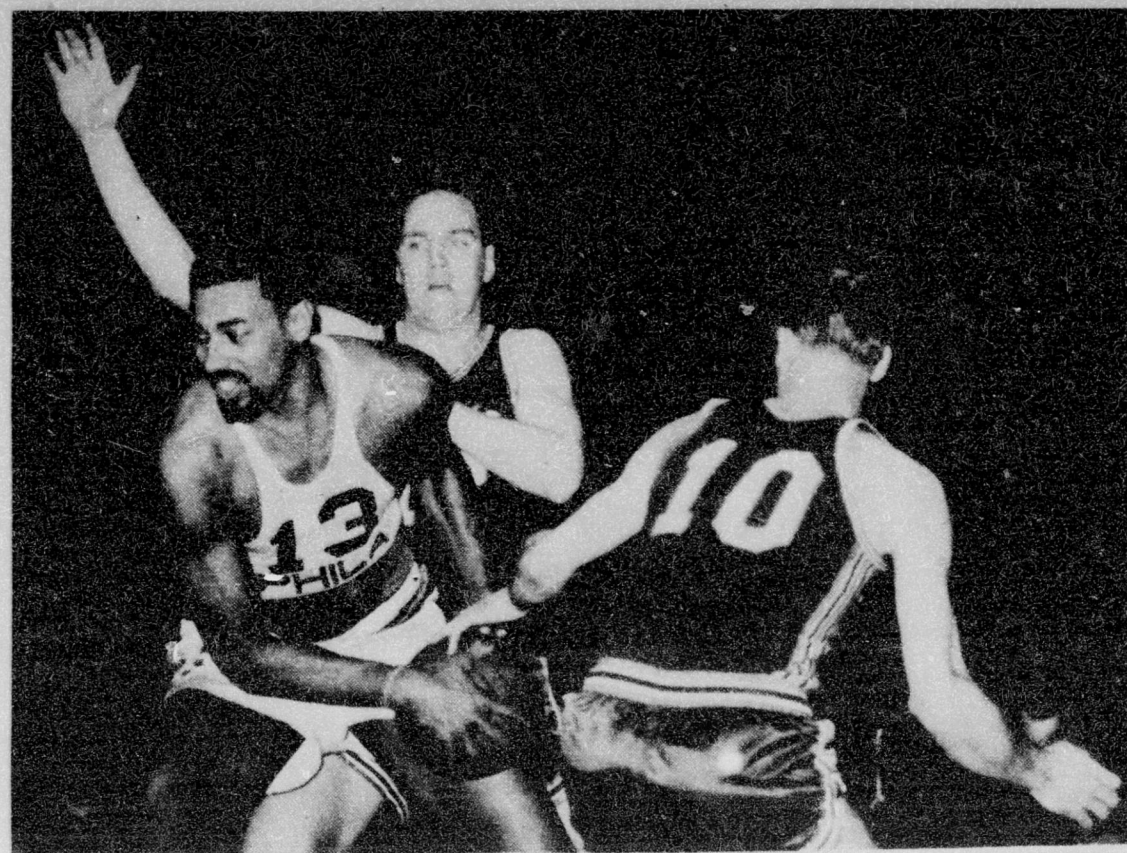


Little Blues Edge Hillside, 86-85, For District Cage Title



IN THE WAY OF WILT - New York: Baltimore Bullets' Don Ohi (10) and Bob Ferry double-team 76ers' Wilt Chamberlain at Madison Square Garden last week but Wilt looks determined not to let them stand in his way. Philadelphia won, 114-98. (UPI PHOTO).

Travel To Greensboro For State Championship

BY ROBERT E. BRIDGES

"Defense and plain old hustle," offered Coach Harvey Heartley as he described his team's 86-85 victory over defending champion Hillside High of Durham last Sat. night in Durham.

Tommy (Pig) Jones had just stolen the ball and raced for an uncontested lay-up with 8 seconds on the clock to give the fired up Little Blues their first district championship since 1962 - and a good shot at the State crown.

Ligon went into the tournament on Friday night with a 16-4 season mark and easily down Booker T. Washington of Rocky Mount 74-52 to reach the finals. It seemed clear to all who viewed Friday night's action that the two co-champions of the regular season would go all out for victory in the final contest Sat. and those who witnessed the two previous meetings of these two clubs came prepared to see first rate competitive basketball. The two teams split their regular season contests, both winning on home courts.

It was nip and tuck all the way with Ligon's excellent team defense and superior board strength keeping the highly explosive Hornets a shade behind in the scoring column. The Blues led 22-17 after the first period of play and carried a 41-34 advantage to the conference end at halftime. Hillside battled back to a 62-62 third period tie and took the lead for the first time at 65-64 in the fourth period.

The score was then tied at 78-78, 80-80 and finally at 84-84 with 30 seconds left to play. At this point Hayes of Hillside drew a one and one foul opportunity. He managed to sink one of the two shots to give the Hornets a 85-84 lead. Ligon

brought the ball up court with 22 seconds showing and set up Robert Drakeford for a shot that was missed. Bullock captured the rebound and it was obvious that Hillside would run out the clock when Tommy Jones came up with his crowd shocking steal and converted the winning basket.

Hillside had the ball with 3 seconds and tried a desperation shot that missed and Jimmy Robinson tucked away the rebound to rap up the victory.

Coach Heartley in his second year as tutor of the Blues, was openly proud of their showing. "I can't say enough about the 'pure heart' the boys put into this one. You talk about game plans with them and you know they can do the job but you never know exactly how they feel. These fellows were really inexperienced in pressure tournament play and Hillside is one of the best high school teams around. They gave it 110 percent and now they know what they can do."

Jesse Clements was the big offensive gun for the Blues as he racked up 22 points. He was followed closely by Robert Drakeford, who was a big man on the boards with 15 rebounds and also managed 18 points. Jimmy Robinson led all rebounding with 17 and collected 14 points. James Melvin and William Cooper both had 11 points and Tommy Jones and Willie Pulley had 6 and 4 points respectively. Bullock of Hillside led all scorers with 32 points.

It's Greensboro and the State play-offs for the Blues this week as they take on Cobb of Winston-Salem at 7:30 Wednesday night. The top eight teams in the state will compete in the Greensboro derby to select a state champion.

The Blues will be in there pushing.



HAPPY DISTRICT CAGE CHAMPS - Shown above are the Little Blues of J. W. Ligon High School, who defeated the Hornets of Durham's Hillside High School, 86-85, last Friday night in Durham to win the District basketball title. The Blues travel to Greensboro this week to take part in the State championship. Coach Harvey Heartley is shown standing on the left. (See story).

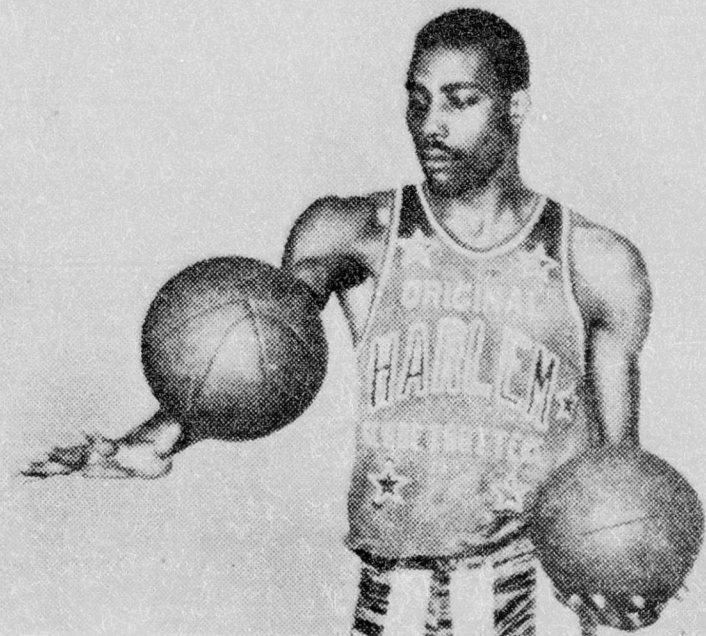
Emma Stephenson Of NCC Named Outstanding Athlete At Bennett

GREENSBORO--Miss Emma Stephenson, of North Carolina College at Durham, was named the outstanding athlete and the "Yellow" color team awarded first place to highlight the winter sports day competition of the Women's Sports Day Association held at Bennett College on Friday and Saturday.

Participants from A&T College, Hampton Institute, Livingstone College, North Carolina College, South Carolina State College, Virginia State College and the host institution competed for points in shuffleboard, volleyball, basketball, bowling, relays and skill tests.

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WITH HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS - The world famous "Magicians of Basketball," the Harlem Globetrotters, will be at Reynolds Coliseum on Monday, March 14th, at 8 p. m. The Trotters features such great stars as Connie Hawkins, above, Hallie Bryant, and Meadowlark Lemon, the clown prince of basketball. There is sure to be loads of laughter and fun for everyone when the Globetrotters take to the hardwood.

THE SPORTS PARADE

BY NEGRO PRESS INTERNATIONAL DROP RACE BARS

AUCKLAND, New Zealand - Besieged by persistent protests over the exclusion of brown-skinned New Zealanders from rugby matches between New Zealand and ultra-segregationist South Africa, Prime Minister K. J. Holyoake last week barred racial bias in New Zealand sports. In the ruling, which received bi-partisan backing, Holyoake declared: "Let there be no doubt that the government regards the principle of full racial equality as basic to the New Zealand way of life."

UMPIRING IN MAJORS

LOS ANGELES - Promoted recently from chief Pacific Coast umpire to the American League, flashy Emmet Ashford is slated to begin his major league duties with the start of spring training. The first tan umpire to hit the majors, he will debut with the Cactus League games which precede the start of the regular 1966 season.

IN SPOTLIGHT

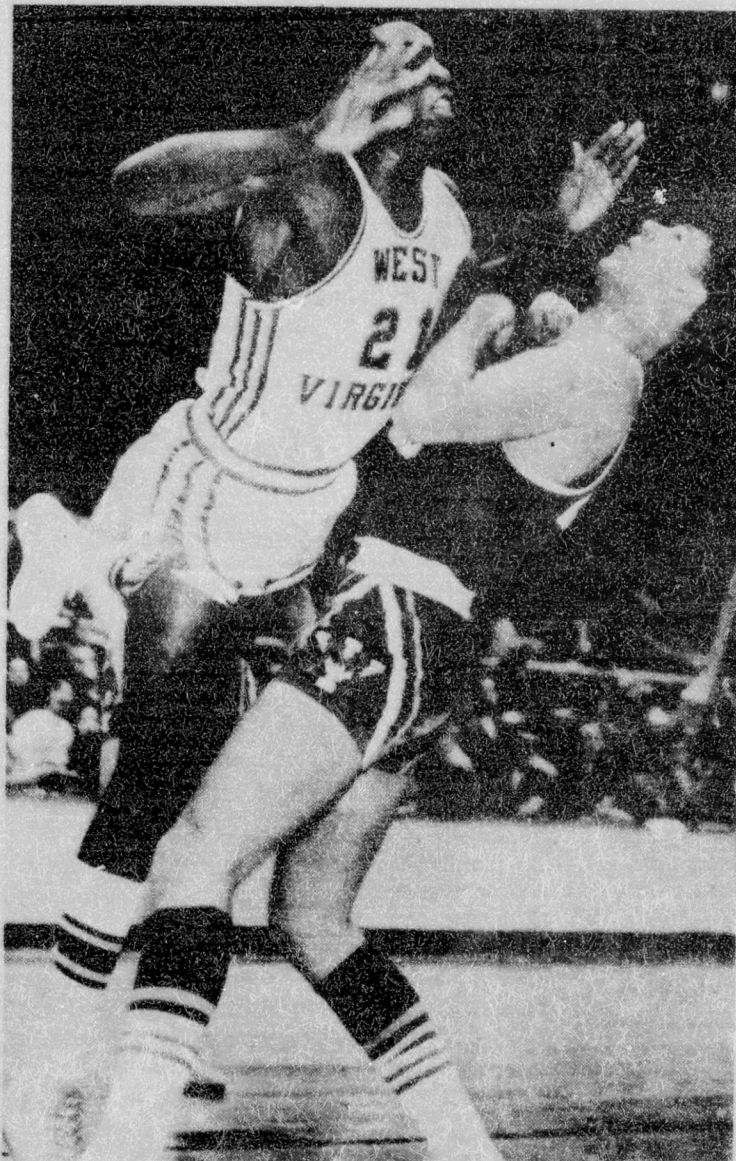
NEW YORK - Some of the heavyweight boxing spotlight will shift from the belabored Cassius Clay-Ernie Terrell squabble to Madison Square Garden Friday night, where former Olympic champion Joe Frazier battles Dick Whipperman of Buffalo, N. Y., in an eight-round semi-final bout. The card is topped by a 10-rounder between Jerry Quarry of Los Angeles and Tony Alonti of Patterson, N. J. Frazier has won all five of his professional bouts by knockouts. SEE-SAW

NEW YORK - Davis Cupper Arthur Ashe of Richmond, Va., got revenge for an upset loss to Charles Pasarell of Puerto Rico recently, by outclassing his opponent, 31-15, in a round-robin medal play indoor tennis match last Friday at the Vanderbilt Athletic club. However, Ashe was upset again by Eugene Scott of St. James, L. I., 31 to 23, in the same tourney, ultimately won by Chuck McKinley, the 1963 Wimbledon champion.

MOUTHWINGS COSTLY

CHICAGO - A motley and almost obscure section of the Illinois statute on boxing exhibition was used last week to rule the Cassius Clay-Ernie Terrell March 29 heavyweight title fight illegal. This latest move against Clay, because of his remarks about reclassification and the Viet Nam draft, set the stage Monday for the Illinois Athletic Association's move to decide whether the bout will be held after all.

On August 2, 1964, the Destroyer Maddox was sunk upon in the Gulf of Tonkin, North Vietnam, by a North Vietnamese torpedo boat.



ACTION IN N. C.'S SOUTHERN CONFERENCE TOURNEY - Charlotte Coliseum: West Virginia's Ron Williams (21), shoots and plows into VMI's Bobby Ayers here recently during the second night of elimination rounds of the Southern Conference Tournament. Williams' shot was good and he grabbed a total of 10 points for the night. (UPI PHOTO).



SUGAR RAY CALLS ON GOVERNOR, FORMER CHAMPION - Sugar Ray Robinson called on Governor Ralph M. Polewonsky (center) of the U. S. Virgin Islands at Government House in St. Thomas this month. With them is Carlos Ortiz, former lightweight champion. The athletes gave an exhibition bout to the governor for the benefit of the Police Athletic League. Robinson and Ortiz entertained a crowd of over 1,500 in the six-round bout.

Duel Over Cinders Flares Between Nation's 2 Top Collegiate Hurlers

BY BENNIE THOMAS

BALTIMORE (NPD) - A smoldering but friendly, feud between the top two hurdlers in the United States--Southern University's Willie Davenport and Richmond Flowers of the University of Tennessee--has suddenly blossomed into an all-out war.

Flowers, son of the Alabama attorney-general, has chased Davenport three times this season -- once outdoors in the Orange Bowl Invitational 120-yard high and twice indoors in the shorter 60-yard high hurdlers.

Last week, however, Flowers reversed the order of things, during the all-Eastern indoor games, when he skinned to a 6.9 victory -- only one-tenth of a second over the indoor world's record, with Davenport coming in fourth.

Not only did Davenport become a victim of Flowers--both are freshmen for the first time, but an eighth-meet winning streak was broken for the Jaguar hurdler, winner of the 50's in 6.2 in the Toronto (Canada) Maple Leaf games the evening before.

Davenport said, following the loss, "Rich got me, but I will be waiting for him in the nationals."

He made no attempt to discredit Flowers' victory, or to make excuses for his first loss in nine starts. "With Richmond, you can't make a mistake," said Davenport. "Make no mistake about it, he is right at the top of the world's best."

Actually, the two hurdlers are friendly rivals and they have an exclusive mutual admiration society one for the other, going.

Davenport continued, "I went over the last hurdle a bit too high and I leaned too early, so when I landed, I was on my heels and Rich-who had been less than a step behind my lead all the way -- slipped by."

The "mistakes" caused Davenport to finish fourth behind Flowers, Ervin Hall of Villanova and Courtland Gray of the Marine Corps.

Davenport then went into a comparison of two of the top hurdlers, Flowers and Ralph Boston -- who is known much more for his broad jumping, even though he is right up there with the best in hurdling.

"Boston is out of the blocks fast, but his pace slackens," said Davenport. "Rich is fast

out of the blocks and he stays with you all the way, so he is a constant threat. If he (Flowers) beats you out of the blocks, there's almost no catching up."

In the current issue of Newsweek, in a story "The People Vs Flowers," Flowers is referred to as "The find of the 1966 track season, and perhaps the finest young hurdle prospect in the world."

The article says, "Last month, he (Flowers) ran just a step behind 22-year-old Willie Davenport in the 120-yard high hurdles at Miami's outdoor Orange Bowl meet. Davenport, an ex-paratrooper attending Southern University, is merely the world's best."

Said Davenport, "If it weren't for me, Richmond would probably rewrite every record in the book."

In the first meeting between the two freshmen -- the Miami meet--Davenport crossed the finish line proudly peering over his shoulder at Flowers.

"The confident young freshman took it as an insult and snapped, 'Never look over your shoulder again cause I'll be coming by you.'"

The magazine article said that Flowers conceded, "We both were wrong. He wasn't being a good winner and I wasn't being a good loser."

It was also stated that "Flowers and Davenport...have since become good friends" and after one race, Flowers said, "Willie told me I wasn't coming off the hurdles fast enough."

Last Saturday night, Flowers proved that he was a pretty good student. Now it's up to "Teach" to come up with additional lessons.

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