

A&T Aggies Clinch CCAA Baseball Championship

Pin 5-4 Defeat On Shaw University Bears In 16 Innings To Cop Title

GREENSBORO — The A and T College Aggies last Monday (May 16) captured the CCAA baseball championship with a 5-4 victory over Shaw University of Raleigh in a 16 inning thriller played here at Memorial Stadium, and completed under the lights.

The climax of the crucial game which had the largest crowd of fans sitting on the edges of their seats for 5 hours, came as Willie Bryant, Aggie rightfielder, crossed home plate with none out in the bottom of the 16th. On a long fly by Walter Parker, Bryant started the stanza with a ringing single to center and he ended up on third following a two base error on the play.

It placed the Aggies back into the team's almost unusual championship routine. The locals had won the conference championship five times in a row until last year, when Maryland State College of Princess Anne eked out the title by a single game margin. It was equally as close for the home-towners in that only a few percentage points separate the two teams this year. Both teams had dropped two, but the Aggies have played more games.

Malvin Searcy, Aggie south-

paw from nearby Summerfield, was the winner. He relieved Keith Rustin in the top of the eighth frame after Rustin gave up two triples in a row, tying the game and sending it into extra innings. Searcy struck out two and got the third out with an easy roller to third. He struck out the side in the ninth and held the big Raleigh guns in check for the rest of the scrap.

The losing pitcher was Carl Walker who relieved Miller Cunningham in the fatal sixteenth. Cunningham pitched flawless ball for the six innings following the ninth, allowing no hits but the 15 total innings was enough for the little-trick artist. He allowed just 7 hits during his 15 inning stint.

Both teams threatened in the second half of the record breaker, both having men on third, but neither was able to push across a run until Parker broke up the clash.

Shaw picked up 13 hits during the game, scoring one run in the first, 2 in the fourth and one in the eighth. The Aggies got one in the first, one in the third, 2 in the sixth and the final tally in the sixteenth.



James Courtney, senior track star on North Carolina College's 1955 squad, standing left, broke the record in the 440 yard dash at the Carolina Relay staged at Riddick Stadium, State College, Raleigh, last Saturday. Courtney and the NCC Eagles competed along with A. and T. College of Greensboro to spark the first interracial AAU event to be staged in North Carolina.

Pictured standing with Courtney is Andrew Graham, center, the Eagles' great miler who ran the second lap of the mile relay in which the Eagles placed second behind the well-staffed Camp Lejeune contingent. Courtney's time of 49.1 broke the meet's old record of 49.7 set by Johnson of Duke in 1939. Standing right in above photo is Lee Calhoun, the Eagles' great

hurdler who is now in the Armed services. Seated at bottom are three of the speedy members of the 1953 relay team, Rudy Gittens, Charlie Hartwell, and Jim Mullins. Camp Lejeune won the meet with eighty-three and one-half points. Duke was second with forty-eight, A. and T. third, with twenty-eight and one-half. NCC was sixth, with eighteen points.

tion yet to be answered. But it has been persistently echoed in tones that could hardly be called whispering that Al Weill, the manager of the so-called Brockton, Massachusetts Block Buster, isn't at all keen about matching the "Rock" with Moore.

The reason is obvious. The light-heavyweight king is not only a full grown heavyweight with a punch, but he is one of the smartest and cleverest fighters in the ring today, and a smart fighter with a punch might take the lumbering Marciano into camp. This is particularly so since the Marciano nose has proven to be so dangerously brittle.

Harry Grayson in an article entitled "Baker Next Opponent for Rocky?" makes clear that there is a likelihood that Moore, the logical contender, may be given the run around and an opponent less formidable chosen when Rocky next defends his title.

Says Grayson "Archie Moore will be prominently mentioned as a prospective opponent.... until the ancient one (Moore) practically cuts off a leg to do 175 pounds for Bobo Olson at the Polo Grounds, June 22."

"It definitely will be announced that big Bob Baker has been selected as Marciano's next victim at Yankee Stadium in the fall."

"Weill," the writer says, "hopes Olson will eliminate a weakened Moore, who a few evenings back weighed 196 and one-half pounds winning a 15 round decision from Nino Valdes, then No. 1 pretender."

He says that Weill not intending to have the Rock's nose

"worked over by an incredible cutie like Moore will be bypassed for Baker whom he knocked out in March of last year." This despite the fact he (Moore) "has never lost to a heavyweight and has beaten everybody on two legs for five years."

Andy Graham, brilliant NCC senior miler, ran the second leg of the historic mile that saw the Eagles place second at the Carolinas AAU in Raleigh last week. Plagued by injuries this season, Graham is likely to return to national competition after the coming early summer events. Jim Courtney, Eagle sprinter, is likely to represent NCC and the CCAA at the NAIA meet in Texas next month.



ANDY GRAHAM

Hampton Takes CCAA 32nd Annual Championship Tennis Matches

North Carolina College's netters couldn't get further than the semi-finals in the singles and doubles played in the CCAA's 32nd annual championship tennis matches at North Carolina College last week.

Coach Herman (Buck) Neilson's Hampton Pirates paced by the brilliant Eric Blake, swept the singles and doubles in the finals.

All told, the meet ended just about as the drawings indicated. Blake was the top seeded star in the singles followed by teammate Bill Monroe, second, NCC's Joe Alston, third, and Leon Bowser of Morgan, fourth.

In singles play, Blake nudged Bowser, 6-3, and 6-0 in the finals and he later teamed with Monroe to defeat Bowser and Lin Koger, 6-2 and 6-3.

Seeded players in the doubles were Blake and Monroe of Hampton, Koger and Bowser of Morgan, Gil Riley and Joe Alston of NCC, and William McCombs and John McCombs, J. P. Smith.

NCC's Riley and Alston reached the semifinals only to fall before Blake and Monroe of Hampton 6-1 and 7-5.

Alston defeated Lin Koger of Morgan 6-3, 6-2 in the quarter-finals, but, in turn, he was defeated in the semifinals by

Blake, 6-3, 6-0. Hampton's champions piled up 12 points to finish ahead of Morgan, 11. NCC 8; J. C. Smith, 5; West Virginia, 4; Union, 2; St. Paul's 2, and Bluefield, 0.

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