

SBD Greyhound Favorites In Wake-Johnson Meet

Wake-Johnston Cage Tourney Set For February 21, 23, 24

The Wake-Johnston tournament begins Wednesday, Feb. 21 with centers at Cooper High in Clayton and North Carolina School for the Blind and Deaf in Raleigh. The finals will be held at the Berry 'O'Kelly High School, Saturday, Feb. 24.

North Carolina Blind and Deaf with a record of 11-1 has won the top position in the brackets. Apex Consolidated is second with a 9-3 record.

North Carolina Blind and Deaf winners of the tournament for the last two years will try to make it three in a row. Their only loss this season was to Garner Consolidated, Apex, Cooper, and Berry 'O'Kelly who have strong teams and hope to upset the Greyhounds of North Carolina Blind and Deaf. Garner Consolidated looks the dark-horse, having beaten most of the top teams during regular season play. Some of the leading high school

players in the state can be seen in action: Grant of North Carolina Blind and Deaf, who is averaging over 30 points a game; Taylor of Garner who has a 27 point average, and Sanders of Cooper with a 22 point game average are just a few that will participate.

This promises to be a most interesting tournament as most of the teams seem about equal in strength.

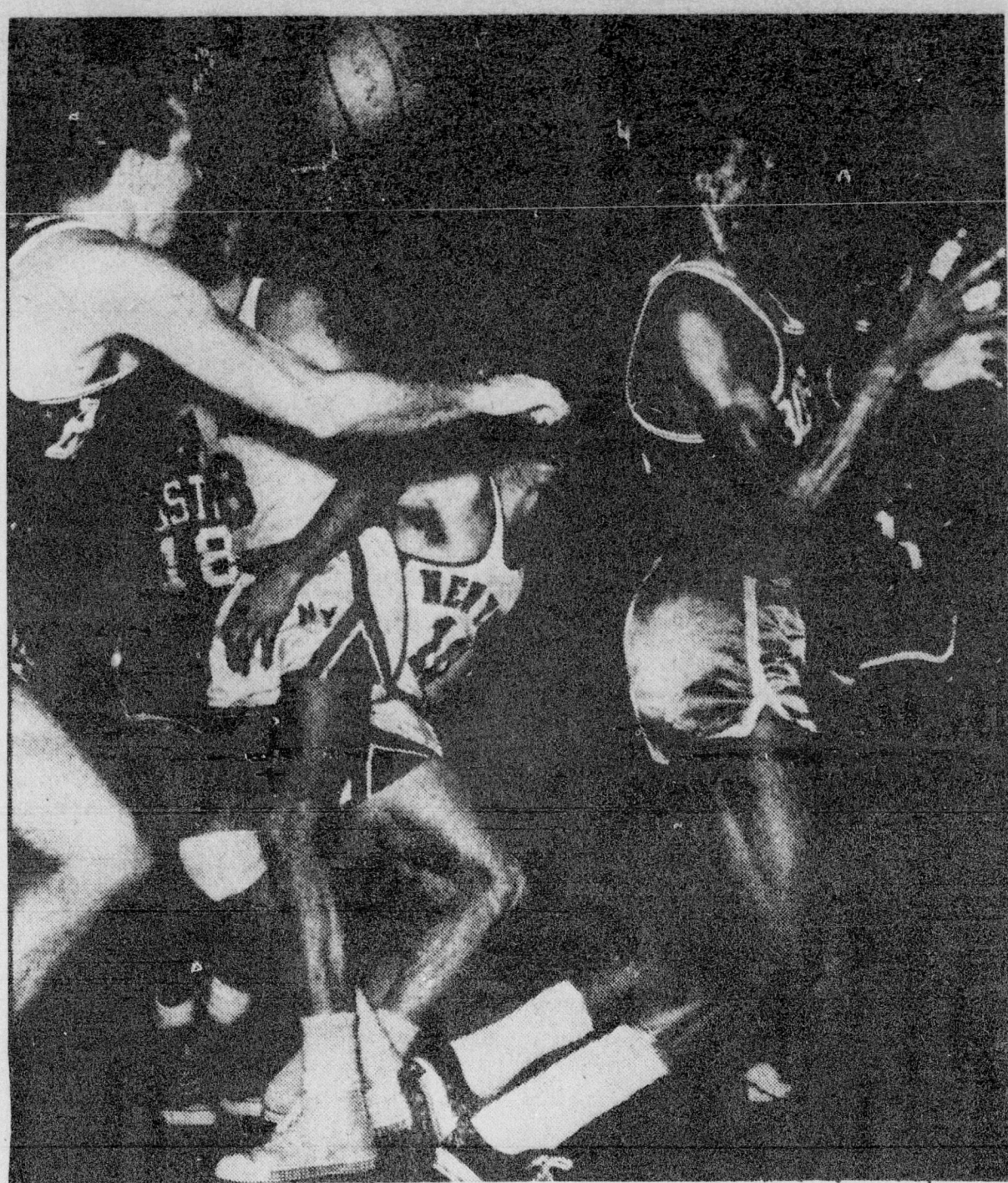
Glover Leads As Falcons Defeat Dela.

The St. Augustine's College Falcons, trailing 33 to 29 at the half, caught up at 37 to 37 when the second half started and drove to a 73 to 66 victory over Delaware State College in Ligon gymnasium here Friday night.

Lamon Wyche hit the basket for the points that tied the scores and Alfred Glover followed up with a total of 23 points to give the Falcons a 7 to 9 CIAA and a 9 to 9 overall record.

Pacing the losers were Kennedy Person with 17 points, Frazier, 15; Gunnell, 12; Bratcher, 9; Joyner, 8; Penny, 3; and Harrison, 2.

Falcons scoring honors went to Glover with 23; Wyche, 17; Belton, 13; Newbold, 9; Davis, 5; Cottrell, 4; Lindsey, 2 and Randall.



LOOSE BALL — Carl Braun (left) rushes for the loose ball after it slipped through the hands of teammate Bill Russell (right) of the Boston Celtics. New York's Phil Jordan (8) and Johnny Green (11) look on. The Knicks beat the Celtics 125-112. (UPI PHOTO).

BEATING THE GUN

BY BILL BROWER for ANP

Vic Power, the versatile Cleveland Indian, had a season last year that hardly pleased the Puerto Rican. It was the kind of campaign that enhances the talk that Vic is a bad actor.

Unfortunately, Jimmy Dykes, who was deplored as Cleveland's manager near the end of the season, spread the word during the winter that Power was hard to handle.

All of this is distressing the likeable Power, who is the most accomplished fielding first baseman in the game. So it's small wonder that Vic has embarked on a personal public relations campaign to disabuse the minds of Cleveland fans that he's what they say about him.

A MALIGNED PLAYER In fact, Power, during off-season personal appearances to help drum up interest for the Indians, has gotten a boost from the Tribe's front office. Gabe Paul, the general manager, recently told audiences in Toledo, Ohio, and Mansfield, Ohio, that Power was one of the "most maligned" players in baseball.

Paul had the notion—or at least he had been brainwashed to some extent—and vainly sought to trade the volatile Power. But first he had a talk with the player, became convinced of his sincerity and decided that he was an asset to the club.

DECEIVED BY STYLE As for Power, he says:

"I don't know why it is, but people don't like me. I'm not very smart but I can figure that out. I want to please people. I try to be nice when I meet people. I sign autographs, but I'm not the mean guy, but there's something about me people don't like."

Some of his contemporaries on the field have accused Vic of show-boating because of the stylish first baseman's tendency to catch everything one-handed.

Vic has what seems to us a logical explanation. He says he used the one-handed technique because he can see the ball better. Show-boating or not, Power, with his one-handed grabs still makes fewer errors than any other first baseman and most other infielders, despite the number of chances he handles.

Power's reputation as a bad actor probably came from his reputation in the minors while he was a New York Yankee farmhand. He was a fiery performer, who went all out. This kind of player inevitably gets into a scrap here and there. But there was no scrap when Vic was in the early 1950's because it looked for a time that he would become the first tan Yankee. But when the Yankees could no longer consider him to the minors, they traded him to the Philadelphia Athletics.

There might be a sidelight to this. Vic is married to a light-skinned Puerto Rican and when he was seen in the bright lights of New York City escorting her, it was said that the Yankees considered him an SOB then and there.

GETS WRITER'S SUPPORT Vic had a poor season at bat last year, hitting only 268, his lowest since his first season in the majors with old Philadelphia Athletics.

Dykes put the rap on him for part of the Indians' failure. Furthermore, he accused Power of being a troublemaker.

"It was a bum rap for Power," says Regis McAuley, a Cleveland sports writer. "Dykes was convinced that Power loafed on him several times during the season. He hinted as much to inquiring general managers at the winter meetings who were interested in making a deal for Power."

Dykes often referred to Power's performance at the plate, and this has prompted McAuley to write: "But those of us who saw the Indians play all 162 games last season know how many balls Power hit right on the nose that didn't go through for base hits. We saw him trying to hit behind the runners when men were on first or second and we saw him lift sacrifice flies to bring in 'men from third.'"

But Power was burning in other ways. Once Jimmy Piersall got into a scrap with Jim Bunning, the Detroit hurler, after he had hit the former Indian outfielder with a pitch. Power set on Piersall to bring a halt to his mauling.

Hillside Bows To Little Blues

DURHAM — The Ligon High School Little Blues leaped into first place in the District 2 class 3-A loop with a thrilling 66 to 65 victory over the Hillside High School quintet here Friday night.

The Little Blues were trailing by seven points when they went into the final period, but Milton Matthews hit the nets for three straight baskets, enabling the visitors to catch up.

He led the Little Blues with 20 points for top scoring honors as the team established an 8 to 4 CIAA record, while Bobby Height threw in 15 and Bobby White 13 points to round out the Ligon scoreboard.

Earl Mason led Durham with 19 points.

Aggies Win Rifle Match

WINSTON-SALEM — The A&T College ROTC Rifle Team last week defeated the Wake Forest Riflemen, 1341-1334, in a shoulder-to-shoulder rifle match conducted on the Wake Forest Rifle Range.

Charles Richardson, of A&T, and John Harris, of Wake Forest, were leading scorers, finishing with identical scores, 275 out of a possible 300.

The victory gave the Aggie team a 10-2 record for the season.

Clay KO's Banks In Fourth Of 10 Round NY Bout

NEW YORK — Cassius Clay — a big talking, light heavyweight champion with a perfect record — won a technical knockout over unranked Lucian (Sonny) Banks in an ABC televised fight in Madison Square Garden here Sat. night.

He floored challenger Banks in the first, second, and third rounds, but ring physicians agreed to permit Banks to continue when the fight was halted in the third round.

The Clay predictions that "he'll go about four rounds" and "Banks must fall," occurred after 26 seconds of the fourth round.

Clay holds an Olympic gold medal as light heavyweight champion and a 11-0 record, including seven knockouts in professional competition, his victims including Alonzo Johnson, Alex Miteff, and Willie Basemanoff.

Banks now has a 10-3 record, with 9 knockouts in 13 professional bouts, mostly in his hometown of Detroit.

Swedish dairymen take one afternoon off a week, with a loss of only four per cent in milk production.



"Before I got married I had six theories about bringing up children. Now I have six children and no theories."

Johnny McLendon Stays On With Cleveland Pipers As Vice Prexy

CLEVELAND (ANP) — Named a vice president of the Cleveland Pipers after he had resigned as coach of the team, Johnny McLendon called his new position a fitting one and said it provided "a good finale to misunderstanding."

Earlier last week McLendon had resigned in a huff, blaming interference by team president George Steinbrenner. He said Steinbrenner undermined the loyalty of his players in him by having them sign a statement refuting a newspaper story that the players were not at odds with the team president.

The newspaper story stated the players were threatening not to play in a game against the Pittsburgh Rens because Steinbrenner had threatened to withhold their pay following the team's loss to the Kansas City Steers in the finale of the American Basketball League's first-half championship play-off series.

Steinbrenner, the story added, had accused the players of not hustling.

McLendon, it was reported, talked the players out of the boycott. It was also rumored that Steinbrenner had given McLendon an ultimatum to win the playoff series, or else, McLendon was replaced as coach by Bill Sherman, former mentor of the now defunct Los Angeles Jets.

Commenting on his appointment as vice president, McLendon said: "My wife and I like it here in Cleveland and are happy that we'll be staying. I feel this is a fitting position for many reasons."

Steinbrenner also said he was "delighted and proud" that McLendon had returned. Yet before McLendon's resignation, Steinbrenner had accused the popular Negro coach of not using his players cor-

rectly and of utilizing race horse basketball.

In his new position, McLendon, the first member of his race to enter organized professional basketball, will be in the front office working on personnel, promotion and public relations. He will confer with Sherman on player personnel and will be available for speeches and basketball clinic.

It is commonly felt, however, that McLendon would have preferred to remain coach of the pipers. But he couldn't stomach Steinbrenner's interference.

FAMU Basketeers Ends Perfect Season; 21-0

TALLAHASSEE — The Florida A&M University crowd-pleasing basketball team goes into the 29th annual Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference tournament with a perfect 21-0 season record. The league mark is 19-0. They were 15-9 last year.

B. T. Harvey, commissioner of the SIAC, said: "This is the first time in the history of the tournament, if not a first in the conference, a team has gone undefeated during regular play." The tournament will be played at Tuskegee Institute, Feb. 22-24.

Like the '61 football team, the hardwood "5" was almost unchallenged. The Ratliffers have not been defeated in athletic competition

this academic year. All total they have played 31 contests, 10 in football and 21 in basketball.

Waite Bellamy, a 6-5 junior guard from Memorial High in Palm Bay, was the leading scorer. His game average was 16.5. Barnes of Marianna was the top rebounder with 20 rebounds per game.

The mark set by the FAMU courtmen assures them of an invitation to the College Division of the NCAA Regional play-offs at a site yet to be named March 9-10. If the Ratliffers win the SIAC tournament next week, they will have a choice of participating in either the NCAA or the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics play-offs.

Livingstone Defeats Fayetteville, 75-59

FAYETTEVILLE — With dreams of loop tournament play well out of their minds, the Page P. Saunders edition of the Fayetteville Broncos settled down to have fun in their own back yard with the Livingstone College Bears of Salisbury, 75-59 here Tuesday evening.

This Carolina-Carolina tilt went to high from the tip-off, for when the Bears' forward, Larry Albert rifled in a difficult one to draw first blood, a Bronco reserve, Frederick Ellis shot back promptly with an easy under-the-basket lay-up. That tie represented the first of six

that went into the record books for the first period.

The hammering campaign saw the score flip to and fro with near clock-like regularity. Livingstone's Bobby Wiley, fast-moving forward, poured in 20 points to lead the field in scoring. Bronco's "Red Bibby" walked off the court with 19 points to his credit.

An attempted Bronco comeback during the final five minutes of play fell through and it became increasingly obvious that the Bears had salted-away another ball game at the expense of a dejected Bronco outfit.

Cepeda Seeks Big Pay Boost

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (ANP) —Vacationing here at home before returning to America for spring training with the San Francisco Giants, slugger Orlando Cepeda indicated that he intends to hold out for a sizeable increase from the Giants over his salary last

He returned his 1962 contract, calling for an estimated 33 per cent increase, to the Giants unsigned. Cepeda received about \$27,500 last season.

WANTS \$50,000 It is believed Cepeda is dinkering for the sum of around \$50,000. And the fact that centerfielder Willie Mays signed for \$90,000, seems to make Orlando all the more determined.

Cepeda, who topped the National League with 46 home runs, out-hit Mays last season. However, his 46 homers fell eight short of Mays major league total output of 54. Mays is also a far better all-around ball player than Cepeda.

Ray Robinson Loses Comeback Decision To Moyer In TV Bout

NEW YORK — Middleweight crown contender Sugar Ray Robinson of New York lost a televised title fight when Denny Moyer of Portland, Oregon, won an unanimous decision over him in a ten round comeback fight in Madison Square Garden here Saturday night.

The greatest comeback fighter in ring history, Sugar Ray became a professional fighter, October, 1940, when his adversary was only a year and two months old and won a fifteen round decision fight over the Oregon "kid" here last Oct., but Saturday night he lost.

He was knocked into the ropes by the baby-faced Denny in the second round, but the two-to-one favorite has been known to back into the ropes deliberately in order to lure the challenger.

He drew a tiny trickle of blood from the nose of Moyer at the beginning of the fight and before the end of the round his nose was bleeding profusely and bothered him in the second round.

Moyer pressed Robinson hard in the fifth and sixth rounds, continued to push him back in the sixth and seventh, and in the eighth was definitely the aggressor.

Judges Tony Rossie and Leo Burnbaum and Referee Arthur McKennie all gave Moyer seven rounds and both judges gave Robinson three, but the referee counted one round even and gave seven to Moyer and two to Robinson.

Since he was outpointed by NBA middleweight champion Gene Fullmer at Las Vegas, Nevada, last March 4, Sugar Ray has won four straight bouts, outpointing Canadian Willie Greaves and Moyer and knocking out Al Houser and Greaves.

The Sugar Ray record now stands at 16-148-97.

Moyer won four of seven fights in 1961, outpointing Willie Morton and Charlie Scott, dropping a decision to Jorge Fernandez, knocking out Willie Jenkins, losing a verdict to Obdulio Nunez, finally outpointing him in a return bout, and dropping the October 21 verdict to Robinson.

Athletic Boosters Club Is Organized In Durham

BY PERRY R. LEAZER DURHAM—Durham has its tobacco industry and the world's largest Negro insurance company. Now another potential giant has emerged on the scene, the Bull City Sports Club.

This organization is the outgrowth of a group of Durhamites, who annually journey to Baltimore to watch a National Football League game. This year the group saw the St. Louis Cardinals and the Baltimore Colts.

After the trip, members decided that the fellowship should be carried on year round and from this spirit grew the Bull City Sports Club.

Their ultimate purpose is to boost athletics at North Carolina College and in the city high schools. Membership in the club represents a

cross-section of Durham community, laborers, lawyers, doctors, etc. E. C. "Pops" Turner, All-American at West Virginia and a former Negro National League baseball umpire, was elected president of the organization, in December. After two months of Turner's administration, the club has grown to 80 members.

The affable Turner predicts that organization will make its mark on the city and will soon compare to Atlanta's famous 100 Per Cent Wrong Club. "Our agenda for the rest of the year includes a trip to the CIAA tournament, Winston-Salem, March 1, 2, and 3, a baseball trip to Washington, D. C., and assuming some of the financial backing of the newly formed Durham Striders, a track club", Turner said.



LISTON - PATTERSON TITLE FIGHT—Sonny Liston of Philadelphia has been accepted as challenger by champion Floyd Patterson for a June title fight. Patterson (right) is shown shaking hands with Liston as they met at the annual dinner of the Boxing Writers Association in New York (UPI TELEPHOTO).

NCC Relay Team Records 14th Track Victory

North Carolina College's mile relay team recorded its 14th straight win, over a 2 year period on the cinderpaths here last Sat. night in a time of 3:25.6 in the Philadelphia Inquirer Track Meet.

The Eagle foursome beat out Georgetown University, University of Maryland and Syracuse University.

According to NCC's track coach, Leroy T. Walker, the Eagle's quartet of Joe Goodwater, Wanna Poole, Tom Burke and Andrew McCray is expected to run even better in meets to come.

It was a spectacular evening for McCray. Besides anchoring the mile team in a blistering 49.6 finish, the New Jersey native posted a 2:18.6 time in winning the 1000 yard run. McCray's quarter time on the relay was one of the best racked up during the meet.

With the exception of Goodwater, Walker has a new crop of men on his relay team. He feels that with a little more experience, his time is expected to come down. In fact he predicts that this crew will break 3:20 before the indoor season is over.

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