SUGAR RAY'S RETIREMENT NOW OFFICIAL

Middleweight King Confirms 'Beat'

Harlem Dandy Had Told AFRO 3 Days Before Advising NBA

NEW YORK — Sugar Ray Robinson on Thursday confirmed the story he had given the AFRO three days earlier, to the effect that he was finished with the boxing ring and would devote his time in the future to night club entertaining.

The Harlem Dandy told E. B. Rea, AFRO theatrical editor, here late Monday night that he could break the story if he so pleased, that he was definitely finished with the fight game.

He promized that he would uphold any announcement Rea made prior to the official word from the office of Joe J. Greene, commissioner of the National Boxing Association, whom he had chosen as his source of information to the public.

Rea broke the story and it appeared in the Tuesday editions of the AFRO, in Baltimore and Washington. A more complete story followed in other AFRO Editions of last week, those published in Philadelphia, Newark and Richmond. As he had assured the AFRO writer, Robinson notified Greene and the latter Thursday as "official."

Ray's Statement

In the statement which Greene credited to Robinson, the former welterweight and middleweight champion said:

"I do not feel I can any longer give the public my best as they have come to recognize it and I know better than anyone else how good I am and what are my limitations

"I find I can't move in the ring with the same speed, dispatch and accuracy. My instinct used to guide my hands and feet. I could see the opening in a flash and in the same twinkle handle the situation.

"Now the co-ordination isn't there any more. No one knows that better than I do.

"I don't want to wait to have someone tell me I'm thru. I want to step out while health is good, my judgment and balance unimpaired and my sense of proportions unmarred. I say this even tho I am confident I could still cope with whatever competition might arise.

His Heart Is Light

"As I retire from active competition in boxing, I have no regrets and I step down with a heart as light as a child's. Boxing has been good to me. It gave me opportunity to build up my fortunes so that I need never be beholden to anyone. It gave me opportunity to provide what I think was good entertainment for the crowds and afforded me the chance to be in the limelight and to meet, live and work with men and women of fame and renown.

"Please thank all the commissioners around the country who were so decent to me thru the years; the many sports writers who were my stalwart supporters; the boxing fans who have been my loyal and encouraging supporters and, of course, my manager, George Gainford.

"As I retire and look upon all the prizes, trophies, belts and other awards which have come to me thruout my boxing career, I wish only that I could give one of each to all the good friends who have stood by me thru the years."

Tigers Cop Thriller From Morris Brown

TUSKEGEE Ala. —In an overtime thriller the Wolverines of Morris Brown College of Atlanta, shaded Tuskegee Institute, 59 to 53 in the opening home game for Tuskegee Wednesday night.

Tuskegee showing considerable promise this year on the hardwood, had vanquished Alabama A and M. College and Fisk University on tour.

Sugar's A Song And Dance Man Now, Folks

Sugar Ray Robinson late last week officially retired from the ring thus confirming the AFRO "beat" of last Tuesday. The former welter and middleweight champion, after battling to 140 wins in 145 fights, abandoned his brilliant boxing career. At left the champ is shown in his new role as song - and - dance man. At right, he is in a more familiar setting.

Moore Is Poorer By 2 G's As Champ

Winning Bout With Maxim Cost Light-Heavy King That Much

ST. LOUIS — Archie Moore, the new world's light - heavyweight champion, left here on Friday for San Diego, Cal., $2,000 in the red after his winning fight with Joey Maxim for the crown last Wednesday.

The $2,000 deficit represents money spent by Archie in training for the title bout, from which Maxim received a $100,000 guarantee and Moore was to have gotten ten percent of the remainder.

Nothing remained, so Archie had to borrow the cash to get to San Diego in order to spend Christmas with his family.

"I don't care," said the 36-year-old champion. "We have credit now, haven't we, Charley?"

"He can fight Bob Satterfield nonetitle in Chicago Jan. 14," said Manager Charley Johnston after he had borrowed the gate way money from Promoter Jim Norris. "I don't know if he will be ready so soon after the holidays."

Johnston is returning to New York to confer with Ismael Pace, Argentine promoter, who is offering Moore non-title fights with Angel Cassono, Daomar Martinez and Cesar Brion in South America.

"Maxim can have a return bout whenever he is ready," said Moore.

"Of course, we will drop everything if Norris suggests Moore fight Rocky Marciano for the heavyweight title," said John-Johnston.

"We will come a running," said Moore.

Moore was surprised when Johnston told him he was behind at the end of the ninth round Wednesday night. He wasn't, of course, but his manager's words may explain his savage fighting in the 10th, the round in which he had Maxim on the verge of a knockout.

Johnston may have had something, as referee Harry Kessler's score was even in rounds when the fight was over, and the seven points he awarded the challenger in the 10th gave him his winning margin, 76 to 74. The judges, like everybody else, had Moore far in front at the finish.

"I have just started fighting," said Moore when it was suggested that after 16 years in the ring he might be thinking of retiring. "I am going to be a fighting champion."

When he gets to the coast, Moore will be the guest of honor at a victory banquet to be held in his restaurant, the "Chicken Shack" in San Diego. He was the last fighter the late James J. Johnston managed. After Jimmy died, his brother Charley took over, and eventually got Archie his chance at the title.

The bruised and battered Maxim collected $100,000 for what was his last defense of the light-heavyweight championship. He wants to try again, and is assured a return bout.

1950 Race Was Poll's Tightest

One Point Separated Charles, Althea Gibson

The AFRO Sports Department, noticing the ease with which Brooklyn Dodger pitcher Joe Black walked off with the No. 1 Athlete of the Year poll, recalled that it was not always thus.

In 1950, the race for top honors was decided in the tightest contest of the six-year history of the event.

Ezz Edges Althea

That was the year in which Ezzard Charles, then heavyweight champion, emerged the victor over Althea Gibson, the perennial women's singles champion, by one point.

Charles, the former Golden Gloves champion from Wilberforce University, had climaxed a brilliant, if colorless, campaign titleward by gaining universal recognition as world heavyweight king. He whipped Freddie Beshore for the National Boxing Association crown late August and six weeks later decisioned Joe Louis, who was enjoying a comeback, for recognition by the New York State Athletic Commission.

Near Big Upset

Miss Gibson gained the eyes of many of the experts by becoming the first colored entrant in the national tournament of the United States Lawn Tennis Association, appearing at the famed West Side Tennis Club in Forest Hills, N.Y.

She further endeared herself to the sports world by coming within a short breath of a startling upset of Wimbledon queen Louise Brough in September. A flash thunderstorm interrupted Miss Gibson's battle with Miss Brough with the former holding a comfortable lead in the match.

The pressure of an overnight delay took the edge off Althea's performance and she bowed to her more experienced rival the following day.

Bear Rifle Team Bests Pennsylvania

The Morgan State College rifle team bounced into the win column last week by defeating the University of Pennsylvania's rifle team in a four position match, 1720 to 1680.

High men on the Morgan team were Robert Robinson, 365, and James Walker, 356.

Heavy Schedule

Morgan's rifle team has a heavy schedule remaining, with matches against: Ohio Wesleyan University, Jan. 6; Loyola College, Jan. 10; Florida A and M. College, Jan. 12; Lafayette, Jan. 13; Wilberforce, Jan. 14; Howard University, Jan. 17; the University of Maine, Jan. 18; South Carolina A and M. College, Jan. 26; and the University of Iowa, Feb. 2.

Doby, Minoso Top AL Offense Marks

Three tan stars stood out in the offensive department as 1952 batting and base-running records of the American League were released early this week.

Larry Doby, of the Cleveland Indians, was the home-run champion of the loop, collecting a total of 32 four-baseers. His teammate, Luke Easter, was second to Doby with 31, one ahead of third place Yogi Berra, of the hity-white New York Yankees.

Doby also was second in the run - batted - in department. He was credited with 104 rbi's, one fewer than his white teammate, Orestes Minoso, 1951 rookie of the year in the nationwide baseball writers' poll, led the junior league in stolen bases, with 22. He was followed by his Puerto Rican-American teammate, Jim Rivera.

Smallest Cager

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—The smallest cager on Knoxville College's 1952 basketball team is Allen (Mighty Mouse) Garrett, five feet six. 127-pounds freshman from Cincinnati, Ohio, who also played defensive halfback for the bulldogs during the 1952 grid season.

Beanie's a Camp—Going good
Bar Keep—May go well
Carm Pedder—In top form
Bubbly—Speedy
Cool Art—Has plenty speed
Do your Mark—Can do better
Pilot Tom—Consistent
Marvin—Fast from gate
Fire Ball—Improving
Fire Chief—Charlie II ready
Prince Charlie—Better in race
Burgundy—Has plenty speed
Sahara Brown—Close up recently
Jack Snapper—Likes route
Jet Set—Good form

Joe Betrand's 18 Helps Irish

MILWAUKEE, Wis. (ANP)—With forward Joe Bertrand scoring 18 points, the Notre Dame basketball team won its third straight victory of the season, Saturday night, by defeating Marquette 56 to 64.

Bertrand dropped in more points from the floor (8)to any man on either squad, 16, but missed on four of six free throws. The Notre Dame five missed 30 free throws during the evening while making only 25.

Bertrand, however, was not high scorer for his team. John Stephens scored 20 for the Irish.

Horse Racing

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Horses that impressed me and appear ready to enter the winner's circle in the Near Future . .

At Tropical Park

Miss Taffy—Closed huge gap
Pansit—Impressive dead heat recently
Cricket—Improving entry
Timus—Woke up recently
Receiver—Beaten favorite
Prairie Kid—Improved
Sipper Bill—Last fair
Big Stretch—Was never better
Color Guard—Tired in drive
Hazzoo—Beaten in photo
Sunny Dear—Fast last good
Mobile Sound—Won last handily
Ruby Ruler—Improving
Air Pride—Good form good
Paul—Fast at times

At Fair Grounds

Madame Defarge—Due to improve
Brown Pilot—Last two races
Mr. Blue Sky—Good second
Ever Bright—Improving
Spunky—Recent winner
Flashy Manner—Speedy
Pad Lock—Consistent
Bob Why—Close up lately
Blab—Recent form good
Ruler Ruler—Improving steadily
Dandy—Top form now
Miss Black—Was never better
Fleetingdon—On the improve
How Vain—Last was good
Sunny Sally—Improving
Sunny Anita
Jet Set—Good form

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Larry Doby, Robby, Ezz, Minoso Previous Picks

Previous winners of the No. 1 Athlete of the Year poll, conducted annually by the AFRO-AMERICAN sports department, bear some of sportsdom's biggest names.

Jackie Robinson, Larry Doby, Ezzard Charles and Orestes Minoso are the four star athletes who preceded this year's winner, Joe Black, in the charmed circle.

Jackie Double Winner

Robinson, Black's teammate on the National League champion Brooklyn Dodgers, was a two-time winner of the award, the Flatbush second baseman captured the first poll, in 1947. He repeated two years later, in 1949, the same year in which he took down "most valuable player" honors and the batting championship in the NL.

Cleveland Indian centerfielder Doby squeezed his way into the limelight between the two Robinson years, although it actually was no disgrace to be sandwiched between Jackie's two prize-taking seasons.

Beat Out Dillard

For Doby, it was quite a distinction. That year—1948—was an Olympic one, and Larry had to beat one of the all-time greats of track in order to gain his distinction. The Tribe flychaser won out over Harrison Dillard, perhaps the finest hurdler the cinder sport has ever known and winner of the 100-meter crown at the London Olympiad.

Following Robinson's second triumph in 1949, world heavyweight champion Charles copped the nod in 1950.

Big Names Finish Into

Last year, 1951, the honor went to Orestes Minoso, the Cuban sensation who set the American League afire in his first full year in the major leagues of baseball. Minoso capped his AFRO Award success with another coveted distinctinction, that of being named "rookie of the year" in a nationwide poll of baseball writers.

Big names also have shown in runner-up spots in the top 3 in late race. Included among these are Minoso, Gibson, the women tennis great; Monte Irvin, New York Giants outfielder and runner-up batted-in champion of the NL in 1951; ex-world heavyweight king Jersey Joe Walcott, and Dillard.

Henderson's Comments

By EDWIN B. HENDERSON

WASHINGTON, D.C. (ANNPA)—Norvel Lee is belatedly becoming the recipient of many bouquets as a result of winning the light heavyweight Olympic boxing championship and heading up the boxing team whose victories in Helsinki, Lee was called upon to give the United States the world's top honors.

Recently, Attorney General James P. McGranery invited a group of local citizenry to his office in the Department of Justice to witness the presentation of a scroll to Mr. Lee.

Among those attending the ceremony were representatives of the press, Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson, president of Howard University; Jesse W. Mitchell, president of the Industrial Bank; John B. Duncan, Recorder of Deeds of the District of Columbia; James V. Bennett, Director of the Bureau of prisons; Mr. Hegstrom, retiring head of the National Training School for Boys, where Mr. Lee worked; Harold A. Haynes, First Assistant Superintendent of Schools; members of the Police Boys' Clubs, and representatives of the Amateur Athletic Union.

McGranery Pays Tribute

Mr. McGranery paid high tribute to the character, skill and sportsmanship which brought to Norvel Lee and to America the respect of the world. Lee was matched the most skillful of the eight winning boxers, five of whom were Americans, and all five colored Americans.

Day by day during the mounting scores the Russian contingent of Olympic athletes led the point scoring. Only the boxing events remained on the last two or three days. In Olympic games since 1896 only a few American boxers have won. In the past four Olympics, only two Americans have been champions. But these five colored boys came through in a "clutch" performance to win over the Russians.

Dramatic Win

Lee's victory was dramatic in that he has competed all along as a heavyweight and was carried along as an alternate. When the American light heavyweight was injured, Lee was called upon to lose approximately eleven pounds and to qualify as a light heavy in a few weeks he did so, and went on to win.

Lest it be forgotten, Lee is known as not one to accept second class citizenship without a fight. When a conductor had him removed from the Jim Crow car as he train a few years ago, although he was so internally injured in Virginia, he sued the railroad and won the suit for himself and the rest of us.

Lee's ambition is to prove to be a citizen-character worthy of emulation by boys. He hopes to make his career one of service to the youth of America.

Ramblers Win Title In Football League

Shep Burge's Cherry Hill Ramblers staged a second half rally Sunday, to defeat Ashton Short's New Era Yanks 12-7 for the Bureau of Recreation's City Intermediate Football Championship at Easterwood.

The Ramblers rallied after being behind 7-0 at the half. They scored their touchdowns on a blocked punt and a long pass.

The championship game closed out the season for the Intermediate league, which the Ramblers, Yanks, and Churchill Ambassadors finished the second round in a three-way tie for first place.

The Ramblers took the second round championship, when the Ambassadors forfeited by using an ineligible player in a play-off game. They copped league honors by defeating the first round champion New Era Yanks.

Don Eaddy Bags 22 Points But Michigan Five Bows

IOWA CITY, Ia.—(ANP)—Little Don Eaddy poured in 22 points to lead Michigan in scoring, but the Wolverines lost Saturday night 85 to 77 to open the Big Ten basketball campaign.

Michigan fell behind 18 to 6 in the first quarter and never were far ahead.

Sgt. FC Joe Edmonson, acting team captain accepts the first place trophy for the 1952 Fort Bragg football tourney, Brig. Gen. Thomas L. Sherburne, commander, 82nd Airborne Division makes the presentation while Capt. Mack S. Griffin, coach, assistant post special service officer looks on.

From A To Z with Sam Lacy

Whatever it is that permits one writer to chide his fellow fourth estaters, E. B. Rea, the AFRO theatrical editor, has it today . . . it was he who first broke the official story that Sugar Ray Robinson was actually quitting the boxing ring . . . and, under the circumstances, that was quite some doing . . . it required tremendous courage, or two scores . . . in the first place, Rea showed considerable fortitude in going out on a limb to declare as "official" something that Sugar Ray had said . . . Around New York the newspaper guys don't make it a practice of that . . . they accompany every quote of the middleweight champion (now retired) with their own inserted "maybe" . . . to them the Harlem Dandy is perhaps the most definite uncertainty they've yet had to deal with . . . and if I know them at all, I'm fairly certain the Metropolitan newsbeaters won't be satisfied Ray has really quit until he's beaset with rheumatism, lumbago and what-have-you . . . Rea, our man, proved on count two that he possesses more guts than gumption when he reported to the method he used for tipping the story . . . he called the boss at 3 o'clock in the morning . . . collect . . . Brother! . . . Around the journalistic league, we're all happy, for his sake, that Sugar Ray backed him up, even if three days late.

Rea, however, felt confident he could go along with his premature announcement of Robinson's decision, plus a very definite prediction as to the method the great champion would use (via Abe Greene of the NBA) . . . "I know the guy who's doing Ray's right-hand and theatre booking," said our man . . . "And I learned from good authority that Robinson is booked solid deep into the summer" . . . Since that didn't sound anything like a fellow who planned to fight Randy Turpin or anyone else in June or July, simply out-time and two together" . . . Our only comment is: Glad E. B. made "four" with his addition and not "two" . . . as the golfer shouts when you're about to get your block knocked off.

Wonder just what magic it can be that Jack Kearns seems to wave over the nation's fight referees . . . Kearns, you know, manages the former light-heavyweight champion, Joey Maxim . . . When Maxim was declared the winner over Sugar Ray Robinson last summer after the ex-middleweight king had virtually boxed off his ears only to receive a lesson in hard punching, the referee, Harry Kessler, was over to referee Ray Miller and hug him around the neck as though it was time for both to rejoice . . . Miller registered consternation all over the place and glared at Maxim as if to say: "You dumb chuck, don't you know better than to make our affection public?"

Wednesday night, referee Harry Kessler must have been suffering from "astigmaxiac" during the title fight between Joey the Clutch and Archie Moore . . . Can you believe that Kessler scored Maxim the winner of every round from the second through the seventh? . . . that, aside from giving Moore a margin of ONLY TWO POINTS, he tallied the rounds EVEN? . . . that he scored Joey winner of six rounds, Archie winner of six, with three even? . . . Can you believe Kessler was refereeing the "fight" you were watching on your TV?

In the dark ages, when the same Kearns was handling Jack Dempsey, he was often accused of holding out on promoters until they agreed to let him referee the third man in the ring . . . and Matt Ter St. Denis, proprietor of the best mind in the box fighting sport, and this pseudo-scribe, editor of Ring Magazine, once told me that Dempsey's greatness to a very large degree was due to his custom of standing over fallen opponents and beating them down as they tried to get off the floor from a knockdown . . . Only "house" referees would permit that sort of thing . . . And Kearns appears to be still working with the house . . . Didn't it make you wonder, too, that he, after ducking Moore for so long, was willing to take his man into Archie's home town of St. Louis for their light-stake match?

Moore, incidentally, was so confident he could take Maxim without difficulty, that he spent the entire time in his dressing room before Wednesday night's fight listening to his favorite gospel records on a record machine . . . says he and Lucky Thompson, the horst you saw on your TV screen—Wednesday night, have written a song together . . . It's called "Stay in There" . . . Archie will tour South America before he goes again with Maxim . . . his scheduled return bout (one that is nothing to look forward to, considering how Joey Boy can louse up anybody's efforts to make a fight) . . . the below-the-border tiffs set for the spring, will be all-Negro affairs . . . That Wednesday night victory for the 36-year-old champ was the end of a 12-year quest of the end of the rainbow . . . Archie has waited that long for a shot at a title . . . either middleweight or light-heavy . . . he has lost only one fight in his last three years of campaigning, that to Harold Johnson, of Philadelphia . . . and Moore has since avenged that setback . . . they're the best of pals, Archie and Harold.

A to Z's assertion that CIAA meetings rarely boast the presence of college presidents or liberal arts deans, didn't stand up this time . . . Dr. Tom Fraser, of Morgan State College, advises in a most cordial tone that the 1952 conference had three administrative heads and two deans on hand . . . and that one of the deans, Tom Henderson, of Union University, was elected president . . . The CIAA, Fraser points out further, did not adopt the aid-to-athletes resolution . . . it simply listened to the recommendation and sent it to committee for further study . . . and the committee that will go over the measure is composed of three coaches, three athletic directors and three faculty representatives . . . okay, Doc?

Joe Black, winner of the 1952 AFRO No. 1 Athlete of the Year poll, will take his wife and daughter, Ann, aged 10, to Havana for a Yule holiday vacation . . . They leave from Norfolk, Va., home of wife, Doris, on Friday (day after Santa comes), and they'll fly to Washington, D.C., thence non-stop to Cuba . . . Trip actually is a Christmas present for Ann, whom Joe promised to thus reward if he was "lucky" enough to stay in the majors the whole of last season . . . "We've never had a winter vacation together," Joe told the column, "because Ann is usually in school when I'm free . . . So this was our means of getting together, as well as having Doris along" . . . Doris, by the way, also received a nice Xmas gift from friend hubby . . . it was a mink cape that made Mrs. B. drool: "And to think, I've never had a fur in my life; then to start with mink!"

That proposed trade that was being talked up so much at the winter meetings between the Brooklyn Dodgers and the Boston Braves fell through because . . . The Brooks reportedly were willing to part with Carl Furillo, Billy Cox and Gil Hodges for pitcher Warren Spahn and outfielder Sid Gordon . . . but the Bostons kept insisting that Jim (Junior) Gilliam, the ex-Baltimore Elite and Montreal Royal MVP, should be included in the package . . . Bum veep Buzzy Bavasi shook it off.

Dave Minor is telling intimates over the bridge table that the Baltimore Bullets have made a deal that will send him either to Fort Wayne or Milwaukee . . . Minor doesn't really know until he reads it here now that there's no truth to it . . . Dave, by the way, was recently presented with a fourth youngster by wife, Ollie . . . And while we're in the vital statistics department, the father of Sandy Saddler died last week . . . he (Sandy) is the world featherweight champion.

What looks like a cinch performance for All-America picking is that being turned in by Walter (Willowy Wally) Dukes at Seton Hall College in South Orange, N.J. . . . at last count, Wally had hung up his 1,200th point in his collegiate basketball lifetime.

Charles TKO Victor Over Buford In Hub Battle

BOSTON—Former world heavyweight champion Ezzard Charles continued his comeback trek here Monday night with a technical knockout of youthful Frankie Buford, of Oakland, Cal.

The 31-year-old ex-champ from Cincinnati was master of the situation from the opening gong until referee Joe Zapustas halted the affair at 2:13 of the seventh round.

The end was signalled in the previous round when Ezz dropped his 26-year-old adversary with a flurry of rights and lefts. Buford took a count of four but was up to grope his way through the rest of the heat.

Left Hook Set-up

A left hook to the body set up the Californian midway of the seventh, and he went down again as Charles crashed a long right on the chin. Obviously in no condition to continue, Buford was spared further punishment when Zapustas stepped in to stop it.

Simultaneous with the referee's action, Buford's chief second, Nuno Cam, tossed in a towel to indicate he thought his man had had enough.

The victory was Charles's fourth straight on the road which he hopes will lead to another shot at the title he once held. In his last outing, the Cincinnati Corba defeated the veteran Jimmy Bivins. In earlier bouts, he had disposed of Bernie Reynolds and Cesar Brion.

Stillman Stilled

TALLADEGA, Ala., — Talladega College trounced Stillman College of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, 77-74, last week in the Talladega gym.

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WASHINGTON

Howard University natators, defending CIAA champions believe in the adage that practice in any activity generally leads to a high degree of perfection.

As a result, the Bisons, a relatively new group of swimmers, have carded 10 dual meets in preparation for the conference championships set for March 5, 6 and 7 at Morgan State College in Baltimore.

Coach Tom Johnson's charges dropped their initial opening meet last week end to Georgetown, 52-31, in the first meeting between the two District colleges in this sport. He had an opportunity to evaluate his team, which includes only four veterans.

Four Veterans Return

They are Dick Edison, Johnny Veal, Rahamit Ali and Cuthbert Pyne, the latter two being foreign members of the squad. Both are distance swimmers and enrolled at Howard from the British West Indies.

Another foreigner, who is expected to figure prominently in the locals' quest to retain their crown is Renato Ventura, of Cairo, Egypt. Ventura is a freshmen student from Syracuse, and is eligible this year having attended the Hilltop school last year. He specializes in the 200 and 400 meter events.

Four freshmen have indicated they will be vital cogs in the locals' bid for honors. They are: Dick Gee of Newark, N.J.; Thomas, Al Taylor and Joe Drew.

Trade Quintet Tops In Bureau's League

With two wins and no losses, the Building Trade basketball team is leading the field in the Bureau of Recreation's Industrial and Commercial Unlimited Basketball League.

The Crown Cork and Seal quintet, Northwest Motors, and Northwest Police Boys Club All-Stars are all tied with two wins each in the Monumental League.

The 12 teams within the two leagues are in the following positions:

Industrial and Commercial League

Team	W	L	PC
Building Trade	2	0	1.000
Crown Cork and Seal	1	1	.500
Continental Can	1	1	.500
Social Security	1	1	.500
Weiss Motors	1	1	.500
Marvin Jets	0	2	.000

Monumental Unlimited

Team	W	L	PC
Crown Cork and Seal	2	2	.500
NW Boy's Club	2	2	.500
Weiss Motors	2	2	.500
Clippers AC	2	2	.500
Building Trade	2	2	.500
Post Office	0	2	.000
Team	W	L	PC

Armstrong Cagers Bow To Brown, 53-36

By FRED LEIGH

WASHINGTON

Armstrong Generals, failing to set its offense rolling against Brown Preparatory's man-to-man defense in the second half, bowed, 53-36, in a mixed tilt, Friday night in Spingarn School gym.

Playing before some 1,500 fans, the Generals matched height and accurate shooting in the first two periods with the all-white Philadelphia combination, and left the court at halftime, trailing by a single point, 25-24.

A simple switch in strategy, from the zone to man-to-man, by Brown helped the Generals to their second setback in four games this season. It was Brown's fourth triumph in five contests, but it was the lowest game score by which they have won thus far. Previous to the Armstrong tilt, Brown had averaged 80 points per tilt.

Against the visitors' zone, Armstrong counted on the set shooting of Frank (Specs) Hart, and the push shots around the basket by Welford Rice and Leon Glover to stay in the contest in the first half.

Meanwhile, Brown worked smoothly against the Generals' shifting 2-1-2 zone, and got away with it throughout the entire contest. The visitors merely set the dribbler into the defense, and he invariably passed off to an opponent under the basket after going up as if to make a shot.

Brown, though employing this strategy with relative success in the first half, began to pepper court with looping field goals in the final two periods. Jim Penie, 140-pound guard and Dave Vansten, 180-pound guard, loosen up the locals zone with their deadly bombardment.

Bruce Riddell, 6-foot, 4-inch center and wrecking crew, shared in the scoring honors with Vansten, both of whom tallied 15 points each. Riddell's forte was his great play 'around the basket and he found his toughest opposition in Armstrong's Welford Rice also 6 feet, 4 inches.

Rice, a lanky, spirited competitor, took scoring honors for Coach Charlie Baltimore's charges with five field goals and four free throws for 14 points. Runner-up honors went to Hart who dumped in all his eight points in the first half, and then drew a blank in the periods when his shots may have meant the difference between a triumph or a setback.

Armstrong best period was the second when the Generals outscored Brown, 16-13. Brown however, road back to score 20 points, 14 each in the opening and second periods, and this time it was checked with eight points in the third period and only four in the fourth quarter.

Rice, newcomer to the locals' varsity, turned in a brilliant performance in the second half. He scored seven of the Generals' seven points in the ill-fated second period.

	1	2	3	4	Totals
5 1 3 Mills, F	Rice, F	6	4	14
5 1 1 Bailey, F	Hart, F	4	0	8
5 1 1 Bayne, F	Hart, G	0	0	0
5 1 1 Vansten, C	Riddell, C	6	3	15
5 1 1 Van Horne, G	Glover, G	2	0	4
5 1 1 Wright, G	Glover, F	0	0	0
5 0 0 Hallis, G	Penie, G	6	3	15
5 0 0 Penie, G	Ford, G	0	0	0
	Gilliard, G	0	0	0
50 13 53	Totals	16	10	36

Score By Periods:	1	2	3	4	Final
Armstrong	12	12	14	16	53
Brown	11	14	13	4	36

Referee: Hamilton (Morgan) and Brown (10). Officials: Epsicopo (Brown) (Morgan) and Dave Brown (Pittsburgh).

Post Office Quintet To Play Seven Games

From Dec. 23 through Feb. 10, the Post Office basketball team will play seven games in the Bureau of Recreation's Monumental Unlimited League.

The following schedule will be played at Douglass High School:

On Dec. 23, the Post Office team will play the Clipper AC's; Jan. 6, Crown Cork and Seal; 13th Building Trade; 20th Weiss Motors; 27th North West All-Stars; Feb. 3, the Clipper AC's; and Feb. 10, Crown Cork and Seal.

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