

# THE SPORTS STAGE

By "ERNE" BARNES

**SPOTLIGHT:** Dearl J. Webster, Jr., the pride of the North Carolina College football team, is expected to have his most successful year during the coming season. Webster, a massive tackle, stands 6-1 and weighs 256 pounds. Hailing from Raleigh, Webster attended St. Emma Military Academy in Rock Castle, Va.

When asked how he became interested in sports, Webster stated: "From childhood days when I used to play around on the playground, my main objective was to become an athlete. With that in mind, I began to participate in all athletic sports."

To date, my biggest thrill was in 1954, my freshman year at North Carolina College. We were playing A. & T. College. They were leading 6-0 going into the last two minutes of the game. We scored with fifteen seconds remaining in the game and I kicked the P. A. T. (point after touchdown) to win the game and the CIAA championship."

After entering NCC, Webster was assigned the P. A. T. man since he was quite successful in kicking. The other members of the team tagged him with the title, "The toe groza." ROOSEVELT ROAL ORISTA NELSON BROWN, (wow) from Hamilton, Bermuda, has planned to take a stab at the half-back position on the North Carolina College football team. Roosevelt was a star for the Devonshire Lions Rugby team in his hometown of Bermuda.

I must admit that this little fellow has the build of an Adonis. He stands 5'4" and weighs 174 pounds. His giant shoulders, deep chest and trim waist give him a powerful, yet streamlined physical appeal. Roosevelt started weight training at the age of nine and quit at the age of twenty. If a magnificent physique means anything, this lad has ahead of him a bright future on the gridiron.

**DIAMOND DUST:** The story of the A's third baseman, Hector Lopez, could be entitled "Confidence Lost and Won." Self-confidence, that is. This young Panamanian reached the point where he did himself no justice either in the field or at bat.

There was the suspicion that he might be over-baseballed, since he plays in the Winter League in Panama. Whatever it was, the situation demanded some action and for a spell Lopez sat on the bench and Lou Skizas took his place at third.

Then the time came for Hec to be reinstated and since then he has shown a complete transformation both in his defensive and offensive efforts. Once again he has been performing at third with some éclat. At bat he began a hitting streak against the Yankees in New York June 15 which he maintained until July 16, when he was stopped in four trips by the Red Sox. But he had hit safely at least once in twenty-two consecutive games.

When the streak began, Hec had been at bat 124 times making 32 hits for an average of .258. A month later, he had been at bat 206 times, with 68 hits for an average of .330, or a boost of 72 points. The streak had netted him 36 points in 82 trips for an imposing average of .439.

## BULL CITY LEAGUE STANDINGS

MIDGET LEAGUE				
Team	Won	Lost	Pct.	
Service Printing Company	11	3	.785	
Walltown	11	3	.785	
P. and G. Drugs	11	5	.725	
Chapel Hill	6	6	.500	
Mutual Savings and Loan	6	7	.461	
Mechanics and Farmers Bank	2	10	.166	
Lyon Park	2	15	.117	

PONY LEAGUE				
Team	Won	Lost	Pct.	
Chapel Hill	10	2	.833	
Pepsi-Cola	10	2	.833	
Walltown	8	4	.666	
Lyon Park	6	7	.461	
Cut-Rate Super Market	4	6	.400	
Hillsboro	2	7	.222	
Ebenezer Baptist Church	1	5	.166	
Mill Grove	1	9	.100	



William Sanders will be at first base for the Fayetteville Cardinals when they invade Durham Sunday for a game with the Rams. Sanders, who is an off duty player for the Cardinals, is currently serving with the Eighty-Second Division at Fort Bragg. Before he entered service, he was a member of the Brooklyn Dodgers farm system.

## Top Semi-Pros To Clash In All-Star Game

Monte Irvin, star of the 1954 New York Giant pennant winning team will manage the semi-professional all-star team of the Carolinas and Virginias in a game with the powerful Fayetteville Cardinals in Durham, N. C., August 11.

The game will mark the Twelfth Annual All Star Game to be conducted in Durham.

The ex-Giant great will manage a team made up of the best players from ten semi-professional teams.

Opposition will be afforded by the Cardinals, a team made up for the most part of service men who once played major league ball. An intracultural team, the Cardinals have an imposing won-loss record of 46

and 2 over the past two seasons. They suffered both losses this year—one at the hands of the Durham Rams and the other at the hands of the Detroit Stars, champions of the Negro National League.

Lamar Sports Promotions will name the all-stars this week, pending the outcome of several games now scheduled.

However, representatives will come from the following semi-professional organizations: The Greensboro Red Birds, Winston-Salem Pond Giants, Asheville Blues, Burlington Bees, Durham Rams, Hillsboro All-Stars, Roxboro Colts, Durham Bees, and the Danville All-Stars.

Irvin, who is now retired from baseball, is regarded as a likely prospect for a coaching or managing position in the majors. He is a shrewd judge of talent and as a player was noted for his spark-plug activities on the diamond.

Miss Sandra Garner, student nurse at Kate Biting Reynolds Memorial Hospital, recently spent two weeks in New York City with friends. She is the sister of Mrs. Vivian James of 1029 East 15th Street. Mrs. James was also honored last weekend with a visit from her grandfather, Emanuel Livinston of New York City.

## BERT PIGGOTT APPOINTMENT BRINGS NEW HOPE TO AGGIES

**GREENSBORO** The recent appointment of Bert Piggott as head coach at A & T College gives the hopes of improved Aggie teams a brand new lustre.

The choice of Piggott has met ready acceptance by the players, students, and faculty at the college, but equally important, by the thousands of alumni who have not been exactly jubilant over the Aggies' near misses in recent conference championship play. This latter group has gone all out for Piggott during the brief spell since his appointment and are still beating the bushes helping in that all important task of encouraging good and promising high school athletes to enter A & T this fall.

Bert brings to the job a lot of natural ability, good training under some of the best coaches in the country, a wealth of experience in the game, a pleasing personality which equips him to get along with players and others and a burning desire to win.

He started off as a brilliant young athlete and made a fine record in spite of untimely injuries which almost ruined his career as an exceptionally outstanding performer.

He was a star in football, baseball, boxing and tennis at the Hinsdale (Ill.) High School from which he graduated in 1939. He breezed through his freshman year at the University of Illinois at Urbana as team captain and was later voted the "most valuable player" for the year.

He played under the supervision of the famed Bob Zuppke during his sophomore and junior years in 1940 and 1941 then interrupted by a three-year military stint.

While in the service he played for two seasons with the Tuskegee Army Air Force Base in Alabama under Bill Bell.

## S. C. State To Meet A. & T. In Football Game

**ORANGEBURG, S. C.** South Carolina State College Bulldogs and North Carolina A. & T. College Aggies will renew the age-old rivalry which ended in 1928.

During those golden years A & T had such legendary figures as "Horse" Lane, "Bus" Coleman, and Charlie DeBerry while South Carolina State had such immortals as "Broad River" Dawkins and Paul Webber. That game ended with South Carolina State on the long end by a 32-28 score.

Again the North Carolina A. & T. Aggies will invade the fair of the Bulldogs on October 12, 1957 in Orangeburg, South Carolina. Maybe the great names will not be present, but the spirit and interstate rivalry will be at their zenith.

The schedule follows: Sept. 28, Bethune-Cookman—Daytona Beach, Florida; Oct. 5, Allen University—Home ("S" Day); Oct. 12, North Carolina A. & T.—Home; Oct. 19, Clark College—Atlanta, Georgia; Oct. 26, Fort Valley State—Home (High School Senior Day); Nov. 2, Claflin College—Home (Intra-City Classic); Nov. 9, Alabama A & M—Normal, Alabama; Nov. 16, Morris Brown—Homecoming; Nov. 26, Benedict—Columbia (Thanksgiving).

whom he succeeds at A & T. Bert returned to Illinois in 1946, for his final year of eligibility, to join the tan stars, "Buddy" Young, Paul Patterson and Ike Owens and a new coach, Ray Elliott. He contributed a fine share to the team which that year copped the Big Ten title and later emerged as Rose Bowl champs.

An outstanding passer and punter, Piggott was quickly signed by the Los Angeles Dons and turned in creditable performance for two years, 1947 and 1948. In 1949 he received his Master of Science degree in Physical Education at Illinois and joined the staff at A & T where he has remained since.

Quiet and mild-mannered, Bert remains cool under fire. He carries an air of confidence in his new and tougher responsibilities, and believes that a winning team should and could be produced at the college this year.

Those who know Bert and the job which lies before him realize that both are well-matched. They know that he has a big assignment and that he has ability and stamina enough to face up to it.

He will get down to serious business with his boys on the morning of September 1, in preparation for probably the toughest schedule any Aggie coach has had to face in the half century of football competition at the College. He inherits some top quality backfield material and a line which has gaping holes to fill.

If his plans "jell" and these include procuring a half dozen or more good freshman backs and adequate replacements to fill those voids in his line, Aggie hopes for a real winner might brighten even in his first year.

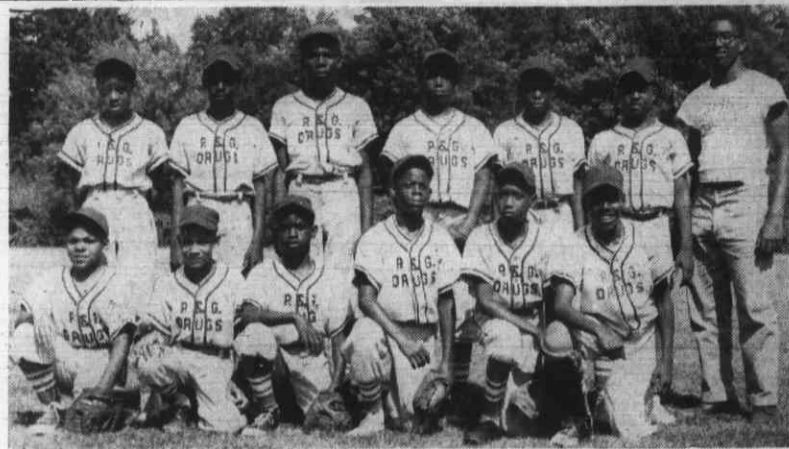
## Walker Gets Carolinas AAU Merit Award

**Dr. Leroy T. Walker**, track coach of North Carolina College's Olympic hurdler Lee Calhoun, received the Carolinas AAU Honor Roll certificate "for outstanding contribution to the furtherance of amateur athletics in the two Carolinas."

The award was believed to be a "first" for a Negro coach in this area.

Ironically, Dr. Walker is the man most responsible for Negro athletes' cracking the cinder curtain in competing in the annual AAU track meet held at State College in Raleigh each year.

Joe P. Glynn, President of the AAU sectional, made the announcement and added, "the Carolinas AAU was honored to have one of the national track and field champions for this



Currently holding down third place in the Bull City Midget League is the above P. and G. Drugs team, sponsored by the Parker-Garrett Drug Store. The P. and G. nine dominated play in the eight team league for nearly a month, holding down first place. They were dislodged from first place two weeks ago and since have slipped backed into third place with (as of Monday, July 29) an 11-5 record.

Shown kneeling are Frank Russell, James Davis, John Gray, Cornell Williams, Julius Jones and Troy Hooks. Standing are Connie Williams, Ronald Thomas, John Glover, Theodore Hargraves, Dwight Midgette, Edward Hopkins and I. R. Holmes, Jr., coach.

Next week, another team in the League will be featured on this page.



Pictured here are members of Zafa Temple Shriners "long underwear" baseball team. The Durham Shriners will oppose a team from Kindah Temple of Fayetteville in the annual "long underwear" battle at Durham Athletic Park Saturday night.

prizes of luggage sets will be given away during the game.

## Shriners Don Long 'Drawers' For Yearly Game

Everything is in readiness for the annual Shriners "long underwear" game to be staged in Durham Saturday night between members of the Durham and Fayetteville Shriners.

Zafa Temple No. 175, of Durham, and Kindah Temple No. 62, of Fayetteville will square off under the lights at the athletic park at eight o'clock, and as things proceed as usual, there will be more fun than baseball in store for spectators.

The "long underwear" game is an annual contest staged between Shrine members. Standard equipment, besides baseball bats, gloves, masks and other bona fide sports equipment includes long underwear of varied colors and straw hats.

Proceeds from the game will be donated to the T. B. and Cancer Foundation Funds of the Imperial Councils of Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, whose headquarters are in Washington, D. C.

J. Fred Pratt, promoter for this year's game, said that gate prizes will be awarded to the first 100 ladies and additional



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