate with Brown at forward scored three more points to put his team out in front to stay for the remainder of the game. At the end of the first half, North Carolina College led 27 to 19. After intermission the Eagles found little trouble in defeating the quint from the Palmetto state. The locals built up a ten point lead and the Eagle reserves dominated the last quarter of the game.

The big boys for South Carolina were, Captain Holden with 19 points and Copeland with 13 points. There were no picks from the starting five of the Eagles, the outstanding players being Captain Eunis with 10 points, Roberson highest scorer for the locals with 14 points followed by Floyd Brown with 11 points.

The next home game scheduled for the Eagles will be against Virginia State Trojans Friday, January 16. The Trojans was the second of the four teams who defeated the C. I. A. A. champions. The Trojans are top contenders for the C. I. A. A. championship.

Bulldog-Panthers Meen In Roanoke

Roanoke, Va. — The A. and T. Aggies of Greensboro, N. C., will engage the Union Panthers of Richmond, Va., runners-up for the 1941 C. I. A. A. championship, here in the City Auditorium, Thursday, January 15. This promise to be an exciting tilt at the third place.

No word has reached here yet as to the probable strength of the 1942 edition of the Panthers, but it is expected that the cagers from Richmond will be well represented as in the previous years.

Only one veteran of the Aggies failed to return this year, but, in spite of this fact, stellar freshman material may dominate the starting lineup. (The Aggies lashed the Windsor Community Center Five, of Greensboro, by a score of 78-31 in a pre-season game recently.)

Sports fans will be interested in finding out just how these kidnaping of the C. I. A. A. rate against each other. Union has it (Clove and Hyde, and A. and T. has its Evans Brothers. These players

margin, with "Tiny" Thompson, Hampton captain and high point man, Kerry, and Johnson trying valiantly to cut down their opponents' lead.

Heading the Pirate offensive attack, was Captain "Tiny" Thompson, who garnered 20 points. Decidedly missed was the cool, precision shooting of "Hank" Allen, star Hampton center, who did not return this year. Coston Smith, guard, played a brilliant game the defense end with Chamberlin, All-American forward, "Lefty" Evans, who contributed chiefly to Hampton's defeat by racking up 17 points, was ably supported by Harper and J. Evans. Both of the flashy and capable Evans boys early in the game demonstrated their ability for making long-range shots and consistently got in breath-taking plays.

The frequent Pirate rallies were no avail as the "Aggies" played brilliant follow-ups goal for goal; and the gun banged with Hampton on the short end of the 38-50 score.

W. S. Teachers College No Match For A&T

Greensboro. — Coach Rollie Bernard's 1942 version of the A. and T. Wizards of Oz routed the Winston-Salem Teachers five, from Winston-Salem, by a score of 54-16, last Thursday night, at the A. and T. gymnasium, in a game which was lopsided from start to finish.

Fans, who packed the gymnasium, were escorted to their seats by ushers from Coach Archie Harris' newly organized "Varsity Club."

The first and lone goal of the ill-fated visitors was made by Perkins in the latter part of the last half. The other six points made by the Teachers were free throws.

Duke Beasley, Estell Harper, John Thomas, Thomas Armour (freshman), and Lefty Evans, captain, composed the starting five for the Aggies, and this combination began shelling the inside of the enemies' basket immediately after the opening whistle.

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