Douglass 5 Downs Carver for crown

Brightful, Duck ace, again leads attack

By EUGENE ARMSTEAD

Douglass High School won her second straight city basketball championship on Friday, defeating Carver Vocational High, 54-50, before 500 screaming fans at the Booker T. Washington Junior High gym.

Although their ace shotmaker, Charley Brightful, spearheaded the attack as usual, the Ducks' victory was achieved largely through a team effort. For, while the smooth-working Brightful was racking up 23 points, he was given no little aid in the scoring department by Robert James, who accounted for 21 on his own.

CHARLEY BRIGHTFUL

Owens, Gross, Carlies and Newton turned in solid performances for the champs. Newton's contribtuion was especially noteworthy in view of the fact he was playing with a tightly taped back.

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A TRICKY defense, which saw Owens, James and Brightful switching assignments on Carver's high scorer, Charley Butler, was a big factor in the win.

Butler, a 20-point plus man as a rule, was held to 14 counters.

Brightful's 23 tallies enabled him to close out his final season with the Ducks in glorious fashion. He posted a lofty 24.1 average and played the entire year without going under 20 points in any of Douglass' 15 contests.

Charley's high game of the season was a 36-point effort against the same Trainer aggregation last month.

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BOWLING CHAMPS—These three persons are the bowling champions at the New Walbrook Bowling Center, 3104 W. North Ave. Left to right, James Williams, 200 Culb; Dolly Madison, 180 Club, and George Morney, (160) Duck Pins.

Off the backboard . . . .

CHICAGO (ANP)—The University of Iowa, featuring two key colored performers, has been crowned 1955 basketball champions of the Big Ten and automatically became the conference representative in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) postseason competition.

The Hawkeyes clinched a tie for the title by defeating the University of Minnesota, 72-70, in one of the most thrilling games of the year, before more than 20,000 fans at Minneapolis.

The title became the undisputed possession of Iowa last Saturday night when Minnesota suffered a surprise defeat at the hands of the University of Wisconsin Badgers.

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TAN MEMBERS of the Hawkeye five are Co-Captain McKinley (Deacon) Davis and Carl Cain, both forwards. And both hail from Freeport, Ill.

The Southern Division championship of the Pacific Coast Conference is again in the possession of UCLA, paced by three tan players. The Uclans were to meet Oregon, the Northern Division winners, to determine which team takes part in the NCAA.

3 winners in bowling at Walbrook

A six-week bowling contest at the New Walbrook Bowling, Center, which began on January 17, recently ended.

The champions crowned were James Williams, 200 Club; Dolly Madison, 130 Club, and George Maroney, (160) Duck Pins.

Runners-up were the following:

George Lee — 223
Lewis Merchant — 220
Walter Hunter Jr. — 220
Jesse Reid — 216
Harvey Robinson — 214
Earl Robinson — 211
Sherman Brown — 204
Melvin Smith — 201
James Goodwyn — 200

RUNNERS-UP in the Women's Division were:

Katherine Chesson — 201
Mae Jackson — 192

Va. State to host schoolboy meet

PETERSBURG, Va.—Virginia State College will be host to the basketball tournament of the Virginia Interscholastic Association on March 11 and 12.

Play will begin at 1 p.m. on Friday, and semi-final play at 1 p.m. Saturday, with the finals getting under way at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

Eight teams from each group will participate in the tournament.

Cited for address

SAVANNAH, Ga. — William J. Holloway, director of student personnel and dean of men at Savannah State College, was selected by the Freedom Foundation's National Awards Jury to receive the George Washington Honor Medal for his public address "Clear, and Present Dangers."

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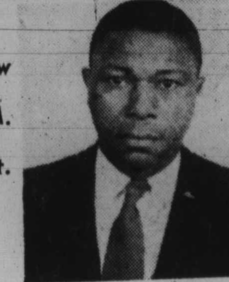

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13 Win Maryland State Amateur Boxing Titles

Thirteen of twenty championships decided in the Maryland State amateur boxing tournament went to colored fighters, as the annual meet came to a close at the Coliseum Monday night.

Seven open titles and six novice class crowns were annexed, and in addition one of the 13 tan champions captured the huge Gunther trophy awarded annually to the youngster chosen as the "outstanding boxer" of the affair.

This tourney, witnessed by an estimated 1,000 fans, was described as perhaps the liveliest session in the history of the fight-for-fun sport in Maryland.

The "outstanding boxer" citation went to James Jackson, of Ringside A.C., winner of the 178-pound diadem.

Champions were crowned as follows:

OPEN CLASS

Hugh Barnes, Police Boys Club, 119 pounds
James Mitchner, Baltimore A.A., 139 pounds
Herman Thompson, Police Boys Club, 147 pounds
Al Bell, Baltimore A. A., 165 pounds
James Jackson, Ringside, 178 pounds
Joe Long, Ringside, Heavyweight

NOVICE CLASS

Bobby Loyal, Baltimore A.A., 112 pounds
Robert Chandler, Baltimore A.A. 147 pounds
John Powell, Baltimore A. A., 156 pounds
Ernest Knox, Baltimore A. A., 165 pounds
Johnny Williams, Severn Navy, 178 pounds
Clarence Franberger, Poodles A.C., Heavyweight

The most exciting fight of the evening was the action-packed battle in which Jackson defeated Leo Gross, of PBC, to gain the Gunther trophy.

In this one, the surprising Gross appeared to have Jackson out on his feet in the early stages, only to have the latter come back strong to grab the unanimous decision.

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SHORTLY AFTER he had been presented the award, Jackson was described by one South Atlantic AAU official as perhaps the best simon pure in the country.

Joe Harris, boxing chairman of the SAA and a well-known figure in AAU circles, told the AFRO: "This boy, without doubt is the best amateur fighter in the United States. I have no doubt he'll win the 165-pound title in the national tournament with little difficulty."

Jackson, incidentally, was a semi-finalist in the 1954 national tournament and, according to veteran ring observers, "is improving with each bout."

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ANOTHER thrill-packed clash was the one in which Thompson, winner of the "outstanding boxer" award last year, outpointed Everett Hopkins, if the BAA. Thompson, a PBC entry, was the heavy favorite on the basis of his 1954 performance, but Hopkins, refusing to be daunted, traded punch for punch until the final gong.

The long program saw still another favorite upset in the 139-pound class, when Jimmy Mitchner scored a unanimous decision win over Sid Brewer, of PBC. Brewer was back to defend his open title, acquired in last year's tourney.

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LONG triumphed in the heavyweight class by stopping Ray Iozzi, of BAA, in the first round. But there was almost as much action packed into their short bout as there was in the entire slate of events.

The 220-pound Italian youngster thumped Long with a looping right to the chin in the opening exchange, and Joe staggered against the ropes. Quickly recovering, however, Long cut loose with a vicious left to the jaw and followed with a right cross that floored Iozzi for keeps.

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ONE OF THE city's most promising little scrappers, Sam Payne, of BAA, missed out on a chance to compete when officials scratched him at the Saturday afternoon weigh-in.

Payne reported with a badly cut eye and tournament directors would not permit him to fight. Result was that he had to forfeit to his white teammate, James Janouris, in the 125-pound division.

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THE WINNERS and many of the same boxers who fell by the wayside in the guelling State tests, will be back to compete in the South Atlantic AAU meet next month. The SAA tourney is slated for the Coliseum on April 11-18-25.

From this event, qualifiers will be taken to represent Maryland in the AAU nationals at Kansas City, Mo., May 5-7.

SUMMARIES
OPEN CLASS

112 Pounds — Orlando Rallos, Severn Navy, d. Harry Bessick, Ringside (forfeit).
119 Pounds — Hugh Barnes, PBC, d. Don Wortham, BAA.
125 Pounds — James Janouris, BAA, d. Sam Payne, BAA (forfeit).
132 Pounds — Leslie Heaynes, YMCA, d. Avon Holliman, PBC.
139 Pound — James Mitchner, BAA, d. Sid Brewer, PBC.
147 Pounds — Herman Thompson, PBC, d. Everett Hopkins, BAA.
156 Pounds — Lawrence Williams, Ringside, d. Joseph Ricks, Naval Air Station.
165 Pouunds — Al Bell, BAA, d. James Watkins, Eppy A. C.
178 Pounds — James Jackson, Ringside, d Leo Gross, PBC.
Heavyweight — Joe Long, Ringside ko'd Ray Iozzie, BAA (1). BAA, tko'd Charles Cilipote, BAA (2).

NOVICE CLASS

119 Pounds — Jack Leek, BAA, d. Charles Holloway, BAA.
125 Pounds — Ronald Cardelli, Severn Navy, won on bye (no competition).
132 Pounds — Richard Argo, YMCA, d. Al Barnabee, PBC.
139 Pounds — Steve Maltese, YMCA, d. Mike DeFao, YMCA.
147 Pounds — Robert Chandler, BAA, d. Onas Jansen, Red Shield.
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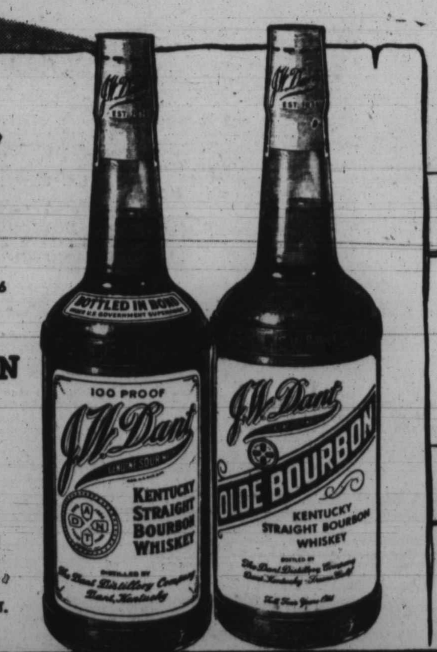

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Orioles Deny Signing of Former Elite Star

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — A widespread rumor that a colored player is to join the Baltimore Orioles baseball team in spring training, was denied late this week by club officials.

The rumor, which has been circulating in Baltimore for several days, was to the effect that Johnny Washington, one-time Baltimore Elite first baseman, had been invited here to try out for the Birds.

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NO ONE in the Oriole training camp professed to know anything about it. All denied that there is any truth to the report.

In Baltimore, the same denial was forthcoming from the Oriole front office.

According to the story, Washington is supposed to pick up transportation for Daytona Beach at the Baltimore office of the club on Monday, and leave shortly thereafter for the camp here.

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ASKED ABOUT the rumor, Jack Dunn, road secretary of the Birds and the person who is in charge of all transportation details professed to know nothing about it.

"I believe if there were any truth to it, I'd be the one to know," Dunn told the AFRO. Publicity Chief Dick Armstrong also denied the report when contacted at the Daytona Plaza Hotel, Florida headquarters of the team.

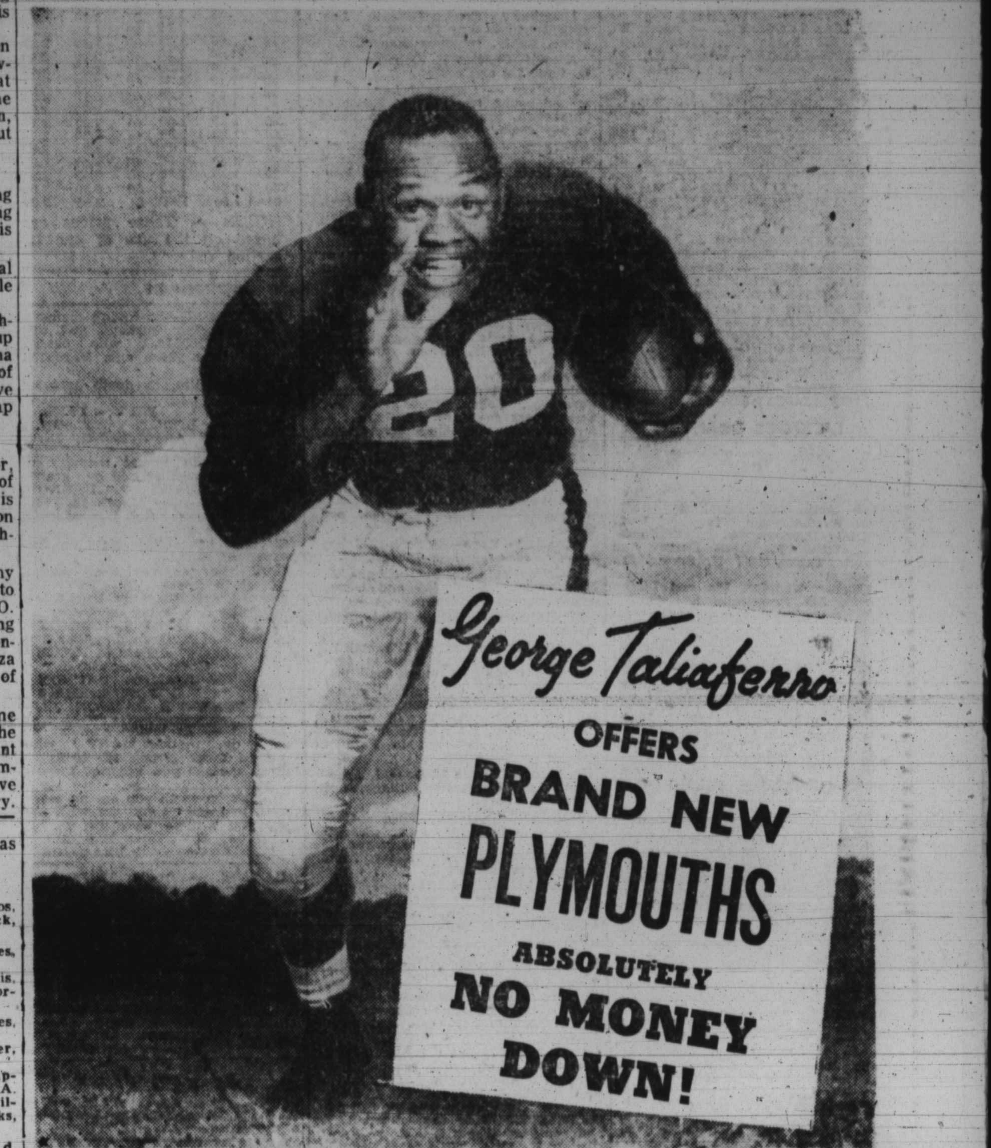
Back in Baltimore, the same answer was being given to the AFRO inquiry. Said Assistant General Manager Herb Armstrong: "No. I do not believe there is anything to the story.

"If anyone were supposed to get transportation from this end, it would very likely come through my office That is, unless it were being handled from Daytona Beach, in which case Dunn would take care of it."

WASHINGTON played with the Baltimore Elite Giants in the Negro National League in 1948 and 1949, after which he went to Canada to play. He has been spending the summers there since that time.

At the moment, the 35-year-old first baseman is reportedly visiting his family and five children at his home in Birmingham, Ala.

For that reason, he was not available for comment — SAM LACY.



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AT THE Ringside

CHICAGO (ANP)—There is no question but that the sports public got a raw deal when heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano decided to pass up Archie Moore and Nino Valdes and fight roly-poly Don Cockell of England. But let me explain why.

First of all, Cockell doesn't rate the title shot anymore than the average heavyweight — for that is what he is—along cauliflower row. In plain words he just hasn't earned the right to meet Rocky. Unless you can tell beating washed-up fighters like Roland La Starza and Harry Matthews a test for title consideration.

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THERE ARE several other reasons why the pudgy Englishman doesn't rate the nod. But let's start with his popularity and ability as a fighter.

All right, to begin with, Cockell isn't known around these parts. What little is known of him seeped across the ocean from England via the press. And even that has not been too interesting —or pleasant.

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APART FROM the fact that Cockell once decisioned La Starza, and more recently stopped has-been Matthews, there isn't much the promoters of the Marciano Cockell bout can offer fight fans in the way of publicity about Don.

Furthermore, I am surprised at the International Boxing Club for honoring such a match with its dough and prestige. From a purely promotional standpoint, one would think that the IBC would more likely reap a windfall from a Marciano-Moore fight than from a match between the "Rock" and the virtually obscure Cockell.

Of course the IBC and Co. could have done better by staging the fight in England where Cockell is at least known and appreciated.

PEEKSKILL DONATION

PEEKSKILL, N.Y. — The Peekskill branch of the NAACP last week contributed $1,000 to the association's Fight for Freedom campaign as part of its Brotherhood Week program. The $1,000 check was presented to Dr. Channing H. Tobias, by Melvin Tapley, branch president.

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