D.C. HIGH School Quints Open Cards in VICTORY

What's The Matter With Howard Alumnus Diagnoses Gridiron Ills

By Charles C. Johnson, Howard, 1932

What's the matter with Howard? She's all right! Who's all right? HOWARD!
Who said so? Everybody!
Who's everybody? Howard!
Nine Rah's for Howard!
Rah! rah! rah!
Rah! rah! rah!
Rah! rah! rah!
Howard!—Howard!—Howard!

"This will mean absolutely nothing next fall unless Howard University awakes from its lethargy and does something.—Now!

The last echo of the gridiron has about died away, the pigskins have been deflated and laid upon the shelf, and the gladiators of a few weeks past are now eating their fill of pastry and speeding while they gamble about their dormitories and frat houses recalling the experiences of last season's football encounters.

Though the season for football playing is visibly over, the product of next fall's games is now being staged behind closed doors in truitee meetings, directors' meetings, faculty meetings—and alumni meetings for upper—whatever that means. These ruling bodies agree may seal the fate of their teams for next season.

What of 1934?

"Now—what is to become of Howard?" What is next years outlook? Will the wail of thousands of Howard alumni and supporters who saw the teams of last season and several seasons back, repeatedly rolled in the turf, and beaten into submission by their opponents but more crafty and better trained squads.

Considering the fact that Howard University is the largest organ institutions of its kind not only in this country, but in the world, she draws students from every corner of the earth. With these assets comes a wide and varied assortment of talent, suitable for almost any pursuit. In the past the young hopefuls of various high schools throughout the country have cast their lot with Howard University to exercise their cerebral powers and to develop their individual talents.

Material Plentiful

Howard has never suffered from lack of suitable material for good football teams. She has offered stand aging on the Athletic Letter material than on the field "Why?" you may ask. The answer is simple.

Since the beginning of the school's present administration which began in 1926 many things have happened to disengage athletics. First of all the football training table was abolished, without any kind of inducement to take its place (athletic scholarships, etc.). Then the training and sleeping quarters were restricted. The freedom and full command of the coach over his charges was curtailed.

Lastly the coaches that the administration did employ were not good second raters, but they knew how to say "Yes, so they kept their jobs.

Players Make Sacrifices

To offer no inducement to a football team exacts too great sacrifice on the part of the players. The average student attending colored schools has to work his way through school by securing jobs during the school terms. The football candidate must report for practice at least two weeks ahead of the other students in the fall, thus compelling him to give up his job two weeks sooner than he would otherwise be necessary. Therefore sacrifices two weeks' salary.

During the season due to travelling to and from games, he gets back in his school work; and if he gets injured in a game, he not only has to suffer from that injury but he loses more time, which he will have to catch up later; and if he fails to make the grade according to the scholarship laws he is restricted from playing in athletic competition until he does satisfy those laws.

When the gate receipts are counted, they go to the school and the team gets the moral glory if any. Football is the only paying

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CLARK SHADES MORRIS BROWN IN OVERTIME

By MELANCHOLY JONES

ATLANTA, Ga.—Trailing 20-10 at the conclusion of the first half and bringing up the rear 33-31 with just seven and a half minutes to play here last Saturday before a jammed gallery, Chief Aikens's Clark Panzers led by Frank Merriwell finally to nose out Billy Hicks's Morris Brown Wolverines, 40-37.

The previous week Clark turned back the Morehouse Tigers, 19-0. Clark also defeated the Adelphi quintet, 36-23.

The brilliant play of Ezra (Brickyard) Murdock and Jim Reid, Baltimore and Chicago boys respectively, gave the Wolverines and their following an early lead that seemed unanimitable.

But, in the closing stages of the game, Donald Reeves, Carl Ray, and Leroy McNiel started clicking for the South Atlantans, whittling away a twelve point Morris Brown lead.

Reid High Scorer

Jim Reid, the All-American track star, led all scorers with five field goals and five free throws for 15 points. Murdock, his team mate, had six field goals and two free throws for 14 tallies.

Donald Reeves, former All-American, ending his career this year, scored seven field goals for Coach Clark's unitas. Carl Ray, the Kentucky boy, canned 11, and McNiel, the New Yorker, added 10.

When the game ended officially, Bill Hicks's Red Rook took its time and made both shots to tie the game at 37-37.

Thereafter, a five-minute extra period was played. Hicks, in Washington, D.C., boy, gave Clark a tempo of Reid, Reid, but Jim Reid sank a goal to make it 37-36, but after that, McNiel and Reeves scored twenty-one points to make it 40-37 and put the game in the Panthers.

The invaders, 1933 state champions, come with an enviable record, covering a period of three years.

The schedule calls for two games a week with Lincoln University, Fayetteville State Normal, Winston-Salem Teachers College, and Tuskegee Institute.

Coach Clark's Panzers are: Reid and Reeves, forwards; Murdock, center; Ray and McNiel, guards.

Armstrong Conquers Douglass High, 28-21

DOWNIES TRIM PRINCESS ANNE

PRINCESS ANNE Md.—Within the services of Ike White, all-star MIAA guard in 1933, who is still eligible, the Armstrong Tech quintet, led by Coach Lomax's court charges Douglass, Cardozo, Dunbar, and Kiah Trojans of Princess Anne Academy, 28-21.

Led by Captain Lanky Taylor, who averaged nine field goals for a total of 18 points, the Pennsylvania piled up a 23-5 half-time margin. Numerous substitutions and improved Trojan defense made the second canto a nip and tuck affair.

Although the Maryland scoring statistics are lacking, one of the most brilliant quarterbacks in the MIAA circles showed himself to be a speedy and adept forward who will cause trouble in subsequent games.

New Haven Quint Tastes of Victory

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—The Dixie Midgets opened their basketball season by defeating the Ecclesia Education Recreation League, 41-20 defeat at the Hillhouse High School gym. Wednesday night.

The game proved to be a one sided affair, the Dixie Midgets leading at the end of the first periods, with Captain George Oliver and Jack Cooper, who scored 16 and 10 tallies respectively, the stars who were playing in the unlimited division for the first time.

Curving Baseball Around Trees Was Easy, Says Jas. W. Johnson

Author, in Autobiography, Tells How He Mastered Art of Pitching When Only a Youth.

How he learned to pitch a curve ball in baseball is told by James Weldon Johnson in his autobiography, "Along This Way."

Johnson, who was born in St. Augustine, Florida, where the hotel—waiters, cooks, and porters—constituted the entire adult male population, tells how he learned the art of pitching.

"Among the hotel waiters was a dentist, who was a pitcher. He was the only local colored boy who could pitch a curve. I used to watch him pitch, and I would make up my mind that I would be able to do that when I grew up.

"This pitcher was tall and slender, but he was very strong. He was quiet, and I thought he was very dignified. I used to follow him around the hotel yard, and I would make up my mind that I would be like him when I grew up.

"I practiced by throwing a ball against the side of the hotel. I would throw it up and it would come down in a curve. I would make up my mind that I would be able to do that when I grew up.

"Finally I got the curve ball