

Stewart-Eaton Win Twice In Va. Meet

LYNCHBURG, VA. —(ANP) —Overwhelming all opposition easily, the doubles team of George Stewart and Dr. Hubert Eaton won two doubles titles here last week on the private courts of Dr. R. Water Johnson.

First they completed the unfinished doubles of the American Tennis association meet rained out at Wilberforce State two weeks ago and outplayed John Chandler, Fanwood, N. J., and Charles (Chuck) Jones, New York City, 6-2, 2-4, 6-3 for the ATA title.

Following this victory they defeated all comers in the seventh annual invitational Round Robin doubles sponsored by the Recreation club in Lynchburg. In the finals they outplayed Chandler and Jones again 6-2, 6-2.

This victory gave them a second leg on the Bishop Plummer Sterling Silver Three-leg trophy. Only more victory and they will gain permanent possession of the award. "Flip" Jackson, Washington, D. C., and Louis Graves, Denton, also have two legs on this coveted trophy.

Wife Files Divorce Suit Against Hank Armstrong

LOS ANGELES —(ANP) —A famous couple, married 15 years, apparently came to the parting of the ways last week when Mrs. Willie Mae Armstrong filed suit for divorce from her husband, former triple champion Henry Armstrong.

Mrs. Armstrong is charging extreme mental and physical cruelty. She is asking custody of their daughter, Lanetta, 12, and a settlement of the Armstrong estate, valued at \$50,000.

At the time of their separation the Armstrongs were living in a beautiful bungalow style residence especially built by him as a "honeymoon cottage" when they were married June 14, 1934. This home plus other property including stores and apartment in value at \$50,000 with an income of \$1,000 a month.

Other property listed by Mrs. Armstrong in her suit included offices of the Henry Armstrong Boxing enterprises with estimated income of \$16,000 a year; a Cadillac and a Plymouth automobile, both paid for; and cash and bonds of unknown value at the Bank of America and the Security First National bank.

Mrs. Armstrong recently returned home from a visit with her family in Texas.

Miss. Fair To Have First 'Negro' Day

JACKSON, MISS. —(ANP) —For the first time in its history the Mississippi State fair will have a Negro day, it was announced last week by J. M. Dean, executive secretary, Mississippi Agricultural and Industrial Exposition.

Scheduled for Oct. 10-17, the fair will designate Oct. 17 as Negro day on which colored only will be allowed to attend. Negroes, however, will not be allowed to have exhibits at this time.

The regular Negro State fair will be held as usual at the Negro fair grounds on Pocahontas road, Dean said, after the close of the white exposition.

Miami Stadium Is Given Welcome

MIAMI, Fla. —(ANP) —A sell-out crowd attended the opening of the new Miami stadium, the South's newest sports park owned by the Miami Sun Sox baseball team.

Excellent accommodations were offered Negroes who filled their sections. A special press box for Negro newsmen, equal refreshment service, and good seats at all prices were also present.

Although Negroes have their own Jimcrow sections, this marks the first time special attention has been paid to the seating of Negroes and services to them at a white park in this area.

Among the Negroes working at the park were members of the American Legion acting as guides and escorts. "Shorty" Holton and Richard Deveaux, gatemen, Bill Stirrup and Lewis Blake, ticket sellers, and other.

The Sun Sox defeated Havana 6 to 1.

Beating The Gun

BY AL MOSES

NEW YORK — (ANP) —In all cases the picture of say big Don Newcombe, catcher Roy Campanella and nimble-footed Jackie Roosevelt Robinson, all members of the ramping, rip-nortin' Brooklyn Dodgers, greeting a mate who has pasted ball over the fence must puzzle the die-hard "Dixiecrats." But it shouldn't at all. The "Sports Interracial Setup" is marching on as does progress, ever forward into the blinding rays of God's sunlight, opening heretofore barred doors with the word, "Sesame," forged from the soul-timbre of fair thinking colored and white Americans.

Many readers who turn to the sport pages to the exclusion of all others finally getting around to the editorials and the cartoons, stop me daily and ply me with questions that make one think hard before attempting to answer. For example, a certain unnamed restaurateur and night club operator said:

"Is Branch Rickey going to bring up Dan Bankhead to make a last-ditch pennant fight against those pesky 'Red Birds' of St. Louis or are there already too many colored boys on the squad? Are these newspapers fables we read in the daily papers sort of token-gestures, like a bone thrown to the poor man at the rich man's feast?"

I admit that no reporter or front-office-exec has the right to prophesy on Mr. Rickey for he is most unpredictable at best.

Perhaps he will bring fireballer Bankhead up in the driving minutes of the pennant fight, then again, he might sell brother Bankhead. The same thing would hold true as we've noted in previous columns with respect to Sammy Jethroe, the athlete baseball has known since Ty Cobb's heyday and Jack Robinson's stand today.

FOOTBALL BOOTNOTES

It is no gesture believe me when Branch Rickey replied like this to a greater smart crack by a local Broadwaite the other day:

"My team, Brooklyn-Dodgers, will always be representative of the finest playing talent scouts can round up. The player will be fitted into the winning scheme irrespective of the color of their skin. I am interested solely in a winning formula."

"T-Formation" Red Strader of N.Y. Football Yankees is out there on the field passing with his bully-boy kids and rounding out a squad that on paper, at least, makes the Juggernaut. Cleveland Brown, AAC perennial champions, look well to their knitting.

There is that 22-year-old Don Panciera, tall and skinny (tough as nails) Italian out of Anderson, S.C. — I predict as do experts out there on the field 10 times to my 3, that Buddy Young and his Panciera lad will make startling head-lines passing and and running, respectively, out of the tricky "T" formation.

Then, keep your peepers glued on still another-boy Alva, a colored lad-if you didn't already know, who is on the Yankee squad they call him "Hopalong Alva." He starred as halfback at Nevada U. Alva he reminded before the "frost gets on the pumpkin" that again these worthy N.Y. Yankees have splendid grid prospects in these two "Brownies" who tag along for the 1949 pigskin joyride with sensational Buddy Young namely; Sherman Howard, ex-Nevada-U., track and football man, and "Lionheart" Tabor Howard ran the 100 yard event in 8.8 which is carry-the-mail right smart even for these 9.2 days of century greyhounds. We will give you our Negro college key selections after we rush to whip out a yard ahead of an office deadline and our own "birthday" enthusiasm which ushered in this month.

BY WAY OF PREDICTIONS

One of the finest moves for goodwill would be the backing of a game at Soldiers' Field in Chicago between two all-star college teams composed of the best colored and white performers to show up until Thanksgiving Day: The appointed coaches would then make up a squad of colored-and-white boys (each 11 we mean) and then uncover the dish to an overflow—102,000 paid seats. Half of the receipts would go to Polio, cancer, heart, and arthritis' research labs. That would give Joe Stalin more of a kick in the pants than even a sixed-up-Marshall Tito would or nearly so, I guess.

Ezzard Charles, dilly-dallying around with a "spoiler" like Joey Maxim, the guy Jack Kearns might try to steer into a sort of "We Wuz Robbed" title ala Max Schmeling Joe Jacobs (no relation to Mike Jacobs) gives me the haw-haws. If they kid you too much, just grab this one if the hook and throw at them fish fashion. Did Joe Louis (off to Chicago as we write) ever climb in the roped arena with southpaw Melio Bettina, and did anyone ever say (with any real authority) that "Thumpin' Joe could not have decked the man for keeps even as did Gus Lesnevich during Bettina's twilight?"

Jimcrow Rules In ABC, Editor Says

NEW YORK —(ATLAS) —"The sports world still reeks with intolerance, but the forces of democracy are on the march and headed on the right direction... with sporadic leading the way," says Dan Parker, crusading sports editor of the New York Mirror, in the current issue of Sport Magazine, now on the news stands.

"Today, most sports either are, or make a pretense of being democratic," Parker says, "but the sport of bowling, dominated by the prejudiced American Bowling Congress, still does not permit Negroes to compete in tournaments."

However, Parker states in Sport that today, steps are being taken to make bowling an American game in fact, as well as in name.

Other sports, such as baseball, football, boxing and track, offer Negro athletes equal footing with whites, while sports such as tennis, golf and swimming, in addition to bowling, do all they can to discourage the Negro from participating.

Parker concludes his article in Sport: "In this land of equal opportunity, where a man is supposed to be judged on merit alone, the world of athletics is still far short of the ideal."

African Athlete Praised By French

PARIS —(ANP) —The French press was high in its praise for Thiam Papa Gallo, noted African track star after a recent track meet held here. Gallo is popularly called the "Child of Dakar."

His most recent fete was his smooth form in the high jump at which time he made a leap of approximately 6 feet 4 inches.

Athletes Featured In Advertising Copy Of Firms

CHICAGO —(ANP) —During the past three weeks, three Negro athletes have been featured in advertising of large firms in various parts of the nation.

Throughout the east, Jackie Robinson of the Brooklyn Dodgers, has figured in displays by several firms. On the West coast it has been Luke Easter, during the first half of the season, Pacific Coast league home run king with the San Diego Padres.

Just this past week, however, Paul Patterson of the Chicago Rockets made the daily press in Chicago. He was featured in the city's largest daily in an ad for a milk product, the Hawthorn Melody yogurt. This ad also boosted the Hornets.

Ads featuring Easter and Robinson were featured in Negro Journals.

Channel Try Brings To Mind Girl Who Failed Years Ago

By Alvin E. White

NEW YORK —(ANP) —Now that Shirley May France and a number of publicized and unpublicized characters have tried out in the English Channel derby (and most of them failed) I am chucking over the days of long ago when Gertrude Ederle was the rage, and a colored girl declared she was going to swim the channel.

The erswhile mermaid's name was Pauline Jackson whose brother, a publisher-editor, acted as her press agent. Just as was the case with Shirley May, newspapers printed reams of hullabaloo about Pauline's prowess as a distance swimmer.

Photos appeared in "our" papers showing the unakiny brown gal smiling—it was a great day for the colored folk. She had try-outs and a training camp set up at Pelham Bay Park as I recall it. There were daily workouts, timing and clocking, consultations on greasing, and stuff like that—Pauline was going to swim the channel or bust.

She did not do either—and it has been years since anything has been heard of Pauline. Yet, every so often, when something like Shirley Mae France deal comes along, I recall the fuss and feathers made over Pauline and think of those good old days when the folk actually believed she would swim the English Channel.

65 Year Old Duped Of Life Savings For Second Time Within Past Year

BOSTON —(ANP) —A 65-year-old handyman is having more trouble holding on to his life's savings than he probably had saving it, it seems, for during the past years, two men have duped him out of his money.

First the victim, William Bennett fell prey to Jerry McPhee, an orderly at Massachusetts General hospital, and more to a police officer, George L. King, 27, alias "Patrolman Kane".

King took \$5,250 from Bennett's bank account allegedly to buy a chicken farm for Bennett in New Hampshire. He had Bennett's bank book by virtue of telling him he had recovered \$1,600 from McPhee for Bennett, and he wanted to deposit it in the bank for his victim. All the time Bennett knew him only as "Patrolman Kane".

Originally the handyman had \$9,000 which he gave to the orderly to keep for him. The orderly went on several spending sprees, however, and had only 5,200 of the money when he was caught.

Virginia Court To Review Case Of Martinsville Men

RICHMOND, Va. —The fight to save the lives of seven young men, convicted of assault on a white woman in Martinsville and sentenced to die on September 16, was advanced by a decision of the Virginia Supreme Court granting a writ of error and agreeing to review the trials.

The decision, handed down by the court sitting in Staunton on September 6, raises hope for a new trial and ultimate freedom for the seven who were convicted in Martinsville last May.

The Virginia State Conference of NAACP Branches undertook the defense of the young men after investigation of the case revealed that they had not received a fair trial. Martin A. Martin, Oliver W. Hill and Spottswood W. Robinson III, NAACP attorneys, carried the case to the State Supreme Court.

Son Of Lincoln U. Professor Killed

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY, Pa. —(ANP) —William C. Cox, five-year-old son of Josiah Cox, instructor at Lincoln university (Pa.) was struck and killed Saturday afternoon as he played near the campus. He is said to have run down an embankment near the school onto highway No. 1 where he was hit by the rear fender of a passing auto.

The death car was driven by Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Snyder, who were just beginning their vacation. They were going to Skyline Drive, Va. After the tragedy, they returned home to Malvern, a nearby borough.

POLIO DATA

POLIO EQUIPMENT and hospital supplies for communities hard hit by epidemics are available on spot notice at six equipment depots set up by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. These supply points are strategically located to serve every section of the country without delay. For speed may mean saving lives. During this year's devastating epidemics, the National Foundation is sending a steady stream of respirators (iron lungs), hot pack machines, aspirators, beds, cribs, linens, and other hospital supplies into stricken communities in 37 states. This service is essential throughout the emergency. The equipment is costly. The need for it is urgent. You can equip some little child with hope-by mailing your contribution today in an envelope addressed to POLIO, care of your local Post Office.

Pocketbook Gag Is Worked Again

ST. LOUIS —(ANP) —Mrs. Ella Mae Cosby added her name to the long list of suckers falling for the "lost pocketbook" ruse last week, and today is \$527 poorer.

It happened to her while she and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Lora Lee Carlisse, were standing in line at her bank. A woman came up and told them a man had found a purse with \$2,800 in cash and a \$3,000 bond outside.

When they left the bank, the man approached and told them about his "find," and said he would split with Mrs. Cosby if she withdrew her savings to "make change." She did and turned over to the man her \$527. He disappeared with the other woman, and Mrs. Cosby has not seen them since.

ALLEN TACKLES A. & T. AGGIES HERE, SEPT. 24

The Allen University Yellowjackets open the local football season here Saturday night, Sept. 24 against the strong Aggies eleven of A. and T. College of Greensboro, N.C.

It will be the first time the two teams have met and also the first time the Yellowjackets have played a night game on their home field. The lights were installed during the summer and President Samuel R. Higgins of Allen said Monday that more than 1,000 additional grandstand seats had been provided for the affair.

Coach W.W. Lawson hasn't been saying much about the year's prospects, aside from the usual gloomy picture coaches draw each September. But Allen backers predict he will pull wraps off a splendid team that night, picked from among more than 60 bright prospects.

BROOKLYN MAY KEEP JETHROE

NEW YORK —(ANP) Did Branch Rickey say that Sam Jethroe would be Brooklyn's left fielder next year in private conversation to some of his friends.

Reputedly for sale at a very fancy price, Jethroe is making a terrific reputation in the International League, being one of the three men from his team to make the league's all-star team.

It had been reported that Mr. Rickey wanted a couple hundred

Pigskin Huddle

BIG TIME GRIDDERS
Stars in pro football have started out with top playing this year.

Joe Perry of the San Francisco 49ers, George Taliaferro of the Los Angeles Dons, and Fred (Cannonball) Cooper of the Richmond Rebels head the list of men proving themselves valuable to their clubs.

Injured in training and expected to be out five weeks, Perry recovered sooner than expected. He was the leading ground gainer for both teams as he led the 49ers to a 42 to 7 victory over the Chicago Hornets in San Francisco. Bob Mike played guard for the 49ers. Paul Patterson played a good game on defense for the Hornets.

Cotling into the game in the third quarter after Glen Dobbs had been injured, Taliaferro sparked his team to four touchdowns as the Dons overwhelmed the Baltimore Colts 49 to 17. He gained 76 yards in seven tries, and tossed two touchdown passes. Also in the Dons' lineup was John Brown at center and Ben Whaley at guard.

Cooper led his team in its first exhibition game of the season to a 32-0 victory over the Atlantic City Reds. He gained 110 yards in six carries and ran 40 yards in punt returns. He scored a touchdown on a 66 yard dash, the longest run of the game. A crowd of 8,000 fans, a large percentage Negro, saw the Rebels feature a Negro player for the first time.

Marion Motley and the Cleveland Browns were 'stopped' for three quarters by the Buffalo Bills, but finally rallied in the fourth quarter to gain a 28-26 tie. Ed Conwell did not play with the Bills in this game. Bill Willis and Horace Gillom saw action with

the Browns.

The Detroit Lions left their three Negro players out of the game as they lost to the champion Philadelphia Eagles in an exhibition game in New Orleans. No reason has been given for leaving and Bobby Mann, and backs Mel Grooms and Wally Triplet out of the game.

TO PLAY WHITE SCHOOLS

The Lincoln Lions under their coach Irving Mondachein, will play two white colleges under their eight game schedule this season. The Lions play Albright colleges at Reading, Pa. Sept. 29 and Lebanon Valley College at Anville, Pa.

Lincoln opens its season Sept. 24 against St. Paul's Technical College at home. Other games are scheduled for Oct. 6, Delaware State at Dover; Oct. 15, Virginia Union at home; Oct. 23, Morgan State, homecoming; and Nov. 24, the Thanksgiving Day classic with Howard at Temple stadium, Philadelphia.

Haywood Allen and Edward Darden at center, and Herman Hines, Joseph Mitchell, Francis McGee at guard. He has one returning back, Butler Taylor.

HOWARD LEADED

Unlike most coaches, Eddie Jackson of Howard is not shedding those tears during the training period these days. He has nearly all of his veterans who won seven of nine games last year returning to the team this year. Howard should have its best year since 1924.

"If we get past the first three games," Coach Jackson said, "we may end up with a team as strong as we had at the end of last season."

In his starting lineup Jackson can field a proud list of veterans—Charles Gaines and Hillary Thompson at ends, hulking Clarence Gilks and Bill Brown, both seniors at tackle, Leon Hill and Otto Jordan at guard, and either Roper McNeil or Harry Thompson holding down center on the line.

In the backfield, Chuck Ross, reporting in the peak of condition, a sharp passer; at quarterback, Virg Anderson and Ase Adams, last year's regulars, at the halves, and Bob Minton, deceptive 190 pound hulk, at fullback.

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