10th Annual SIAC Track Meet To Be Held Saturday

SURVEYING THE SPORTS FRONT

By Joel W Smith

ATLANTA SPORTS FANS URGED TO GIVE SIAC THINCLADS A "BREAK"

The cream of the present crop of thinclads in the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference will invade Atlanta this weekend to compete in the Tenth Annual Track and Field Meet, which will be held Saturday at the Atlanta University Bowl. The conduct of Atlanta track fans has never been up to par, and for some reason seems to be getting worse. It is reported that last weekend when the annual City Track and Field Meet was held, the officials could hardly get the events off on schedule on account of the conduct of the fans. That is why your reporter is taking time out to urge the fans to keep off the track and out of the oval this weekend and give the track field stars a break. Be more considerate for the sprinters, who are already on edge while waiting for the gun to go off. They break, but the starter calls them back because somebody jumped the gun. When they are all set again, ready to streak down the cinderpath, an official at the finish line waves the starter to hold it, until he clears the track. The gun goes off, and the race is on, but on their way down the track, the sprinters can see the fans closing in from all sides, making it difficult to run in the outside lanes. Pick out the most advantageous spot on the bank and stay there.

Now about the present crop of track and field stars. Little is known about the thinclads from South Carolina State, Benedict, Alabama A. and M., and Knoxville, but there can be no doubt that these institutions will enter strong teams. Alabama State, Fisk, Florida A. and M., Fort Valley State, Morehouse, Morris Brown, Tuskegee and Xavier competed in the recent Tuskegee Relays Carnival, so it is generally known that they have a plenty to offer in the way of track talent. With the Clark College Panthers, defending champions, out, the fans may look forward to a "free-for-all" for the 1947 SIAC track crown between Tuskegee, Morris Brown, Morehouse, Xavier and Alabama State. Tuskegee will be the team to beat in the One-Mile Relay, but the Morehouse foursome may give the Golden Tigers a merry chase. Outstanding individual stars will include: James Cathey, Robert Knight, of Tuskegee; John Jones, Alabama State; Belfield, Willie Ball, Xavier; Allen Perry, John Thomas, William Tucner, James Holmes, Morris Brown; Carl Fuqua, Luther Ware, Schelley Lipscomb, and Johnnie Floyd, Morehouse.

SELLING BASEBALL TO ATLANTA FANS IS NO EASY ASSIGNMENT

Selling baseball to Atlanta fans is no easy assignment. Last fall, the attendance at practically all of the football games was exceptionally good. Then during the hardwood season, the Morehouse College Gymnasium and Sunset Casino were generally jammed with basketball fans. Turning to baseball, it is perhaps unreasonable to expect the overflow crowds that packed the stands during the war, when most people were making much more money and GI's were visiting the Gate City in record numbers each weekend. Even so, however, the attendance is off. Atlanta fans are not supporting any of their teams, intercollegiate, semi-pro or professional. Sunday, approximately 2,000 fans were on hand to see the Atlanta Black Crackers open their 1947 season in the Negro Southern League. This would not have been a bad crowd for a mid-week contest, but it was much too small for a weekend twinbill to open the season in a metropolitan city.

Another word about Sunday's opener. Following the doubleheader, it did not take long for the writer to discover that the only people satisfied were the members of the Nashville Cubs' rosters. Atlanta fans were disgusted because the Black Crackers booted away the opener, with the game practically in the bag. Then the Black Management staff was dissatisfied because the attendance was off. It was indeed a bad day, both for the fans and for the Black Crackers' owners. It would certainly be grand if Black Crackers would hit their stride. At least this would not give the fans an excuse for staying away. Then, too, the fans should not be too critical. The Black Cracker roster is undergoing a drastic shake up and could hardly be expected to function with finesse in Sunday's twinbill. Everybody in Atlanta wants a winning team, but why get impatient. The season has just started, and chances are the fans will see a hustling and aggressive outfit on the field in a few days. With better attendance, the management will be able to invest more in money in topflight players, and here's hoping that when the owners gets a winning combination, they will be wise enough to keep it intact.

ASHEVILLE AND NASHVILLE SET PACE IN NEGRO SOUTHERN LOOP

Sunday was opening day in the Negro Southern League and the Ashville Blues and Nashville jumped out in front by sweeping doubleheaders. While the Nashville Blues were spanking the Black Crackers, 6-5 and 4-0; the Asheville Blues were blanking the Chattanooga Choo Choos, 3-0 and 15-0. At Little Rock, the New Orleans Creoles and Memphis Blues, made their debut in the league by splitting a twinbill and Jacksonville and Shreveport did not play.

LEAGUE STANDING

TEAM	W	L	Pct.
Asheville	2	0	1.000
Nashville Cubs	2	0	1.000
Memphis Blues	1	1	.500
New Orleans Creoles	1	1	.500
Atlanta Black Crackers	0	2	.000
Chattanooga Choo Choos	0	2	.000
Jacksonville Eagles	0	0	.000
Shreveport	0	0	.000

Morris Brown Trips Morehouse; To Play Tuskegee This Weekend

Backing up Henry Franklin's sensational hurling with superb fielding, the Morris Brown College Purple Wolverines tripped the Morehouse College Maroon Tigers, 6-4, Saturday afternoon, at Harper's Field to win the first city intercollegiate baseball crown in more than 18 years.

This weekend the Purple Wolverines will face an and test when they take the field against the smooth-clicking Tuskegee Institute Golden Tigers in a two-game series scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday at Harper's Field.

MAROON TIGERS TAKE EARLY LEAD

The Maroon Tigers jumped out in front with a one-run lead in the top of the first, when Harold Toolis and George Brown came through with two straight singles and Otis Smith beat out an infield hit. Morris Brown pushed over four runs in the last half of the first, when the Morehouse infield cracked and Reuben Everett, Morehouse's ace hurler, issued three free trips to first. Ryburn Stephens singled to rightfield for the only hit in the inning.

The Purple Wolverines increased the lead with single runs in the second and third frames on singles by Irwin Greene, Franklin, and Earl Dinkins, then added another marker in the fifth, when DePoy Arnold doubled to leftfield to send Jimmy Wilson across the plate.

Morehouse staged a three-run rally in the top of the sixth on Maurice Moore's smashing double, another single by Brown and a Morris Brown error. The final Morris Brown tally came in the last half of the sixth on two infield miscues and a single by Wilson.

Franklin gave up six hits before being relieved by Frederick Shepherd in the seventh inning. The only hit chalked up against Shepherd was Beck's infield hit in the ninth inning. Meanwhile, Everett went the route for Morehouse and gave up only eight hits. Beck, Brown, and Stephens shared batting honors with two hits each.

COACH FORBES CONGRATULATES COACH LOCKHART. Following the Heated tilt between the Morehouse College Maroon Tigers and Morris Brown College Purple Wolverines, Saturday afternoon at Harper's Field, Coach Frank L. Forbes congratulated Coach A. J. Lockhart on the brilliant all-around play of the Morris Brown outfit.

Pierce Heads Science Group

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Forty-seven papers on scientific research in Negro institutions thruout the country were read at the Fourth Annual Conference of the National Institute of Science held at Howard University last week. One hundred and eleven teachers of science attended the three-day conference, discussed their special problems and formulated plans for participation in the expanded scientific program for American advancement and security.

A Pierce St. Atanis University, a former vice president, was elected president of the organization to succeed C. M. Hill of Tennessee State College. Two vice-presidents, V. J. Tulane of Howard University, and R. W. Brown of Tuskegee Institute, were re-elected and H. E. Finley, of Morehouse College and H. C. Boggs of Morris Brown College were elected vice presidents to succeed J. A. Pierce and H. V. Eagleson.

H. B. Crouch of Tennessee State College was re-elected Executive Secretary-Treasurer and the following men were elected Regional Directors:

Herman Branson, of Howard University, Eastern Region, H. E. Finley, Morehouse College, Southeastern Region, H. S. Wilson, Louisville Municipal College, Mid-Western Region, J. W. Lee, Southern University, South Central Region and T. E. Dooley, Prairie View University, Southwestern Region.

An Editorial Board, created at the conference, is composed of the following persons:

H. E. Finley, Morehouse College, Zoology; J. M. Hunter, of Virginia State College, Physics; G. W. Spaulding, of Morgan State College Chemistry; W. R. Talbert, of Lincoln University (Mo.), Mathematics and W. E. Blanchet of Port Valley State College, Science Education.

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Nashville Cubs Turn Back Black Crackers By 6-5 And 4-0 Margin

By JOEL W. SMITH

The rampaging Nashville Cubs got off to a fast start in the Negro Southern League scoring a double victory over the Atlanta Black Crackers in their opening-day twinbill, Sunday afternoon, at Ponce de Leon Park. After coming from behind in the top of the ninth to win the opener, the Cubs blanked the Crax in the nightcap behind the four-hit pitching of Fred Miller.

The crack Booker T. Washington High School Band, with Bandmaster Earl A. Starling Goldsetting, opened the impressive pre-game ceremonies by marching on the field and playing the Star Spangled Banner. Mrs. Walter Mac Bell, of the University John Hope management staff, stepped to the mound and pitched the first ball. Then during the intermission between games, a group of smartly attired young ladies, guests of Mrs. John Harden, posed with the Black Crackers in front of their dugout.

The Cubs jumped on top from the start, when Maxwell Felton drove a single run in the second inning, when Maxwell Felton drove a single, stole second, and scored on a double by Clarence Davis. Then the Cubs added another run in the top of the fourth on singles by James Zapp and Davis. The Black Crackers went into the lead in the bottom of the fourth on singles by William Makell, Maurice Peatross and a sparkling triple by Thaddeus Christopher.

The Cubs scored two runs in the fifth on two Black Cracker errors, singles by James Armstead, Manager Snow and an infield hit by Davis. Atlanta reversed the order again with single runs in the seventh and eighth frames on a two-base hit by William Makell and singles by Philly Holmes and Johnnie Richardson. A mixup on an easy double-play or force at second set up the Cubs last two runs, which came across the plate when James Armstead doubled to rightfield.

Bob Branson went the route for Atlanta and came through with 11 strikeouts. The Cubs collected ten hits off Branson, while the Black Crackers touched Edward "Lefty" Derrick and Luther Cotton for only nine safeties. Clarence Davis of Nashville and Makell, a newcomer in the Atlanta lineup, shared batting honors with three hits each.

RUSSELL SET PACE IN SECOND GAME

Frank Russell set a blistering pace for the Cubs in the second game, hitting four for four, a cool 1.000 for this contest. Nashville scored in the fourth, when Manager Snow, Davis and James crossed up the Atlanta infield with three infield hits. Manager Snow scored on Jack Morgan's wild pitch. After adding another run in the sixth, the Cubs put the game in the bag with two markers in the seventh on Russell's single, and infield error and a wild throw.

Fred Miller, Nashville's right-hander, let the Crax down with four hits, while the Cubs collected eight hits off Morgan. Russell stole indications honors with four hits.

Jackie Robinson Maintains Pace In Spite Of Threats

NEW YORK (UPA) — Despite denials, the report of a threatened strike of members of the St. Louis Cardinals against playing against Jackie Robinson, Brooklyn Dodger first baseman, appeared last night [illegible]

The forthright action of Ford Frick, president of the National League, in stamping out the incipient strike was in large contrast with the action of Sam Breadon, owner of the Cardinals, who denied that a strike had been contemplated.

Two men acted to break up the conspiracy before the strike got under way. They were Ford Frick, president of the National League, and Sam Breadon, owner of the Cardinals.

Frick disclosed that Breadon came to New York recently and informed him of the incipient strike which was to take place during the Dodger-Cardinal series which was played without incident more than a week ago.

FRICK'S MESSAGE

Frick gave Breadon the following message to deliver to the Cardinal players:

"If you do this (strike) you will be [illegible] from the league. You will find that the fringe benefits you have in the game will not [illegible] you that you be out [illegible] Dodger fans. Dodger fans care a hell [illegible] league series. There will be no [illegible] entertainment [illegible] All will be suspended and [illegible] were in the National League for five years. This is the United States of America and one citizen has as much right to play as another."

"The National League will crack down on the [illegible] with Robinson, whatever the consequences. You will find it you go through with your intention that you have been guilty of complete madness."

After news of the planned strike had broken into print, Frick admitted that Breadon had talked with him of the incipient strike and his ballplayers. Breadon, however, denied that such a plan was under way.

INSTIGATED BY TEAMMATE

The campaign to bring about the [illegible] Robinson's presence in the National League was said to have been instigated by one of Robinson's teammates, and was promoted by several combined players.

Brooklyn said he had talked the situation over with one of his ball players, and had found [illegible] dissatisfaction on his ball club. It was learned later that the players he referred to were Teddy Moore and Marty Marion, the clubs representatives on the baseball players' committee, and both denied knowledge of any strike plan.

THREATENING LETTERS

Robinson admitted in Philadelphia last Friday night that he had received threatening letters through the mails but had turned them over to Branch Rickey, president of the Brooklyn Club.

Harassment of Robinson was confirmed by Mr. Rickey last Friday night. He said at least two of the letters were of such a nature that he thought they should be investigated.

Most of the anonymous letters urged Robinson to get out of baseball.

Half an hour before game time in Philadelphia last Friday night, a photographer or a group of them brought Robinson over to the Phillies dugout and posed him shaking hands with Ben Chapman, the Philly manager, who had admitted riding Robinson to win ball games during the Philly-Brooklyn series in Brooklyn.

FIELDING FLAWLESS

In the game last Friday night, Robinson got two hits out of five times at bat and scored two runs and handled eight chances flawlessly. He doubled in the fourth inning off Oscar Judd, a southpaw, and scored the Dodgers' first run on a fly and an infield out.

After Ed Stanky had got an infield single, in the eighth, Robinson followed with another single and Reiser's double to left center scored Stanky and Jackie. The Phillies, however, won the game, 6 to 5, in eleven innings.

At Brooklyn last Thursday night, Jackie got on hit in four times at bat, handled eight chances with one error, and figured in two double plays, both of them from Stanky to Reese to Robinson. Harry (Cat) Breechen, pitching for St. Louis, lifted the Dodgers to six hits, the Cardinals winning, 5 to 1.

Through last Friday night's game against the Phillies, Robinson had been at bat 63 times and got 16 hits for a batting average of .254.

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New Orleans	4
Memphis	1
Asheville	3
Chattanooga	0
Asheville	15
Chattanooga	0
Jacksonville Shreveport (No Game)	

Monarchs Defeat Black Barons

BIRMINGHAM, ALA. — (SNS) — The Kansas City Monarchs defeated the Black Barons 9 to 4 and 8 to 0 Sunday. Hank Bonell, clouted a homer and dandy in the nightcap.

Large Field To Compete At Atlanta University Bowl

BY JOEL W. SMITH

The largest field since "V-J Day" is expected to converge on the Gate City this weekend to compete in the Tenth Annual Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Track and Field Meet which will be held Saturday at the Atlanta University Bowl. The preliminaries will get underway at 10:00 a. m. and after a brief rest period, the track and field stars will match speed, endurance and skill in the finals at 2:00 p. m.

For reasons already well-known throughout conference circles, the Clark College Panthers, winners of the event in 1945 and 1946, will not be on hand to defend their crown, otherwise, all conference colleges are expected to be well represented.

WIDE OPEN MEET

Last year, Clark came through after a heated battle with Tuskegee and Morehouse. This year, the competition will be keen, and with the Red and Black Panthers out, the field will be wide open with the strong teams representing Alabama A. & M., Alabama State Teachers College, Benedict College, Fisk University, Florida A. & M. College, Fort Valley State College, Knoxville College, Lane College, Morehouse College, Morris Brown College, South Carolina State College, Tuskegee Institute, and Xavier University.

The highlight of the meet will be the famous One-Mile Relay, Tuskegee's crack combination composed of newel, foreman, Fred Thomas, John George and Charles Gray is favored to win this event, but John Dearson, Schelly Lipscomb, Johnnie Floyd, and Edwin Thompson, who make up the Morehouse foursome may come home in front.

STARS GALORE

Among the talented individual stars will be John Jones, of Alabama State, who tied for first place in the high jump at the Penn Relay Carnival and won this event two years at the Tuskegee Relays. Then there will be Belfield, the Xavier dash who ran the "century" in 9.9 last weekend at Tuskegee. Other individual stars include: James Cathey, of Tuskegee; Willie Ball, Xavier, (Javelin Throw); Allen Perry, Morris Brown (440-Yard Run); Carl Fuqua, Morehouse (10-Yard Dash); Robert Knight, Tuskegee (Shot Put); and Luther Ware, Morehouse (120-Yard High Hurdles).

The tentative time schedule for the finals is as follows:

TRACK EVENTS

2:00 p. m.—One Mile Run
2:10 p. m.—440-Yard Run
2:20 p. m.—100-Yard Dash
2:35 p. m.—120-Yard High Hurdles
2:45 p. m.—880-Yard Run
3:00 p. m.—220-Yard Dash
3:10 p. m.—Two-Mile Run
3:30 p. m.—220-Yard Low Hurdles
4:00 p. m.—One-Mile Relay

FIELD EVENTS

2:00 p. m.—Pole Vault, High Jump, Shot Put
2:30 p. m.—Javelin Throw
3:10 p. m.—Discus Throw, Running Broad Jump

High Court Upholds Board In Refusing To Register Man

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — (SNS) — The Alabama Supreme Court on May 8 upheld the Jefferson County Board of Registrars in refusing to register Forrest A. Hawkins, of Birmingham, as a voter. Hawkins had appealed the refusal. The court said that the petition was improperly drawn.

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