Morgan favored to take 6th title

Bears host to annual CIAA track meet; Jim Cooke returns

BALTIMORE, Md. — Hughes Stadium at Morgan Sate College will be the focal point for track and field enthusiasts throughout the nation this weekend as the local athletes play the role of host institution to the thirty-third annual track and field championship meet of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

The outcome of the two-day carnival, getting underway Friday afternoon, may have psychological implications for manager Casey Stengel of the New York Yankees, since Morgan's Bears will be striving to nail down their sixth consecutive conference championship.

This will be an achievement bearing more than a modicum of similiarity to the quest for a sixth pennant currently launched by the Bronx Bombers.

Disappointed

More avid of Bear track fans were disappointed by failure of their favorites to capture the Class "A" mile-relay title in the recent Penn-Relays.

It should be remembered that Coach Hurt's proteges showed true championship form in garnering four wins and two-seconds.

Although the Morgan stars are heavily favored, there is certain to be many of the first place medals taken home by visiting athletes.

Odds On Choice

Big Jim Cooke of Lincoln University is an odds-on choice to smash the existing record of 148 ft., 3½ inches, set by Obie Palmer of Delaware State in the discus in 1949.

In the sectional meet at Howard University last Saturday, Cooke tossed the platter 150 ft., 6 in.

Lincoln also has a pair of outstanding pole-vaulters, Adams and Mumford, potential thirteen-foot performers. North Carolina's Courtney, winner of the javelin title in 1953 with a toss of 187 ft., 11 in., will also be on hand, while Fairley of North Carolina, A. and T., and Gilliam of Hampton, will be serious threats in the hurdle events.

As in preceding years, all of the local high schools and others throughout the state, from the District of Columbia and Virginia, will be represented.

In the half-dozen events entered, a total of eighteen teams will be represented in the conference meet, including one college from Pennsylvania, one from Delaware, one from the District of Columbia, four from Virginia, two from West Virginia, and seven from North Carolina.

Of particular interest to local fans will be the entries toeing the mark for Maryland State College. The Eastern Shore institution, accepted for membership in the CIAA only last fall, will be making its initial appearance in Hughes Stadium.

Gavilan-Saxton title bout slated

PHILADELPHIA

Kid Gavilan, world welterweight boxing champion from Cuba, Tuesday, agreed to defend his title against Johnny Saxton, New York contender who is managed by a Philadelphian, at Connie Mack Stadium here sometime this summer.

Promoter Herman Taylor made the disclosure that the 15-round match deal is definitely "closed," even though the contracts have not been signed. They will be signed within the next 10 days he told newsmen.

Mims KOs Johnson in Baltimore bout

By HERB MANGRUM

Holly Mims, the nation's sixth ranking middleweight boxer entered the ring for the 30th time in his career Wednesday at the Baltimore Coliseum, and walked away with a ninth round KO over George Johnson.

The 157-pound, ex-Armstrong High School pupil battered his opponent's face to a pulp before dropping him over the lower strands of the ropes in two minutes and 59 seconds of the ninth.

A 1-to-3 favorite at the beginning of the welterweight bout, Mims entered the ring without a clue as to how he would fight the towering Johnson.

Mims True To Form

By his own admission, never one to judge an opponent by how he fights another boxer, the D.C. lad ran true to form and waited until he entered the squared circle to size up his man.

In the nationally televised bout the ring veteran battered Johnson from pillar to post from the fourth through the ninth round.

A glutton for punishment the Trenton, N.J. boxer exhibited his best wares in the third when he peppered Mims with lefts jobs.

Punching Technique

Just as he did against Moses Ward, in Detroit last March, Mims moved in on his man in the early rounds to exhibit his rapid fire punching technique.

He was every round with the exception of the third. Prior to the ninth there were no knockdowns although Johnson appeared to be on his way out more then once.

With his gloves held high, the D.C. Boxer proceeded to methodically close his opponent's eyes from the fourth until the final round.

Punched Hardest In 5th

Mims threw his hardest punch in the fifth when he shook up the 152-pound Johnson with a right to the head.

Although Mims rocked his man once again in the sixth with a blow to the head, the seventh ended in a slugging match.

Just as he had in earlier rounds, Johnson made the mistake of trying to fight Mims on the ropes.

Out 30 Seconds

The counterattack that followed sent him to dreamland for more than 30 seconds. Over 1,600 fans paid $3,948 to see the match.

With only seven fights to his credit in 1953, Mims before entering the ring, let it be known that he was glad to be getting bouts again.

The Wednesday victory raised his record to 35 wins and 11 losses. In two bouts this year Mims scored KO's over Moses Ward and Sandy Baxter. Both were made in the rounds.

Scored Ten Wins

To date Mims has scored ten consecutive wins dating back to November 1952 when he beat Lester Felton in Miami.

In one of the six preliminary matches, Tony Longo knocked out Ray Belmont of Philadelphia in the second.

Tough Tony Celano, one of Baltimore's most aggressive fighters, scored a unanimous decision over Salty Parker. Parker incidentally gave Celano the toughest fight of his entire career Wednesday.

Sanchez Over Haskins

Joe Sanchez won out from Tommy Haskins, and Al Hauser defeated Millard Pack, in a lightweight match. Claude Flagler decisioned Hank Jones and Archie Monroe scored a second round TKO over Paige Beckworth in a four round event.

Scoring of the judges in the Mims-Johnson bout was as follows:

Harvey Robinson

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