Norfolk Unit Places Four on All-EIAC Team

ELIZABETH CITY, N.C. — The All-Conference team of the Eastern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, selected at the recent annual E.I.A.C. meeting held at Elizabeth City State Teachers' College, Elizabeth City, N.C., was released this week.
The All-E.I.A.C. teams are:

FIRST TEAM

L.E.—R. Eldridge (Miner).
L.T.—Clyde Horton (Elizabeth City).
L.G.—Willie Strickland (Elizabeth City).
C. —Charles Eaton (Winston-Salem).
R.G.—George Ledbetter (Elizabeth City).
R.T.—Herbert Davis (Norfolk Unit).
R.E.—Jerry Johnson (Fayetteville).
Q.B.—Dennis Carter (Fayetteville).
L.H.—Marshall Curtis (Norfolk Unit).
R.H.—Daniel Russell (Norfolk Unit).
F.B.—John Turpin (Norfolk Unit).

SECOND TEAM

L.E.—L. Hamler (Norfolk Unit).
L.T.—B. Smith (Winston-Salem).
L.G.—W. Robinson (Miner).
C. —W. Alexander (Fayetteville).
R.G.—J. Earl (Norfolk Unit).
R.T.—A. Pintz (Fayetteville).
R.E.—M. Ingram (Winston-Salem).
Q.B.—C. Holmes (Miner).
L.H.—A. Maultsby (Norfolk Unit).
R.H.—P. Daniels (Elizabeth City).
F.B.—C. Boatwright (Winston-Salem).

Yankees to Use Colored Stars

NEW YORK.—Douglas G. Hertz, owner of the New York Yankees football club, said Thursday that he will reorganize the team for next year with the addition of a number of colored gridiron stars.

Hertz's plan was the direct result of the fine showing the Colored All-Stars made in the charity game with the Yankees at the Polo Grounds on November 30.

Hertz promoted the game at a loss over $3,000 but was highly satisfied with the reception by the fans and the work of the All-Stars which is what prompted his decision for next season.

TO ENTERTAIN SCRIBES

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (ANP)—Visiting sportswriters to the Vulcan bowl classic, New Year's Day, will be entertained by Birmingham newspapermen, Emory O. Jackson, executive editor of the Birmingham World, announced.

NAMED USO DIRECTOR

TUSKEGEE, Ala. — Ashton C. Kitchens, 1926 Tiger football captain, visited Tuskegee Institute campus last week. Kitchens is now assistant recreational director of the USO in Lafayette, La.

Jackie Wilson Retains NBA Feather Title by Thrashing Ritchie Lemos

LOS ANGELES, Calif.— Using his left hand brilliantly, Pittsburgh Jackie Wilson decisively outpointed Ritchie Lemos, Los Angeles scrapper, Wednesday night, to keep the National Boxing Association featherweight championship he won from Lemos here November 18.

Wilson, 27 years old and a veteran of over ten years in the ring, went about his job cautiously in the opening stanza and either held the upper hand or fought on even terms for all the first nine rounds.

Takes Wide Lead

Jackie held a comfortable margin on points when Lemos frantically began trying for a knockout in the tenth round. For the next three, Wilson merely had to protect himself from Ritchie's wild swings.

Wilson flicked his left into the face of Lemos so often that the 21-year-old Los Angeles fighter's complexion quickly turned bright red. The jabs were too light, however, and Ritchie took them round after round while vainly seeking an opening that never came.

Changes Style

In the sixth, Lemos switched to the southpaw style that he once used, but the change made little difference to Jackie. The last three rounds were Ritchie's best, but the best he offered was a few ineffective punches to Wilson's head.

CIAA Champions

PETERSBURG, Va.—Two of the seven CIAA championships for 1941 were awarded Morgan State College, Baltimore, Md., here, Saturday.

Awards were made by retiring president, H. C. Perrin, as follows: FOOTBALL—Morgan; TRACK—Morgan; TENNIS—Johnson C. Smith (Doubles), Howard (Singles); WRESTLING—Virginia State and Lincoln; BOXING—Johnson C. Smith; BASKETBALL—North Carolina State.

Trees Face Georgetown

WASHINGTON

The battle for the Washington Gridiron Conference championship is slated for Sunday, 2 p.m., at Green Valley, Va., with Willow Tree defending the title against the strong Georgetown A.C.

The Trees, conference champions of 1940 and winners of this season's southern division title, will rule slight favorites over the Georgetown aggregation, victors in the northern division.

The Georgies earned the right to be in the play-off by crushing the Northeast Golden Bears, 15-7, last Sunday.

President Hiram Jones of the WGC stated that the play-off will be staged the following Sunday, in case of rain or extremely bad weather.

The Trees, paced by Walter (Strawberry) Butler, flashy quarterback, will put their dependence in the performance of Big Stone, Cherwise Green, Ace Neverson and Leger Anderson, who have been the sparkplugs in the team's 10-game winning streak.

The Georgies, confident they can upset the Southwest outfit after its victory over the Golden Bears, will rely upon the work of Charlie Johnson, Jabo Kenner, Jarring Frazier, Blinky and Flashy Bryant, the latter a brother combine that has been outstanding all year.

MORNINGSIDE WINS

STATESVILLE, N.C. — In a post-season game, Morningside School proved too powerful for the scrappy, but inexperienced Little Blues of Winston-Salem's Carver High School, who were crushed, 46-6.

Bordeys Card 15 Cage Games

BORDENTOWN, N.J. — The schedule for Bordentown's 1941-42 basketball season has just been released by Coach Charles Ray. The schedule, in its present form, includes fifteen games of which seven are to be played on the home court.

The squad's competitive season will open at home on January 9 — almost immediately after the return to the school of students following the Christmas holidays. The season, barring added games, will close in a game played at Downingtown on March 14.

Coach Ray reports satisfaction with the progress which the squad is making during its scheduled practice season opened two weeks ago.

Schedule follows:

JANUARY

9—Wilberspoon YMCA, home.
16—Princeton Alpha Omega, home.
23—Lincoln School, Trenton, home.
30—Morristown YMCA, Morristown.

FEBRUARY

6—Delaware State College, home.
13—Wilberspoon YMCA, Princeton.
13—Plainfield YMCA, Plainfield.
14—Downingtown Ind. School, home.
20—Montclair YMCA, home.
21—Princess Anne College, Princess Anne.
27—Delaware State College, Dover.

MARCH

3—Lincoln School, Trenton.
6—Stover College, home.
14—Downingtown Ind. School, Downingtown.

Speed Marvels Lose to D.C. Y Five

WASHINGTON

The Y Big Five, after 36 minutes of ineffectual combat with the Wissahickon Speed Marvels of Germantown, Pa., put on a invaders in the final four minutes garrison finish to outdistance the of play, 48 to 38.

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Mets Plan to Launch Cage Campaign During Holidays

The Baltimore Mets, the Monumental City's new cage quintet, will make its initial bow during the holiday season or immediately therefrom, officials of the club said Thursday.

Practice sessions are being held regularly with every member battling to hold his position and when the whistle sends the outfit into action, it is expected that local followers of the cage game will see a team that is well versed in the fast-breaking, accurate passing, sharp-shooting style of game that lures the fans today.

Balance on Club

A mixture of veteran talent with the youngsters on the club has given the aggregation the right balance. Among the veterans are Pinky Clark, Rap Wheatley, Bob Jones, whole the Gibson brothers, Skippy and Deuce, Robert (Spooks) Smith, Sugar Cain and Ezra Murdock, the latter formerly with the Washington Bruins rank among the more recent collegiate standouts now on the club's roster.

Competition will be against all clubs in the Middle Atlantic area as well as the better known barnstarming outfits like the House of Davids, Renaissance, Globetrotters and Detroit Clowns.

Games will be played chiefly on Sunday nights with occasional week-day contests, the management announced.

Globetrotters Down Detroit Eagles, 36-22

DE KALB, Ill. — The Harlem Globetrotters, 1940 world's professional basketball champions, gave every indication of having finally hit their best stride when they toyed with Dutch Dehnert's Eagles, present world titleholders at the Golden Teachers' College here, last week, winning 36 to 22.

Rooney Hudson had a field night with seven baskets and four free throws. Bernie Price, center, likewise was prominent, getting four of the Trotters' sixteen field goals. Babe Pressley, Ted Ford and Inman Jackson were brilliant on the defense as the Eagles were held to 8 field goals.

FROM THE BENCH

BY ART CARTER

Henry Thomas Case Reveals Need for Protest Deadline

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Conferences Might Exchange Eligibility Lists Annually

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PETERSBURG

PERHAPS THE MOST pathetic thing that could happen to a football team was the ruling made by the CIAA last week, stripping the Eagles of their first championship. Henry Thomas, the Farrell, Pa., player, who was the cause of the whole uprising, must have spent many sleepless moments since the handing down of the drastic verdict, as he could have saved North Carolina State College all this embarrassment by merely telling the truth.

No attempt will be made herewith to go into the details of the case, as you perhaps have read it in the AFRO news columns, but just for the record, it is obvious that Thomas knew the transfer rule, otherwise he would have had no hesitation about submitting his transcript from Lincoln University (Jefferson City, Mo.) when he registered at N.C. State.

Like every other athlete, Thomas doubtless wanted to play, and, cognizant of the fact that submission of his tenure at Lincoln would bar him for one year, he neglected to advise N.C. State authorities of the matter.

It is quite probable that dozens of athletes do this every year at CIAA schools as well as at other institutions. There is no way of actually knowing unless, of course, somebody recognizes the player or the player's name as one connected with competition at another school.

The real crime, therefore, is not the violation of the conference transfer rule, but getting caught in the act. However, that is true of all crimes.

N.C. State was purely a victim of circumstances, according to the facts brought out at the eligibility hearing on the case. The school accepted Thomas on the basis of his high school record, even went so far as to question him about the year that had elapsed since his graduation, and accepted Thomas's answer as the truth.

That the facts were different and, as subsequent investigation revealed, different to the extent that Thomas was an ineligible player, by no means excuses N.C. State of the conference violation, though the institution and its officials acted in good faith.

Deadline Needed for Such Protests

What is puzzling, however, is that other coaches in the conference knew of Thomas's status and delayed informing N.C. State or the body's eligibility committee about it until it was apparent that the Eagles would figure in the championship.

The fact that such a thing was possible indicates that the CIAA or any athletic body that has rules and regulations permitting an incident like this to happen has bad rules on its books. Eligibility lists from each school are exchanged, and in this particular case, N.C. State transmitted its list at least a week before the opening of the season.

Henry Thomas's name, in this case, appeared on the Eagles' list along with the other members of the team, but no protest, no mention of Thomas's possible ineligibility was made known to N.C. State until after it had won four games.

To avoid such a thing, which smacks of poor sportsmanship, insincerity and other qualities not to the best interest of the promotion of athletics, the conference should institute some sort of deadline wherein protests on transfer students should be made within a definite number of days after submission of eligibility lists.

Subsequent protests should not be retroactive. On the surface, it might seem that this would open a way for a wholesale use of transfer students with the hope that other coaches would be unable to recognize them prior to the deadline.

This could easily be prevented by arranging to exchange eligibility lists with other conferences annually, and comparing the lists with your own conference's rosters for similarity of names. Residence should also be listed on the rosters as many names may be similar, but it will be a rarity to find two Tom Joneses from the same little town, or same city. If so, then there is basis for investigation.

This would increase the scope of the eligibility committee's work and put an added burden on the coaches, but it is a thought and is expressed with the knowledge that it probably won't get any further than the paper it is printed on.

Moreover, it is a natural reaction, after speaking to a lot of people who have held CIAA coaches and officials in high esteem, but are now talking about the Henry Thomas case with askance.

Final Ranking of CIAA Football Teams for 1941

By Staff Correspondent

PETERSBURG, Va.—Following adoption of the eligibility report which declared Henry Thomas, North Carolina State end, ineligible, and resulted in forfeiture of five games by North Carolina State, undefeated leader in the regular conference season, the CIAA revised and final standings for the 1941 football season, under the Dickinson Rating System, are:

FIRST DIVISION

Rank School	W.	L.	T.	Pts.	Div.	Av.
1. Morgan State	6	1	0	125	5*	25.00
2. Johnson C. Smith	4	1	1	137.5	6	22.92
3. Virginia State	4	2	1	145	7	20.71
4. Bluefield	4	3	0	145	7	20.71
5. Hampton	6	2	0	160	8	20.00
6. Shaw	5	2	1	147.5	8	18.44

SECOND DIVISION

Rank School	W.	L.	T.	Pts.	Div.	Av.
7. Virginia Union	2	4	0	90	6	15.00
8. North Carolina	2	4	0	90	7	12.86
9. A. and T.	2	5	0	80	6**	13.33
10. St. Paul	1	7	0	90	8	11.25

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School	W.	L.	T.	Pts.	Div.	Av.
St. Augustine	1	1	0	30	2	15.00
Lincoln	2	3	0	70	5	14.00
Howard	1	3	0	50	4	12.50

DICKINSON RULES

*SECTION B, ITEM 1—No team shall be penalized for a victory in an extra game. To avoid that, the extra game shall be omitted from the calculations. Twenty points for an even victory penalizes any team with an average of more than 20 for-its other games. However, the number of victories must never be thus reduced until they are fewer than the number of defeats or ties.

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**SECTION B, ITEM 3—If two second division teams have won the same number of victories over first or second division teams, but have lost a different number of games to first division teams, the extra defeats by the first division shall be omitted from the calculations. (This affects only the teams in the lower bracket.)

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ARTICLE VI, SECTION 3a (CIAA Constitution)—It shall be regarded as the duty of association teams to play each other at least every three years. It being understood, however, that each member of the association must play six association teams each season in order to be considered for the championship in any particular sport.

N.Y. Boxing Commission Supports Ray Robinson

NEW YORK (C) — The New York Boxing Commission refused last week to suspend Ray (Sugar) Robinson, despite the request of the Pennsylvania State Athletic Commission, which banned Ray last Monday when he broke a verbal contract to fight Marty Servo in Philadelphia.

As a result of the decision the Keystone State group promptly severed relations with the New Yorkers.

Calls Off Bout

Penn's chairman, Leon L. Rains, announced the action directly following the meeting with the New York Commission in which he demanded a suspension of the Harlem boy, Robinson.

According to Rains, Robinson and his manager, Curt Hormann, entered into a verbal contract with Philadelphia's promoter, Herman Taylor, to fight Marty Servo, U.S. sailor from Schenectady, in Philadelphia, "before fighting anybody else." But Ray got sick with grippe and after requesting three postponements, Ray finally agreed to fight the winner of Friday's Madison Square Garden bout between Fritzie Zivic and young Kid McCoy, the winner then to meet welterweight champion, Freddy Cochrane.

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Interpret Cage Rules

PETERSBURG, Va. — The eight changes in the basketball rules were interpretated and discussed at length at the annual CIAA basketball rules interpretation meeting held at Virginia State College, Saturday afternoon.

John B. McLendon, coach of the championship North Carolina State College quint, acted as chairman while Frank G. Burnett, CIAA cage official, served as interpreter, at the meeting held in the Trojan gym.

Discussion of the rule changes was followed by a question and answer session, clarification on various rules, and a demonstration of the official's code of signals.

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Norristown Girls Ready for Action

NORRISTOWN, Pa.—The girls' basketball club, "The Bombers," has begun practice for another season. These girls have been the champs of Montgomery County for five years. The first game will be played in Germantown, at the Wissahickon Boys' Club against the Tribune Juniors.

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