

SPORTSDUST

With McLendon
Outstanding Coaches Of 1950

Now that basketball season is about over, sportswriters and sportscribes begin making awards to athletes and coaches for their achievements of the past season. I wish to join the throng this year because I feel that if True Magazine, Collier's, Look, New York Tribune, Afro-American, Courier, Journal and Guide and all such magazines and newspapers can name their version of All-American Players and All-Conference Performers, "Coach of the Week," "Coach of the Year," and "Coach of the Half-Century," your old SPORTSDUST can do likewise and be just as wrong or right as the next man.

With these few lines as introduction, I wish to nominate as "Outstanding Basketball Coach of the Southern Conference" for 1950, H. B. "Bus" Thompson of Morris Brown College of Atlanta, Georgia. My reasons are enumerated below:

1. Morris Brown lost three key men from last year's team (which won the championship in 1949).
2. Coach Thompson was unable to get his practice started early. His early season outlook was extremely discouraging.
3. Conditions for athletes at Morris Brown were not particularly conducive to the best morale at the season's beginning.
4. Thompson was extremely hard-pressed to find a clicking combination from the remnants of his 1949 squad.
5. All teams in the conference were primed to defeat the Wolverine. (They had never won the championship before 1949).
6. Morris Brown defeated Tuskegee Institute for the Championship Saturday, March 11, 1950. A major accomplishment to win the SIAC championship two years straight.

Coach H. B. Thompson is a shrewd coach and a hard taskmaster, a real leader of young men who demands respect by his own manhood. He is fair and will not "stoop to conquer." The example he sets as a coach is a holdover from his collegiate days when he achieved All-America at end for Bluefield State Teachers' College. He was unbeatable in his position, hard, tough, aggressive, clean-playing, smart, spirited and an opponent necessarily respected at 6'5" and 210 lbs. "Bus" took over at Morristown Junior College in 1950 and made a recognized progress with next to no material at all, under as tough conditions as there was existing in small colleges. Leaving Morristown for his advanced degree, he came back into the coaching picture several years ago at Morris Brown College. With his penchant for fundamentals and his singular and individual offense combined with his own special type defense, Coach Thompson has handled veteran Southern Conference coaches' best efforts with a high seventy-five percent of victories in games played.

One criteria I always apply to a coach is this one: "If I had a good friend who had a son eligible to enter college, would I recommend that he allow the boy to play under the coach being considered?" To this question as far as Coach H. B. Thompson is concerned I would say, "It would be difficult to find a better man to teach and coach young men who aspire for the highest in life." He is, in my estimation, the "Outstanding Basketball Coach of the Southern Conference for 1950."

Boxing Champs To Match Mitts In Chicago Bouts

BY MAX ANDERSON
(Calvin's News Service)
NEW YORK CITY

After battling their way thru a series of action-packed elimination bouts that began last January, eight exhausted but very happy athletes last Wednesday

night emerged as the champion clouters of their divisions in the Eastern Golden Gloves amateur boxing championship.

These gladiators, plus a few of their unsuccessful opponents, will represent the Eastern Seaboard including Puerto Rico, on

the 26th of this month when they will match mitts with a Western team in Chicago.

Of the eight champs, five were amateur "Brown Bombers."

They were Novel Lee, representing Washington, heavy-weight.

Freddie Manns, Pittsburgh, middleweight.

Albert Anderson, New England, welterweight.

Thomas Davis, New York, flyweight.

Sharkey Lewis, Pittsburgh, flyweight.

McLendon's 10-Year Record At NCC: 221-54

Coach Johnny McLendon's 11-year record as basketball coach at North Carolina College shows 221 wins against 54 reversals, according to statistics released here last week.

McLendon's teams have won seven CCAA championships during those 11 years and have finished regular season runners-up on four occasions.

In averaging 20 victories each season, the Eagles have been topped by non-conference squads only 20 times, while defeating other-than-CCAA squads in 55 tilts.

D. C. Dusts Of Old Jim Crow Law For Thompson Case

(Atlas News Service)
By DAVID J. BETHEA
WASHINGTON

They dusted off and old 1872 anti-Jim Crow law in Washington this week, and found that it applies to niteries and restaurants, and a court test of the law will be decided next month in the wake of a case filed by Washington authorities this week against John R. Thompson, operator of a string of cafeterias.

The legislation which was enacted in 1872, bans segregation in eating places in the Nation's Capitol. And since all night clubs and bars are required to serve food, the law refers equally to them if held valid.

The local restaurant association has advised its members to ignore any claims of the law, which it claims was invalidated by later statutes.

Administrator's Notice
NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Harriet Kenny, deceased, late of Durham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Durham, North Carolina, on or before the 2nd day of February, 1951; or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All

N. C. Eagles Claim National Championship

North Carolina College's Eagles claimed the mythical national basketball championship here last week after play in several conferences had ended for the 1949-50 season.

The Eagles, who won 24 games and lost five during the '49-50 campaign, defeating West Virginia State College for top honors in the fifth annual Colored Intercollegiate Athletic Association Tournament, based their claims to the national diadem on the following circumstances:

1. The Eagles defeated West Virginia State College, champion of the CCAA, 74-70, in the conference tournament.
2. The Eagles defeated Morris Brown College, tournament champions of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, in three games: 57-55, 74-61, and 83-59.
3. The Eagles defeated Fayetteville State Teachers' College, champions of the Eastern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, 75-60.

Langston University, champions of the Southwest Conference, was twice defeated by Lincoln (Mo.) University, 70-61 and 89-85. Lincoln lost a 65-59 tilt to Kentucky State College.

Kentucky State College, champions of the Midwest Conference, lost games to Shaw University and Virginia State College. The Eagles lost one game to Shaw, 58-55, toppled the Bears twice, 93-41 and 87-56; and turned back Virginia State in four contests: 66-56, 60-51, 72-60, and 71-47.

West Virginia State College, Tennessee State College and Kentucky State, perennial leaders in sepiu cage circles, have generally been recognized as

leading contenders for national honors. Coach Mark Caldwell's Yellow Jackets dropped only two games to CCAA teams. Tennessee State's Tigers had a disappointing 1949-50 season, and Coach J. G. Fletcher's Kentucky State Thorobreds racked up nine wins against one reversal in conference play.

The Rattlers of Florida A. and M. College, regular season SIAC champs, were sent to the sidelines in the quarter-finals of the conference tourney by unheralded Xavier University, 61-57.

North Carolina College's record of an average 20 victories each season for 11 years, together with an over-all mark of 221 wins against 54 losses during the same period, complements the Eagles' claims to the sepiu national title.

Training Camp Notes . .

Actually, the big news of the camp is the sensational hitting of Kenny Washington. Kenny had been working out in Los Angeles and reported in good condition. The 17-year man of football has been hitting the ball to all corners of the park, with many sizeable wallops in the homerun section. So far Durocher has been high in his praise of Kenny, even voicing his opinion that he is ready for Triple-A ball and possibly major league.

Washington is rated the all-time Pacific Coast football great. He is making his first bid for baseball fame after racking up a healthy .457 batting average at UCLA in 1937. Kenny later went on to make the national all-American selections in football and still later was an outstanding running back for the Los Angeles Rams of the professional football league.

About Monte Irvin
There is no doubt that Monte Irvin is having his troubles. Once rated a far better major league prospect than Larry Doby, Cleveland Indians center-fielder, Irvin is having trouble claiming a regular berth on the Giants squad.

An outstanding flycatcher and hitter with the Newark Eagles of the Negro baseball league, Irvin was purchased by the Giants in 1948 and last year spent the first part of the season with Jersey City, the New York team's number one farm club.

His showing afield and especially at bat, caused many observers to believe that he was a sure fire prospect for a regular garden spot with the Giants. In 63 games with the farm club, Irvin was leading the league with a .374 average. He has also collected nine homers, 18 doubles, five triples, and stolen 14 bases.

On the basis of all this, Monte was brought up to the parent

club. There he was shifted around between the outfield and first base and soon wound up a pinch hitter with a meager .224 batting mark.

This season Irvin is determined to be among the regulars and has been fighting every inch of the way. At present his hitting is proving the weak spot and with Don Mueller, a 22-year old player out for the same spot, Monte will soon have to fit his stride.

TUCSON, ARIZ.
The 1950 fortunes of the Cleveland Indians, in Spring training here, hinge largely on the performance of large Luke Easter and Larry Doby. If the former Pacific Coast League fence-buster can hit the long ball with expected frequency and if Doby can approximate, or better his 1948 performance, the Indians probably will be "in".

Orestes Minoso, infielder turned outfielder with the San Diego Padres of the PCL, completes the tan trio now at Spring training. Minoso's position with the team, however, is subjected to the performance of several other players. At San Diego, he played left field, a position practically sewed up by Dale Mitchell, Ken Keltner, the regular, veteran third baseman, may live up to major league style. If he fails it is possible that Minoso may take over.

Consciously, or unconsciously, many members of the Indians their braintrust seem to count on Easter for the 1950 pennant. Before a knee injury sidelined him at San Diego, he batted .363 clouted 25 homers, and knocked in 91 runs in 80 games.

The player, who is neatly trimmed down from 250 to 230 pounds, is quietly confident

that he can produce. "If the Indians get a couple of long-ball hitters," he says, "they will win. I hit the long ball." In practice, although showing evidence of the pressure, he has hit hard to all fields. Indians' pitchers are said to be pitching him "inside" to prevent possible injury from liners through the box.

Larry, as usual, is in good shape. After starring the last half of 1948, he tailed off to .280 last season. With new confidence, plus the knowledge that he has the stuff to become the successor to Joe DiMaggio, Doby should begin to fulfill his promise this year.

B. T. Washington Birthday To Be Observed In April

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON BIRTHPLACE, VA. — S. J. Phillips, President of the Booker T. Washington Birthplace Memorial, announces that the ninety-fourth anniversary of the birthday of Booker T. Washington will be observed at Booker T. Washington Birthplace, Virginia on April 1st through April 5th. This is the fifth year that this celebration has been held on the plantation where Booker T. Washington was born.

This promises to be the most significant celebration ever held. With the more than 200 veterans of World War II of the Roanoke Branch of the Booker T. Washington Memorial Trade School, and more than forty young men in training at the Birthplace, the Memorial will be able to demonstrate in a most vivid manner what it means by "perpetuating the ideals and teachings of America's greatest Negro leader."

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College All-Americans Scheduled To Face Harlem Globetrotters

CHICAGO, ILL.

The team of 1950 College All-Americans scheduled to face the dazzling Harlem Globetrotters in an April coast-to-coast world's series of basketball began taking form today with the selection of Kevin O'Shea, Notre Dame's All-American and greatest scorer in an April coast-to-coast world's place on the squad.

One of the most artistic performers ever seen in collegiate ranks, the deft O'Shea finished with a four-year total of 1,065 points for a new Notre Dame high. The six foot one-inch, 24 year old 185-pounder captioned the Irish this season. He is a senior and majoring in marketing in the Commerce college at Notre Dame.

O'Shea prepped at St. Ignace High School in San Francisco, where he won all-city honors in 1942 and 1943, as well as in baseball that latter year as

a third baseman. He is regarded as one of the greatest basketball players ever developed in San Francisco high school circles.

The post-season tour between the Globetrotters, currently compiling the greatest record in the history of basketball, and the All-Americans will open on Sunday night, April 2, at Chicago Stadium. Eighteen games in as many nights, many of them sponsored by leading newspapers for charity purposes, will follow.

The complete itinerary follows: April 2, Chicago; 3, Cleveland; Indianapolis; 5, Louisville; 6, Kansas City; 7, Salt Lake City; 8 and 9, Los Angeles; 10, San Francisco; 11, Denver; 12, Oklahoma City; 13, Saint Louis; 14, Cincinnati; 15, Detroit; 16, Boston; 17, Philadelphia; 18, Buffalo, and 19, Washington, D. C.

Eagles Scored 70 Points Per Contest

Opponents of North Carolina College's Eagles chinked 57 points per game through the meshes against the 1950 CCAA Tournament champions during the campaign just concluded, but still lost four of every five games to the Tar Heel squad.

Coach Johnny McLendon's eagles tallied an average of 70 points a contest, a mark considerably attributable to Harry (Trees) Taylor, their 6'6" center from Gary, Indiana. Taylor pumped in 460 points in 29 games for a 15-per-game record. Bolstering the Eagles' attack also were Ernest Warlick, Hickory performer who tallied 389 points in 28 games, and William Young, Kansas City, Mo., push-shot specialist, whose final record showed 319 points in 29 games.

In winning 24 games and losing five, the Eagles romped through opponents in the second annual Colleges of North Carolina Tournament, in which they were defending champions, averaging 78 points a game, and maintained the high scoring average in the annual conference tournament, with 77 points a tilt.

The highest individual single game performance went to Taylor, who whipped in 39 points against A. and T. College, when the Eagles stopped the Aggies, 90-86.

Methodist Men Of Greensboro Granted Charter

A charter has been granted by Methodism's General Board of Lay Activities in Chicago to a new organization of Methodist Men at the Bass Chapel Methodist Church, Route 2, Greensboro, N. C.

The local group will become one of 5,000 Methodist Men organizations which the Board hopes to charter by 1952, according to Robert G. Mayfield, associate secretary in charge of the promotion of Methodist Men for the General Board.

Purposes of Methodist Men are fourfold; to seek daily the Christian way of life; to learn more about the church; to win men and boys to Christ and the church; and to promote Christian fellowship.

There are charter members of the local organization. President is Willie L. Napper, Marcellus Pleasant is secretary. The Rev. Eugene Black is pastor of Bass Chapel Methodist Church.

Support The Red Cross

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* SUNDAY-MONDAY—MARCH 26-27 *

JOHN PAYNE ★ LON CHANEY in
CAPTAIN CHINA

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* TUESDAY—MARCH 28

DANE CLARK in
MOONRISE

COMEDY SUBJECT UNIVERSAL NEWS

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY—MARCH 29-30 *

Errol FLYNN ★ Ann SHERIDAN in
SILVER RIVER

And Chapter Number Eight
"G-Men Never Forget"

* FRIDAY-SATURDAY—MARCH 31—APRIL 1 *

— DOUBLE FEATURE —

ALLAN "ROCKY" LANE in
Desperadoes Of Dodge City

— And —

Dick Tracy's Dilemma

Also Chapter Number Eight
"Adventures Of Frank And Jesse James"

Added: Color Cartoon

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LYNNE ROBERTS in
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LEO GORCEY ★ BOWERY BOYS in
TROUBLE MAKERS

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MONTE HALE in
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