Douglass clouts Clerks 53-40 in cage opener

WASHINGTON

The coaching debut of Frank Bolden at Cardozo high school proved to be a dismal one Tuesday, as his Clerks dropped a 53-40 hardwood clash to Douglass high school of Baltimore.

The Ducks from the Monumental City completely bottled up Cardozo's top scorers, James Rice and Leon Gurley, who are usually good for 15 points, each, a game.

As it was, tiny Owen Stephenson, who stands only 5-7, proved to be a man among giants by splitting the cords for 10 points all from the field.

Bob Brightful, of Douglass, played a merry tune with the rim for the victors with 19 points, while a teammate Ford, hit for 16.

The Douglass five were never headed. They waltzed off to a 24-12 halftime lead and coasted home to the final 53-40 score

Can Do Better

Coach Bolden said that the result was unbelievable. "My boys are capable of better ball than they showed, Tuesday," he stated.

"They just froze up, that's all."

The Cardozo hardwood clan will have to defrost in quick time by Friday, when they travel to Baltimore to face Sugar Cain's always competent Dunbar high school crew.

"I know it will be a rough game, but I feel my boys will snap back," says Coach Bolden.

D. C. athlete named to All-GI eleven

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Army announced late this week that Pvt. Louis E. Seals, of Washington, D.C., recently was named to an Army all-star team after the Camp Fuji touch football tournament in Japan.

Charles won the crown from Joe Louis in 1949, relinquished it to Jersey Joe Walcott in 1951, and failed in an attempt to regain it in a return with Walcott last year.

Beaten in his two previous outings, by lightly-regarded Nino Valdez and light heavyweight Harold Johnson, Exr was faced with the realization that the Wednesday match with Wallace was a "do-or-die" essay.

With this in mind, he brushed aside Wallace's superior weight, plus the latter's advantage in height and reach, and plastered him virtually at will.

Charles stops Wallace in 10

Ex-champ demands new title chance

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—Former world heavyweight champion Ezzard Charles, seeking another shot at the coveted title, stopped Coley Wallace, of New York, in the tenth and final round of their televised feature bout here, Wednesday night.

The Cincinnati Cobra, master of the situation all the way, twice floored his younger and heavier opponent while whittling out what he considers a Rocky Marciano.

As soon as the fight was ended, Charles's manager, Jake Mintz, demanded a shot at the champion.

TRADED BY YANKS — Vic Power, 1953 batting champion of the American Association, who Wednesday was traded by the New York Yankees to the Philadelphia Athletics. Power, long a controversial figure in the debate over the racial policy of the Yankees, was included in the six-for-five swap between the two clubs. First of two colored players to appear on the roster of the world champions, Power was looked upon in many quarters as a strong bet to win a major berth. He hit .349 for the Yanks' Kansas City farm in the AA last year, and led the league in almost every hitting department. Elston Howard, the Bombers' other ten candidate, is still with the club, and, according to Yankee officials "will definitely go to spring training

Pick Matson as All-Army

Include 3 others on Soldier '11'

Pvt. Ollie Matson, all-pro back with the Chicago cardinals, was named the "most valuable player" on the third annual All-Army football team by the Army Times, national weekly paper for the Army.

Starred At Oregon State

Matson, who scored 114 points and 19 touchdowns for the powerful Fort Ord eleven is one of the strongest football teams since the famed Great Lakes Navy team of World War II days.

Dave Mann, who starred with Oregon State university in his college days a halfback with the Fort Ord eleven, was named at halfback.

Smith outpoints Orlando Zulueta

NEW YORK — Scoring heavily in the seventh and eighth rounds, Wallace (Bud) Smith gained a unanimous 10-round decision over Orlando Zulueta, of Havana, here at Madison Square Garden Friday night.

Always moving after his fleet, dancing opponent, Smith managed to slam home enough solid hooks to the head and body to convince all three officials. Referee Ruby Goldstein saw it 7-2-1, Judge Artie Susskind 7-3 and Judge Bert Grant 5-4-1 all in favor of Smith.

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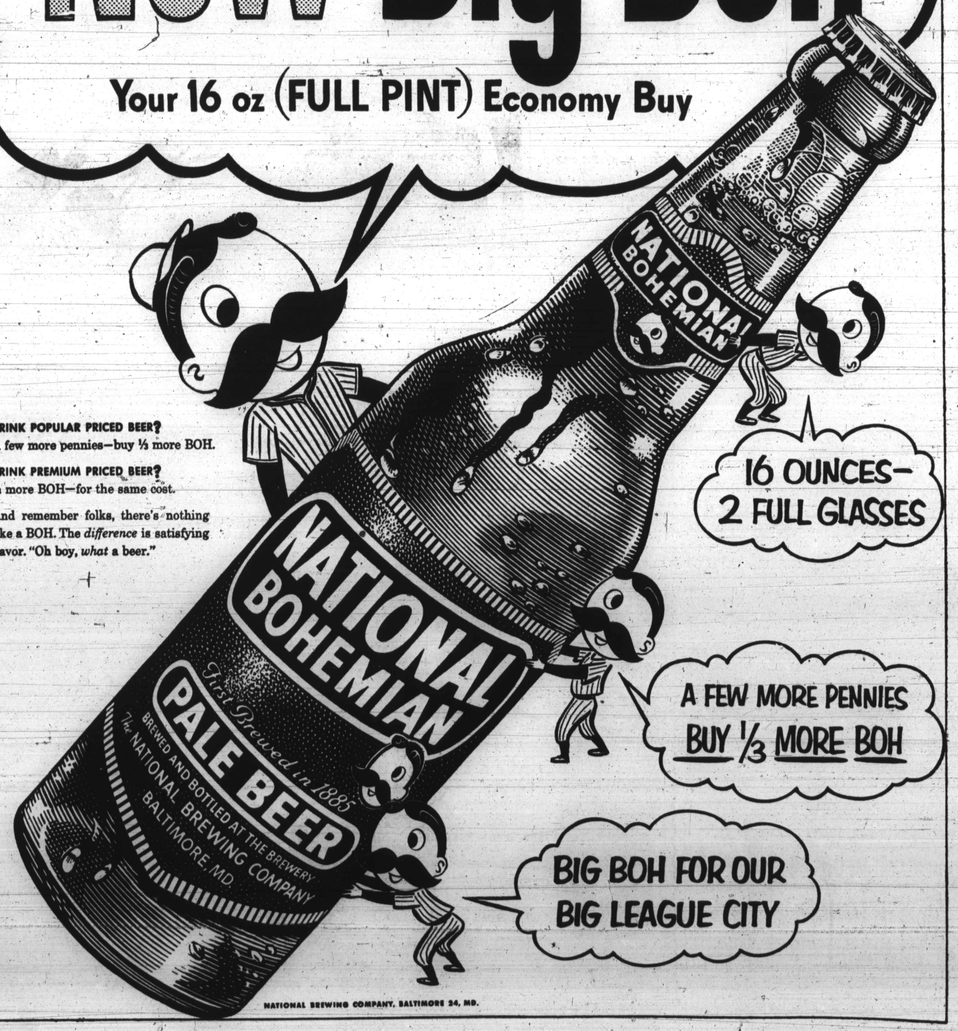

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Minneapolis at SYRACUSE (Lloyd)
Rochester at Ft. Wayne
MONDAY
BOSTON (Cooper, Barksdale) -Milwaukee at Buffalo

Morgan nips West Va., girds for Hampton five

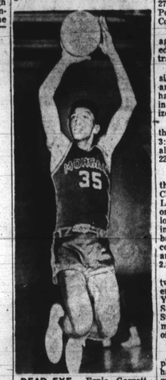
A tie-breaking basket in the closing seconds of play gave Morgan State College a thrilling 60-58 decision over West Virginia State here Wednesday night.

The winning marker, a field goal with only two seconds remaining on the clock was sunk by Ernie Garrett, the Bears' highscoring forward. It gave coach Marse Hill a Hilltoppers their fourth consecuive CIAA triumph.

The victory also served as a final tuneup for Morgan's tough assignment against Hampton Institute tonight (Friday) in the Hurt Gymnasium.

The Yellow Jackets grabbed the lead in the opening minutes and were ahead, 30-22, at halftime. At the end of third quarter the visitors were on the front end of a 48-38 count.

Morgan continued the chase and pulled even at 50-50, on Les Gardner's two-pointer in the final three minutes. With the two rivals knotting the score four times in the waning stages, Garrett snapped the 58-all tie with his layup just before the gun.



DEAD EYE — Ernie Garrett, whose 22 points helped Morgan rack up her fourth straight CIAA victory Wednesday night, will have his deadly shooting eye in focus for the Hampton Pirates when they invade the Hurt Gymnasium tonight (Friday) for a test with Marse Hill's Golden Bears.

Cashbox Mag award

NEW YORK — Diminutive Faye Adams was named last week as the most promising new rhythm and blues vocalist for 1953 by the annual Cashbox Magazine poll.

Orioles buy PCL southpaw

Ex-Portland hurler en route to Balto.

The Baltimore Orioles announced Wednesday that they have purchased Jehosie Heard, 27-year-old southpaw star of the Portland Beavers, of the Pacific Coast League.

Heard, winner of 16 games against 12 losses in 1953, is slated to join the Orioles in spring training in late February.

Although built on the small side — he stands only 5-feet-8 and weighs 150 pounds — Heard has shown considerable promise in his first two years of organized baseball.

Last year, pitching in the PCL, the little lefthander hung up a 3:19 earned run average while allowing 203 hits and 97 runs in 226 innings. He struck out 85.

Strikeout Sensation

The previous year, Heard was the strikeout sensation of the Class A Western International League. Hurling for Victoria, one of the "weak sisters" of the loop, he had a 20-12 record, striking out the amazing total of 216 batters in 44 games. He had 18 complete games to his credit and showed a highly respectable 2.94 ERA.

Acquisition of Heard brings to two the number of colored players slated for trips to the Orioles' Yuma, Ariz., training base. Satchel Paige, a member of the St. Louis Browns club in 1953, moved here along with the rest of that organization

Paige Will Play

Paige told the AFRO by telephone Thursday morning that he had "absolutely no plans to quit" major league baseball. He stated that he intends to play in Baltimore if they'll have me.

The slender fastballer was quoted in late October to the effect that he planned to give up major league baseball and return to barnstorming. Later, he told the AFRO his plans for the future hinged on whether or not the new Oriole owners wanted him.

Thursday, following announcement of the purchase of Heard, he said: "I've abandoned plans to quit. I'll definitely play in Baltimore if they'll have me."—LACY.

Singing of Heard thrills both player, ex-manager

By SAM LACY

Both Jehosie Heard and his former manager, Clay Hopper, were elated Thursday morning that the Baltimore Orioles have purchased the former and plan to sign him to a 1953 major league contract.

Heard was the pitching star of Hopper's Portland Beavers in the Pacific Coast League last summer.

The smallish southpaw, contacted by long distance telephone, told the AFRO: "This is easily the greatest thrill I've ever had in my life. I've dreamed about a chance in the majors for a long time but had no idea it was so close to realization. You can be sure I'm going to give it all I've got!"

Heard, who climed from Class A to the majors in two years, makes his home in Memphis.

Hoppre, reached at his Greenwood, Miss., home also expressed elation over the player's new opportunity

Said he: "It seems like every time I get hold of a good boy, they snatch him away from me. It happened with Jackie Robinson and Roy Campanella at Montreal, when I was in the Dodgers' organization, and with Don Newcombe and Dan Bankhead.

"Naturally, I hate to lose Heard; he means a lot to me and my club. But I'm happy to see him get a shot at the big leagues. He's going to do all right too. The boy's got a good fastball an improving curve and great poise. He doesn't scare easily and the batters aren't going to have any picnic off him anywhere he goes."

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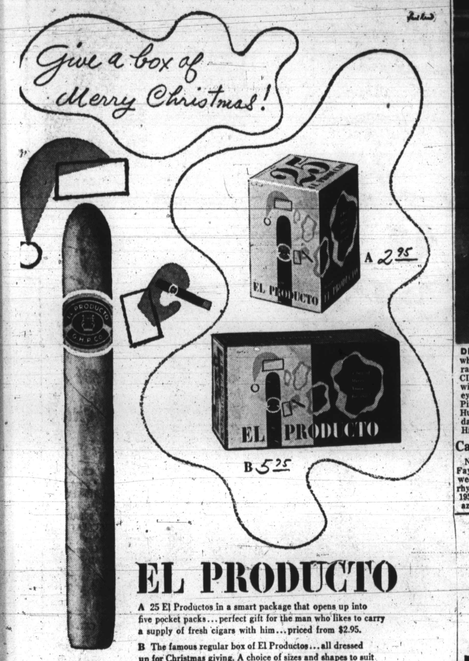

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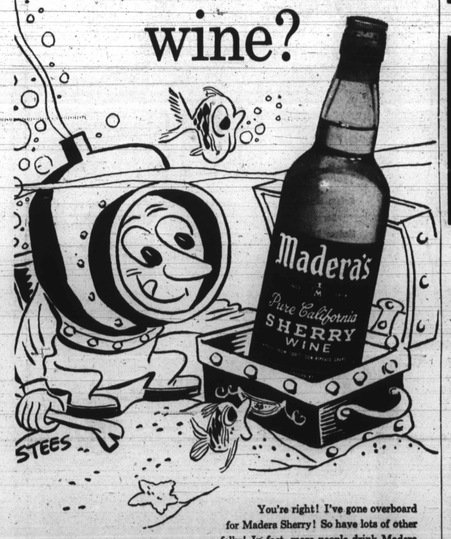

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