# Carver Meets Douglass In High School Opener

## Defending Champs Open Title Quest in Duck Gym

### Vocational Quint Enters Scholastic Series with Coach White Confident

Carver Vocational School, winners of the South Atlantic High School Conference championship last year, will launch the 1946 season against Douglass in the latter's gymnasium Monday afternoon. The Trainers will enter the fray with the full confidence of Coach Sedgwick Tommy Carroll White. White told the AFRO Thursday that he is well pleased with the appearance of his 1946 aggregation and, he said, "With things moving according to form, we should be able to come through again."

The usually reticent White declared, "We've got a good team. We lost some of our boys from last year, Plater, Quarles and Madden but we've still got a good team.

I think they'll repeat."

**Carroll Back**

Back in the fold is Tommy Carroll, scoring ace of the 1945 title-holders, and Bernard Hall, stellar guard of the championship quint.

Newcomers to the starting five who have caught the eye of the Carver mentor are Jimmy Randall, a reserve last year who has been moved up to the center berth; Clarence Hawkins, a forward, and Ira Carter and Johnny Traynham, who will probably alternate at guard.

Also bearing much promise, according to White, are Stanley Burrell and Bernard Scott, forwards, and Irving Lewis, a guard.

Meanwhile, the Ducks will rely on Hank Parker, Ben Brown and Bucky Johnson, starters of the 1945 Orange and Blue team. Coaches L. U. (Duck) Gibson and Mack Payne were still undecided as to the two men who will get the call in the other starting positions.

## Loom as Contenders for Jr. Cage Crown

Pictured herewith is the crack YMCA Junior quint which promises to be a serious contender for the local junior basketball championship this year, especially after defeating the Princeton (N.J.) Y last week, 38-34. Shown are, left to right, Earl Brown, Jerome Burton, Joseph Payne, Freddie Jones, Godwin Delillye, Horace Ashby, John Scott and Charles Sykes.



## LOOKING 'EM OVER

With SAM LACY

NEW YORK—If it were possible, I wouldn't be surprised to hear that the late Arthur Brisbane arrived in his grave last Friday night. The deceased daily columnist used to get a huge kick out of his appraisals of the merits of two principals in a prize fight: "A gorilla could lick them both."

Only Brisbane wouldn't have had to seek the gorilla had he been in his old press-row seat at Madison Square Garden. Had he wished, he could have said: "Jimmy Bell could lick them both."

**Bell, incidentally, not only COULD lick Joe Bakai and Freddie Schott, he HAS licked them. Bakai, who won the Friday night nod over Schott, was soundly thrashed by Bell in Baltimore on December 3, and Schott was just as soundly whipped by Bell in the same city last summer, though Bell lost the fight on one of those weird "Baltimore decisions."**

The Washington, D.C., boxer, just 23 years old and, believe it or not, still growing, looms as the best heavyweight prospect to come out of the Capital City since the white Natie Brown gained ranking among the first 10, back in 1937.

He promises to go a long way, too, longer, in fact, than Brown. For Bell is 3 years younger than Brown was when the latter first attracted the attention of the D.C. daily papers, who virtually "made" him.

**Jimmy is one year out of the army, wears overseas service stripes, and is one of four children. He abstains from tobacco and drinks by choice rather than by compulsion.**

In 23 fights, Jimmy has lost but three. One of these was to George Parks, a fellow-townsman, shortly after he came out of the army. Parks doesn't belong in the same ring with Bell today.

**Won Everything Else**

The first of the other two was a verdict to Jimmy Gardner, a virtual unknown, in Philadelphia. Bell later whammed the daylight out of Gardner to erase that setback.

**The third number to go against the coming young Washingtonian was the Schott affair, in which Jimmy won everything—the fight, the public favor and the newspaper choice. Everything, that is, except the judges' decision.**

As I said in the beginning of this piece, Bakai and Schott had the spotlight in the Garden Friday night. All Bell got was an introduction. Yet he had beaten em both.

Schott was brought into the place on the wheels of a manufactured winning streak. He was "unbeaten" acording to Announcer Harry Balogh and Mike Jacobs's drum-beater, Harry Markson. But I would ask, "Unbeaten by whom?"

**The Orange, N.J., white boy was unbeaten by the likes of John Thomas, a transplanted Californian who hasn't been able to get up a good sweat in New York; Freddie Fiducia, still entangled in a mild rimg mess in New Jersey; Bob Blivins, Roberto Ramirez, whoever they are, etc.**

When he came into Baltimore for his tiff with Bell, Schott had in mind adding another "victim" to his buildup. When he left Baltimore, he did so with a mind never to look in its general direction again so long as a guy named Bell was working out of Washington.

**They All Laughed**

Now, at long last, it would seem that Jimmy is about to get the break he so well deserves. He has been booked into Baltimore for a go with Lee Oma, who is ranked fourth among the heavyweight contenders in the latest ring ratings.

This bout is set for January 14, and Bell has been promised a Madison Square Garden meeting with Bakai if he gets over the white Chicago battler.

Oma, incidentally, inadvertently paid tribute to Bell's potentialities last week when he sought to have the Baltimore promoters dicker for a week's delay of the fight. The Chicagoan's handlers explained that by making the date for the 21st, the Oma-Bell match would get ratings as the No. 1 fight of the week and as such would get airing on a national hook-up.

But everybody, including the promoters, who are always ready for some free publicity, laughed right out loud. It was easy, even for me, to see that the Lee lad was playing for time, some more time in which to get ready for his tough and ambitious adversary.

**What makes the Bell case the more interesting is the fact that he is handled, lock, stock and barrel, by a colored man. Since he was discharged from the Army, Jimmy has been the sole property of John Carter, a widely known D.C. sportsman.**

Should he get this long-desired shot in the Garden, it will be the first time since the "arrival" of Joe Louis that an all-colored fighter-manager team has invaded the Gotham fistic palace bearing dreams of a heavyweight crown.

## Murdock Rejoins Mets In Effort to Bolster Team

Ezra Murdock

Ezra Murdock, veteran floorman of both college and professional ranks recently turned coach, will rejoin the Baltimore Mets Sunday when they encounter the Pittsburgh Pirates at the Baltimore Gardens, the AFRO was informed this week. Murdock will don a uniform in order to bolster the local pros for what promises to be a tough campaign from here in. He has coached the Mets to three victories in as many weeks thus far.

The Baltimoreans' most recent triumph was a one-point margin over the Jersey City Reds last Sunday. Paced by George Robinson, former Tuskegee ace, who chalked up 17 points, the Mets scored, 53-52, in the opening game of the four-team twin-bill.

Percy Smith climaxed a last-minute surge by the Mets with a two-pointer in the closing 40 seconds of play.

The Washington Bears slapped over the Hagerstown Treaders, 63-41, in the finale.

Beginning Sunday, the Mets will abandon the double-header idea and will content themselves with a single main attraction, beginning at 9 o'clock.

The box scores:

METS (53)

| | G | F | P |
|---|---|---|---|
| Smith,f | 4 | 0 | 8 |
| Robinson,f | 7 | 3 | 17 |
| Brown,c | 3 | 2 | 11 |
| Powell,g | 3 | 0 | 6 |
| Dorsey,g | 3 | 0 | 6 |
| C'wingt,g | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| G'ms,s,c | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 24 | 5 | 53 |

REDS (52)

| | G | F | P |
|---|---|---|---|
| Henry,f | 3 | 3 | 9 |
| Mulles,f | 8 | 0 | 16 |
| Harris,c | 6 | 0 | 12 |
| Smith,g | 1 | 4 | 6 |
| Barlow,g | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Gordon,g | 3 | 0 | 6 |
| Mackey,g | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 22 | 8 | 52 |

BEARS (63)

| | G | F | P |
|---|---|---|---|
| Karlins,f | 7 | 1 | 15 |
| Brown,f | 6 | 3 | 15 |
| Cooper,g | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Isaacs,g | 7 | 1 | 15 |
| Glover,g | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Totals | 27 | 9 | 63 |

TREADERS (41)

| | G | F | P |
|---|---|---|---|
| Henry,f | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Mulles,f | 3 | 1 | 7 |
| Harris,c | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Smith,g | 1 | 4 | 6 |
| Barlow,g | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Barnhart,g | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Davis,c | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| Muster,g | 5 | 0 | 10 |
| Angstadt,g | 3 | 0 | 6 |
| Moss,g | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Roth,g | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 17 | 7 | 41 |

## Ray Morrison Lauds Young

WASHINGTON—(ANP)—Although Collier's Magazine coterie of coaches failed to pick a colored football player on this, the first All-American football team selected by a group of coaches, Ray Morrison paid high tribute to Buddy Young.

In speaking of Glenn Davis, the Army speedster, Morrison wrote: "With the possible exception of Buddy Young of Illinois, Davis is the fastest man in a football uniform of the last decade and perhaps of all time." Which makes Buddy THE fastest.

## Bee Bee Faces Tough Foe In Opening 1946 Campaign

WASHINGTON

Bee Bee Washington, the only local boxer to be rated for 1945 by Ring Magazine, will usher in the 1946 season at Turner's Arena Monday night.

Washington, undefeated in the last two years, will box Jimmy Mandell, Buffalo middleweight, over the 10-round route.

Two B's finished the 1945 campaign as the sixth best middleweight in Nate Fleisher's Ring Ratings, following victories over Johnny Finazzo, Jerry Fiorello, Vic Dellicurti, Frankie Terry, Indian Gomez, Ray Rovelli, Johnny Lawer and Berlie Lanier.

Just turned 22, Washington has scored 44 victories in 49 pro matches, and is rated as one of the nation's brightest prospects.

Washington gave Lanier a sound thrashing in his last bout of the season, winning every round. But against Mandell he faces a fighter who loves to mix, throw punches and hit from both short and long range.

Mandell is an Italian boy with five years' pro experience. He gave Ray (Sugar) Robinson a terrific fight before 8,000 fans last September in Buffalo, losing only when a cut eye forced him to stop firing.

Mandell also beat Freddie Wilson in Buffalo, the same Wilson who beat Ray Rovelli; whipped Warren Powell in 10, Howell King twice, and lost to Ossie Harris, who drew with Washington.

Also Mandell boxed Sonny Horne draw in Cleveland and handed Johnny Lawer a bad beating.

## Herbert to Enter Philly Track Meet

Jimmy Hebert, former NYU track star, will compete in the 1000-yard run of the second annual Inquirer Invitation Track Meet at Convention Hall on January 25.

## Welch Quits Barons

CHICAGO — In a surprise announcement following the recent joint baseball meeting of the Negro American League here, W. S. Welch, manager of the Birmingham Black Barons, revealed that he has resigned from the Barons' organization.

## Morgan, With 2 Wins, to Idle Until Jan. 15 Debut

### Bears Return to School In Good Shape for Va. State Opening Test; Coaches Pleased

Coach Eddie Hurt's Morgan State College Bears, back in school after a brief Christmas recess, were prepared to idle until Jan. 15, when they are slated to open the local collegiate cage season against the Virginia State College Trojans.

Hurt and his assistant, Marse Hill, were fairly well pleased with the showing of the Hilltoppers in their game against Yeshiva College, white, in Philadelphia, last Thursday night. It was the Bears' second win, they having beaten the YMCA Big Five the week before.

The locals ran up a 52-37 triumph over the Jewish five but it was not so much the result that pleased the Bear coaches as it was the manner in which it was achieved.

It marked the first time the new front line of Ernie Washington, Gervis Tillman and Ermon (Slim) Jones had competed in a college game, and Hurt and Hill were somewhat concerned as to how they would shape up as successors to the crack trio lost from last season's Bear champions, Alvin (Boo) Brown, Cal Irvin and Lenny Ford.

**Washington Looks Good**

Jones, a sophomore, hails from Asbury Park, N.J., as does Tillman, who is a freshman. Between them, they accounted for 25 points against the New York team. Washington, a product of Douglass High School, performed well in his role as ball-hawk and floor man. Although he spent most of his time digging the ball and feeding his running mates, the Duck star of a year ago registered two field goals to his own credit.

The veteran guard combination of Terry Day and Dickie Burke rounded out the starting lineup against Yeshiva.

What gave Hurt and Hill as much satisfaction as anything else was the fact that the team played so well together in the midst of their vacation period. Practices had been discontinued with the close of school and several of the players joined the team in Philly, coming straight from their homes.

## Coeds, Rose Buds In Bowling Wins

Strand Coeds and the Rose Buds scored victories in women's bowling at the Strand alleys this week. Results:

JOLLY FIVE

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emma Sutton | 87 | 78 | 92 | 257 |
| Blind | | 80 | 80 | 160 |
| Blind | 80 | 80 | 80 | 240 |
| Ida Coates | | | 82 | 82 |
| Blind | 80 | 80 | 80 | 240 |
| Katherine Wall | 80 | 79 | 90 | 259 |
| | 407 | 397 | 424 | 1228 |

STRAND COEDS

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gert Robinson | 85 | 89 | 89 | 263 |
| Blind | 80 | 80 | 80 | 240 |
| Blind | 80 | 80 | 80 | 240 |
| Emma Street | 103 | 107 | 103 | 313 |
| Frances Roberts | 89 | 97 | 83 | 269 |
| | 437 | 448 | 435 | 1325 |

LITTLE HORNETS

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ellen Armstead | 78 | 89 | 85 | 250 |
| F Murray | 80 | 85 | 85 | 250 |
| Eva Burgess | 78 | 93 | 92 | 263 |
| Marie Foster | 83 | 87 | 81 | 251 |
| B. Lockett | 90 | 116 | 97 | 303 |
| | 449 | 449 | 417 | 1377 |

ROSE BUDS

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Blind | 80 | 80 | 80 | 240 |
| Blind | 80 | 80 | 80 | 240 |
| Alberta Scott | 114 | 135 | 82 | 331 |
| Blind | 80 | | | 80 |
| Esther Lindsay | 95 | 83 | 86 | 264 |
| Arlene Black | | 73 | 89 | 162 |
| | 407 | 470 | 430 | 1397 |

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At the Gardens I saw firemen of the Baltimore Fire Department, who saw to it that there wasn't any smoking.

What I would like to know is why the patrons who attend the games held at the New Albert Hall cannot have the same protection.

In the New Albert Hall patrons are permitted to smoke. Smoking and the inflammable material to be found at any basketball game make the possibilities of a fire greater.

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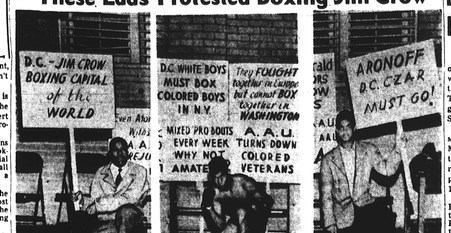
## These Lads Protested Boxing Jim Crow




CHARLES MATTHEWS, LLOYD SULLIVAN, GERALD TOMPKINS, another of the youths who marched picketed the Golden Gloves quarter-finals matches at Turner's Arena in D.C., last Friday. Sullivan was one of four boxers barred from the tournament because of his race.—(Riley Photo.) who, with two others shown here, picketed the Golden Gloves quarter-finals matches at Turner's Arena in D.C., last Friday. Sullivan was one of four boxers barred from the tournament because of his race.—(Riley Photo.) the Times-Herald newspaper. The picket line was thrown up Friday night.—(Riley Photo.)

## Overseas GI Says Jackie Robinson Doesn't Have to Play to Satisfy Race

By DON DE LEIGHBUR

NEW YORK—From what I can gather, our men who are sweating it out in Army of Occupation Units overseas are trying to forget their plight by taking an active interest in things athletic on the home front which they read about in the few papers that get to them and also in letters from friends and relatives.

**These boys who are condemned to the loss of months and even years out of their lives through no fault of their own, but circumstances which they could not escape, have a burning interest in the long but successful fight to break down organized baseball's 70-year-old color ban against colored players. A letter to this column is a case in point.**

The writer, T/Sgt. Mitchell Goss of Camp Pittsburgh, somewhere in France, became the spokesman for his group on an argument over Jackie Robinson's coming affiliations with the International League Montreal Royals of the Brooklyn Dodgers Farm system.

**Raps N.Y. Editor**

T/Sgt. Goss jumps on Ludlow Werner, managing editor of the New York Age, for a comment Goss says Werner made in the Sporting News of St. Louis Baseball's Bible, last Nov. 1. I didn't see the article and admit this is the first time I have heard of it.

Sgt. Goss's findings make good reading and also bring up a point of view unusual in sports discussions.

"Dear Don DeLeighbur," writes the sergeant, "In summing up the different excerpts concerning Jackie Robinson in the Sporting News, the fellow in this locale think Mr. Werner of the New York Age took too much for granted in his article in the Sporting News issued Nov. 1, 1945.

"He did not by any means represent the fellows in the ETO in his 15,000,000 colored people. They feel and think differently about the matter. We could not let him get away with that.

**Afraid He Jumped Gun**

"Mr. Werner's unjust comment relative to Jack Robinson's athletic ability to please his race in 154 baseball games a year not only strikes me as something hypothetical, coming from him, but exemplifies that he is not cognizant of the intellectual progress of colored people in the sporting world.

"I am afraid that he jumped the gun when he said 15,000,000 colored people would expect Robinson to perform adeptly every d'yamd if not, he would incur the displeasure of all concerned.

"After reading the different articles in the paper concerning his playing in the International League, one fathers or surmises that Robinson may be used as an infielder, preferably, shortstop.

**Assuming that he does make the grade and is fortunate enough to play with the Dodgers, do you think that he is supposed to set that position afire in all department?**

**Assertion "Snafu"**

"If so, I would appreciate your naming me one shortstop in the National League who can powder the pill and field effectively at the same time like they do in the American League.

"Marty Marion is as classy as they come when it comes to fielding, but is he a Rizzuto, Appling or Stephens at the plate? You may recall that the defeat of Louis Schmeling inhibited some of the cocksureness of colored people. I feel justified in saying that they are cognizant of the fact that they are not better athletically or otherwise than any other race, but they do believe that they have among them individuals who are capable of competing if given an opportunity, and you will without a doubt, admit, Mr. Werner, that this is an opportunity.

"In conclusion, you may be accurate in your enumeration of the population of the colored people lectual ability in an athletic sense of these 15,000,000 colored people seems faulty, and your assertion that 15,000,000 will expect Jack Robinson to be a superman is snafu, to say the least."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## "Bowl" Games

Upward of 26,000 fans watched as college teams battled in New Year's Day Bowl games on Tuesday.

Bethune-Cookman College downed Georgia State Teachers, 32-0, before 5,000 at Miami, Fla., in a Cocoanut Bowl battle which reportedly was marred by fist-fights among the spectators.

Tennessee State pummelled Texas College, 33-6, as 9,000 looked on in Birmingham's Vulcan Bowl; 4,000 saw the Azalea Bowl tilt, won by Knoxville College, 18-0, over Florida Normal at Orlando, Fla., and Louisiana Normal tripped Lane, 19-6, at Jacksonville's Flower Bowl with 3,000 attending.

In the Cotton-Tobacco Bowl at Greensboro, N.C., Johnson C. Smith avenged an earlier loss to previously unbeaten Allen, 18-6, before 6,000.

## Star of Manila "5" Ex-Union Cagester

MANILA—Second Lieutenant James H. Shelton from Richmond, Va., is currently holding down the first starting center spot on the Army's undefeated Base X All-Star basketball squad, including four former professional players and several college stars.

His team is representing the Manila area in the Army's Philippine Olympics which are being held in Manila. It is favored to win the Pacific Olympics January 26-28. Shelton has starred in every game.

Shelton's mother, Mrs. Eloise W. Shelton, resides at 708 N. First St., Richmond. He attended Virginia Union University. He received his commission at Fort Benning, Ga.

## Bisons Begin

WASHINGTON

Coach Eddie Jackson and his Howard Bisons open their basketball season at the university gymnasium Wednesday night when they face the Winston-Salem Teachers at 8 p.m.


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## D.C. Bears Annex Pro Opener 41-28

WASHINGTON

Coming from behind in the second period, the Washington Bears with Bill (Sugar) Cain showing the way, spanked the Hagerstown Treaders, 41-28, in the opening game of the local pro cage season Sunday at Turner's Arena.

The visitors got off to a flying start when Mel Henry, Johnny Muster and Fred Davis began hitting the hoop with uncanny accuracy in the opening period. They pulled out a 17-7 lead as the first 15-minute session came to an end.

Tarran Cooper and Jackie Bethards came into the ball game to start the second period, and the Bears came to life. Cain found the basket four times. Bill Brown, meanwhile, was hitting the cords from the corner. Flip Johnson and Johnny a Isaacs threw into one apiece, while Henry was making a foul and Davis was adding a lay up and the Washington Pros led, 21-20, as the period ended.

In the final semester the Bears pulled away and mastered the situation before the game ended.

This Sunday afternoon at 3:30 the Bears will play the Pittsburgh Pirates.

The line-ups:

| BEARS (41) | G | F | P | HAGERSTOWN (28) | G | F | P |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jackson,f | 2 | 0 | 4 | Henry,f | 4 | 1 | 9 |
| Brown,f | 3 | 1 | 7 | J.Moss,f | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Cain,c | 7 | 4 | 18 | Muster,c | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Glover,c | 1 | 0 | 2 | Davis,c | 3 | 1 | 7 |
| Cooper,g | 1 | 0 | 2 | Barnhard,g | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Isaacs,g | 4 | 0 | 8 | E.Moss,g | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| | | | | Morris,g | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Totals | 18 | 5 | 41 | Totals | 12 | 4 | 28 |



## Boxers Picket Lily White Golden Gloves Tourney

### Four Athletes, NAACP Leader Protest Jim-Crow Policy of Bouts at Turner's

WASHINGTON

Four amateur boxers, barred from competing in the Times-Herald Golden Gloves Tournament, picketed the quarter-final matches of the tournament, held at Turner's Arena last Friday night.

The four youths, augmented by E. B. Henderson of the NAACP committee on recreation, and Eugene Mitchell of the YMCA, marched with signs protesting the discriminatory practices of the newspaper and the District of Columbia AAU, co-sponsors of the affair.

The Times-Herald Welfare Association director was especially heated over the sign carried by Picket Henderson which read, "Times-Herald Sponsors Jim-Crow Bouts." His appeal to a police officer brought forth the statement, "What they are doing is perfectly legal, what can I do about it?"

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On questioning Henderson and disclaiming the Times-Herald responsibility, he was told that President Stanley Brown led the Skaters, coached by Soupy Campbell, with 13 points followed by Bears with 17 points.

Henderson is said to have remarked, "If the Times would attack the Aronoff's sanctioning prohibition, with the force with which it fought the Roosevelts, the walls of Nazidom in boxing here would fall."

The boxers who walked the picket line were: Gerald Tompkins, Melvin Middleton, Charles Matthews and John Johnson. A student of Howard also asked permission to carry a sign. Raymond Alexander contributed the work of lettering the signs.

## Richmond Skaters Trip Bears, 62-47

RICHMOND — The Richmond Skaters defeated the Lichman Bears at the Skateland Arena here Saturday night, 62-47, before 950 spectators.

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