

TIME'S New Sports Columnist

The following is the first installment in a series on athletics at North Carolina College and in colleges and secondary schools throughout the areas covered by the Carolina Times. Introducing Leroy T. Walker

Prospective Columnist
According to the files of the North Carolina College News Bureau, Leroy T. Walker, the Eagles' head track coach since 1945 is a native of Atlanta, Ga., who attended high school in Atlanta and in New York City. Later he received a bachelor's degree from Benedict College in Columbia, S. C. He received his master's degree at Columbia U., and he is now in process of completing a dissertation for the doctor's degree from New York U.

Though known in this State primarily for his consistent mile relay winners and high hurdlers in national meets, Walker was a successful head coach in major sports at Benedict College, Bishop College, and Prairie View State College before he came to NCC in 1945.

Principally, however, Walker's present recognition is an outgrowth of the performance within the past several years of Earl Foster, the NCAA medalist in the 1949 competition at Milwaukee in 1949 and of Donald Leek, junior national AAU indoor 80 yds. high hurdle champion, a record conceded in Feb. 1950, and his present group of speedsters, Lee Calhoun, Jim Courtney, Andrew Graham, Jim Mullins and others.

Within the past two years, NCC's track teams, under Walker's direction, have won increasing recognition in national meets held at Washington, Philadelphia, and New York.

Track meets in the Old North State among Negro colleges virtually had their origins here 8 years ago when Walker and McLendon of NCC successfully interested other Tarheel colleges to go in seriously for track and field meets at intercollegiate levels. In 1949 the NCC aggregation copped the annual Carolina Relays, an event sponsored and popularized by the NCC mentors. Until 1952, however, the fortunes of the Eagles were often overshadowed by other colleges. Last year, however, the NCC cindermen copped 38 and one half points to lead the field of the eight CIAA schools entered.

The 1952 Carolina Relays were held the week before the annual CIAA Open Track and Field Championships at Morgan State College in Baltimore on Friday and Saturday May 9 and 10.

Although Morgan State College's powerful harriers took the meet with 64.33 points, the gallant Eagles finished second. In doing so the Walkermen counted four first places, two seconds and one third to register their best showing in the whole time

of their participation. The big guns for NCC last year were Andy Graham, the South Bend, Express, who set the only record at the 1952 show with a fast time of 4:23.8. Graham finished second in the two mile event and Lee Calhoun, the "Gary" (Ind.) Grenade" copped the 120 and 220 high hurdles in 1952.

The Eagles' relay team last year, Graham, Charley Hartwell, Jim Courtney, and Rudy Gittens, gave an excellent account of itself in several national meets. The 1953 NCC cindermen, whose exploits at the Washington Star games in Washington last Saturday, are detailed elsewhere on this page, promise to bring NCC to new heights in track and field competition. Teams and sports enthusiasts in this section are indeed indebted to Coach L. T. Walker for the contributions he has made to track and field, specifically, and in a more general way to an informative approach to basketball and football as well.

Although Walker has at various times been associated with both football and basketball at NCC, he has during the past two years received considerable acclaim for his pointed and analytical appraisals by radio of both football and basketball games.

Beginning next week in the Carolina Times, L. T. Walker will bring to the readers of this news paper some of the up-to-the minute happenings in the world of sports.

Trojans Rout Shaw Cagers

PETERSBURG, VA. — The Virginia State Trojans took their first contest of the new year by downing the Shaw University Bears 70-57 Tuesday night in Daniel Gymnasium. The win was the fourth straight in CIAA competition for the locals. Coach Shelton Matthews' charges, playing without the service of three regulars, put together a classy offensive and maintained the lead throughout. Walter Massie, a top point getter, Ronald Crosby, and Leonard George, all were missing from the lineup.

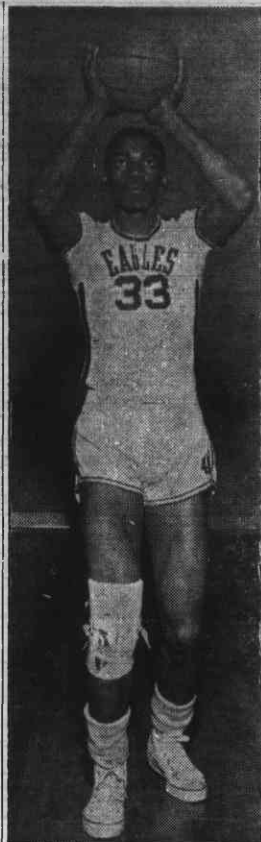
Gene Hudgins and Dean Hatcher shared scoring honors for the Trojans with 14 apiece. For the Shaw quint, Sam Jones was high with 22 and Alphonso Wilson was runner-up with 14.

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Samuel "Sad Sam" Jones, 6'4" sophomore forward on North Carolina College's basketball team is the Eagles' leading offensive star this season. In addition to averaging better than 19 points a game, Jones is great on rebounds, and is an effective agent in the fancy shenanigans that characterize some of NCC cage Coach Floyd Brown's offensive play. Jones is a native of Laurinburg, N. C.

Pendleton Signs With Dodgers

NEW YORK — Jim Pendleton, the sensational Negro infielder-outfielder signed a '53 contract with the Brooklyn Dodgers this week. With Montreal last year, Jim compiled a .291 average and was the International League All-Star shortstop. It is believed that Manager Charley Dressen will make an outfielder of Pendleton when he reports for spring training at Vero Beach in February.

Eagle Harriers Prep For Inquirer Games; Calhoun Excels At Wash.

Track Coach Leroy T. Walker and his North Carolina College speedsters are readying this week for the Jan. 23 Philadelphia Inquirer meet in Convention Hall. The Eagles already have one successful meet behind them, having picked up two first places and a runner-up position in last week's Evening Star games in Washington.

Lee Calhoun, brilliant 19-year old high hurdler from Gary, Ind., won the Evening Star's Invitational 70 Yard High hurdles. Qualifying in the record time of 8.6, the wing-footed Eagle clocked in the finals at 8.5, only two tenths of a second over Dick Attlesey's world record of 8.3.

Andrew Graham, like Calhoun a sophomore at NCC, won going away in the 880 yard run in the good time of 1:58.5. Graham, a native of South Bend, Ind., successfully defended his last year's championship as he ran ahead of John Blood of the Pennsylvania Athletic Club, and Bruce Dodd of the University of Pennsylvania.

The NCC harriers placed second behind Morgan State College in the CIAA mile relay. Running in the Eagles' maroon and gray colors were James Courtney, Washington, D. C., sophomore; Calhoun; James Mullins, Brooklyn, N. Y. sophomore, and Graham. The Morgan crew broke NCC's old mile record in the time of 3:29.8. Howard University's foursome placed after NCC.

Perhaps the greatest personal triumph for Coach Walker, now entering his eighth year as head NCC track coach, was the performance of the speedy Calhoun who defeated Olympic star Milt Campbell of the Plainfield, N. J., AC, and Art Bernard of the U. S.

Navy's Olympics team. Calhoun not only posed out these world-famed stars who trailed in their speed but he also ran out front ahead of his cross-town Durham neighbor, Joel Shankle of Duke University.

Now in his eighth year as head track coach at NCC, Walker has been instrumental in elevating the Eagles into a prominent rank among college harriers. His tracksters are scheduled tentatively to participate in the South Atlantic Meet in Baltimore, Md., on Feb. 7, at the National AAU in Madison Square Garden, New York City, N. Y., on February 14, and at the New York Athletic Club Meet on February 28.

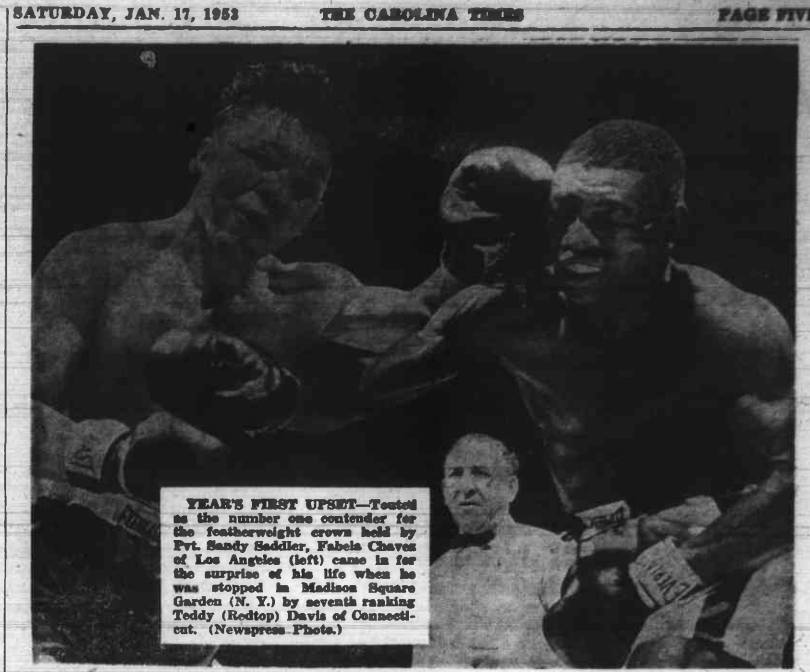
Union Faces NCC Monday

The Union University's 1952 championship basketball team comes to Durham Monday night, Jan. 19, to play Floyd Brown's up-and-coming North Carolina College quint.

The Panthers are a veteran group of basketballers who are playing together this season the kind of fast and slick ball handling that carried them to conference crown last year.

Spectators who have seen the Eagles play this season say the "Brown system" of Eagle Coach Floyd Brown is paying off already.

Using a series of set plays that feature smooth ball handling and sure shots, the starting Eagle five of Charles Harrison, Charles McCullough, Fred McClaren, Samuel Jones, and Charles Bar-



YEAR'S FIRST UPSET—Touted as the number one contender for the featherweight crown held by Pvt. Sandy Saddler, Fabela Chavez of Los Angeles (left) came in for the surprise of his life when he was stopped in Madison Square Garden (N. Y.) by seventh ranking Teddy (Redtop) Davis of Connecticut. (Newspress Photo.)

rick are rapidly adjusting to their new coach's technique.

After losing to the strong Winston-Salem Rams on the Rams' home court, in December, the starting Eagles have since rounded into a combination that may well be expected to put up stiff opposition against Union Monday night.

The Eagles are notably lacking in reserves and their progress during the remainder of the season may depend upon

how well Brown is able to develop substitutes for his regulars.

Matthews Gets Shot At Moore

NEW YORK — Harry Matthews has been offered the first crack at Archie

Moore's newly won light-heavyweight crown, according to Harry Markson, managing director of International Boxing Club Dates for the proposed bout now being considered by Matthews are February 27th and March 6th and it is likely to be held at Madison Square Garden. Matthews' only other New York appearance was at Yankee Stadium when he was kayoed by Rocky Marciano last July.

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