

# THE SPORTS STAGE

By "ERNIE" BARNES

SAY, HEY! All of the sports fans in Durham will be shouting this familiar phrase very soon, but this time it will not be attributed to the immortal Willie Mays, but in relation to James "Luddy" McClain of Durham, North Carolina. The latest report on McClain from the Hastings, Nebraska training camp of the New York Giants was very impressive. In a game with the Lexington Red Sox on July 2, the long-hitting center-fielder broke out of his doldrums to pace the Giants to a 12-11 triumph. Unimpressive in his first four times at the plate, McClain unloaded a three-run homer over the leftfield fence in the seventh inning to give Hastings a 9-9 tie with the Red Sox.



Then in the ninth with runners on first and second and the Giants trailing 11-10, McClain slashed a 1-2 pitch off the leftfield light tower for a double, batting in the tying run.

Dick Pettit and Barry Gang drew walks to load the sacks as first baseman Norm Stumpf ended the game with a sacrifice fly to centerfield scoring McClain.

McClain has been tabed by sports writers in Nebraska as "The carbon copy of Willie Mays." All hands are hoping that the lad from Durham will make the big time just as Wes Covington. It may be a bit early to class McClain, but plenty of off persons are bracketing their support.

**McCLAIN'S PARENTS "ALL SHOOK UP":** McClain is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe McClain of 1210 Hazel Street. Mrs. McClain stated: "I am very proud of my son, and I'm going to do everything possible to help him. If he wants to be a major league baseball player, it is my duty as a mother to give him all the encouragement that I can offer."

**RON DELANY WINS ENGLAND:** Ron Delany, Olympic 1,500 meter champion from Ireland and Villanova University, won the half mile race July 13 in the British National track and field championships.

Delany ran his usual race, coming from behind at the last moment to win in one minute and 49.6 seconds.

**TIDBITS: PITY THE POOR BALL PLAYER!** Willie Mays of the New York Giants is already committed to a post-season speaking tour. For a fee of \$500 a night he'll stand on stage and just answer questions.

**THE DETROIT LIONS** have signed three more draft choices, Tackle Dave Liddick, of George Washington; Quarterback Jack Kemp of Occidental and Halfback Carl Johnson of South Dakota.

**ASIDE FROM WILLIE MAYS** with his 40 thefts for the Giants, there was no old-time stolen-base flash in the majors last season.

**TRAILING WILLIE IN THE N. L.** were Junior Gilliam with 21, Bill White, 15; Johnny Temple, 14; Pee Wee Reese, 13; Jackie Robinson and Wally Moon, 12 each, and Richie Ashburn, ten.

**EAGLE FANS:** Here's North Carolina College's football schedule for the coming season.

SEPTEMBER 21—	MORRIS BROWN, here (night)
SEPTEMBER 28—	FLORIDA A & M, Tallahassee, Fla. (night)
OCTOBER 5—	MORGAN STATE, here (night)
OCTOBER 12—	ST. AUGUSTINE'S, Raleigh (night)
OCTOBER 19—	VIRGINIA STATE, here (night)
OCTOBER 26—	MARYLAND STATE, Princess Anne, Md.
NOVEMBER 2—	SHAW UNIVERSITY, here (H'coming)
NOVEMBER 16—	BLUEFIELD, Bluefield, West Va.
NOVEMBER 28—	A. & T. COLLEGE, Greensboro

**ALL HOME GAMES WILL BE PLAYED AT DUBHAM ATHLETIC PARK** with the exception of the Homecoming game which is scheduled at O'Kelly Field on the North Carolina College campus. Night games begin at eight p. m., and afternoon contests at two.

SEE YOU NEXT WEEK on the sports stage.

## BULL CITY LEAGUE STANDINGS

Midget League			
TEAM	Won	Lost	Pct.
P. and G. Drugs	9	2	.818
Service Printing Company	7	2	.777
Walltown	7	3	.700
Mutual Savings and Loan	5	4	.555
Chapel Hill	4	6	.400
Mechanics and Farmers Bank	2	5	.285
Lyon Park	0	12	.000

Poney League			
TEAM	Won	Lost	Pct.
Chapel Hill	7	0	1.000
Pepsi-Cola	5	2	.714
Walltown	5	3	.625
Cut-Rate Super Market	3	3	.500
Lyon Park	4	5	.444
Mill Grove	1	5	.166
Hillsboro	1	7	.125
Ebenezer Baptist Church	0	2	.000

# Elite Giants To Face All-Stars

## Althea's Triumph Sparks Blast At ATA

### Baker, ATA Assailed For Claiming Credit For Miss Althea Gibson

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Now that Althea Gibson has finally discarded the "bridesmaid's role" and established herself as a premier performer, many people are entertaining many ideas as to who is responsible for her success. In a recent signed article in the *Amsterdam News*, George Barner, while reviewing the roster of coming tennis stars under aegis of the American Tennis Association (ATA), appeared to credit the ATA for Althea's success. In the following letter, a reader takes Barner to task for crediting the ATA for Gibson's success.

Dear Mr. Barner:

I read your article: "Will Another Champ Come From A. T. A.?" Your article is timely and quite interesting. I wish to discuss it in detail.

Did the American Tennis Association produce Althea Gibson? No. She was produced by two southern doctors. Althea resents the doctors and the South. She is listed in *World Tennis Magazine* as being from Sumpter, N. Y., instead of Sumpter, S. C. where she was born. She was not a "fortunate accident", but carefully trained in the south for six years.

Mr. B. Baker is right; "it takes time and hard work. The more experience a good player has the better." Since he knows that, why does he prevent good players under 18 from playing in the A. T. A. Nationals and getting experience? In 1955, Willie Fennell, 15 years old, came all the way from Los Angeles, California, to Wilberforce But Mr. Baker refused to let him play at Wilberforce although he won the boys and Junior Championships in many tournaments. He got disgusted, left, and hasn't been back. Gonzales who coached Fennell said: "Fennell is better than Oscar Johnson." Although we have had some good Junior prospects like Willie Wynn, Mr. Baker refused to let him play at Forest Hills. He got disgusted and quit. No Junior could beat him. He beat the intercollegiate champion.

Mr. Bertram Baker recommends the players for Forest Hills, not by their ability, but by his friendship for them. If he dislikes a player he keeps them out. Why doesn't Robert Ryland, the A. T. A. Champ, play at Forest Hills while some New York players play annually, regardless of their ranking? Mr. Baker kept Dr. Reginald Weir from playing in Men's singles at Forest Hills. He doesn't like Weir. Dr. Weir can beat every player Mr. Baker recommends. Dr. Weir has to play in Senior Singles and he does that on his playing record in U.S.-L.T.A. Tournaments, without Mr. Baker's recommendation.

Again Mr. Baker is right when he says, "his policies were not designed to create talent." His policies have been, to destroy the Junior development program. The records will show he has always voted against everything Dr. R. Walter Johnson, the Junior Chairman, has proposed. He has never attended a Junior tournament. It took Dr. Johnson and the Juniors 5 years to separate their events from the adults and from under Mr. Baker. This year Mr. Baker has ordered the Juniors back under his supervision. He did this without consulting the Executive Committee.

I called the Executive Secretary of the U. S. L. T. A. and inquired about their Junior prospects. He rattled off ten names from the West Coast, ten names from the East, ten names from the Mid-West and said there were many more. I asked him if there was an age limit on players playing at Forest Hills; he said: "no", that "they played there on their ability and not their age." The A. T. A. Nationals accept players who have had no experience, some can't hardly hit a ball, but he must be 16. If he is under 16 and can beat Hoad, he can't play at Wilberforce.

Mr. Baker initiated the A. T. A. and like an octopus he is gradually choking it to death. It is like having a millstone around its neck overboard. The

A. T. A. is set up and controlled by Mr. Baker. No new young blood has a chance to get in any office. Every two years the Nominating Committee (Mr. Baker's machine) headed by Dr. John B. Garrett will come in the meeting with a slip of blank paper in his hand and say: "The Nominating Committee recommends that all officers remain in office." Another machine man will recommend the report be received and adopted and everybody stays in office. To get out of office you must die. Two exceptions: Major Cleve Abbott resigned as President because he could not stand to let Baker dictate the policies. Dick Hudlin resigned as Vice-President for the same reason. There are officers listed and carried by Mr. Baker who have not attended an A. T. A. Tournament in over ten years, but he fired Bravel M. Nesbitt, 165 Madison Avenue, Elizabeth, N. J., Chairman of the Sanctions Committee, because he missed attending two Nationals, although he had a complete itemized report each year. Baker took Nesbitt's job so now, along with the many other jobs, he, Mr. Baker, is chairman of Sanctions. Why does he refuse to appoint or let the President appoint another chairman? The President is a figure-head in the A. T. A.

So, Mr. Barner, not only are people in Brooklyn disgruntled over Mr. Baker in the A. T. A., they are disgruntled everywhere. You evidently did not read the classic letter your paper carried last year from Dr. R. W. Johnson of Lynchburg to Mr. Baker asking him to resign and save the A. T. A. Mr. Baker's only reply was, "Dr. Johnson can go to hell."

If you want to know about the future A. T. A. players, contact Dr. R. W. Johnson, Chairman of the A. T. A. Junior Development Program Committee.

Yours truly,  
Calvin Jones

### Baltimore Team Gets Nod For Twin City Game

**WINSTON-SALEM**  
The Baltimore Elite Giants will provide opposition for a collection of players who will make up an all-star team in the annual South's All-Star game.

This year's contest, 18th in the history of the series, will be staged at Ernie Shore field here on August 4.

Announcement of the Elite Giants as opponents for the all-stars was made here last week following a meeting of the All-Star Game Committee. The committee, in its final meeting in preparation for the contest, selected the Baltimore club over four other prospects.

Other teams who were up for consideration by the committee were the Kansas City Monarchs, the Memphis Red Sox, the New Orleans Creoles and a team from Mobile, Alabama.

Selection of the Baltimore team marks the third time in the history of the game that a Negro National League club has been chosen to face the All-Stars.

Speculation on the outcome of the contest rose immediately following announcement of the Elite Giants' selection. However, by the opening of the week, the oddsmakers had made no definite choices.

A. J. Hammonds, promoter of the classic, said the Elite Giants' interracial roster includes former players from major league farm clubs in Eastern Pennsylvania and the Baltimore Orioles of the American League.

In addition, Jarret Mays, a sensation in baseball circles as a one-armed catcher, will be featured with the Baltimore team.

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