



[top right] Irvin Hines lands a hard right to the body of Ron Vaughn in a match which later ended in a knockout. [top left] Big Tom Lawrence gives liquids to Larry Watlington prior to a technical knockout during a bout with Len Dillers. [below] Hilbert Stevenson [right] stares down his opponent Dale Gordon prior to knocking him out in the second round. The boxing exhibition was held at La terre XXI last Saturday.

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Stevenson KO's Gordon In Second

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Hilbert Stevenson shot out of his corner like a rocket, unleashing a furious series of hooks and jabs which knocked opponent Dale Gordon from the center of the ring to the far side, bouncing Gordon back in the other direction.

Then, there was one massive blow and Gordon, heretofore unbeaten in 21 bouts, came flying through the ropes into the press table.

Gordon got back up to finish the first round, but by 2:15 of the second round, he stretched flat on the canvas and the referee did not even bother to count.

That was the way the action went during four bouts of "Vegas-style" boxing promoted by LaTerre XXI and the New York Boxing Association last Saturday.

Stevenson and two colleagues from the local Gladiators Boxing Club, Irvin Hines and Marvin Ladson, knocked their opponents flat. One local hopeful, Larry Watlington, who fought his first pro fight, was the victim of a technical knockout by Philadelphia Len Villers in the first bout of the night.

Approximately 300 spectators showed up for the matches, labeled as a first for the state. The neatly-attired but not flashy fans were seated at tables, and served food and drink in the manner of a Los Vegas night club.

Although he had expected 500 spectators, LaTerre owner Ron-Goodwin was encouraged enough by the audience reaction to say another fight card would be scheduled within the next 10 days.

Stevenson, "the Black Stallion" with a 25-5 pro record as a junior lightweight and a previous eighth ranking, came out pumped up because of a rousing ovation when he came running in behind manager "Big Tom" Lawrence to the theme song from "Rocky".

"I hit him with everything," said Stevenson. "I wanted a second-round knockout at least for the fans."

Irvin Hines, a middleweight former Golden Gloves champion, did not take as long as Stevenson to finish off Ron Vaughn of Wheeling, W. Va.

The two boxers felt each other out for the first minute of the opening round, until suddenly the lightning fast left hand of Hines shot through the upraised hands of Vaughn.

By 2:30 of the round, Hines had hit Vaughn with "a jab, a right hook and a right to the body" and the West Virginian rolled into the arms of his second.

Marvin Ladson turned what began as an even match into a laughter against John Myers of Warren, Ohio. They sparred evenly through the first round, then Ladson knocked Myers down once, twice and a third time to end the match at the 2:45 mark of the second round.

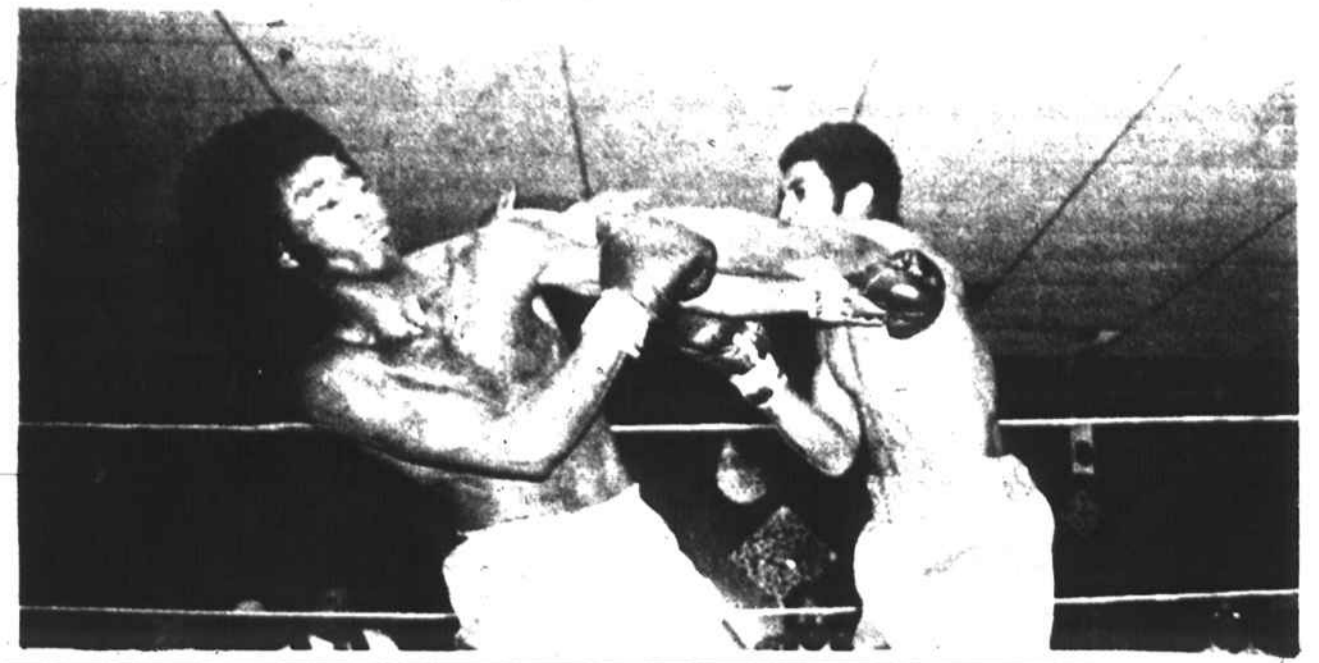
Ladson said he picked up a crucial flaw in Myers' style. "Every time he jabbed, he didn't follow through with number two, so then I got to counter," said the 135-pounder.

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loose. Marvin Fallen recovered on the four for Union stopping the threat.

The Rams defense had stiffened by this time and Union was forced to punt. WSSU drove to the Panther 24 but a Leroy Adams interception put a stop to that.

Winston-Salem was to reach Union territory twice more during the game but Adams' second interception and a 13 yard completion on a fourth down play that was 18 yards from a first down preserved the Panther shutout and put them in the driver's seat in the CIAA championship chase.



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Question: I heard one man decides the Mutual Black Network black college football poll. Is this true?

Answer: No, the poll is a well organized one. The voting is done by a committee of 16 coaches and four sportswriters, and seems to be gaining interest around the country. The Mutual Black Network national championship will be awarded to the team that is number one in the poll at the end of the season. That team is likely to be Winston-Salem State, Grambling, South Carolina State, or Florida A&M.

Question: What kind of supplemental income do college coaches -- mainly football coaches -- receive?

Answer: It varies, depending on the town and how successful the program is. A coach may be paid as much as \$10,000 per year for doing a television show during the season, and may be paid more money for endorsements, speaking engagements, commercials, and the like. But not many black coaches reap those benefits. The endorsements and lucrative speaking engagements are usually reserved for white head football coaches.

Question: How is the NCAA Division 1-AA poll decided?

Answer: There is a four-man selection committee that votes each week via a special telephone hookup. Jackson State was listed number one in the first poll, while Florida A&M was second and Grambling third. In all, 10 schools were listed. Jackson State, Florida A&M and Grambling were the only black schools to crack the top 10. The 1-AA poll is important because four playoff team will be picked from it at the end of the season.

Question: In your opinion, what black college sporting event has the largest "party atmosphere?"

Answer: I would have to say the Grambling-Southern football game that is played each year in the Superdome in New Orleans. More than 70,000 people annually attend the game. The whole week is one big party. This year's game is Dec. 1. Close behind that affair are the CIAA and MEAC post-season basketball tournaments. They are usually held in February or March and last for three days.

Question: Was there ever some talk of Florida A&M playing Winston-Salem State in Football?

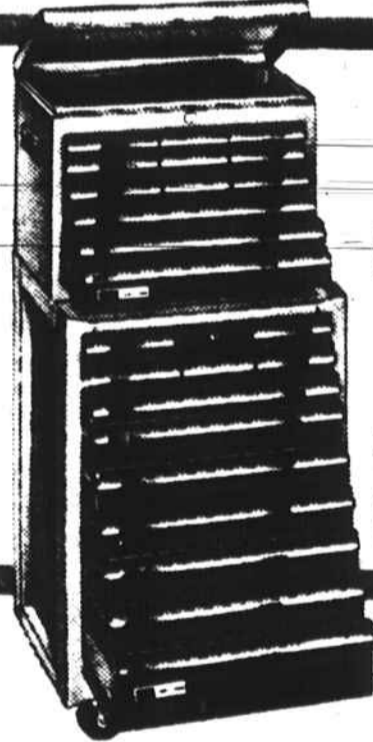
Answer: Yes, there was, a while back. Both teams went undefeated in 1977, and there was talk of a possible FAMU-Winston-Salem matchup. But the game never came off, and the teams haven't talked since.

[Got a question about black college sports? Just write "Ask Barry" at P. O. Box 486, Tallahassee, Fla. 32302. Questions will be answered in this space.]

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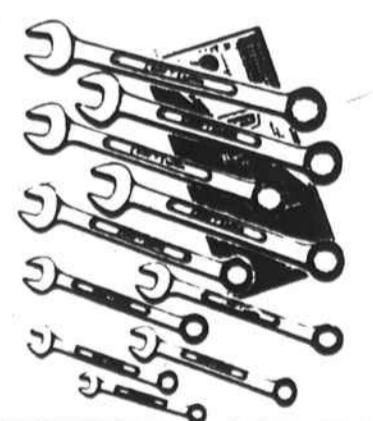
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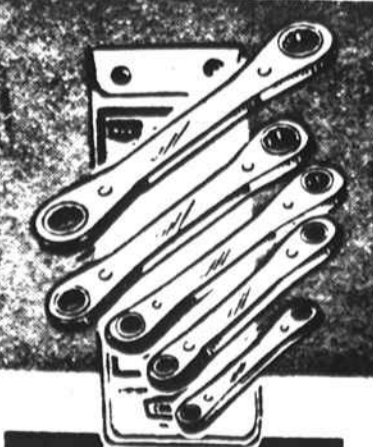
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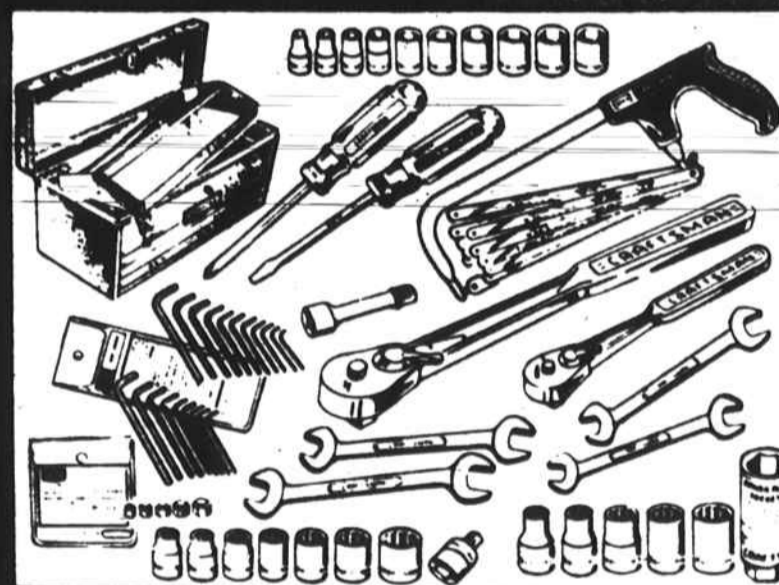
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