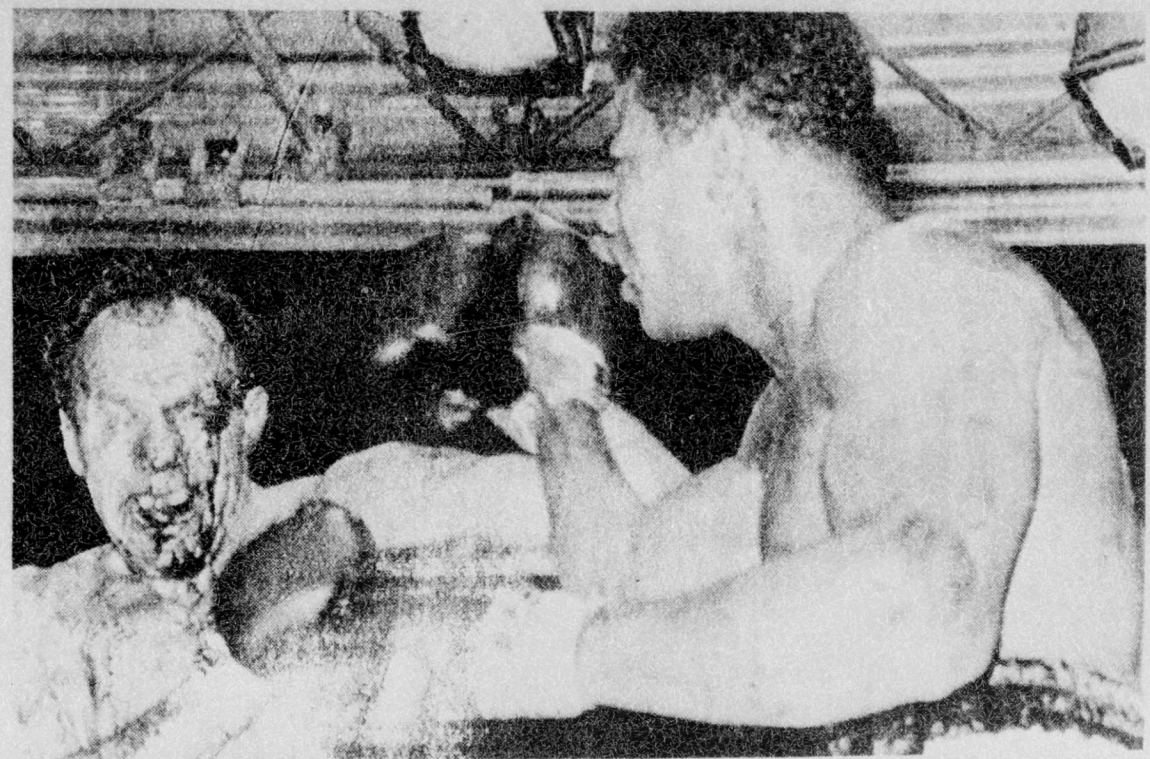


Ligon High School Pays Tribute To A National Champion



A BLOODY CHALLENGER - London: Moving in, Heavyweight Boxing Champion Cassius M. Clay, Jr., right, tries to plow through Henry Cooper's defense to reach the British challenger's bloodied face during their title bout here last Saturday night. Clay retained his crown with a TKO in 1:38 minutes of the sixth round when the referee stopped the fight because of a deep gash over Cooper's left eye. (UPI CABLEPHOTO).

John D. Lewis, 3rd, Wins Tennis Finals

BY ROBERT E. BRIDGES

"As a tribute to John D. Lewis III, our National Tennis Champion, we decree this day, May 23, 1966 as J. D. Lewis Day at the John W. Ligon High School."

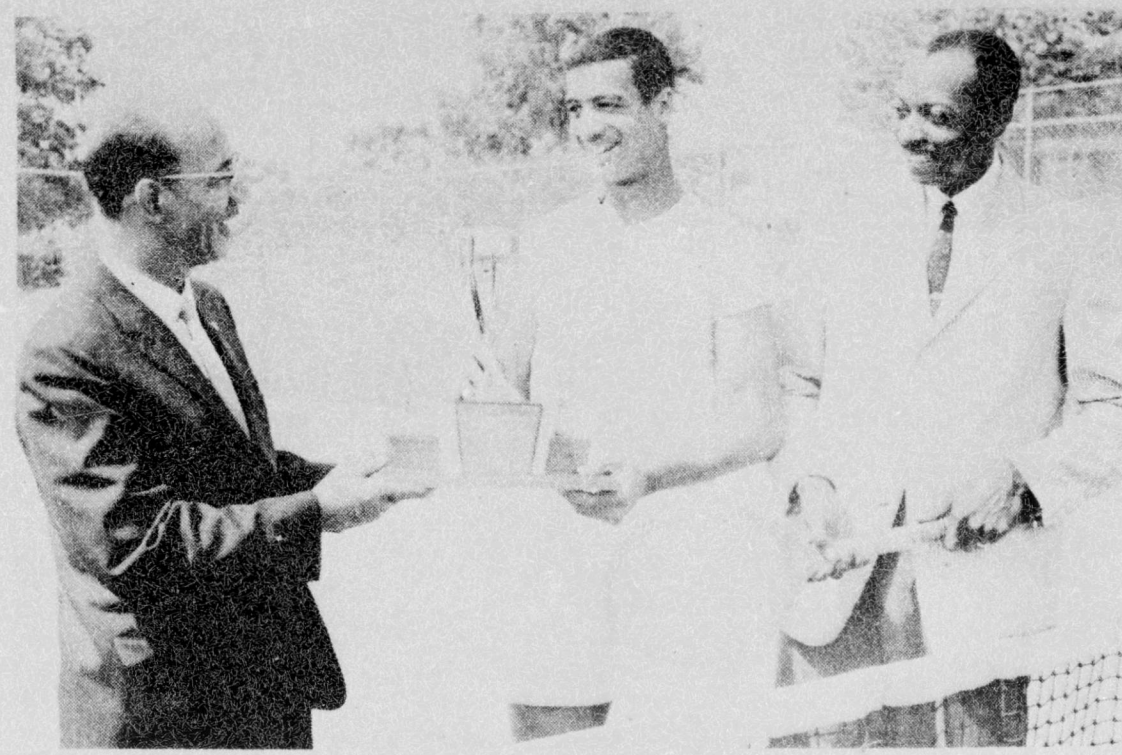
And so it was last Monday as Lewis returned from Winston-Salem where he captured the American Tennis Association's National Intercollegiate Singles crown by defeating number two J. H. Robertson of Dunbar, Texas, 6-2, 6-1, 6-2, in a straight sets in a three of five set finals.

Lewis is a junior at Ligon, a scholar, a three-sport athlete and above all a gentleman. He is respected by the Ligon "family" for his modest and gracious manner as well as his champion's spirit.

Coach Harvey Heartley expressed high regard for Lewis as a competitor. "He doesn't mind paying the price," offered the Ligon coach. "There is a difference between team competition and individual competition. With the individual there is a greater need for self discipline, conditioning and self motivation. J. D. is a strong competitor, a true winner."

Lewis is looking forward to college after graduating from Ligon next year. "I would sure like to win the state singles crown for the third time next year (He has won this title two years running) and I feel I have a good chance at it with hard work. I am also anticipating playing football and basketball for another season. I love playing all three sports and look forward to playing any or all of them in college."

The national title gained Lewis a birth in the U.S.L.T.A. National Intercollegiate next month at Williams College, Williamsport, Mass.



NATIONAL TENNIS CHAMPION - John D. Lewis, III, center, is shown displaying his National Tennis Trophy to his principal, H. E. Brown, left, as a happy Coach Harvey Heartley looks on Monday of this week on the Ligon High School tennis court. (See story).

Coed Makes Men's Swimming Team At Howard University

Murmurs of surprise and joshing remarks from the crowd when she walks out on the board don't faze the girl diver of the Howard University men's swimming team or her coach, for the Howard team usually has the last laugh. With a second and a fourth, shapely freshman Sandra Ann Arrington

helped Howard to its fifth straight Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association championship, according to Ebony Magazine for May.

But before winning over the crowds, Sandra had to win over a smaller, more exacting group, her male teammates. She did it by winning five firsts, hands

down. He consistent performance as a "team girl" earned grudging respect from the men first, then admiration. Seldom has any diver -- male or female -- enjoyed such a promising first year.

Though most girl divers pass their peak at about 18, Coach Clarence Pendleton says Sandra has youth, stamina and great strength. "She also has the driving spirit essential to a good competitor," the coach states. "She'll be on the squad the full four years." Ebony's photographs show her executing a beautiful half gainer with pike. Her specialty is a forward one-and-a-half somersault.

Marching Band Number Three In The Nation

PETERSBURG, Va. -- The Virginia State College ROTC marching band has been named the number three band in the nation by the National ROTC Band Association with headquarters at St. Peter's College in Jersey City, N. J.

The number three ranking by the national association came to the VSC band after participating in the fifth annual musical festive competition, held recently at the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, New York City, and at Fort Wadsworth, New York.

Under the direction of Clarence T. Richardson, Assistant Professor of Music at Virginia State College, the VSC ROTC band was awarded the third place honor in competition with 800 or more other musicians in other ROTC bands from colleges and universities from all sections of the USA that sponsor ROTC units.

This is the first time since joining the National ROTC Band Association in 1964 that the Virginia State College ROTC band has won one of the top three awards. In 1964 they ranked sixth.

The musical competition this year was in two divisions -- concerts, and marching and maneuvering. The concert phase, for bands only, took place Friday evening in the Philharmonic Hall of Lincoln Center, and the march and maneuver phase, for ROTC marching bands, was held on the parade and drill field at Fort Wadsworth, Saturday morning.

Cheek, Jones Shaw Co-Capt.

James Cheek, Jr., a 215-pound tackle, and Willie Jones, who played the regular fullback spot last season, were named co-captains of the 1966 Shaw University football team.

Their selection as leaders of the '66 grid team was announced at the annual athletic awards banquet.

Cheek was rated as one of the CIAA's premier offensive and defensive stalwarts last season in leading the Bears to their best campaign since 1958. The son of Mr. and Mrs. James Cheek, Sr., of Kittrell, he led the '65 club in the most tackles made. In the season's final game against St. Augustine's he made 18 initial stops and assisted in 12 tackles.

Jones, an Air Force veteran from Asheville, was shifted to a running back spot by Lee Royster, the Bears' head coach, after playing at quarterback the season before, his freshman year. In addition, he took over the Bears' punting chores after the second game of the year and averaged 36.3 yards per boot. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. David Jones of Asheville.

In commenting on the squad's selection of Cheek and Jones, Royster said, "I feel that the players have made an excellent choice. They have the attitude and personality to get tremendous cooperation from their teammates."

Baseball Pros Tutor 5,000 Kids At Clinic

Note To Big League Managers: If the dying minor leagues have you wondering where your future recruits are going to come from, take a look at Willie Spooner's clinic for kids in the May issue of Ebony Magazine. Standout among the Baton Rouge school's "graduates" now playing pro ball is Lou Brock, flashy outfielder of the St. Louis Cardinals.

When Willie Spooner read about a Baton Rouge baseball clinic for white boys which barred Negroes, he went into action. Coach of the city's McKinley High and a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, Spooner lined up civic support and enlisted big leaguers to teach basics to Negro youths from 8 to 18.

That was 11 years ago, and the first two years were rough, Ebony points out. The only instructors for the first two years were Ernie Banks and Coach Buck O'Neil of the Cubs, and in

1960 only Curt Flood showed up. However, Willie Spooner had a face-to-face talk with several big league administrators, and the situation improved somewhat.

This year the instructors numbered 22 major and minor league baseball players, scouts and coaches. There were such names as pitcher Earl (No-hit) Wilson and Coach Ed Scott of the Red Sox; Curt Flood, Candy Robinson and Lou Brock of the Cardinals; reliever John Wyatt of the Athletics, the Astros Lee Maye.

More than 5,000 starry-eyed kids took part in this year's clinic. It was a booming success, and the pros vowed to return next year. Willie Spooner gives two reasons for his project. He wants some of his kids to make the big leagues, but more important, he says, "I think a lot of problems we have with teen-agers can be cured through a good sports program."

Little Blues Baseballers Advance In NCHSAC Playoffs

BY ROBERT BRIDGES

Ligon High's baseball Little Blues moved victoriously into the Eastern Playoffs Friday night by downing the Hornets of Hillside High, Durham, 4-1 in Chavis Park.

Mound ace Lemuel Jones was in perfect form as he threw a two hitter at the visitors while striking out 14 and walking five to post his sixth victory against only one loss. Hillside's only run was an unearned tally in the second.

Four big hits by the Blues and air tight defensive play by Capt. Jimmy Robinson and James Melvin locked up the victory.

made and prizes awarded to the teen member who has secured the most members. A personal telephone call from Jerry Butler, along with a transistor tape recorder and a personal taped message will be presented to winners of each monthly membership contest.

The national drive, scheduled to end in June, has many prizes of which the all-expense paid trip will be awarded to the top member-getter and one of his or her partners.

Fan club headquarters is located at 58 E. Roosevelt Rd., Chicago and branch offices are in many of the nation's top cities.

tory. A two run homer by third baseman William Cooper in the second inning put Ligon out in front 2-1. James Melvin collected a double and a single to go for three in the contest.

With a record of 12-1, the Little Blues will travel to Laurinburg, N. C. to play Carver of Laural Hill this Tuesday night. Game time 7:30 p. m.

TRACK NEWS

Coach William Hooker's track team participated in the state track meet on last Saturday. Second place honors went to Carl Mintz in the 180 yds. low hurdles, third place medal in the 220 yd. dash went to David Stiles and 4th place medals were awarded to the 880 yd. relay team (Ernie Foster, William Yates, David Stiles, and George McDonald).

HABIT KICKED

BOSTON - Blind blues singer Ray Charles has kicked the narcotics habit, medical officers testified in U. S. District court. Charles pleaded guilty last Nov. 22 to a charge of possessing heroin and marijuana and was ordered to undergo a medical examination at McLean hospital. The testimony of medical authorities disclosed no evidence the singer had been using drugs.



WINDOW SHOPPING - Cannes, France: At this resort souvenirs are aplenty, and like most visitors, Sammy Davis, Jr. does a bit of window shopping. The American singer-dancer is in Cannes to attend the annual International Film Festival.

Johnson C. Smith U. Athletes Observe Best Year In Sports

BY BILL JOHNSON

CHARLOTTE -- Johnson C. Smith University, confident that its athletic program is moving in high gear, celebrated its best year in sports with an elaborate All-Sports Banquet here Monday night.

A gala turnout of more than 150 invited guests, honored athletes and visiting friends was on hand to hear Dr. Sam Barnes, Director of Athletics and Professor of Physical Education at Howard University of Washington, D. C.

Speaking from the subject: "The Measure of a Man," Dr. Barnes challenged the Smith athletes to "work at being somebody."

After telling them that they should never be satisfied with less than their best, the former president of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association pointed out that "This school, the nation and the whole world need you, so you must measure yourself as a man rather than merely a participant."

"Every good team is the results of a team effort," Dr. Barnes continued. "Therefore, man ultimately is measured by what he produces."

Other speakers on the 2 1/2-hour program were Dr. Jack S. Brayboy, executive Dean and Director of Athletics, John D. Chase, a former football player who is now serving as principal at Winchester High School in Monroe, N. C., Willie Singletary, president of the Student Government; Albert F. Clark, Jr., coach at Peabody High School of Tryon, N. C., and star quarterback George Foster.

Ten football players, five members of the basketball squad, three from the swimming team and seven performers in track received varsity sweaters and five cagers, six members of the tennis, five swimmers, five track performers and eight football stars were awarded certificates.

Football players earning varsity sweaters were James Hastie, Frank Franklin, Johnnie Jenkins, Bedford Thaxton, Stewart Oatman, John Hawkins, Harris Jones, Lewis Tull, James Ray and James Williams.

Reginald Randolph, David Williams, Jackie Wilson, William Harmon, Steve Schley won sweaters for their performance in basketball. Swimmers Oliver Kanoy, Terry Steele and Thomas Reddy and track stars Galvester Baber, Eugene Anderson, Robert Leak, John Miles, Fred Wilson, and Vin-

cent Matthews were also given varsity sweaters.

Freshmen certificates were awarded Noah Barnes, Bruce Bivins, Leon Butler, Edgar Farmer, Al Goodard, Charles Howard, Wiley Williams, Ivory Tate and Derrick Reece of the football squad, and basketball ace Hubert Davis, and James Lane, Wilbert Paschal, Reese Patterson, Columbus Williams

and Ernest Jones of the track squad.

Special recognition was also paid swimmer Kwang Tan Lou, George Williams, Edwin Ayers, Jimmy Bryson, Matthew Coffman, and James Scales, Henry Bowers, John Mickle, Phil Asaka, Sanford Howie, Eric Ray Page and Albert Jordan of the tennis team also earned certificates.



FIRST ROUND ACTION - British challenger Henry Cooper, and World Heavyweight Boxing Champion Cassius Clay are shown above during first round action of their title fight last Saturday night. In this shot, Cooper lands a left to Clay's shoulders, as the champ follows through with a right to Cooper's face. (UPI CABLEPHOTO).

Kenya's Track Star Will Have Altitude Advantage In Olympics

Many athletes expect trouble getting enough oxygen in the 1968 Olympics at Mexico City's 7,300-foot altitude. Not Kipchoge Keino, Kenya's distance runner, who trains back home in Africa at 6,000 feet. Other than natural ability, this may be his advantage over track stars of many other countries. "I can run three miles at sea level about 30 seconds faster than I can at home," EBONY Magazine quotes the 26-year-old sensation.

"Kip" Keino is "different" in many ways. Last year, at the ripe old age of 25, he won events in six international meets. Among his triumphs: the 3,000-meter title in Sweden, world 5,000-meter in New Zealand with an amazing time of 12:54.2, first African to break the four-minute mile at White City, England. At one New Zealand meet he clocked a 3:54.2 mile, one tick slower than Peter Snell's best.

In many races, Keino wears his good luck token, a bright orange billed cap he picked up in Tokyo. When he senses victory coming, he throws the cap into the center of the arena. The crowd roars, but Kip's manager is not impressed, saying, "He loses three steps when he does it."

Unlike nearly all track stars, the Kenyan has never had a coach. "Once," he says, "When I was running in Nairobi, Mal Whitfield (retired American track star now living in Africa) came and gave me some encouragement. Later he sent me a training program. I used it for two months and threw it away. Now I use my own program." And this, too, is different. While the great Australian distance runners train by running 100 to 500 miles per week, he never does more than 38 miles a week, trains no more than three days in the same period, to avoid going stale.

Kipchoge is pretty good at forecasting both his victories and his defeats in advance, predicted he would not win the mile at the January Los Angeles In-

ternational. He didn't. He predicted he would win the two-mile event. He did. After receiving the Mal Whitfield Award, Kip looked ahead to New York's Millrose Games the next week. "I won't break the mile record in New York," he said, "because it's too cold there." He won the Wanamaker Mile by two feet in the slow time of 4:03.9.

Kipchoge Keino intends to win the mile at the British Commonwealth Game in Jamaica in August.

Butler Will Give Vacation

CINCINNATI (UPI) - Mercury recording artist Jerry Butler last week unveiled plans to finance an all-expense paid weekend for two to New York or Los Angeles, to a member of his fan club who wins the grand prize in a gigantic membership drive.

Butler, who rose to fame on the strength of his record of "For Your Precious Love," began national fan club activities when it became apparent that very few people were really interested in the teenagers on their level.

"I have never really had the time to actively promote a fan club," he said, "and I still don't have the time. However, I feel that it is about time someone took the time to do something for the very people who are doing so much for us."

Butler appointed a full-time secretary to handle fan club promotions and acquired the services of Lee Ivory & Associates, entertainment public relations consultants, to handle club activities.

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From big girl cutouts to little girl covers, terry is this season's headliner as a bathing suit topper. It's absorbent, cuddly warm after a cool swim, and now comes in a full range of colors and prints. To keep terry toppers in top condition, the makers of Nu-Soft fabric softener make these suggestions. Launder them often to avoid ground-in dirt that requires harsh scrubbing. Machine wash; light colors with light, dark with dark. To the final, clear rinse add a cupful of aqua blue fabric softener to add softness, brighten colors. Then line or tumble dry, but do not iron... it won't be necessary.

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