

Bonnie Logan Continues Tennis Victory String

Negroes Have Played Major Role in Sports

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It has been established that Negro baseball had its roots in slavery and was moving toward some stature as an organized sport immediately following the Emancipation Proclamation. The game gave a massive push to the Negro freedom cause in the United States.

In 1885, appeared the first professional team, which was organized at the Argyle Hotel in Babylon, New York.
From 1887 to 1919 several attempts were made to organize Negro baseball leagues. Most of them failed before anything tangible was done. In February 1920, the Negro National League was organized by Andrew (Rube) Foster, David Wright, Joseph Greene and Cary B. Lewis of Chicago, Ill. Tenney Blount of Detroit, Mich.; Lorenzo S. Cobb of St. Louis, Mo.; Elwood Knox, C. I. Taylor and Charles Marshall of Indianapolis, Ind.; J. L. Williamson of Kansas City, Mo.; W. A. Kelly of Washington, D. C.; Elisha Scott of Leavenworth, Kansas and John Matthews of Dayton, Ohio.

Foster was chosen president and secretary and the clubs making up the league were the Chicago American Giants, Kansas City Monarchs, Indianapolis ABC's and Detroit Stars. In December, 1920, the New York Bacharach Giants, Cuban Stars, Columbus Buckeyes and Hillsdale Giants joined the circuit.

An Eastern League was organized in 1922 with Edward Bolden as president. Its members were the Harrisburg Giants, the Hilldales and the Brooklyn Royal Giants.

The first Negro World Series was held in 1924. History was to see both leagues collapse in 1932. The Negro American League was formed in 1935 and was composed of the Atlanta Black Crack-

ers (with headquarters in Louisville, Ky.), the Kansas City Monarchs, the Jacksonville Red Caps (in Cleveland, Ohio), the ABC's, the Chicago American Giants, Homestead Grays, N. Y. Cuban Stars, Newark Eagles, N. Y. Black Yankees, the Philadelphia Stars and the Toledo Club.

Negro baseball thrived, its East West Game in Chicago, drawing thousands until Jackie Robinson broke the color line in 1946.

This heralded the death knell of the once powerful Negro leagues that sent Larry Doby, Don Newcombe, Roy Campanella, Satchel Paige, Dan Bankhead and many other greats to the major leagues.

Dr. J. B. Martin today heads a Negro American League that is more of a name than fact. Dr. Martin, a Chicago, Ill. Republican and a member of the Sanitary Commission, operates the circuit from his office. The league has dwindled to the Birmingham Black Barons, K. C. Monarchs, Detroit Stars and Raleigh Tigers.

Among the great Negro baseball players since the Emancipation Proclamation have been:

PITCHERS: Andrew (Rube) Foster, Satchel Paige, David Brown, Fuller Rogan, Richard Redding, Joseph (Cyclone) Williams, and Don Newcombe.

CATCHERS: Clarence Williams, Josh Gibson, Ernie Wright and Biz Mackey, and Roy Campanella, John Roseboro and Elston Howard.

OUTFIELDERS: Alexander Ralcliffe, Oscar Charleston, Bingo DeMoss, Peter Hill, William Monroe, Oliver Marcell, Otto Briggs, Edward Douglas and John Beckwith, Larry Doby, Henry Aaron, Vada Pinson, Minnie Minoso, Willie Mays, Bill White, Roberto Clement, Frank Robinson and Hector Lopez.

INFELDERS: Jackie Robinson, Ben Taylor, Leroy Grant, Samuel Hughes, John H. Lloyd, Judson Wilson, Leonard Grant, Andrew Jackson, Frank Warfield and Avellino Canaries, Ernie Banks, Maudy Wills, Junior Gilliam.
Today more than 60 Negroes play in the major leagues. To pinpoint the democratic gains since the Emancipation one must note that in the early 1920's, Negroes were not permitted in the grandstands in Sportsman's Park in St. Louis, Mo.

Branch Rickey, who opened the doors of the big league game, could not even admit an Ohio Wesleyan friend and teammate who dropped by his office. He was Dr. Charles Thomas, a St. Louis dentist, Rickey, then vice president and general manager of the St. Louis Cardinals told Dr. Thomas "Some day we'll have all that changed." While this might be easily regarded as a prophecy, in view of Rickey's integration of the Negro into organized ball some twenty odd years later, he was merely expressing a logical belief that the refusal to sell tickets to Negroes would end one day.

Rickey as president and general manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers broke the color line.



BONNIE LOGAN

Durhamite to Enter USLTA Event In Chattanooga This Week-end

Bonnie Dayle Logan, of Durham, described as the legitimate heir to former tennis queen Althea Gibson, continued to a more early last week. She was ready gathered in the tennis world by two important victories last week.
Bonnie captured won two championships and shared a third in a USLTA sanctioned tournament in Baltimore then returned to action a day later in Baltimore to fight her way to the finals in the ATA Maryland championships in two divisions of the singles championships before rain forced postponement of the event.
The young tennis star, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Logan, Jr. of 418 Massey Avenue is scheduled to appear in the USLTA sanctioned Tennessee Valley Invitational at Chattanooga this week-end.
Her mother told the TIMES early this week that her scheduled appearance in Greensboro, the Southeastern ATA championships was in doubt because of the Chattanooga tourney.
Bonnie, who will enter Hill-

side high school as a freshman next year, collected three trophies for her work in the USLTA Maryland championships in Baltimore under 14 and under 16 singles titles and was a member of the doubles team which captured the under 18 championship.
A day later, she moved into action at Druid Hills courts and began play in the ATA Maryland State Junior championships. There she swept to the finals in the girls under 14 and the women's singles, only to see rain wash out the final day of action.
She is scheduled to meet Anne Koger, of Lynchburg, later this season to settle the under 14 title.
Bonnie's appearance in Chattanooga will be her second. She won the under 12 championship in the USLTA sanctioned Tennessee Valley Invitational last year only to see her victory defeated because of eligibility rules.
She will be entered in the under 14 girls singles at Chattanooga this week-end.

Iowa Flash Signs With Green Bay

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Bob Jeter, Iowa State football star of two seasons ago, was signed to a contract by the world champion Green Bay Packers this week.
Jeter was the Packers No. 2 choice in 1961 but elected to play in the Canadian league.

NCC's Tate Wins Nat'l Jump Championship

North Carolina College's Norman Tate won the National Collegiate Athletic Association's hop-step and jump championship here over the week-end with a 51 foot, one-half inch effort.

The slender Orange, New Jersey, native won his second national championship in succession and his third one of the outdoor season. It was only last week in Chicago, Illinois, that Tate set a record of 49 feet, 11 inches, in winning the NCAA College Division championship.

The Eagle sophomore (he had since been virtually untouchable since he annexed the Pennsylvania Relays event with a 49 feet, five inch try. Two weeks later he captured the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association crown and later added the Carolinas A. A. U. and the NCAA College Regional, Petersburg, Virginia, titles.

Tate's jump of 51 feet, one-half inch, exceeded the jump of 50 feet, 11 inches posted by UCLA's Kermit Alexander in 1962 but fell short of the record of 51 feet, two and one-fourth inches set by Luther Hayes, University of Southern California, in 1961.

Coach Leroy T. Walker had Tate with the relay teams earlier in the year to give him that competitive incentive needed for the hop-step and jump. When the NCC 440-relay team stretched in the Pennsylvania Relays, Walker gave Tate the green light to work exclusively on his specialty. The move was a wise one, as Tate has become the second North Carolina College performer to capture a NCAA championship. Lee Calhoun holds the NCAA record in the 120-yard high hurdles with a 13.5 showing in 1957. Calhoun also won his specialty in 1955.

Widow of Davey Moore Does Not Think Boxing Should be Abolished

CHICAGO—Davey Moore's widow does not think boxing should be abolished, she reveals in the July issue of Ebony, now on the newsstands.

"Many opponents of the fight game say that because David died, boxing should be abolished. I personally do not agree with them," Mrs. Moore asserts in an article written exclusively for the magazine.

"I am firmly convinced that David's death was not boxing's fault. Sugar Ramos' fault, or anybody else's fault, but that it was God's will. I believe that if it is your time to go, you'll go, regardless of what business you are in."
The 27-year-old widow says that the abolition of boxing "would have been the last thing" her husband would have wanted to happen.

"David's death, as the coroner explained, was a 'one in a million accident.' Accidents happen to everybody. Some people just walk across the street and drop dead. Boxing is a dangerous sport all right, but I don't think it is any more dangerous than football or auto racing. Those who participate take their chances."

Moore died after losing the featherweight championship to Sugar Ramos in a 10th round knockout, and striking his head against the bottom ring rope in a freak accident. Mrs. Moore recalls how she consoled Ramos after her husband's death: "I began feeling sorry for him. I told him that it was God's will and the best he could do was to be as good a champion as my husband had been. I just couldn't let the boy away feeling bad for the rest of his life."

Left with five children, the young widow has just been appointed to a secretarial post by Ohio Gov. James A. Rhodes. Two years ago the family moved from Springfield, Ohio to a new home in Columbus.
"I know that it is now up to me to prove that David's life and sacrifices were not in vain. We are not rich, but we have a little to show for his years in the ring. I want to keep it that way," she says.
Mrs. Moore says she "would not encourage" either of her sons—now 8 and 5—to become professional fighters. "But if I felt that is what they really wanted, I would not try to stop them."
She says that if her husband could have his say now, he would not have wanted boxing abolished because he loved it.

Ashe Bows To McKinley In Wimbledon Play

WIMBLEDON, England — Arthur Ashe, first Negro male tennis athlete to participate in the British tennis championships here last week, lost to top seeded American player Chuck McKinley in the third round of the tournament.

Ashe, a native of Richmond, Va., was defeated by McKinley, 6-3, 6-2, last Thursday.

Young Arthur, who is now a sophomore at UCLA, was hampered slightly by an arm injury which affected his normally strong service and ground strokes.

Ashe advanced to the third round by virtue of victories over Carlos Fernandez, of Brazil, and G. I. and James Hillbrand, of Australia.

Bowling Lanes Managers Meet

NEW YORK — Eight managers of American Bowling Enterprises' Lanes in the Southeast met in a three-day conference in Atlanta recently to discuss methods of improving bowling as a sport in the South.

The Negro managers, each administering a bowling center representing close to a million-dollar investment, discussed ways of promoting bowling, and listened to outsiders tell them how it should be done.

The managers, and the Lanes they represent, attending the meeting were: Duke Foster, Fun Bowl, Atlanta; Pete Chatmon, Star Bowl, Birmingham; Kharrn Collier, Spring Lanes, Charlotte; T. Kelly, King Bowl Chattanooga; James McClanahan, Rollaway Lanes, Memphis; Clarence Kilcrease, Pinnacle Lanes, Nashville; Alfred Braxton, Cool Lanes, Richmond; and Alphonso McLean Hi Hat Lanes, Savannah.

Clinic For Football and Basketball Coaches to be Held at A&T in Aug.

GREENSBORO — More than 150 school and college football and basketball coaches are expected to attend the A. & T. Coaching Clinic to be held here, August 7-10.

Bill Bell, A. & T. athletic director and director of the clinic, said, this week, that applications are arriving daily and indications are that admissions might be closed before the clinic gets underway.

Bell said that applications had come from far away as Canada and California.

The clinic will feature a star-studded faculty, headed by Woodrow "Woody" Hayes, head football coach at Ohio State University, and Ed Jucker, head basketball coach at the University of Cincinnati, whose teams in early season last year were rated number one in the nation.

Other staff members include: Clarence Stasavich, head football coach at East Carolina College and one of the nation's top proponents of the single-wing attack; Joe Dean, former basketball star at Louisiana State University, and Bob Davis, often called professional basketball's greatest "little man", formerly with the Rochester Royals and former head coach at Seton Hall, and the entire coaching staff of the A. & T. College Aggies, including: Bert Piggott, head football coach, and his assistants—Murray Neely and Mel Groomes and Cal Irvin, head basketball coach.

A new feature is being added this year. Presentations on special problems in city and suburban high school athletics are to be made by David I. Leah, head football coach at the Winston-Salem,

Carver High and Charles McCallough, head basketball coach at the Charlotte, West Charlotte High School, whose teams last season won state championships.

Bell said that special emphasis on the clinic's Injury Care and Prevention section is to be made this year. That section is to be handled under the direction of Hornsby Howell, head trainer for the A. & T. College Aggies, and Al Proctor, head trainer for N. C. State College at Raleigh.

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