WILSON LEADS PARADE:

6 Of 9 AA Stars Top .300 In Batting; 2 Hurlers Win

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ST. PAUL — Six of the nine players in the American Association are hitting over .300 with St. Paul's Bob Wilson leading the parade with a lusty .385.

Wilson, the Saints' All Star third baseman as a rookie, is aiming at gaining the hot corner again but Al Smith of Indianapolis will give him a battle. Smith alternated in the outfield as well as at third base in 1952 and had difficulty reaching the .300 mark. He showed a lot of power and now he's hitting a neat .382.

Ray Noble, the former New York Giant, is deadlocked with Smith at .382. The husky Minneapolis catcher has slammed three homers out of the park, his last long drive beating the St. Paul Saints, 5-3.

Jones Wins Only Start

While these stars are having no trouble with opposing hurlers, Sad Sam Jones of Indianapolis and Bill Powell of Charleston have hung up victories.

Jones has won his one and only start in weather more fitting for football than baseball and Powell has faced the enemy twice and pitched masterful ball. Off to a bad start last season, Powell never did hit a winning stride. But in 16 innings of toiling this year he's allowed only 13 hits.

Sam Jethroe the former Boston Braves outfielder, is making good his efforts to regain a major league job. He's hitting .333 to lead the club in batting and has stolen three bases. Toledo fans are still waiting for Luis Marquez to come down from Milwaukee to settle the outfield. After getting Marquez the Hen fans feel the team will start clicking.

Champ Back

Dave Pope, Smith's teammate at Indianapolis, is off the leading pace with a mere .357, about what he was slugging at a year ago when he made his first appearance in the league. Pope is regarded as one of the top hitters in the league and copped the championship last year.

Vic Power, Kansas City's slugging outfielder, is at .313 with his mighty bat pounding home 11 tallies; the same as Noble. Angel Scull, a newcomer to the American Association playing for Charleston, is hitting .308; Asmabo Ibanez, Minneapolis' utility man now playing third base, is at .238 and Elston Howard, Powder's side kick at Kansas City, has a .187 mark.

Howard Off Slowly

Howard is off to a poor start, but he still has a lot of power in his bat. The Blues, short on outfield strength, would like to shift Howard behind the plate. He's big and rangy and has a good arm.

Scull a little fellow at 5-6, has the equipment to make good, according to Joe Bekesi, the Charleston skipper. He's the Senators leadoff man, and he can really run. He's faster than Don Nicholas, the Charleston shortstop, who won the base stealing honors in the Southern Association last year.

Millers Bye Games

With only one day nearing for the major leagues, at least two and maybe three more stars will join the Association. Rube Gomez is still with the New York Giants but Minneapolis needs pitching and he may be given a chance to prove his ability with the Millers. Gomez, the Miller bosses figure, would add some luster to a pitching staff which is shaky.

Jones, optioned to Indianapolis by the Cleveland Indians, now has won five straight Association games. He copped four in a row last year. Even the cold weather hasn't bothered the fastball hurler who says his arm feel fine. Jones in top form could be the key pitcher for the Indians who are still hoping Dave Hoskins will join them.

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Bears Dominate CIAA Tuneup Meet

Defending Champs Cop 11 of 16 Events Without Art Bragg

By FRED LEIGH

WASHINGTON

Morgan State College's sensational track and field team showed that it could excel in more than relay racing by dominating the annual Howard University invitational meet, as expected Saturday, in the Bisons' stadium, in Baltimore.

Even with their ace, Arthur Bragg idling, and Edward Walters, a member of the brilliant freshman relay team, nursing a spiked leg, the Golden Bears made a clean sweep of all the flat races, both relay events, and scored in the remaining contests.

Coach Eddie Hurt's charges, pointing for the annual CIAA track and field championships which the Bears have dominated since 1940, rolled up an impressive 118 points. In reaching this total, the Bears captured 11 of 16 first places.

Lincoln Takes Second

The Bears' nearest rival, Lincoln University, followed with 61½ points. Other team scores were Howard University, 23; West Virginia State, 18½; Maryland State College, 12; and Delaware 1.

An estimated crowd of some 500 track enthusiasts watched with awe as the Bears won the first three places in four of six individual events, and a pair of first places in the other two contests.

A heavy downpour, falling suddenly in the midst of the two-mile run, scattered the throng. Few spectators were on hand as the Morgan sophomore mile relay team reeled off a brilliant 3:18.2 on a wet track. Running for the Bears were Herman Wade, Otis Johnson, Josh Culbreath, and James Rogers.

Sophomore Relay Team Wins

The Bears' only threat in the prized mile event was Howard University. After the first quarter mile, when leadoff man, Wade, handed the baton to Johnson with a five-yard advantage, it was no contest. The Morgan runners were competing against time thereafter. Johnson opened the gap to 30 yards, and Culbreath gave another man, Rogers, a 50-yard advantage.

Rogers, opening up all the way, barreled around the oval in 49 seconds to finish some 100 yards against Howard's Alton Fleming.

Coach Hurt expressed satisfaction with the performance of his team. He said he thought "the boys did all right since they had not had time to concentrate on the individual event. They still have some work to do in preparation for the CIAA championships, May 8 and 9, in Baltimore with us as the host."

Gooden Wins 880

Morgan started off by taking the 880-yard run with Louis Gooden, a churning little Jamaica runner, winning the event in 1:55.5, before the rain came. Gooden moved into contention on the back stretch of the final lap, and outdistanced teammates, Howard Morgan and Ronald Tinson, by thirty yards.

The Bears' trio of James Rogers, Lawrence Griffin and Herbert Washington shot to the front on the first turn of the quarter mile, boxed in the rest of the field, and finished in that order. Rogers may have turned in a better clocking than 50.2, if he had concentrated running rather than looking back.

One of the upsets in the meet was the trouncing of Josh Culbreath, Morgan's 400-meter hurdler winner, in the Penn Relays. Culbreath, who won his heat of the 120-yard high hurdles in 15.1 seconds, was nosed out by Lincoln University's Laval Cothran. The lanky Lincoln timber topper, who was second to Culbreath in the heats, was clocked in the fine time of 14.9 seconds.

Culbreath Bows Twice

Culbreath suffered a double setback. He bowed to teammate, Herman Wade in the 220-yard low hurdles after chasing him to the tape in 25 seconds.

Morgan's Kenneth Kave, former Dunbar (D.C.) one-man track team, copped the 100-yard dash in the excellent time of 9.9 seconds, outdistancing two teammates for the honor. Kave ran a smart and well-timed race.

He sprinted along with the pack until he neared the 50-yard mark, then kicked off with an extra spurt which carried him five yards to the front. He finished that way, ahead of Robert Robinson and Otis Johnson, both of Morgan.

Johnson Cops Century

Johnson came back to cop the 220-yard dash in 22.2 seconds, winning over teammate, Robert Robinson. West Virginia State gave indications of being a potential threat in this distance by taking three of the five places in the 220. Henry Darlington, Robert Andrews and Ronald Godwin finished in that order. Andrews and Godwin also got places in the 100-yard event.

Don Johnson and Clover Street of Morgan took turns outrunning each other in the distance events. Johnson paced the field to a triumph in the mile in the slow time of 4:34.5, while Street was clocked in 10:32.8 in the two-mile event.

Half-way through the two-mile event, a heavy downpour drenched the track, but the contestants continued in the rain and mud. Street took over after the rain slackened, and raced home some 10 yards ahead of Johnson.

Medley Foursome Tops

Two members of the celebrated freshman relay team, Herbert Washington, and Lawrence Griffin, had a hand in the Morgan victory in the medley relay. Washington was the lead off man, and Griffin ran the third leg on the team which included John Davis and Charles Mills.

Morgan's Ted Murray, with a heave of 42 feet, 7½ inches in the shot put; and Bill Henley, with a leap of 22 feet, ½ inch in the broad jump, completed the Bears' victories.

No CIAA marks were threatened in the meet.

However, Ted Ellis, who set a CIAA mark in 1952, with a leap of 6 feet 6¾ inches, could do no better than fifth in his specialty. A teammate, Stanford Mumford, copped the high jump event with an effort of 6 feet, 4¾ inches.

SETS NEW MARK — James Bradford, representing the 12th st. YMCA, hoisted a total of 1,040 pounds, to set a new National YMCA weight lifting mark, as he led the D. C. YMCA to the national title recently in New York city. Bradford, now a second lieutenant in the infantry, is believed to hold the second best total in the world. John Davis' 1,065 is said to be the record.

RESULTS

100-YARD DASH—Won by Ken Kave (Md.); second, Robert Robinson (Md.); third, Otis Johnson (Md.); fourth, Robert Andrews (W. Va.); fifth, Ronald Godwin (W. Va.). Time: 9.9 seconds.

220-YARD DASH—Won by Otis Johnson (Md.); second, Robert Robinson (Md.); third, Henry Darlington (W. Va.); fourth, Robert Andrews (W. Va.); fifth, Ronald Godwin (W. Va.). Time: 22.2 seconds.

440-YARD DASH — Won by James Rogers (Md.); second, Lawrence Griffin (Md.); third, Herbert Washington (Md.); fourth, David Slaughter (L); fifth, William Jones (W. Va.). Time: 50.2 seconds.

880 — YARD RUN — Won by Louis Gooden (Md.); second, Howard Morgan (Md.); third, Ronald Tinson (Md.); fourth, Theodore Cannon (H); fifth, Carlos McKinney (W. Va.). Time: 1:55.5.

MILE RUN—Won by Don Johnson (Md.); second, Clover Street (Md.); third, Ray Pierce (H); fourth, Walt Hall (L); fifth, Thomas Jones (Md.). Time: 4:34.5.

TWO-MILE RUN—Won by Clover Street (Md.); second, Don Johnson (Md.); third, [illegible] (H); fourth, Ray Pierce (H); fifth, James West (H). Time: 10:32.8.

120-YARD HIGH HURDLES—Won by Laval Cothran (L); second, Josh Culbreath (Md); third, Tom Miller (L); fourth, Wayman Wilburn (Maryland State). Time: 14.9 seconds.

220-YARD LOW HURDLES—Won by Herman Wade (Md.); second Josh Culbreath (Md); third, Tom Miller (L); fourth, Laval Cothran (L); fifth, Bill Harris (L). Time: 25 seconds.

MEDLEY RELAY—Won by Morgan (Herbert Washington, John Davis, Lawrence Griffin, Charles Mills); second, Howard; third, Lincoln. Time: 3:38.6

MILE RELAY — Won by Morgan (Herman Wade, Otis Johnson, Josh Culbreath, James Rogers); second, Howard; third, West Virginia. Time: 3:18.2

JAVELIN THROW—Won by Lemuel Rodgers (L); second, Thomas Chase (Maryland State); third, James Pittman (M); fourth, Lee Murray (M); fifth, Hilary Thompson (H). Distance: 164 feet, 4½ inches.

SHOT PUT—Won by Ted Murray (M); second, Ted Ellis (L); third, tie between Tom Miller (L); and Bill Freeman, (West Va.); fifth, Tim Mahony (M). Distance: 42 feet, 7½ inches.

DISCUS THROW — Won by Elmer Simms (L); second, B. Davis (L); third, Bill Henley (M); fourth, Thomas Chase (Maryland State); fifth, Ted Murray (M). Distance: 120 feet, 4 inches.

HIGH JUMP—Won by Stanford Mumford (L) and Thomas Williams (L); third, Carver Leach (H); fourth, tie between Josh Culbreath (M); and Kenneth Kave (M).

BROAD JUMP—Won by Bill Henley (M); second, David Slaughter (L); third, Robert Robinson (M); fourth, Henry Darlington (W. Va.); fifth, Ronald Miller (L). Distance: 22 feet, 7½ inch.

POLE VAULT—Tie between Stanford Mumford (L) and Thomas Williams (L); third, Carver Leach (H); fourth, tie between Josh Culbreath (M); and Kenneth Kave (M).

Golden Bear Is Victim Of Prize Snafu

BALTIMORE—Someone fouled up things at Morgan State college sometime back and the result is that all-round sports star Charley Bloxon is contributing his talents to the good of Penn State.

Bloxon wanted to enroll at Morgan when he was graduated from high school in June 1952. But the letter he received in reply to his application said it was regretted that his scholastic record needed improvement.

The boy was thus left with a choice of University of Pennsylvania or Penn State. He decided on the latter.

In his freshman year there the young Jersey product hurled the discus 156 feet and put the shot 52 feet to be top man on the track squad. He also starred at fullback on the football teams and looms as a cinch for the 1953 varsity eleven.

Public Relations Man To Get Honor Degree

FRANKFORT, Ky. — The Rev. Charles N. King, director of Public Relations at Kentucky State College, recently received notification from the Ministerial Institute and College of West Point, Miss. that he will be given a doctor of divinity degree on May 27, following his deliverance of the commencement sermon on May 24.

Horse Racing

Maiden Set For Pimlico Diploma

BY SETH

PIMLICO, Md. — With the bangtails moving to the Maryland Jockey Club quarters this week, AFRO handicapping figures indicate a good chance for Crown Derby to graduate from the maiden ranks. Other observations of this column follow:

GOLD LEAF — Last good MOOSE EYE — Stopped in last CROWN DERBY — Maiden last OPTION — Improving

MAR NIMBUS — Jug failed

ANCESTOR — Still in good stable

FULGURA — Last for

PEACEFUL BOY — Closed fast

QUESTION FIRE — May wake up

QUICK IMP — Beaten choice

SCOTCH ADELE—Last doesn't count

FRIENDLY FRANK — Fair at times

JACK THE GREAT — Better than stated

IN THE MARKET — Last a pip

DELOVE — Needed last

AT CHICAGO

AGITATE — Last good

LILLYBOLERO — Has done well

TEXAS RAIN — Good when fit

SET ISO — Needed last

ABEMARLE — Was never better

WHIRLAHEAD — Seems fit

BY GONE DAYS—Hard to guess

TO STAY — Early speed

DIVIDEND PAYER—Could be better

PAD LOCK — In good form

ATOMIC ENERGY — Looks good

WAR ADMIRAL — Last good

RED LOU — Closed well

BEL KING — In good stable

ALS BOURBON — Trials good

AT NEW YORK

WILDFIRE — In and out

BEDAZZLE — Well prepped

HEED ME — Needed last

EARMARKED — Likes track

IRON HELL — Good now

BASSINO — Showed promise

BOLD MAN—Improving

GRUMPITO — In good form

PUFF — Need a jump

BRIGHT PASS — Could do better

SUN TIDE — Looks fit, has to well

FLINT — Needed last, good efforts

SMART APPLE — Due

ARISTA — Last good

Boxing

At Toronto—ARTHUR KING, Toronto, d. EARL DAVIS, Toronto.

At Trenton—IKE WILLIAMS, Trenton, N.J., d. BILLY ARCO, Providence.

At Johnstown—BILLY GILLIAM, Orange, N.J., d. Nino Valdes, Havana.

At San Diego—Chuck Musgrove, San Diego, d. HENRY TAYLOR, Detroit.

At Chicago—Chester Miezgala, Chicago, d. JIMMY ALBY, Toledo.

Ez Date Switched

TOLEDO — The Ez Charles-Bill Gilliam 10-round bout at the Sports Arena has been shifted to May 12. The bout had originally been scheduled for May 11.

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Coach Hurt Calls Morgan Track Victory 'Big Day'

"Yes, perhaps it was our biggest single day in track."

That's how diminutive soft-spoken Eddie Hurt reflected on the magnificent achievement of his Golden Bears at the Penn Relays last week-end in Philadelphia, Pa.

Morgan trackmen in that event won five championships and in a non-championship race, still another laurel.

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