Afro Sports

FROM THE BENCH

BY ART CARTER

Coverage of "Egg-nog Bowl" Game Leaves Scribe Groggy

Kelly Miller Inspired Howard Sports

All the Christmas cards and the gay New Year greetings carried such pleasant thoughts. And nothing gives me more inspiration or makes me more determined to be a better worker or closer friend than the stack of holiday greetings that come at Yuletide. So, before the New Year gets a little too old, I want to express appreciation to those who sent remembrances.

I am grateful and I wish that time and space would permit a personal acknowledgement, instead of this general way of saying "Thank you." However, inasmuch as I am my own stenographer, secretary, typist and, incidentally, president and janitor of the Sports Department, it seems the only way to express appreciation. If it is inadequate, I trust its sincerity will make up for it.

This year, I am trying to start off on the right foot, although my coverage of the "Eggnog Bowl" game last week has left me somewhat groggy and reeling from listening to my newspaper pals tell tall tales between halves and watching those twenty-two players (or was it forty-four) run up and down the globular glass enclosure in an endless stream.

The little lady at home tells me that I didn't really cover a game. Although I am quite willing to take her word, particularly inasmuch as I don't recall who won, I still think there must have been a mistake. It must have been a football game. Where else would I see so many good and true men stumbling, reeling, being knocked off their feet in rapid succession, and growing fatigue in such short space of time?

Anyway, my 1940 aspirations have advanced to the point of getting this column bedecked in new regalia. And I hop- I can find some new ideas to fill it, some new champions to praise, some new trends to exalt, and since there will always be a few in every sports picture, some new bums to pan. If 1940 will be that kind, and I think it will, then this hustle-and-bustle business of chronicling the deeds of bronze athletes won't lose its vestige of fascination.

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A PLEA FOR TOLERANCE

This is Leap Year and should be a grand success for the ladies even if, as in 1939, all the major victories are confined to the Tigerettes of Tuskegee. I had a few hopes for the New Year, the most important being that all the colleges and universities which teach equality, democracy and fellowship will practice what they preach. If they will, then there will be no more Charlie Thomas and Lou Montgomery cases.

In case you are interested, Virginia State has another set of twins to replace the Brewer boys when September rolls around. The Brewers (James and John) will graduate, and we will step the Powell twins. All of them are from Pittsburgh. But the payoff is that the Powells, like the Brewers, are ends.

Coach Sam Barnes of Livingstone is out to include "name" teams on the Blue Bears' grid schedule — already Miner Teachers' College and St. Augustine have replaced Allen and Clinton. Wonder what's the difference. Donald Braithwaite and Eddie Younger are sparking N.Y.'s Benjamin Franklin High to a top spot in the city basketball league. Braithwaite is a captain and there's a third colored youth on the squad — Sonny Woods.

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BISON ALL-STARS

Just to keep in line with the all-American selectors, I have picked a new "all" team — an all-star eleven composed of Washington football players who sprouted from the District scholastic circle into CIAA or other conference competition and are making good. For the sake of argument, I venture the opinion that had each of them stayed in Washington and attended Howard the Bisons would have had a winning eleven.

Here's the team:

Norman Watkins (Morgan) and Louis Holloway (Bluefield), ends; Buck Carter (Va. State) and Bobby Weaver (Va. State), tackles; Paul (Fat Man) McEwen (Morgan) and Dude Rucker (Shaw), guards; Bill (Sugar) Cain (Morgan), center; Lee Shaw (Tuskegee), Oswald Glymph (Florida A. and M.), Dennis Carter (Fayetteville Teachers) and Johnny Spriggs (Shaw), backs.

Watkins, Weaver, Holloway, Buck, Carter, McEwen, Cain and Glymph are former Armstrong stars; Spriggs and Rucker hail from Cardozo, and Dennis Carter did undergraduate work at Dunbar.

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KELLY MILLER

Of all the fine things that have been said and written about the beloved Kelly Miller, Howard University's venerable dean, who at 76 last week joined that Valhalla that some day will welcome all of us, few friends recalled the grand old professor's intense interest in the athletic welfare of Howard.

Those who knew the good professor in recent years, when time had taken much of his physical strength and forced him to the sidelines, know little about Kelly Miller's fondness for the football teams of Howard. But to oldtimers, the Bison heroes of a bygone era, Dean Miller was an inspiration; a moving, vital cog in the athletic machinery that rolled up fame and glory for the Blue and White.

While we praise him for his brilliant literary contributions, we of the sports world cannot forget that it was Dean Miller and the late George Cook who frequently took funds from their own pockets to finance a gallant band of gridders who carried the Bison banner before the Howard faculty took an active and official interest in the administration of the sport.

And when the faculty did take charge, it was Dean Miller who stood at the gate to collect tickets—the first member of the faculty to do so. He served as chairman of the athletic board at a time when Howard's teams were feared throughout the land. And, not many years ago, his presence in the stadium each Saturday was as expected as the referee's.

As professor, dean, dean emeritus and friend, Kelly Miller was beloved by all. The world has lost a truly great friend.

Mollis Defeats Morris; Armstrong Wins

3 Knockouts at Gans A. C. First Show

By ART CARTER

Tommy Mollis, Baltimore ring veteran, proved too strong for Billy Morris, young Towson, Md., fighter, in the eight-round main event at the opening show of the Gans Athletic Club at the New Albert Auditorium Wednesday night.

Mollis gained the unanimous decision after a lively brawl that drew vociferous applause from the 450 rabid fans during the last three rounds. It was during those three stanzas that Morris, stablemate of Billy White, made a determined bid to snatch the verdict after a miserably slow start.

Falls to Land

For three rounds, Morris cleverly dodged everything Mollis threw in his direction. At the same time, however, he was unable to land any semblance of a solid punch. In the fourth and fifth, Morris came to life and rocked Mollis with a duo of hard rights, but failed to follow up the advantage and lost ground as Mollis drove the Towson batter to the ropes in the last minute spurts.

The seventh and eighth were furious stanzas, with Morris trying desperately to land solidly and Mollis unable to put his punches in the right spot—although they mixed it aplenty. Mollis weighed 150, Morris 144.

Norfolk in TKO

Three knockouts were recorded during the show. In the semi-windup, Young Kid Norfolk, 162, scored a technical kayo over Joe Cook, 160, in 2 minutes 45 seconds of the fifth. Cook absorbed a terrific beating about the face and head by Norfolk for four rounds, then voluntarily quit after the Kid drove him to the ropes and plastered punches at his head in the fifth.

Norfolk had Cook groggy early in the battle, but refused to try to knock him out. In the third and fourth after Cook missed uppercuts the Kid backed him against the ropes for what looked like the kill, but each time hesitated and backed away.

Brown Triumphs

Pebbie Brown, 130, Baltimore's lightweight hope, made short work of his night's duty against Tony (Paw) Williams flattening Williams with a terrific right-hand punch to the jaw in 2 minutes 55 seconds of the first round. Williams was out for five minutes before seconds revived him.

James McAllister, 128, regular heavy, knocked out in the opening four-rounder when he sent Emory Brown to the canvas after 2 minutes 20 seconds of milling.

In the other preliminary, Harry Richardson, 151½, decisioned Charlie Marshall, 149, in a corking good slugfest which aroused the hometown fans.

The show, sponsored by the new promoters, Bennie Bishop and Pete Woodlon, for the benefit of the Elks Shrine, was poorly supported by the organizations. J. Finley Wilson, grand exalted ruler of Elks, failed to put in his appearance, and the affair drew only 412 fans, who paid $246.25 to see the fistic action.

Morgan Preps for Lincoln

Bears Play Alumni at New Albert

Morgan State College cagers, priming for the opening CIAA game against Lincoln in Philadelphia, next week, will pry the lid off the 1940 collegiate season here tonight (Friday), in a battle against the Morgan Alumni quint at New Albert Auditorium.

The Bears, already boasting a pre-holiday victory over Miner Teachers' College of Washington, feel confident of showing the old grads where they get off, but the ex-Morgan stars will feature a galaxy of stars who may prove highly troublesome to the current combination.

Old Luminaries

Among the former standouts who will don uniforms for the Alumni are Babe Jones, Rap Wheatley, Pinky Clark, Bill Lampkins, Vurnell Lockwood, Skippy Gibson and Jack Spencer.

Wheatley, Clark and Spencer were luminaries with the great Morgan teams of the late twenties and early thirties, while Lampkins, Lockwood, Gibson and Jones have been standouts in the more recent seasons.

In an effort to develop the brilliant freshman material on hand, Coaches Eddie Hurt and Talmadge Hill will continue to employ the two-team system, using the first stringers, a veteran combination, at the start, and substituting when possible a promising quintet of newcomers.

The latter is chiefly composed of ex-Douglass High stars, including Madison Garrison, Albert James, Sam Dixon and John Slaten.

The veterans on the squad are Norman (Ditty) Watkins, Bill (Sugar) Cain, Robert (Spook) Smith, Wally Mosby and Wayman Holley.

Color Barred Kenny Washington from Pro League Despite Merit

The rank injustice shown Kenny Washington, brilliant University of California at Los Angeles halfback, by All-American team pickers was forcibly illustrated last week when Liberty Magazine announced its 1939 players' All American which placed Washington on the first team.

The significant thing about the selection of Washington was that of the 664 players who received votes in the balloting, Kenny was the only star to receive the vote of every player who opposed him. One-hundred-and-three players who played opposite Washington during the past season agreed in their returns that he was the outstanding backfield man they met.

Best in Country

That put Kenny far ahead of Tom Harmon, Michigan University star; Jim Kimbrough, Texas A. and M. luminary, and Niles Kinnick, the Iowa iron-man, who were rated above Kenny by the newspaper syndicate selectors. It also brings up the question as to what happened to the National Professional League scouts who failed to draft Washington for league play.

One glance at Kenny's record clearly shows that he was the nation's No. 1 back. He was greatly responsible for UCLA's undefeated season. In yardage, Washington gained by ground plays 828 yards by carrying the ball 170 times and passed 90 times for a total of 260 plays, gaining 527 yards via the air for a total season's gain of 1,385 yards in 10 games. This mark topped all performers in the country.

While the professional league refused to open its doors and provide employment for Kenny, who could put thousands of dollars in the promoters' coffers, he has nevertheless signed for an independent pro career. Larry Sunbrock, Los Angeles sportsman, signed him to a contract for two games within the next two months.

Under the terms of the contract, Washington will receive $1,000 per game in competition against an independent team organized by Vic Bottari.

Meanwhile, popular protest was mounting on the coast over the exclusion of Kenny from the annual Shrine East-West game. The powerful CIO Maritime Federation of the Pacific San Francisco District Council was the lastest to add its protest.

VERSATILE

TIGER FANN, Cleveland middleweight boxer, who is also adept at interior decorating and sign painting.

Scholarship Fund Honors Washington

LOS ANGELES, (ANP)—With an eye on the future, the Los Angeles Fellowship League, Dr. A. J. Booker, president, will sponsor a monster platform rally, Sunday, at Independent Church of Christ for the purpose of establishing a scholarship fund for worthy student-athletes.

Stating that the fund is for the future and not as a reward for any services heretofore rendered by any athlete, the league proposes to name the fund in honor of Kenny Washington and Woodrow Strode, famed University of California at Los Angeles football stars.

Holman Williams to Fight Kid Cocoa

The Holman Williams-Kid Cocoa fight, postponed from last week, has been re-scheduled for Thursday night at the Coliseum. The bout will be a 15-round affair.

The winner is slated to meet Steve Mamakos for a chance at Henry Armstrong's welterweight crown.

Hillside-Booker T. Tilt Ends in Soreless Tie

DURHAM, N.C.—Unable to penetrate into pay territory, the stalwart elevens of Hillside High and Booker T. Washington battled to a soreless tie in the postseason scholastic gridiron classic held here New Year's Day.

The combination of a sea of heavy mud and hampered the teams in giving their best performance. Bucks slipped in the mire and the wet ball was as elusive as an eel.

Hillside, champions of North Carolina, was spiked by Durham, Pike and Grades, while Dillups, Harris and Johnson stood out for Booker T., the Norfolk, Va., titleholders.

Armstrong Scores Kayo in Fifth

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — Hurricane Henry Armstrong scored his first victory of the year, here, Thursday night, by knocking out Joe Ghnouly, of St. Louis, in 34 seconds of the fifth round of their scheduled 15-round title bout.

Armstrong had Ghnouly down three times in the first round and it appeared as if the champion would duplicate his one-round kayo of Lew Feldman here last March. However, Ghnouly weathered the storm, then jumped on his bicycle for two rounds with Armstrong constantly boring in.

Ghnouly went down from a left to the head early in the opening round, another left and a right to the body sent him to the floor a few seconds later. On the latter occasion, Joe took a 9-count in an effort to clear his head but was down again a second later.

Left Does Trick

The Italian challenger attempted to mix it again in the fourth, after back-pedaling for two stanzas, but Armstrong had him on the floor for a count of six as the bell sounded.

Armstrong sent Ghnouly spinning at the start of the fifth with a hard left, and as the challenger fell forward took another terrific left to Joe's jaw to end the battle.

Douglass Whips Y Trojan Five

Douglass High School's quint defeated the Y Trojans on the latter's floor, this week, 32-27. For the third straight game, Millard Dorsey was high scorer with Rudy Johnson and Meade Bennett next in line.

For the losers, Burke was top scorer while Frank Sheppard, Eaton and Ace Kennard played well.

Jayvees Score

The Douglass Junior Varsity maintained its undefeated record by defeating the Viking, 29-23. Pratt, Lewis, Stubbs and Marshall led the victors while Edmonds, Smith, Daniels and Seaberry were best for the losers.

Mason Moton Elected Hampton Grid Captain

HAMPTON, Va. — Mason Moton, stalwart tackle on the Pirate squad for the past three seasons, was elected to lead the Seasiders through the gridiron wars of 1940 last week. Moton has been a tower of strength in the Pirate line, one of the strongest in the CIAA ever since his freshman year.

Not being a colorful type of player, scored by sport writers and fans have failed to notice the effective play that Moton has continuously displayed during his gridiron career. He hails from Charlotte, N.C.

Two members of the Pirate squad were elected on the All-CIAA team for 1939. They were Captain James Griffin and James Stuart. Griffin has been one of the best broken field runners ever to wear the blue and white, while Stuart is an alert hard charging guard on the defense and an excellent blocker.

Lawyers Fight Ring Jim Crow

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—Hugh E. Macbeth, attorney, spearhead in the investigation of the discriminatory practices against colored boxers by the Hollywood Legion Post No. 43, at their stadium in Hollywood, states that this case comes to trial before the California State Athletic Commission on January 19.

Associated with him is Joseph E. Macbeth, attorney, his brother, formerly of Baltimore, Md.

The rank injustice of barring fighters from earning a livelihood in its stadium, is to be dealt with in the open. Californians have no doubts as to the outcome of the investigation.

Hollywood Post No. 43 made an application for license to conduct boxing shows for 1940, but it was not acted upon by the commission at its last meeting in December. And it is reliably reported that the application for license will not be acted upon or granted until after the hearing.

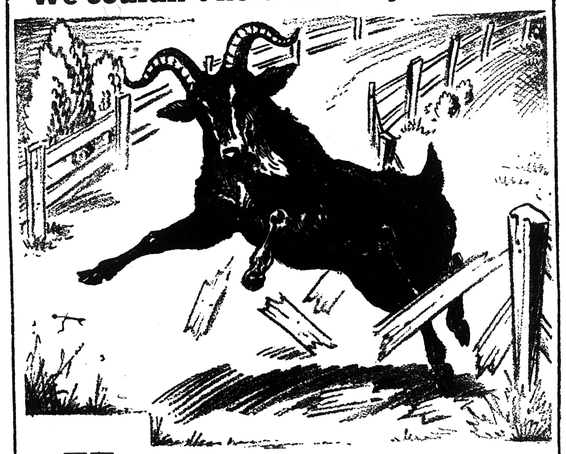
Cambridge Five Tops Coatesville

CAMBRIDGE, Md. (VNS) — Opening the season with a bang, the Maryland State semi-pro champions, the Cambridge Big Five, with Skippy Gibson, former Morgan College star, at the helm, rolled in a hard fought 28-22 victory over the Coatesville, Pa., Collegiates in the first game of the season, last week.

Cromwell, lanky 6-foot center, filling the shoes of Poke Jews, captain of the team for more than ten years, missed several setups and was yanked and substituted for by M. Askins, former St. Clair High School star.

Jews viewed the game from the sidelines, having been recently appointed by the Cambridge police force.

We couldn't hold him any longer..



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PHILADELPHIA

A couple of weeks ago, Philly boxing fans were treated to a rare treat, a thing that comes once in a life time, but they failed to take advantage of it. On the same card were Bobby Montgomery, Tommy Cross, Buck Streeter, Ellis Stewart, Vernon Woodland and a host of other talented fighters.

It was a card that could have been called "the card of the year." No, it wasn't called that. It was called an exhibition. Maybe the word "exhibition" made the fans stay at home, or maybe it was the Christmas rush, but whatever the reason, all those who stayed away certainly missed something. If there was any slowing up of any of the contestants, I certainly could not detect it. All the men fought and fought hard. They gave no quarter and asked none.

Several times spectators yelled and screamed to some of the fighters not to knockout some of the less fortunate rivals. That certainly proves the men weren't playing just because the participants were all colored did not have a thing to do with the fighting.

Some people do not like to frequent fights unless they are mixed affairs, white vs. against colored. But, as I said before, all those who like excellent fighting, the best Philly has to offer, certainly missed a rare treat when they let the Douglass Hospital benefit boxing show slip by without going to see it.

COLLEGE PALS HOME

The old home town seemed just like that over the holidays with all the boys home from college. They were all in their sartorial splendor and college glory, even though they were talking about the big bad wolf.

Jimmy (Dago) Williams, from Penn State, was all mouth about the current track season. He wouldn't inform me what he has been running, but he says he is better than last year when he sped around the half-mile in 1:57. He feels as though he is destined for something big, and if he has improved that 1:57, so do I.

Bill Barrow promising Lincoln footballer, and John Hunter, Howard, and Caslius Harris, who has aspirations of becoming a track star, all were good sights for sore eyes.

Last week, it was my pleasure to tell about the bad officiating of some of the basketball referees, but this week it is the good officiating I would like to speak about. Almost all of Philly's basketball-minded people have at one time or another gone to see the fraternity games, and seldom have I ever heard a complaint about the way the referee handled the game.

Not only in the fraternity games do these men do good jobs, but in all the games they handle and more power to them.

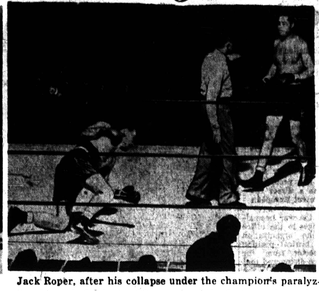
Girls' Court Team Organized in Easton

EASTON, Pa. — The Eastern Cavaliers, a girls' basketball team, has been organized by Manuel Summers, with William Merritt, Jr., coach. Summers is booking games at 220 South Fourth Street.

Here's What Happened to the Men Who Challenged Joe Louis in 1939

This was the picture of the year. It's the end of Tony Galento's challenge in Yankee Stadium last June. Referee Arthur Donovan had to cradle the beaten battler's body as he crumpled under the impact of Joe's punches in 2 minutes 29 seconds of the fourth round. Tony made a gallant stand before the end, however, having put Louis down for a two-count in the third round.

John Henry Lewis, Joe's first 1939 victim, as he landed on the ropes just before the end in 2 minutes 29 seconds of the first round at Madison Square Garden last January.



Jack Roper, after his collapse under the champion's paralyzing blows in 2 minutes 20 seconds of the first round in a Los Angeles bout last April. Roper tried vainly to rise from the floor but he couldn't make the grade.

Bob Pastor, on the floor after 38 seconds of the eleventh round in a bout scheduled for 20 rounds at Detroit in September. This victory was Joe's "greatest thrill."

What Does New Year Hold for Champion Joe Louis?

Top Man in 1939 Has Few Challengers in Prospect

By ART CARTER

Joe Louis was the man of the year in 1939 prizefighting. But with the heavyweight challenger's road lined with only a handful of suitable prospects and the beak-busting business taking a steady rap from the politicians, the celebrated Brown Bomber probably is musing over his 1940 outlook with a feeling of consternation.

Louis is booked for a February match against the Chilean challenger, Arturo Godoy, and if Tony's eyes are not as bad as is believed and Uncle Mike Jacobs can successfully arrange matters with the Philadelphia promotional trust headed by Herman Taylor, the Bomber may take on Tony Galento in a June rematch.

What Next?

But after those two fights, if indeed, the latter prospect materializes, "where will the Brown Bomber go?"

Pat Comiskey, an ambitious but unworthy aspirant, has virtually eliminated himself from further consideration by getting bamboozled by a washed-up trial horse in the Garden recently.

And it is still a matter of conjecture as to whether or not Billy Conn's handlers will risk the Pittsburgh flash's reputation solely for the dough to be derived from a Louis title match. Conn admittedly is a fine boxer, but still lacks enough punching power to be in the same ring with Joe.

Bums Outlook

That's the outlook for Joe, which is very dark in view of the champion's past performances. By desire, Louis has always put his crown on the line at least four times per year since winning it from James J. Braddock in June, 1936.

He would fight a few more times each year, if Uncle Sam did not gather up the greater percentage of the cash in taxes.

Joe's 1939 record, however, is one that is enough to boast of, having repulsed four title threats, established himself as the greatest heavyweight the world has known, and taken third and behind Gene Tunney and Jack Dempsey as all-time money earners in the ring.

Defeated Four Foes

He was definitely the game's leading figure as he knocked out, in order, John Henry Lewis, Jack Roper, Tony Galento and Bob Pastor. The quartet was crushed in less than 17 completed rounds, or to be exact, 46 minutes 56 seconds of elapsed time.

John Henry Lewis, the first victim, succumbed in January in 2:29 of the first round. Roper collapsed in 2:20 of the initial round in April. Galento was hammered into helplessness in June in 2:29 of the fourth round, after giving fans who crowded into the Yankee Stadium one of the biggest thrills of the year.

Great Against Tony

Tony, roundly rated an easy pushover for Joe, connected with one of his telegraphic left hooks in the third round to dump Joe to the floor for a two-count.

By the same token, however, the blow provided the impetus which sent Joe skyrocketing to true greatness as the Bomber came up and demonstrated all of his potent power by lambasting Tony into utter helplessness in the ninth round.

After the fight, Tony had to have twenty-three stitches taken in his face to patch the wounds.

In September, Joe showed before the home town folks in Detroit for the first time since winning the championship and knocked out Bob Pastor in 38 seconds of the eleventh round. It was "my greatest thrill," the Bomber declared.

Big Purses

Joe's cut for the four fights was Lewis, $34,413; Roper, $34,850; Galento, $96,323, and Pastor, $118,400, making a total of $283,986 for the year. And boosting his total since 1934, when he entered the pro game, to $1,669,722.

Louis is expected in the East some time this week-end to open training quarters at Dr. Bier's Pompton Lake place in preparation for the Godoy fight, but after that his program is vague.

WINS NEW ENGLAND TITLE

NEW BEDFORD, Mass.—Babe Vereila of New Bedford defeated Frankie Britt of Fall River, Mass., for the middleweight title of New England, last week.

Howard to Open Court Season

Bisons Play Recs Friday at Banneker

WASHINGTON

Coach Johnnie Burr's Howard University Bisons will pry the lid off the local collegiate cage season Friday night at Banneker Junior High School when they take on the crack Recreation Collegiates in the latter team's third start of the year.

It will be the final prep of the training period for the Blue and White and Coach Burr is expected to use this game as the answer to many questions he might have in his mind as to the possibilities of this year's outfit. A week later, the Bisons will journey to Virginia for a two-day stand against two of the toughest teams in the CIAA, Virginia State and Union.

Recs Win Two

The Recs, piloted by Dutch Hulswood, have already met and defeated the Miner Teachers' College five and Rho Delta Rho, 1939 D. C. fraternity champions. They present a strong line-up composed entirely of players who have made their marks in college ranks.

Opposing Captain Jimmy Parker and his stellar forward combination of Maurice (Flip) Jackson and Billy Giles, scoring ace of the 1939 team, will be the following Recs:

Willie Watts, of Johnson C. Smith University; Red Briscoe of Virginia State College; Wilmeth Sidat-Singh, of Syracuse University; Willie Wynne, Justin Plummer, Sal Hall, Bootnose Williams, Herbie Jones and Tom Reid of Howard, Wendell Shelton of Union, and Otis Thorpe of Morgan College.

Shelton Granger, Marshall Hill, Clif Fulton, Jack Woods and Bubber Mitchell are among others expected to see action for Howard in the Friday night encounter.

Morgan to Honor Football Players

The annual football banquet, honoring Morgan College coaches and players, will be held in Spencer Hall on the college campus, Wednesday night. Edward N. Wilson, Morgan registrar, is chairman of the committee on arrangements.

BORDENTOWN VETS

Four lettermen who form the nucleus of the Bordentown Industrial Boys basketball team, which is out to retain the Middle Atlantic Athletic Association championship. They are, left to right: Norman Powell, Chanor Todd, Haywood Robinson, and Van Leah Francis.

Craps, Oldest Gambling Game, Came from Whites

By SAM LACY

WASHINGTON

Not unlike fried chicken, pork chops and watermelon, "craps" has long been associated with the colored race and looked upon as a very important part of the recreational—and economic—life of our people.

Eugene Gordon, an ex-soldier, in his book, 'The Negro's Inhibitions," proved some years back that while folks long ago stole the formula of Miranda's smothered leghorns, even as they have since grabbed up the "Charleston" and the buck-and-wing. He pictured the master's children stealing chops off the plates of the plantation servants and described how they smacked their lips on the hand-rolled cubes, they even then considered one of the choicest of delicacies.

Oldest Gambling Game

Now we find—or perhaps you already knew it—that "craps" were being shot long before the colored race was thought of as a separate entity. Dice-throwing, according to Frank Menke, regarded as the country's leading authority on sports, is the oldest form of gambling in the world.

As long as there has been civilization, there have been dice. Men are reported to have dug up dice that were cured as early as 3000 B.C. Not long ago, a pair of dice, at least 5000 years old, was taken from a tomb in ancient Mesopotamia.

Mark Antony is said to have devoting what leisure time he had while visiting Cleopatra, to tossing the cubes with all and sundry and they could name their own stakes.

Began in New Orleans

Responsibility for the introduction of the "come-of-the-eleven" pastime is laid at the feet of Count Bernard Mandeville Marigny, a Frenchman of dissolute habits who found his way to New Orleans. The count had two powerful weaknesses. One of these resulted in the establishment of a large number of colored women in homes to raise families for him, something which came easy because of his enormous wealth. The other was gambling.

He played dice persistently, teaching all his friends about 7's and 11's. The townsfolk, disliking the count, called him "Johnny Crapaud," the latter meaning "frog" in French. As the game increased in popularity among the sporty set, it became known as "Johnny Crapaud's Game." Later it was "Crapaud's Game," and, finally, the abbreviators cut it to "Crap's Game" and let it go at that.

The game soon was played on the Mississippi River boats, gained in favor in the cities along the route and, from St. Louis, it spread throughout the United States.

Thompson Favored in Indoor Sprints

NEW YORK — The indoor track and field season will open Saturday with the annual Columbus Council K. of C. meet at the Thirteenth Regiment Armory.

Entered in the sprint series (60, 80 and 100 yards) are Herb Thompson, the indoor national champion; Eulace Peacock, former Temple star, and Tom Tragg. If Thompson is in the form he showed last year he should gallop home in all of them.

HONORED AT FLORIDA

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — G. Stanley Strachan and Henry Butler, backfield aces of the Florida A. and M. eleven, were named honorary members of the annual banquet held for the football team recently.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULES AND RESULTS

Where They Play

Friday (Jan. 5)

Hampton at Shaw
Morgan vs. Alumni (Balto.)
Howard vs. Recreation Five (D.C.)
Tuskegee at Alabama State
A. and T. at Florida A. and M.
Benedict at Morehouse

Saturday (Jan. 6)

Hampton at St. Paul
N.C. State at Bluefield
A. and T. at Georgia State
Winston-Salem at J. C. Smith
Tuskegee at Morehouse
Clark at Florida A. and M.

Monday (Jan. 8)

Tuskegee at S.C. State
Ky. State at Wilberforce

Tuesday (Jan. 9)

A. and T. at Winston-Salem Teachers
Tuskegee at Fayetteville Teachers
Miner T. C. at St. Paul

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STANDING

Team	W.	L.
Armstrong	3	0
Douglass	2	0
Dunbar (Balto.)	2	0
Cardozo	1	1
Dunbar (D.C.)	1	1
Howard	0	1
Phelps	0	1
Bates	0	1
Vocational	0	2
Parker-Gray	0	3

GAMES THIS WEEK

Friday

Vocational vs. Cardozo at Cardozo
Douglass vs. Armstrong at Armstrong
Howard vs. Dunbar (D.C.) at Dunbar

Monday

Cardozo vs. Armstrong at Cardozo

Pace Signed to Meet Olivera

CLEVELAND — Georgie Pace, Cleveland bantamweight, who is regarded as the world champion in his class by the National Boxing Association, was signed last week to defend his title in a 15-round bout on February 16 in Public Hall against Tony Olivera, San Francisco, recognized as champion in New York and California.

EBO Hears Morgan Prexy Flay Athletic Proselyting

WASHINGTON

With Dr. Garnet C. Wilkinson, Dr. Howard E. Long and Dr. A. Kiger Savoy, the three leading officers of the District public school system among the guests, the Eastern Board of Officials, the oldest athletic officiating group of its kind in the country held its final 1939 meeting Saturday at the Capital Pleasure Club with Dr. Edwin B. Henderson presiding.

At the banquet table were over 40 members and guests who were entralled by the reminiscences and witticisms of the two guest speakers, Dr. Dwight O. W. Holmes, president of Morgan College, and Professor Thomas J. Anderson, assistant director of recreation in the District.

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Professor Anderson, who has been a keen observer in the development of athletics, remarked that he was extremely gratified to note the wholesome uplifting influence exerted by the members of the EBO in the numerous athletic contests where these men are in charge.

He attributed that growth to the ideal that "the essential embodiment of respectable living is exemplified in the type of citizenship that every individual lives, and that the exemplary lives of the members of this board in this community speak volumes in estimating the type of officiating that emanates from them."

Plays Prominent

Dr. Holmes quoted many experiences of his own while a college athlete at Howard University which are the foundations of numerous types of strategy now carried on on the gridiron. He was outspoken against the modern trend towards proselyting professionalism that is creeping into collegiate athletics.

He felt that it was setting up a wrong standard of living for modern youth who would carry such unethical methods into the class room as well as into later life.

Program Praised

The high schools were represented by Prof. R. N. Malinsky of Cardozo, while Principals Logan and Matthews of Shaw and Randall, respectively, were spokesmen for the junior high schools.

Haley Douglass, honorary member, Dr. W. Wiggins, Dr. J. D. Simmons, Dr. Charles B. Fisher, Pigskin Club president, unfolded many incidents in the life of football players 20 years ago, while Messrs. Hiram Jones, E. Hayes, Roscoe Lewis of the Central Board of Officials, and A. E. Lancaster of Baltimore contributed to the program.

Most of the speakers praised the diversified latitude of sports now enjoyed by the EBO men in its expansive program.

Comprehensive reports of the eight activity divisions were presented showing the numerous sports sponsored by the group and revealing a total attendance of more than 800 during the year.

Reports were made by Joseph L. Drew, swimming; Raymond E. Contee, track and field; Kermit M. Tigg, soccer and volleyball; Percy L. Jacobs, baseball and softball; Harold D. Martin, football; Elmer Patterson, handball and tennis; Arthur A. Greene, boxing, horseshoe pitching; Louis Williams, basketball.

The association listed five objectives for 1940 as follows: enlarged fields of officiating in competitive sports; closer identification with other boards; stimulation of board ideals; higher and better standards of officiating and more intensified hours of study of rules interpretation in the various competitive sports.

Officers elected for the year were: Dr. E. B. Henderson, president; Joseph L. Drew, first vice president; Edgar P. Westmoreland, second vice president; Benjamin Washington, secretary; Welford Jackson, financial secretary and Isaac N. Cupid, treasurer.

Racing

WATCH 'EM By 'GIL'

Florida

Sun Kimesern — Corsica
Cardinalis — Dinner Jacket
High One — Little Laddie

New Orleans

Fire Advance — While Cockade
*Peter Pumpkin — My Day
Vote Boy — Liberty Flight

Horses to Win

By KEIGH

FAIR GROUNDS

Bull Reporter — Refuscious
Eastern Star — Smith David
Gaslite Girl — Tip In
Hazel Nut — Wrong Bee
Linda Kate — Wrong Way

TROPICAL

Blanco Boy — Little Shady
Fly Me — Miss Light
Forford — Pumpkin
Harbor — Sir Dig
Harp Weaver — Wicket

SANTA ANITA

Arjae — Forsooth
Dibaula Rocket

BASKET BALL GAME

TONIGHT (FRIDAY) 8 P. M.

MORGAN STATE COLLEGE vs. MORGAN VARSITY CLUB—Featuring

BABE JONES ★ BILL LAMPKINS
RAP WHEATLEY ★ VURNELL LOCKWOOD
PINKY CLARKE ★ SKIPPY GIBSON
JACK SPENCER ★ IZRA MERDOCK
CUTIE BROWN AND OTHERS

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