

SPORTS



SIGN FOR TITLE BOUT—New York Heavyweight Champion Cassius Clay (left) shakes hands with Zora Folley after they signed contract February 15th for a title bout. Clay will defend his world crown against Folley at Madison Square Garden here March 22nd. Folley, a professional fighter for 14 years, will be getting his first chance at the title. It will be Clay's seventh title defense in a little more than a year.



WE LOVE YOU EARL—Miss Gloria Tyson (left) of Rocky Mount, "Miss Ram" and Miss Roberta Henry of Marion, "Miss Brown Hall" show Earl Monroe how they feel about his efforts to return the Ram-Aggie Trophy to the campus of Winston-Salem State College. This trophy is traditionally awarded to the winner of the home contest between the W-S State Rams and the N. C. A. and T. Aggies.

Draft Board Speaks ... Leaves Clay Silent

HOUSTON, Tex. — World Heavyweight Champion Cassius Clay returned to Houston Monday, happy to be "home for the first time," but silent about the announcement that a Texas Selective Service appeal board has refused his plea for classification as a Muslim minister. The announcement was made in Frankfort, Ky., by the director of that state's Selective Service as Clay was aboard a jet en route from Chicago to Houston, the city he adopted last month as his hometown.

"I don't know too much about what's going on," Clay said, adding that all questions about the matter would be handled by his New York City lawyer, Hayden Covington.

Clay checked into a hotel and awaited the arrival of friends who have been apartment hunting for him.

"They've been recommending one and fixing it up," but I don't know where it is," he said. After he is settled in the apartment, Clay said, he will start looking for a house.

Clay said he would begin working out today at Houston's Muslim mosque on the city's near East Side, and preaching there in Friday and Sunday services.

"I have to start working out for Folley," he said. "I'll also be all over the city working with boys and meeting the people," he said.

"I'm home now," Clay said. "I'm home now for the first time."

Chicago Court Fines Clay For Speeding

CHICAGO — An attorney for boxing champion Cassius Clay paid a speeding fine of \$12 and costs for his client in Traffic Court Monday.

Clay did not appear in court. He was en route to Houston. Clay was ticketed on Chicago's South Side Nov. 26 for driving 42 miles an hour in a 30 m.p.h. zone.

Attorney Sanford Kahn produced a driver's license issued to Clay in 1965. A charge of failure to produce a driver's license when the arrest was made was dropped.

Marines Nudge Asheville, 72-70

ASHEVILLE — Jim Myers sank two foul shots with one second showing on the clock to give the Quantico Marines a 72-70 win over Asheville-Biltmore College here Monday night.

Myers' shots came after the Marines had come from behind to tie the game with two minutes to go. A-B's Buy Batzel led both sides in scoring with 20 points.

Eagles Upset J. C. Smith University Bulls

North Carolina College's Eagles proved again Saturday night that conference standings mean little when rivals meet.

The Durham cagers avenged their earlier 24-point loss to the Golden Bulls of first division Johnson C. Smith University with a 78-73 victory in the CIAA battle here in R. L. McGinnasium.

NCC's Eagles now have a 7-14 overall record for the season, with victories in their last 2 games. They face Shaw University on Saturday, February 25, in their final tilt of the season.

Lee Davis, with 25 points, and Joe Pridden, with 20, led the Eagles to the win Saturday night. Byron Kirkley and Paris Lenon scored 10 points each for NCC.

Five of the Golden Bulls scored in the double figures. Reggie Randolph and Wilton Enoch tallied 16 and 13, respectively. Mike Turner came off the bench and scored 16. Jackie Wilson netted 13, and Cody King scored 10.

The Bulls led for the first four minutes and 15 seconds, after scoring a fast four points before the first Eagle tally. The Eagles never again fell behind during the game.

With 1:30 left in the first half, the Eagles found themselves in a tie ball game and rallied to dump in three fast points to make the score 38 to 32. A field goal by Smith Bulls' Wilson made the score 38-34 with 20 seconds remaining. Lee Davis dunked one for a six-point half-time lead for NCC.

The Golden Bulls came within two points twice during the second half but found that they had sparked an Eagle rally which gave NCC a ten-point lead with 8:45 left.

NCC led the rest of the way, holding on to at least four points in excess of the Bulls' tallies.

Indoor 440 Mark Fall to Lewis

Ex-Southern U. Runner Covers Distance in 47.1

Theron Lewis, one of the world's best quartermilers, lowered the world indoor mark for the 440-yard dash by knocking two-tenths of a second off the old standard when he won the Albuquerque Invitational in 47.1.

The former Southern University star, running unattached from Baton Rouge, La., led all the way in beating a strong field.

In the same meet, Texas Southern's Jim Hines tied the indoor record for the 60-yard dash by covering the distance in 5.9 seconds.

Shaw Bears Win One, Lose One in Past Week's Games

RALEIGH — The Shaw University Bears soundly defeated the Blue Bears of Livingstone College, Salisbury, here last Tuesday night, 90-73, but were the victims of defeat when they hosted the highly-touted Panthers of Virginia Union University, Richmond, Virginia, on Thursday night. Both games were played in the Spaulding Gymnasium.

High School Cage Playoff Sites Named

ROCKY MOUNT — The Commissioner's Office released this week the sites of the 1967 Basketball Playoffs for the North Carolina High School Athletic Conference and stated that some changes had been made this year in the manner of conducting the playoffs. The State Finals are scheduled later this year than in previous years because of the dates of the CIAA Tournament and the ACC Tournament in Greensboro. All Finals will again be held in the Dudley High School Gymnasium in Greensboro. However, the first and second rounds of the 2A and A will be held in the St. Augustine's Gym in Raleigh, beginning March 14th and running thru March 15th. The Finalists in these two Divisions then will move to Greensboro for the championships.

The 4A and 3A Finals will be held in Greensboro along with the 2A and A Finals on March 16-18. Tournament sites are as follows, starting March 9th and running thru March 11th.

- WESTERN DIVISION**
 2A—Newbold High School, Lincolnton
 3A and A—Logan High School, Concord
 3A and 4A — Dudley High School, Greensboro
- EASTERN DIVISION**
 2A—Kingville High School, Albemarle
 A, 3A, 4A — Hillside High School, Durham
 2A—Frederick Douglas High School, Elm City
 4A—Central High School, Nashville
 2A—Garner Consolidated High School, Garner
 3A and 4A—E. E. Smith High School, Fayetteville
 A—Carver High School, Laurel Hill

- 2A — Artesia High School, Hallsboro
 2A — South Lumberton High School, Lumberton
 2A — Sampson High School, Clinton
 2A—Jones High School, Trenton
 3A — Central High School, Gatesville
 March 14th and 15th—State Finals in A and 2A first and Second rounds—St. Augustine's Gymnasium, Raleigh.

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Livingstone held Shaw's top scorer, Norman Joyner, to only 18 points, but the shooting of four other Shaw Bruins in the double columns made the victory possible.

Bobby Saunders, an ex-stand-out at Clayton's Cooper High School, dumped in 20 points for the host Bears, fourteen of his points coming in the first half. Saunders and Joyner combined for 11 of Shaw's final 17 points, sending the teams into the dressing rooms at halftime with Shaw leading 45-31.

Ex-Ligon High School stand-out, Robert Drakeford racked up 14 points for his Bears, while Edward Hamilton got 11 and Ivan Donovan, rebound specialist, chalked up 10. Donovan also dominated the boards with 21 rebounds.

In the Virginia Union game, the final score at 71-all, caused a five minute overtime and the Panthers went on to defeat the Shaw Bears 82-77.

Shaw grabbed an early 5-0 lead and extended the lead to 20-13, with 9:56 left in the first half. Norman Joyner was held to 21 points, six below his per game average.

Panther forward Mike Davis shot ten straight points to bring his team from a 28-18 deficit with 2:24 left in the half. At halftime, the score was tied at 34-all.

Davis also turned a great second half performance as he drove up the middle for many of his shots. With 2:18 left in the game, the Bears were leading by the score of 68-67, when Union tied it up.

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Tennessee State Slates 10 Grid Games for '67

Undeclared in 10 games last season, this will be the first year since 1959 that the big blue-gridders will have to play 10 collegiate ball games during the regular season. Coach John A. Merritt played a 10-game schedule his first (1963) year at Tennessee State but two of those games were against armed services teams.

"This year our traditional schedule brings three of the strongest teams to Nashville," Gentry ventured in announcing the 67 grid offerings. "After opening in San Diego, our next game is at home against North Carolina A&T, September 23. That will be followed by our toughest rivals, Grambling College, October 7 and Florida A&M, October 28."

Lincoln, November 11 and Allen University, November 23 for Homecoming, completes the Tigers home stand.



FOUR-TIME WINNER (Miami, Fla.)—Lee Elder of Washington, D. C., displays the form he used to win the North-South Golf Tournament for an unprecedented fourth time during the Feb. 8-12 event at the City of Miami Country Club in Miami Springs. (M-M News Bureau)



THE RAM-AGGIE TROPHY is returned to Winston-Salem State College. Miss Gloria Tyson, Henry, Miss Brown Hall, pose with the Ram-Aggie Trophy which was awarded to the W-S State Rams following their defeat of the N. C. A. and T. Aggies 104-93.

Lee Elder Wins North-South Golf Tournament

MIAMI, Florida—Lee Elder of Washington, D. C. won the North-South Golf Tournament for an unprecedented fourth time when he led a field of some 300 golfers from start to finish with 69-70-67—206 total.

The event, at the City of Miami Country Club was a 54-hole medal play contest loaded with suspense, drama and excitement.

Tournament spectators who followed the Elder foursome experienced all the thrills a determined golfer could produce.

Hard pressed the entire three days, Elder, playing with Gilbert of Hollywood, Fla., George Skomsky of Highlands, N. C., and James Walker, Jr.,

of Los Angeles, held a slim one-stroke lead over Skomsky and Gilbert after 18 holes. Walker was two strokes back, but three others—J. D. Sanderson of Pasadena, Calif., Paul Desjardins of Miami and a top amateur, Jim Jewell of South Bend, Ind.—equaled Elders two-under-par 69. The four were tied for the lead.

At the end of the following day's round, Elder's one-under-par 70 for a 36-hole 139 total netted him no more than a tie with Gilbert and amateur Jewell.

On the final day, this trio supplied the large gallery with all the mental uncertainty one expects to find in an Earle Stanley Gardner thriller.

Gilbert and Jewell, playing with Elder, doggedly held on, forcing Elder to finish the first nine holes at three-under-par 33. Jewell finally faded but Gilbert was only two strokes back.

It was a nip-and-tuck battle the last nine holes, and Gilbert caught Elder by dropping several spectacular putts. Both finished with 67's and were forced into a sudden-death play off.

On the first extra hole, Elder dropped a six-foot birdie putt for the win and \$800 in prize money.

Renee Powell of East Canton, Ohio had an easy time proving the best of a small field in the women's division.

Albany State College Hosts SEAC Basketball Tournament

ALBANY, Ga.—The 18th annual Southeastern Athletic Conference (SEAC) Basketball Tournament gets underway here on Albany State College's campus on February 23.

Objé W. O'Neal, secretary-treasurer of the seven-team athletic association said that for the first time this year the tourney will span three days, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The 7th member team, the top seeded or regular season champion, will draw a bye in the opening round and move automatically into the semi-finals the following night, Friday, February 24.

Albany State College's "running gunning" Rams are the current pacesetters with a 9-1 SEAC log and the favorite for the bye.

Saturday, February 25, will send the tournament into the finals and consolation games, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Friday night's semi-finals in Sanford Gymnasium will also tip-off at 7:00 p.m.

This year's tourney figures to be the biggest and best of all with the league flooring many outstanding individual stars, among them Albany State's "give 'em go" six of Mel and Wilbert Jones, Bob Pritchett, Jimmy Reams, Joe Poltier and Mack Daughtry; Savannah State's Lee Maulis; Claflin's Si Dickerson and Ron Peters; and Edward Waters' Melvyn Coleman and Osborne Longworth.

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