

# SURVEYING THE SPORTS FRONT

By Joel W. Smith

SEVERAL NEW CHAMPIONS BREAK INTO SPORTS HEADLINES IN '43

While the present war emergency limited considerably the scope of the major American sports, several new champions broke into the headlines during 1942. Below, the writer has compiled a list of individuals and teams that were formally acknowledged as being supreme in particular branches of sports during the past year.

- BOXING**
- World's Heavyweight Champion: Joe Louis
  - Light-Heavyweight Champion: Gus Leonard
  - Middleweight Champion: Tony Zale
  - Welterweight Champion: Freddie Cochrane
  - Lightweight Champion: Beau Jack
  - Featherweight Champion: Chalky Wright
  - Bantamweight Champion: Manuel Ortiz
  - Flyweight Champion: Title Vacant
- GOLF**
- National Champion (Pro): Howard Wheeler
  - National Amateur Champion: Claude Ross
  - National Ladies Champion: Mrs. Ethel Terry
  - Mid-Western Open Champion: Edison Marshall
  - Mid-Western Amateur Champion: Charles McCauley
  - Southern Amateur Champion: Roscoe Shepard
  - Southern Ladies' Champion: Miss Sadie Caldwell
  - Southern Intercollegiate Champion: George Harris
  - Texas Open Champion: Morris Brown
  - Ladies SIAC Champion: Miss Lucile Glenn
  - Ft. Valley State College Intercollegiate Champion: Henry Baldwin
  - Washington High, Montgomery, Alabama

- TENNIS**
- National Men's Champion: Dr. Reginald Welton
  - National Ladies' Champion: Miss Flora Lomax
  - Southern Intercollegiate Champion: Howard Minnis
  - ABC Men's Champion: Marshall Arnold
  - ABC Ladies' Champion: Miss Edith Arnold
  - ABC Men's Doubles Champion: Marshall Arnold-Frank Forbes
  - ABC Girls' Champion: Miss Florence Hunt
  - ABC Boys' Champion: Irving Thompkins, Jr.
- RANKING SEPIA TRACK STARS**
- Cross Country: Frank Dixon
  - 800 to 1,000 Meters: John Borican
  - 1 Mile Run: Ed Culp, Xavier
  - 100-500 Yard Dashes: Leo Tarrant, Alabama
  - Ed Greenidge, Benedict
  - Broad Jumper: Barney Ewell
  - High Jumper: Adam Berry, Southern
  - Shot Put (Champion): Jean Lane, Wilberforce
  - A&T Ladies' 100 Meters and High Jump: Miss Alice Cochman, Tuskegee
  - AAU All-Around Honors: Josh Williamson

- FOOTBALL**
- National Champions: Florida A. and M. College
  - Southern Intercollegiate Champions: Florida A. and M. College
  - Southeastern A. C. Champions: Kentucky State College
  - Mid-Western Champions: Kentucky State College
  - Central Intercollegiate Champions: Morgan State College
  - South-Central Conference: Leland College
- BASKETBALL**
- Southern Intercollegiate Champions: Florida A. and M. College
  - Mid-Western Champions: Kentucky State College
  - Southern Intercollegiate Champions: Langston University

- TRACK**
- National AAU Women Champions: Tuskegee Institute
  - Southern Intercollegiate Champions: Xavier University
  - Southern Intercollegiate Ladies' Champions: Tuskegee
  - Southern Intercollegiate Champions: Southern University
  - Central Intercollegiate Champions: Morgan State College
- GOLF**
- SIAC Golf Team Champions: Morris Brown College

## Robinson Agrees To Fight Hank Armstrong

By LAWRENCE F. LAMAR

LOS ANGELES, Jan.—The much discussed and bruited subject against the coming bout between Ray "Sugar" Robinson and ex-fighter Hank Armstrong, continues to grow hotter and hotter. According to the latest gossip on the subject being shuttled back and forth between New York and this coast city, the match is definitely on.

This boxing show which experts predict will gross upwards of \$150,000, will be one of the largest attractions since Joe Louis showed in New York. Mike Jacobs will promote the show the night of January 29th in Madison Square Garden. Since that bit of assuring news has come to the coast, news writers have found out a few things surrounding Ray Robinson's meteoric rise in pugilistic circles, and some of the "stall" before accepting Armstrong's challenge.

It was revealed through competent channels, that Robinson did not intend to fight Armstrong under any circumstances. The fight which had been made, by Mike Jacobs did not have the sanction of Robinson, although that fighter was under obligation to fight for the period of constant refusal to meet Armstrong, a match had been made to pit Armstrong against Al "Dummy" Davis in the Garden on the 29th.

Ray Robinson, meanwhile had been notified by his draft board that he was to report for induction on January 30th. The Armstrong camp the day of his induction would prove the only "big money" fight he could get between that and the date of induction. Mike Jacobs kept that fact dangling before his eyes until he finally fled for it. Then it was further urged on Robinson by Jacobs because of the "heavy investment" made on his fight career.

Armstrong followers here on the coast who feel that their man will fluster Robinson were jubilant over hearing news that Robinson had agreed to the fight. However, George Moore, Hank's manager wasn't the most satisfied man in the world over some changes suggested by a telephonic conversation between himself and Mike Jacobs. It seems Jacobs was being "squeezed" by Robinson to "divvy up 35 percent of the gate to his end of the purse."

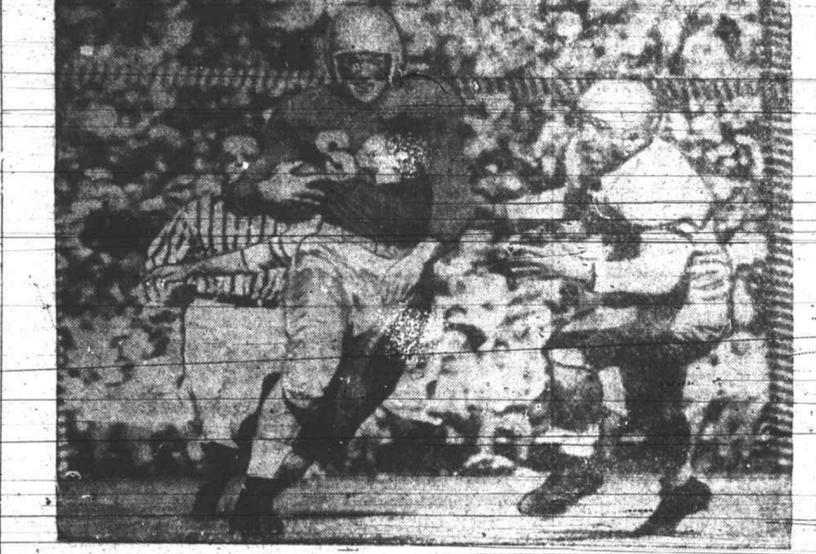
Robinson, learning that Armstrong was to get 30 per cent wanted the 5 per cent boost over the former champion. Moore gave Jacobs his emphatic "no," regarding a lowering of Armstrong's percentage, take to 32 per cent. Moore insisted Armstrong would draw patrons dollar for dollar with Robinson, and so insisted that the 30 per cent for his fighter remain as such, or that there would be no fight. It appears that the "heavy investments" that "Uncle" Mike always makes in his choice fights, might have had something to do with Robinson seeking a higher percentage. Anyway, it appears the only loser in all this maneuvering was "Bunny" Davis, who is already "out of favor" with the N. Y. Boxing moguls.

LITHONIA, Ga.—Mrs. Lela Morris was killed by an engine as she was crossing the railroad tracks Sunday. Mrs. Kate Long is visiting her mother, Mrs. Annie Hall, Mrs. Birdie Mae Bradham has returned from Indianapolis. The Junior Red Cross of Lithonia High School sent Christmas baskets to needy persons sponsored by Mrs. Russell, associate principal. Miss Inez Colquitt or Atlanta visited her sick father Saturday.

# TEXAS STEERS TOP TUSKEGEE'S TIGERS 13-10 IN ANNUAL VULCAN BOWL TUSSELE



## Georgia Romps Over UCLA At Rose Bowl



Georgia's Lamar Davis, (64) eludes UCLA tacklers to gain yardage during the Rose Bowl game at Pasadena, California, which Georgia won by a score of 9 to 0. The annual New Year's Day Classic drew 90,000 fans. (Phonephoto)

## Armstrong To Meet Beau Jack Instead Of Robinson On Jan. 29

New York—(C)—It will be the old versus the new, comes the fight of January 29th at Madison Square Garden, when Beau Jack of Georgia, lately crowned lightweight champion by the New York State Boxing Commission, engages in a ten round tussle with Henry Armstrong, the former triple champion, currently in the throes of a comeback.

The Beau Jack-Armstrong match was clinched on Wednesday, after promoter Mike Jacobs proved unsuccessful in pairing Fritzie Zivio and Beau Jack and Armstrong with Ray Robinson, the Harlem welterweight sensation.

The Jack management bowed out of the Zivio assignment, evidently figuring that the man who had dethroned Henry Armstrong as, welterweight king and one of the ring's cleverest boxers, was too tough a foe for the newly crowned 135 pound king.

The Armstrong-Robinson bout struck a snag when Robinson preferred many excuses for meeting Hammering Hank. The latest offered by the Robinson camp was that Armstrong had always been "Sugar" Ray's idol and because of that fact, Robbie was reluctant to fight his former idol. The Armstrong camp was the first to poo-hoo the Robinson "idol story".

George Baker, Armstrong's manager was the first to declare that as far as he and Hank were concerned, Robinson was just another fighter that would draw plenty of money thru the gate, which was their greatest point of interest. They also advanced the theory that Robinson was hiding behind the "idol" tag because he was scared of laughing with Armstrong.

The Armstrong fight will mark Jack's first venture since he won the lightweight title by kayoing Tippy Larkin, of New Jersey in three rounds, three weeks ago in the Garden.

## A & T Aggies Defeat Southern "Cats," 14-6 In Flower Bowl

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (SNS)—The A. and T. College Aggies from Greensboro, N. C., pushed over two touchdowns in the second period to defeat Southern University of Baton Rouge, La., 14-6, in the second annual Flower Bowl Classic, played before more than 2,000 fans in the Jacksonville Baseball Park.

The powerful Southern "Cats" scored early in the first period when Senrab Barnes, Southern's potential all-American back ran back Brown's punt to the A and T 24 yard marker. Barnes picked up six yards thru the line, and a 15-yard penalty against the A and T Bulldogs placed the ball on the three-yard marker. On the next play, Cook scored, and McNeely's placement was blocked, giving the Aggies a 6-0 lead.

The first A and T score came in the second period, after Burney recovered Cook's fumble on the 18 yard line. On two plays Bill Brown carried the ball to the 13-yard marker, and after Powell picked up a yard thru the line, Southern drew a five-yard penalty, which placed the ball on the seven yard line. Powell scored on two plays, but the conversion was short and the score was tied 6-6.

The Bulldogs came back and scored again after blocking a Southern punt on the Cats, 38 yard marker. Brennan King and Tommy Armour combined their efforts to carry the ball to the Southern 16 yard line, followed by five yard pass from King to Brown. After

Armour gained four yards around left end, Brown crashed over for the winning touchdown. The conversion failed and A and T was leading, 12-6. The final Bulldog score was safety scored when Burney was trapped and tackled behind his goal line in the final period.

In the final minute of play the Louisiana eleven apparently scored another touchdown on a pass from Alex Haysbert to Robert Smith, which covered 92 yards, but the officials called the play back and penalized A and T 15 yards for roughing the passer, a ruling that left everyone mystified.

The winning eleven is a member of the colored Intercollegiate Athletic Association while Southern University belongs to the Southwestern Conference.

**A & T:** P. Southern; Lewis, LT; R. Smith; Sanders, LT; Mason; Rowe, LG; Johnson; Monteiro, C; Daniels; Jenkins, RT; Fontenberry; Burney, RB; Moody; C. Smith, RB; Butler; King, QB; Barnes; Brown, LB; Cook; Armour, RH; McNeely; Powell, FB; Patterson.

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**Score by periods:**  
A. & T. 6 0 0 0 12 0 2-14  
Southern 0 0 0 0 6 0 0-6  
A. & T. scoring Touchdowns, Powell (2), safety, Barnes (5).  
A. & T. substitutes: Fryor, Gouthing, Barry, J. Williams, Lee, Wyatt, Doub, Byers, Brooks, Wilson, Banner, Hatfield, Waltz.  
Southern substitutes: Pentecost, Brown, J. Knight, Barrow, String-

## Brooks High Held To A Scoreless Tie

QUINCY, Ill. (SNS)—The mighty Wildcats of Brooks High were held to a scoreless tie by the Lincoln High School Gainsville, Fla., in the fourth annual Turkey Oil Classic, played in Gainesville during the holidays.

The hard-charging Wildcat lined up by Captain Webb, stellar guard and Will "Bab" Turner opened large holes in the Lincoln line which enabled Manning, Giddens and Stokes Wildcat backs to pile up a total of 201 yards gained from scrimmage for Brooks High against a mere 20 yards earned from scrimmage by Lincoln High.

On a beautifully executed double reverse Giddens ran inside of left tackle, out back sharply and raced 65 yards to the Lincoln two-yard line, but the timers whistled end the game before the Wildcats could push over a touchdown.

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## Finds Soldier's Life In Desert Is Not So Bad

ATLANTA, Ga. (SNS)—A soldier's life in the desert isn't as bad as you'd think, take it from Staff Sergeant James E. Bonds, a former Atlantan who is a member of the 37th Engineers, Rice, California.

In a detailed account of his experiences in the desert, Sergeant Bonds writes that they get plenty to eat, plus ice water.

The sergeant gives credit to their chaplain for keeping up the morale of the men. The chaplain's sermons and talks have done much toward inspiring the men to greater heights, the sergeant says.

The hot weather almost got the men when they first arrived last July, the sergeant reveals, but once camp was pitched and recreational facilities set up, the men were themselves again.

Sgt. Bonds is a graduate of Booker T. Washington High School and when in Atlanta, resided with his mother, sister and brother at 138 Harris Street, N. E.

**BOWL SCORES**

|           |    |
|-----------|----|
| TEXAS     | 13 |
| TUSKEGEE  | 10 |
| GEORGIA   | 9  |
| UCLA      | 0  |
| TENNESSEE | 14 |
| TULSA     | 7  |
| TEXAS     | 14 |
| GA TECH.  | 7  |
| ALABAMA   | 37 |
| BOSTON    | 21 |

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## Mighty Steers Come From Behind To Win

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—(SNS)—After trailing, 16-7 at the end of the first half, the powerful Purple and Gold Steers of Texas College, champions of the Southwest Conference, came from behind to chalk up a hard-earned victory over the Golden Tigers of Tuskegee Institute, runner-up in the Southern Conference, 13-10, in the second annual Vulcan Bowl Classic before more than 7,000 enthusiastic fans, at Rickwood Field.

This thrilling battle was definitely the most colorful tilt of the year, with Coaches Cleve Abbott and Alexander Durley matching wits in an unprecedented exhibition of modern football. Coach Abbott's Tigers, employing the intricate "T" formation kept the crowd on edge throughout the game with an amazing assortment of passes while Coach Durley's Steers unrolled a spectacular running attack.

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The Golden Tigers completely baffled the Steers with their famous "T" formation and after an exchange of punts, early in the first period, opened the first offensive drive of the game. Taking the ball on the Steer's 47-yard marker, George Robinson, Tiger quarterback, tossed a nine-yard pass to Charles Perry and on the next play, "Little" Arthur Sawyer, brilliant halfback, strode left end for 29 yards. Raymond Head hit through the line for a yard to place the ball on the Texas eight yard line, and when the Steer's line stopped the Tiger's running attack, George Robinson sent a beautiful placement pass to the uprights from the 15-yard line for a field goal and Tuskegee was leading, 3-0.

The Golden Tigers attempted to stage another offensive drive with Van Cleve, G. Robinson, Burall and Sawyer moving the ball deep into Texas territory. This drive terminated when Sawyer's punt was recovered by Allen. After Texas was forced to punt, Tuskegee was on the march again, with Robinson flooding the air with passes. A timely interception by "Turkey" Johnson and a 35-yard run on the return stopped the drive and gave the Steers a 13-3 victory.

Outstanding players for the Steers were: Johnson, Allen, Follen, Sheppard, Wallace and Taylor, while George, Lorenza and Lloyd Robinson, Sawyer, Van Cleve, Ed Burriet and Bowman played well for Tuskegee.

**THE LINE-UP:**

|                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| L. E. Taylor      | Per         |
| L. T. Huffman     | Short       |
| L. G. Garrett     | Left        |
| C. Green          | Center      |
| R. G. (c) Wallace | Right       |
| R. T. J. Brown    | Brown       |
| R. E. McMichael   | Wide        |
| Q. B. Pollard     | G. Robinson |
| L. H. Sheppard    | Sawyer      |
| B. E. Alley       | Head        |
| F. B. Johnson     | Van Cleve   |

**SCORE BY PERIODS**

|          |   |   |   |   |
|----------|---|---|---|---|
| Texas    | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Tuskegee | 0 | 7 | 6 | 0 |
|          | 3 | 7 | 0 | 0 |

**SUBSTITUTES:**

TEXAS: Muckelroy, Allen, M. chell, Hurt and White.  
TUSKEGEE: Lloyd, Robinson, Lorenza, Johnson, Burnett, Coe, Graves, Johnson, Wakefield, Brown, George and Anderson.

**OFFICIALS:**

REFEREE: J. E. Codwell, (Chapel Hill); Umpire, L. R. Easterly, (Wilberforce); Headlinesman, J. Bates, (Prairie View); Field Judge, Frank Young, (Chicago).

**ALLEN SCORES WINNING TOUCHDOWN ON BEAUTIFUL 63-YARD RUN**

Midway the third period a set change of punts gave the Steers the ball on their own 37-yard line and on the first play from scrimmage all-American Allen circled right and broke into secondary and revealed his field, ending three would-be tacklers for a beautiful 63-yard run to score the winning touchdown. The entire Tuskegee forward line stopped their attack on the set to score the extra point through line and was leading, 13-10.

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**24 Negro Boxers Rated By "Ring"**

NEW YORK—(ANP)—Twenty four Negro boxers won ratings, three of them as champions, in the listings made public last week by Ring magazine which also designated Ray Sugar Robinson as the "fighter of the year," an honor won the last four years by Joe Louis.

Robinson, according to Nat Fleischer, editor of the Ring, deserves his award because of his remarkable performance. Although he is not actual champion of the welterweights, he is rated a head of the title holder, "Freddie" Red Cochrane of the navy. Louis and Jimmy Bivins were also listed as kings of the heavyweight and light heavy classes.

In the heavyweight class the Ring magazine was of to himself in Group 1. In Group 5 were Billy of Cleveland, Turkey Thompson, Los Angeles, and Roscoe Toles, Detroit with the following in Group 4; Harry Bobo, Pittsburgh; Big Boy Brown, Detroit; Lu Br Williams, Del.; Albert La Argentina.

After Bivins in the 175 pound class were Group 2, Edward Charles O'Connell; Group 3, Nate Beck, Chicago, and Booker Beck, Gary, Ind. Among middleweight group 2 were Charles Eury, Memphis; Holman Williams, Detroit, and Archie Moore, St. L. Robinson was by himself in Group 1 among welters with Group 2, Henry Armstrong, Angeles; Jackie Wilson, Los Angeles; Eddie Egan, New Haven; in the 135 pound class in Group 1 was Beau Jack, Augusta, Ga. In Group 2 were Sammy Angott, Chattanooga; Willie Joyce, Gary, Ind.; Montgomery, Philadelphia; Cleo Stans, Los Angeles. In the 125 pound class were Chalky Wright, Los Angeles; in Group 1 and Haire, Philadelphia, in Group