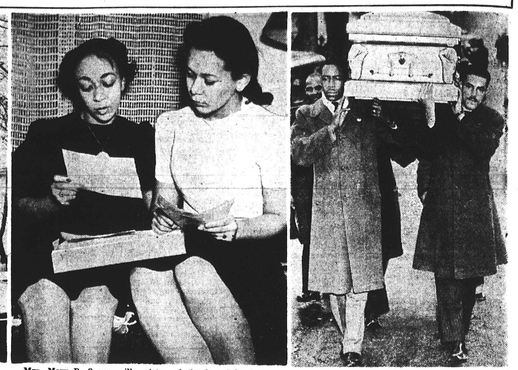
# 60 at Rites for Champ Whom Thousands Cheered

## Family and Friends Mourn John Borican, Famed Athlete and Anemia Victim

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Borican, Sr., remained calm during funeral of their famous son, John.

The modest frame home of the Boricans at 85 S. Pine Street, Bridgeton, N.J., which was shrouded in sorrow when funeral services for their son, John, were held there Saturday. The athlete died of pernicious anemia three days before Christmas.



Mrs. Mary B. Sommerville, sister of the late John Borican, and the latter's fiancee, Miss Mildred Stent of New York City, shown reading some of the telegrams sent by friends.

Archie Harris (left), discus champion, and Al Dunmore were among pallbearers at the Borican funeral held in Bridgeton, N.J., Saturday.

## Loss of Career Hastened Borican's Death, Says Sister

BRIDGETON, N.J.—Realization that, even if he recuperated from the illness that had wasted his once-strong body away to mere skin and bones, he would never be able to run again may have hastened the death of John Borican, his sister believes.

The famed track star's sister, Mrs. Mary Somerville, said that not long before his death Borican had asked his physician, Dr. J. Franklin Reeves, whether his sickness wouldn't cut short his track career.

The doctor, of course, scoffed at the idea, the sister said, but Johnny seemed to sense tha' his days of competing in the sport he loved were at an end and apparently gave up fighting the disease, pernicious anemia, to which he succumbed three days before Christmas.

Borican came home from his New York apartment-studio the Monday before Christmas and his family was shocked at his appearance. From the strapping 180 pounds he weighed at peak condition, the colorful athlete had fallen away to about 125 pounds. At his death, he weighed but 110 pounds.

He never complained around the house, although he grew weaker each day, a fact he tried to keep from his mother. He kept out of bed as long as he could, Mrs. Somerville said, although he got so frail that it was painful for h'm to sit down.

## Eulogies on Borican

Here's what sports experts had to say about the death of John Borican.

JOE CUMMISKEY (PM): "Johnny, while a great athlete, also was a fine student, being a candidate for a Ph.D. at Columbia when he died. He was an accomplished oil painter and had a deep interest in colored youth's rehabilitation, helping many poor boys along a better road. He'll be missed and can't be replaced."

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DAN PARKER (NY MIRROR): "John Borican, great colored runner who has just died of wasting blood disease, was in robust health and fine spirits when he called on me one day last summer to tell me he had passed the examinations for the New York Police Department with one of the highest marks in his class. John brought along a portfolio of his wash drawings to show me and I couldn't help thinking, as I looked over these samples of his wit and artistic ability, that a great talent would be allowed to go to waste if Borican became a prosaic guardian of the law. Fate has decreed now that he can't even be that."

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DICK McCANN (NY DAILY NEWS): "Borican was one of the finest characters we ever met in sports. Quiet, studios, gentle. He was a truly great athlete. Not only was he the holder of numerous world running records, but at Virginia State College he starred in basketball, baseball and football. We saw him at Virginia and believe he could have been a big-league outfielder, if there were no color line. His eight-foot stride just gobbled up ground.

"His wits were as quick as his feet. He had one of the highest mentalities we ever encountered in sports. They'll miss his flashing feet . . . and flashing smile."

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JESSE ABRAMSON (NY HERALD TRIBUNE): "John Borican was not only one of America's greatest middle-distance runners and one of the most versatile athletes in track and field, but also an unusual sports figure."



## Track's Great Star Buried from Home

By LEON SNEAD

BRIDGETON, N.J.—In a simple, one-hour service here Saturday afternoon, the folks who knew Big John Borican when he was a tiny shaver toddling around the streets of this little town paid their last respects to the colorful athlete, who died of pernicious anemia at the age of 29.

They listened with tear-dimmed eyes, these home folks who had watched John develop into one of track's greatest figures, as three ministers conducted funeral rites for the easy-going athlete whose feats on the cinderpath and the banked boards had won him fame but cost him his life.

**Only 60 at Rites**

There weren't many persons at the funeral—fewer than 60—which was the way his aged parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Borican, Sr., wanted it since they chose to hold the services in their modest home at 85 S. Pine Street, rather than at John Wesley Methodist Church, here, of which all the family are members.

While some 700 persons viewed the body lying in state the night before, friends said the family felt the public would understand they wanted their son to themselves in the final hour; that they would rather his many acquaintances and admirers remember the athlete as he was before his illness about three months ago, jovial, happy-go-lucky.

**Flowers Covered Casket**

Those who attended the funeral were seated in the dining room, in the kitchen, in the living room. In the parlor lay the wasted body of John resting in a white casket banked with floral wreathes from high officials of the track world, from athlete clubs, from friends he made during his record-breaking career, from his family, from neighbors.

From these people, too, came a stack of telegrams and cards, messages of condolence. There was a wire from Dan Ferris, secretary of the AAU, which called John's untimely death "a great shock . . . to all connected with amateur sports."

**Lauded as Sportsman**

There was one from J. L. Whitehead, secretary of the CIAA, which praised Borican as an athlete "whose sportsmanship was always commensurate with his brilliant track performance."

There was one from Jim Herbert, his friend and track competitor; from John E. Smith, captain of Columbia University's track team; from Charles Mitchell, head of Philadelphia Sesar Center; from Dr. John M. Gandy, president emeritus of Virginia State College, who called him a "brilliant athlete, capable artist, and great scholar," and from the Virginia State student body.

There were flowers from Walter A. Brown, president of Boston Gardens and the Boston Athletic Association, from the Milrose A.A. of New York, from the Knights of Columbus of New York, from the coaches and members of the Asbury Park A.C. from Bridgeton's Committee of Fifty, and from the "neighbors of South Pine Street and South Spruce Street."

**Emotionalism Avoided**

Clergymen who conducted the services steered clear of emotionalism. The Rev. W. G. Matthews, pastor of John Wesley, who officiated, led the singing of one hymn, "Abide with Me," and read the obituary.

The Rev. E. H. Thornley, pastor of Mt. Zion Methodist, Bridgeton, spoke of Borican as the city's "most distinguished citizen—whose loss "is not only ours but the nation's."

Delivering the eulogy, the Rev. Daniel Ridout, for seven years pastor of John Wesley before going to Campbor Memorial Methodist, Philadelphia, declared that Borican was not only a great runner but a sportsman of the first water and devoted so whose biggest joy was to bring his many trophies home and watch the glow of pride in his parents' eyes.

**Offered No Alibis**

"He didn't always win," the Rev. Mr. Ridout said, "but in all the years that I have known him he had his first time to offer an alibi. Back in 1939 when he had a bad season, they were saying he had slipped. But instead of excuses John came roaring back to prove the experts wrong.

"He was a likeable chap who seemed never to grow up; he was possessed of the same exuberance at 29 that he had at 9. He was no long-faced religionist or moralist, to be sure, but he was a spiritualist with a code he lived by."

**Borican Day Recalled**

The minister recalled that only three years ago he had placed a wreath around Borican's shoulders as Bridgeton honored its most famous citizen with "John Borican Day," an official holiday proclaimed by the mayor.

**Held 6 World Records**

Holder of six world records and several national track titles, Borican died in his sleep at his home, three days before Christmas. He had come here the week of Thanksgiving after his health began to fall three months ago in New York where he shared a studio apartment with Archie Harris, famous Indiana University football and track star, and Sam Boyd, a childhood chum.

Both of the roommates attended the funeral, Harris serving as one of the pallbearers.

Boyd, a member of Virginia State's track team with Borican, said Johnny lost weight so fast that he became worried, visited hospitals and doctors without learning the cause of his illness.

**Fancied Sweetmeats**

They—Harris, Boyd, and Borican—thought for awhile his condition may have been due to sweets which Borican loved but it soon became apparent that his condition was serious.

At home, Borican grew progressively worse, finally got so weak that a few days before his death he couldn't leave his bed, something which he fought against in an effort to hide from his mother how ill he really was.

A strapping 180 pounder, standing over six-feet when in condition, John weighed but 110 pounds at death.

**"Too Much Training"**

Ironically, it was his beloved track that was responsible for his death. Dr. J. Franklin Reeves, the Bridgeton physician who attended Borican, said his condition was due to too much training which overworked his system.

Pernicious anemia, for which Dr. Reeves said no cure had so far been found, is a condition in which the blood cells fail to reproduce.

Delicate in his childhood, Borican developed into an outstanding athlete by the time he attended high school, won honors in the four major sports in addition to being near the head of his class in scholarship.

**One-Man Track Team**

At Virginia State College, he won letters in football and basketball and was a one-man track team, dominating the middle distances in CIAA meets. He broke into the big time five years ago in the indoor meets at Madison Square Garden and had been one of the nation's leading board performers, competing in this country and many parts of the world.

Only athlete to win the pentathlon and decathlon titles in one year, Borican never realized his big ambition—to set a record in the mile. Practically unbeatable at middle distances, he holds world records for indoors in the 600 yards, 880 yards, 800 meters, 1000 yards and two thirds of a mile.

**Father was a Star**

Called the "perfect runner" by some experts, Borican's athletic abilities came naturally. His father captained the Oberlin track team in the 1890's and was a member of the football team.

An accomplished artist, Borican has had many of his oil portraits and water colors shown in leading exhibitions. He received his master of arts degree at Columbia University and at the time of his death was a candidate for the doctorate degree.

**Passed Police Exam**

Shortly before he became ill, he had passed the New York City police examination and was preparing to join the force. Until a few months ago, he had been assistant director of the Boys' Club of Newark.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Borican, Sr.; a sister, Mrs. Mary Somerville, of Cleveland, and two brothers, Charles, Jr., now in the army, and Willard. Interment was at Millville Cemetery, eleven miles from Bridgeton.

## Baseball Solons in N.Y. Meet

Travel Problems Hold Spotlight; Martin Re-elected

NEW YORK—The Negro American League held the first meeting of a two-day session at the Grand Hotel on Sunday, with Dr. J. B. Martin, president of the league, presiding.

Major business discussions centered around the gasoline and rubber shortages and the effect they will have on league activities. Other business transacted included the transfer of the franchise of the Cleveland Buckeyes from Cincinnati to Cleveland.

**Dr. Martin Re-elected**

Dr. Martin was re-elected president; J. L. Wilkerson of Kansas City was elected treasurer and R. S. Simmons, former publicity director, was elected secretary to succeed Frank A. Young of the Chicago Defender.

The meeting was one of the best held in several years and was attended by:

Wilbur Rayes of the Cleveland Buckeyes, Dr. W. S. Martin and Dr. B. B. Martin of the Memphis Red Sox, W. S. Welch of the Birmingham Barons, W. M. Little of the Chicago American Giants, F. D. Pickering of Chicago, representing J. B. Greer of the Jacksonville Red Caps; Tom Baird of the Kansas City Monarchs, J. L. Wilkerson of Kansas City and Tom Hayes of Memphis.

Ernest Wright and Erie Penn were absent due to illness and business commitments but their teams were represented.

## Wiley President Says Stop Conference Athletics for DOW

MARSHALL, Tex.—President McLeod of Wiley College, in an unofficial interview with the athletic coach and business manager, recently made it quite clear that he strongly favors the discontinuance of conference athletic competition for the duration of the war.

He instructed the coach that Wiley College would support the stand, also, of no preliminary basketball games on various campuses, but a tournament to be held at some central place.

It is highly probable that President McLeod will per.onally submit this proposal to the several college administrative heads if the conference does not go on record as recommending such course.

## FROM THE BENCH

### John Borican Called His Shots in Important Races

By ART CARTER

JOHN BORICAN is dead. Artist, athlete and friend, Big John, as the boys around the track called him, will be deeply missed by all who knew him and saw him perform. His flashing feet, his flashing smile, and cocksure confidence is gone forever. Borican was truly a great athlete. Frequently, sports writers are promiscuous in supplying the superlative "great" to athletes' names, but there was no hesitancy and no hint of indiscrimination in Borican's case. He was the world's best in his chosen field, and at 29, when death came, was looking forward to what he hoped might be his greatest season. He died of pernicious anemia, a wasting blood disease not uncommon to athletes.

Borican had travelled on three continents, raced in Honolulu, studied at three colleges, and painted for eight years. He was known to the sports world chiefly as a breaker of records, but footracing was by no means his first love. Often he told me running was "a means to an end." His first and prime love was art, specifically portrait painting.

Art Carter

After his European tour in the summer of 1938, Borican visited me in Washington and the most amazing thing in the conversation about his trip abroad was not about his sensational track triumphs but about the famous artists he had met in Europe.

**His twin devotion to art and athletics was not by accident. He wanted it that way. He loved them because he felt that art and athletics were two fields in which he enjoyed have equal opportunities with other racial groups.**

Of the two, art was the most important to Borican. He was an artist by day and an artist by night, often spending long hours at night before the easel.

**After graduation from Virginia State College, where he was an all-round athlete, he took a master's degree in arts at Columbia University and was a candidate for the Ph.D. at the same institution when he died.**

He told me only three months ago of plans to study art in Mexico and South America whenever world conditions permitted.

National athletic prominence came late to Borican. He was out of college and 25 when he first won wide acclaim. He starred in all sports at Bridgeton High, did freshman work at Temple University but withdrew because of illness, and later at Virginia State College was virtually a one-man track team, frequently doing two hurdle races, the half-mile and a leg on the Trojan medley relay team with victorious success.

**Significant was the woeful comment of Tom Verdell (Virginia State's track coach) when Borican graduated in 1938:**

**"Well, there goes my track team."**

Verdell was right, but CIAA cinderpath followers were just beginning to hear about Johnny Borican. He gained international fame in the summer of 1938, and enjoyed perhaps his greatest indoor season in 1939. That memorable indoor campaign was spotlighted by Borican's double victory over the great Glenn Cunningham, then invicible in the mile.

After confiding to friends that he would do it, Borican went out and beat Cunningham in the Seaton Hall College 1,000-yard run in 2:14.3 seconds, Cunningham's first defeat in twenty starts. That was February, 1939.

**The next month, in the Knights of Columbus 1,000-yard run at Madison Square Garden, Borican again beat Cunningham, this time by two yards and in the unheard of time of 2:08.8, shattering all records for the distance—indoors or outdoors.**

At any of the middle distances, from 600 yards to three-quarters of a mile, Borican was superb. He won the American championships and broke records in all events in that distance range, yet he was not content with supremacy in his field.

**He wanted to win acclaim as a great mile champion. He blamed track promoters for denying him entries in the big mile events, and continued his track competition with but one thought in mind and that to show the world that he could beat the best at the mile.**

Track experts agreed that Borican had the build and possibly would have been a great miler had he concentrated on it. Frankly, however, he lacked the background for mile running, having never engaged in cross-country running, the prerequisite for the distance.

**Borican's best competitive mile was a 4:13.4 clocking, which was him third place in the Wannamaker Mile in the Millrose Games last winter. He had been clocked in 4:10 in practice.**

Easy to interview in victory or defeat, Borican was confident and cocksure. He called his shots, predicted records and often hit them on the mark. Three days before he beat Cunningham in the Casey 1,000 he told me:

**"Be sure to be in the Garden Saturday because I'm going to break a record." He did.**

When he set the record of 1:49.8 for the half mile on the oversize Dartmouth indoor track in March, 1939, he tossed off the remarkable performance with this statement:

**"I could have cut two seconds off the time if I had had some one to push me or some one in front of me on the last lap."**

Last June, Big John achieved one of his cherished ambitions. He won the AAU 800-meter championship at Randalls Island in the fast time of 1:51.2, taking the event for the first time. At the Garden in 1941 and 1942, he won both the 600- and 1,000-yard races within an hour—a demonstration of his strength and recuperative power.

In the '41 meet, he set an indoor record of 1:10.2 in the 600 and came back with a 2:10.3 triumph in the 1,000.

**Borican had an easy, rhythmic stride that measured eight feet. He was best as a front runner, starting strong and closing strong. It was characteristic for him to finish not with a sprint kick but with a punishing power drive that forced his rivals to wilt in the stretch.**

His versatility was profoundly demonstrated in 1941 when he won the national pentathlon and national decathlon titles, the only man to ever hold the two championships in the same year.

From 1939 to 1942, Big John won the national AAU 1,000 four straight years, breaking the meet record each season. He also won the national pentathlon title in 1938 and 1939.

He weighed normally 180 pounds and at the peak of his training usually weighed around 170, but at his death had wasted away to a mere 110 pounds.

**One of his proudest accomplishments in the field of art was his portrait of Dr. John M. Gandy, president emeritus of Virginia State College, which hangs in the hallowed college hall.**

Borican leaves behind the following indoor records: 600 yards, 1:10.2; 800-meter, 1:50; 880 yards, 1:50.5 (for eight-lap tracks or smaller); 1,000 yard, 2:08.8; two-thirds mile, 2:30; three-quarters mile, 3:02.6 (standard track), and 3:01.2 (Dartmouth track).

He was truly great. The track promoters should honor him by naming one of his favorite events in his memory.

## FOOTBALL

WHERE THEY PLAY

**Friday (New Year's Day)**

Tuskegee vs. Texas
(At Birmingham, Ala.)
Southern vs. A. and T.
(At Jacksonville, Fla.)

## Y Activities

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

9 a.m.-12 noon — Boys' activities — gym and swimming pool.

12 noon-2 p.m. — Y.M.D.'s — gym and swimming pool.

2 p.m.-3 p.m. — Boy Scouts — swimming pool.

3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. — Junior Co-ed — swimming pool.

7 p.m.-8 p.m. — Life saving — swimming pool.

8:15 p.m.-10:30 p.m. Y basketball game — gym.

## NTS Boys Defeat Dunbar Hi, 35-22

WASHINGTON

The National Training School for Boys defeated Dunbar High School on the Dunbar court Friday by a score of 35-22.

Coach Sam Sidel's boys from the training school made it four out of five games as Whitlock, the 6-foot 2-inch stringbean of the training, led both teams with a total of eleven points, scoring five goals from the floor and one free throw.

For Dunbar, Cabiniss made four field goals to lead his team in scoring with eight points.

Summary:

| N.T.S. | G | F | T | DUNBAR | G | F | T |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jones,f | 0 | 0 | 0 | Luck,f | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Tyler,f | 2 | 0 | 4 | Greer,f | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Lee,f | 0 | 0 | 0 | Jones,f | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Davis,c | 0 | 0 | 0 | Stratford,c | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| J.Scott,f | 4 | 0 | 8 | J.Cabiniss,g | 4 | 0 | 8 |
| Whitlock,f | 5 | 1 | 11 | C.Cabiniss,g | 4 | 0 | 8 |
| C.Scott,c | 0 | 0 | 0 | Morton,g | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cooper,g | 1 | 0 | 2 | | | | |
| Pickett,g | 1 | 0 | 2 | | | | |
| Williams,g | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Totals | 17 | 1 | 35 | Totals | 11 | 0 | 22 |

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# S. C. State Defeats N. C. State in Last Minute Rally

## Copeland Shines in 54-52 Win

By MAX JOHNSON

Flashing a last-minute scoring attack after trailing throughout most of the game, the speedy S.C. State College Hornets of Orangeburg, S.C., runners-up in the SIAC, defeated N.C. State of Durham, N.C., runner-up in the CIAA, 54-52, at the New Albert Hall last (Wednesday) night.

Bill Copeland, diminutive forward for the Hornets, marked his team to victory in the second half, scoring five goals from the floor; three of which were extremely difficult shots. Copeland was high scorer for his team, collecting seven field goals throughout the evening.

**Robinson High Scorer**

Rocky Roberson starred for the losers and was highest scorer of the evening, collecting seven field goals and four free throws.

The North Carolina five, made up almost completely of six-footers, began a scoring fest during the first period that had them leading by some twelve points at one time, but the speedy Hornets managed to cut this to a 24-22 score at halftime.

A near-capacity crowd of some 600 persons was in attendance. In the preliminaries, the Hornet men eked out a 33-28 win over a larger Junior Mets team.

The summary:

| S.C. STATE | G | F | T | N.C. STATE | G | F | T |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hardy,f | 2 | 2 | 6 | D.Penn,f | 4 | 2 | 10 |
| White,f | 1 | 1 | 3 | Copeland,f | 7 | 0 | 14 |
| Flint,f | 2 | 1 | 4 | Holden,c | 6 | 0 | 12 |
| Roberson,c | 7 | 4 | 18 | Moore,g | 6 | 0 | 12 |
| F.Brown,g | 2 | 0 | 4 | A.M'ra'ind,g | 3 | 3 | 9 |
| J.Brown,g | 5 | 3 | 13 | | | | |
| Totals | 21 | 10 | 52 | Totals | 25 | 4 | 54 |

## Juniors Bears Win 6th Tilt

WASHINGTON

The Lichtman Junior Bears made it six victories in a row Sunday at Turner's Arena when they defeated a highly touted United Typewriters team by the score of 75 to 41.

Mason, forward for the Juniors, led his team in scoring with 13 points, but Carroll, Juniors' pivot center for the Typewriter boys, scored 8 field goals and 4 fouls to lead both teams with 20 points.

Defensively the Juniors were great with Deacon Smith Bonds, Jefferson, Scott, Washington, and Capt. Mullins keeping things under control. Haskins, Irby, Williams and Mason put on a passing show that was a treat for the fans.

| SIGMA (41) | G | F | T | ALPHA (43) | G | F | T |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Brown,f | 2 | 0 | 4 | Carroll,c | 8 | 4 | 20 |
| Jackson,f | 8 | 1 | 17 | Daniels,f | 6 | 0 | 12 |
| Mickens,g | 1 | 3 | 5 | Lucas,f | 4 | 0 | 8 |
| Morris,g | 2 | 1 | 5 | Logan,g | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Morton,g | 1 | 0 | 2 | Simms,g | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 3 | 1 | 7 | Lyle,g | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 0 | 0 | 0 | Brown,g | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | Morris,f | 3 | 0 | 6 |
| Totals | 17 | 7 | 41 | Totals | 21 | 1 | 43 |

## Beau Jack Finally "Recognized" by NBA

NEW YORK—(C)—Beau Jack, whom the NBA this Wednesday recognized as the leading lightweight title contender, is slated to make his first major overweight start since beating Tippy Larkin for the title, against former welterweight, Fritzie Zivic, February 5, at the Madison Square Garden.

## Washington Bears Beat Clippers for 27th Victory

WASHINGTON

Battling all the way, the Lichtman Washington Bears awarded their 27th straight game without a defeat Sunday afternoon at Turner's Arena, when they outscored a game New York Clipper team by a score of 36-29 before a crowd of 1400.

It was Jim Fitzgerald, the Clipper ace, who scored the first goal on a beautiful sideline shot, but Tuggy Martin quickly tied things up with a beautiful shot from under the basket.

Charlie Isles along with Sonny Woods then went to work and the Bears led at the end of the first period by a score of 19-12, the Clippers giving them one of the fastest periods they have played this year.

**Bob Finner "Hot"**

Wright entered the game in the second period to assist Isaacs, in checking Jim Buckley and Bob Finner, the former Long Island University star, who started hitting from all angles. Woods then came back into action and again and ran the Bears total up to 31 points.

In the final period, Burghardt came back into the game and the Clippers went to town, with Fitzgerald, Gother and Johnson sinking several long shots.

Tarran Cooper, the Bears' captain, entered the game when there were five minutes left to play and with Jackie Bethards, Zach Clayton and Isaacs, froze the ball for two minutes to clinch the game 36-29.

| CLIPPERS | G | F | P | LICHT BEARS | G | F | P |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Woods,f | 5 | 1 | 11 | Fitzg'ld,f | 5 | 0 | 10 |
| Bell,f | 4 | 2 | 10 | Cunther,f | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Isles,c | 1 | 3 | 5 | Burkh'dt,c | 3 | 1 | 7 |
| Cooper,c | 0 | 0 | 0 | Buckley,c | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| Clayton,g | 1 | 1 | 3 | Kappen,g | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Isaacs,g | 2 | 0 | 4 | Finner,g | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bethards,g | 2 | 0 | 4 | Meltzinsb'g | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| Wright,g | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Totals | 13 | 10 | 36 | Totals | 11 | 7 | 29 |

Referee: Curley White. Umpire: Van Harris.

**JOE LOUIS SPEAKS UP AT USO CLUB LUNCHEON**

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, Mo.—(ANP)—Sgt. Joe Louis, heavyweight champion of the world, stationed at Fort Riley, Kans., was principal speaker at a luncheon last week at the USO regional Training Institute here.

## 1942 ROSTER OF CHAMPIONS IN ALL SPORTS

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### BASEBALL

*NATIONAL LEAGUE—Washington Homestead Grays.
*AMERICAN LEAGUE—Kansas City Monarchs.
WORLD SERIES—Kansas City Monarchs.
EAST-WEST GAME—East 5, West 2.
SAHSAC—Cardozo (Washington).
INTER-STATE NIGHT LEAGUE—Rockville A.C.
WASHINGTON INDEPENDENT—Washington Aztecs.
PHILADELPHIA—Philly Daisies.

### BASKETBALL

**Collegiate**

NATIONAL—Florida A. and M.
CIAA—Virginia Union.
SIAC—Florida A. and M.
SEIAC—Lies Between Ga. State and Paine.
EIAC TOURNEY—St. Augustine.
MID-WESTERN—Kentucky State.

**Scholastic**

NATIONAL—Sumner High (Kansas City).
SAHSAC: Northern Division—Douglass (Baltimore), Southern Division—Cardozo (Washington).

**Professional**

*MIDDLE ATLANTIC—Washington Bears.
*EASTERN— New York Renaissance.
*WESTERN—Harlem Globetrotters.

### FOOTBALL

**Collegiate**

NATIONAL—Florida A. and M.
*CIAA—Morgan (unofficial).
SIAC—Florida A. and M.
*MID-WESTERN—Kentucky State.
SWAC—Texas College.
SAAC—Voorhees.
SEIAC—Triple tie: Allen, Ga. State, Bethune-Cookman.
VIRGINIA—Virginia State College.
*WEST VIRGINIA—Bluefield.
NORTH CAROLINA—Johnson C. Smith.

**Scholastic**

NATIONAL—Stephens-Lee (Asheville, N.C.).
SAHSAC—Cardozo (Washington, D.C.).
NORTH CAROLINA—Stephens-Lee.
SOUTH CAROLINA—Mather Academy.
MARYLAND—Douglass High.
WASHINGTON—Cardozo High.

**Semi-Professional**

*NATIONAL—Harrisburg Trojans.
*WASHINGTON—Washington Lions.
VIRGINIA—Norfolk Brown Bombers.
WASH. GRIDIRON CONFERENCE—Willow Trees.

### CROSS-COUNTRY

MARYLAND—Louis Harden (Morgan).
NATIONAL AAU—Frank Dixon (New York U.).
NY METROPOLITAN—Frank Dixon.
NY METROPOLITAN INTERCOLLEGIATE — Frank Dixon.

### TENNIS

**American Tennis Association Championships**

MEN'S SINGLES—Dr. Reginald Weir (New York).
*WOMEN'S SINGLES—Mrs. Flora Lomax (Detroit).
JUNIOR SINGLES—Richard Cunningham (Cleveland).
VETERAN SINGLES—John B. Garrett (Tuskegee).
BOYS' SINGLES—Matthews Branche (Tuskegee).
GIRLS' SINGLES—Nana Davis (Elizabeth, N.J.).
MEN'S DOUBLES—Clifford Russell-Howard Minnis (Tuskegee).
WOMEN'S DOUBLES—Mrs. Lomax-Lillian Van Buren (Detroit).
JUNIOR DOUBLES—DeWitt Willis-Jefferson Craig (Plainfield, N.J.).
MIXED DOUBLES — Katherine Jones (Springfield, Mass.) and William Jones (Baltimore).

### BOXING

**Professional**

*HEAVYWEIGHT—Sgt. Joe Louis, United States Army.
LIGHTWEIGHT—Beau Jack, Augusta, Ga.

**National AAU**

175-POUND—Robert Foxworth, St. Louis.

### TRACK AND FIELD

**National AAU Outdoor**

800 METERS—John Borican (Asbury Park A.C.).
HIGH JUMP—Adam Berry (Southern University).
CROSS-COUNTRY—Frank Dixon, unattached, N.Y.

**National AAU Indoors**

60 YARDS—Barney Ewell (Penn State).
HIGH JUMP—Adam Berry (Southern U.) and Joshua Williamson (Asbury Park A.C.).

**National AAU Women (Outdoor)**

50 METERS—Jeanette Jones, Harrisburg A.A.
100 METERS—Alice Coachman, Tuskegee Institute.
80-METER HURDLES—Lillie Purifoy, Tuskegee Inst.
*400-METER RELAY—Tuskegee Institute.
EIGHT-POUND SHOT—Romana Harris.
*TEAM TITLE—Tuskegee Institute.

**Intercollegiate AAAA Outdoor**

*100 YARDS—Barney Ewell (Penn State).
*220 YARDS—Barney Ewell (Penn State).
*BROAD JUMP—Barney Ewell (Penn State).
CROSS-COUNTRY—Frank Dixon (New York U.).

**Intercollegiate AAAA Indoor**

60 YARDS—William Carter (Pittsburgh U.).
BROAD JUMP—Barney Ewell (Penn State).

**National Collegiate AA Outdoor**

HIGH JUMP—Adam Berry (Southern U.).

## Omegas Tie Kappas for Cage Lead

PHILADELPHIA

In an afternoon of upsets, Omega sank a hitherto unbeaten Kappa team 62-58, to move into a tie for first place in the Inter-Fraternity Basketball League, on Sunday, while lowly Alpha came to the heights by downing Sigma, 43-41, before the large holiday crowd that jammed O. V. Catto Hall.

Close throughout, the Kappa-Omega clash kept the spectators all but standing on their chairs and required a 5-minute overtime period to settle the issue after a one-hand shot by Maurice (Flip) Jackson just before the final whistle tied up the score at 52-all.

**Usury High Scorer**

In the extra session, Flip and Beck Anderson found the basket for 2 and 1 field goals, respectively, but couldn't match the scoring of Bill Usury and Holland of Omega, who sewed up the game for last year's champions. Usury, with a total of 21 points, was high scorer for the day.

Behind at the outset, Alpha moved into the lead by the first half but Sigma managed to tie up things a few minutes before the close of the last period. Desmond, Alpha cofied Corporal Frank Morris, an "Ape" mainstay of former years. Morris saved the day with two field goals shortly after he entered the game.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

| | W | L | Pct. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Kappa | 2 | 1 | .667 |
| Omega | 2 | 1 | .667 |
| Alpha | 1 | 2 | .250 |
| Sigma | 1 | 2 | .250 |

| KAPPA (58) | G | F | T | OMEGA (62) | G | F | T |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Anderson,f | 8 | 2 | 18 | Accoe,f | 6 | 2 | 14 |
| Purnell,f | 2 | 0 | 4 | Jefferson,f | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Monroe,c | 6 | 3 | 9 | Usury,c | 8 | 5 | 21 |
| Edwards,g | 2 | 1 | 5 | Holland,g | 4 | 3 | 11 |
| Jackson,g | 2 | 3 | 16 | Fisher,g | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Thomas,g | 0 | 1 | 1 | Williams,g | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| Totals | 24 | 10 | 58 | Totals | 28 | 10 | 62 |

## Afro Sports

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## 5000 Jeer as Bolden Loses to Greek Boxer

CLEVELAND.—(ANP)—While 5,534 excited fight fans jeered, booed, hooled and stamped their disapproval, Anton Christeforidis was awarded a ten-round decision over Nate Bolden of Chicago at the arena, Wednesday night.

The bout was the opening stanza of a round robin tournament to select light heavyweight champion "for the duration."

From the opening gong to the last bell the two fighters tore into each other and mixed it up brown. Although there were no knock downs paid customers were treated to a real hammering, slugging, slashing contest. Both men landed powerful left hooks and Christeforidis appeared to be in trouble several times but managed to weather the storm. In the last inning the Greek battler stood toe to toe with Bolden and punched like a mad bull charging an impregnable matador. His showing in this round and the eighth and ninth probably swung the close bout to his favor. Most national athletic, also plays with the All Nations' Club. Jackson was brilliant as a cage performer at Howard and has been doing well in pro circles around Philadelphia since graduation.

Another torrid preliminary will precede the main game, with the Junior Mets playing the Baltimore Panthers.

**Thomas Scores TKO Over Jenkins in Fifth**

LOS ANGELES—John Thomas, undefeated in thirty professional fights, Wednesday night, scored a fifth-round technical knockout over Lew Jenkins, former lightweight champion.

Thomas won every round and the referee stopped the fight in the fifth when Jenkins, Dave Cashman, promoter, said Monday.

Wilson was matched to defend his crown against Callura here last March, but had to cancel that engagement when he broke an arm in a New York bout earlier the same month against Lightweight Terry Young.

He has held the NBA version of the title for nearly two years, while Willie Pep, recent victor over Chalky Wright, is recognized as the champion of the class in New York.

## Mets, All Nations, Unbeaten Cage Quints, Meet Here Sun.

Two unbeaten cage quintets will clash on the New Albert floor, when the Baltimore Mets engage the All Nations' Club in the regular Sunday night basketball contest.

The Mets, rejuvenated since the loss of Bus Johnson to the army, will be tangling with the strongest cage opposition to come to the Monumental City this season, as the All Nations' Club has been unbeaten in ten straight games.

Composed of leading college stars representing countries of the United Nations, the All Nations' Club has met such opposition as the Newark Americans, Passiac Pros, Cuba (NY) Reds, Utica Collegians and Orlean Pros.

**Sparked by Bill Ubanski**

The Club will be led by Bill Ubanski