

TUSKEGEE RELAYS MAY 11 HOLD ATTENTION OF SOUTHLAND



Slants on SPORTS

By Lucius "Melancholy" Jones

Mozelle Ellerbe Of Tuskegee, Barney Ewell Of Penn State Win 100 Yard Dashes At Penn, Drake Relays

A FEW DAYS AGO this column did a treatise on track athletics in which it expressed the firm conviction Mozelle Ellerbe, the Tuskegee flyer, would be slower even if successful again this year.

The words were truer than anyone dreamed at the time. The past Saturday afternoon, Ellerbe successfully defended his Penn Relays 100-yard dash title won in 9.6 seconds last year at Franklin Field. But his time this spring was 9.8 two-tenths of a second slower than the 1939 performance.

Ellerbe gained the finals by outprinting two white rivals, Alfred Deibolt of Colgate and Lawrence Ridder of Dartmouth, in a preliminary heat. Again, the column's prediction stood up. Ellerbe's time was 9.9 seconds, three-tenths of a second slower than his championship performance in the same meet a year ago.

The 100-yard dash finals saw Ellerbe threatened seriously by Welby Williams, sensational relay anchor and dash man for the great North Texas Teachers, but the Tuskegee flyer had too much reserve and literally hurtled through the final tape a flash ahead of that gifted sprinter, who finished second, and two other classy white boys, John Maher of Villanova and David Lawyer of New York University, who finished third and fourth respectively.

Meanwhile, Barney Ewell of Penn State, also colored, was sweeping his way to a clean-cut victory in the Drake Relays at Des Moines, Iowa, in 9.9 seconds. Ewell was a freshman sensation last year when he created considerable attention by sprinting the 60-yard dash in the indoor record-breaking time of 6.1 seconds. Billy Brown of L. S. U., defending champion, was three yards behind Ewell in the finish of Saturday's century at Des Moines.

The Penn Relays' victory of Ellerbe, pride of Hastings, Florida, was his third successful defense of a major relay century dash title. In 1938, he won the Tuskegee Relays' 100-yard dash, repeating in the identical time of 9.5 seconds in 1939. In that same year, 1938, he won the NCAA title up east in 9.6 seconds. Last summer, he journeyed out to Los Angeles to defend the title successfully by beating Clyde Jeffrey of the University of Southern California, white, in 9.6 seconds.

Aside from the victories mentioned, Ellerbe won 20 of 22 races for America on a barnstorming tour in European countries the summer of 1938. He won the 100 and 220 in the 1938 Prairie View Relays and SIAC Carnival in Atlanta. Ellerbe was unattached winner of the Tuskegee Relays in 1935 and captured the Kansas State "100" last year in 9.5 seconds.

Ellerbe supplemented his work in the century at the Penn Relays by doing a leg on Tuskegee's sprint medley outfit. Four other Tuskegee athletes were with Ellerbe and Coach William O'Shields on the trip. They were Louis Slade, SIAC half mile champion; Marvin Fretwell, probably the best conference quartermiler at this writing; Upshaw Sams, who is equally proficient but not a champion in both the quartermile and half mile; and Raymond Head, freshman sprinter, who was a great prep dash man for Tuskegee High School until his graduation last June.

Other colored colleges entered included Xavier University, Hampton Institute, Virginia State college, Lincoln University of Jefferson City, Missouri, and Bordentown Manual Training School of Bordentown, New Jersey.

The ticker tape reveals that Xavier won a heat of the 440-yard relay in 42.2 seconds, but came in third behind the University of Pittsburgh and North Texas Teachers in that order in the finals of the event won in 47.7 seconds. Gilder Farrow of Xavier was second in a preliminary heat of the 400-meter hurdles won by Harry March, white, of the University of North Carolina.

Xavier also placed third in the half mile relay won by North Texas Teachers in 1 minute, 25.4 seconds—a new Penn Relays record. The University of Pittsburgh was second.

Colored Artists Vie For \$100

CHICAGO—(S N S)—Nearly 100 entries from all sections of the United States were received at headquarters of the American Negro Exposition, 3652 So. Parkway, in the national poster contest open to colored artists throughout the nation which was concluded Monday, April 15.

A committee of prominent artists is judging the posters submitted. All entries will become property of the Exposition. The contest was held to select a poster for nation-wide distribution calling attention to the coming Negro World's Fair at the Chicago Coliseum from July 4 through September 2. It is expected to attract 2,000,000 persons from all sections of the nation. Posters were received from such widely scattered areas as California, New York, Texas and Florida Chicago.

Alabama State Wins Own Relay Carnival

Tuskegee Relays Promise Hot Competition To All Comers

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—With the leading track and field teams of the nation having signified their intention of entering the 14th Annual Tuskegee Relay Championships, the meet this year promises to be the greatest of all. The special events are drawing more interest than in previous years because of the calibre of the contestants. In the Clarence Matthews Memorial 100, Mozelle Ellerbe who won the classic 100 in 1939, may not compete, because he has been invited to run on the coast in the Finnish Benefit attraction, which is scheduled about the same date of the relays. However, Norman Holmes, Central Collegiate Champion, and beaten by a gnat's eyelash last year at Tuskegee, is potentially as fleet as any sprinter entered in the Tuskegee Relays 100 special. But Holmes has got a tough road to travel before he even reaches the finals. If he gets by the body-wearing heats and whips into the finals he should be a good bet to win this blue ribbon event. But the heats might prove his undoing—considering the runners he will meet. To begin with, there is Ealey of Tillotson, the Southwestern Inter-collegiate Champion, who is a star in his own right. Ealey easily could be one of the favorites. Ealey's time at Prairie View on a slow track against a 15-mile wind was 9.8 seconds.

Then there is Xavier University's streak of lightning, Blackett; Tarrant of Alabama State Teachers College, and Plummer of Lincoln University of Missouri, and several other fine sprinters. If Holmes is right, he will survive this severe competition; but it may be a bit too early for the Floridian.

The field is select and one in which Holmes can do well if he does not get off to a bad start and the too easily. At any rate, he is Florida's ace, and those who saw him tossed out by Ellerbe in 9.6 last year figure he is an outstanding prospect.

In the high hurdles Farrow, defending title holder from Xavier University, will receive stiff competition from the Mitchell brothers—Cleo from Tillotson College, Austin, Texas, and George of Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia. After leading Farrow for the first eight hurdles in the Prairie View Relays, Cleo hit the ninth and failed to finish. Tuskegee, which has been a perfect host in recent meets—not winning a major title for sometime—does not figure to cut much ice again this year. The Tuskegee Thunders, however, are centering their attention on the mile relay championship of America. An event they won in 1931. Prairie View State College has dominated this event since 1934, and holds the record at 3 minutes and 2-10 seconds.

A partial list of officials follows: B. T. Harvey, Morehouse College, referee; Ralph Metcalf, Xavier University, starter; C. Randolph Taylor, Tillotson College, assistant starter; Dr. W. A. Waddell, Dr. John W. Chenault, L. E. O. Davis, Arthur P. Mack, Edmund H. Burke, John T. Bracken, Judges of track events; Capt. R. S. Darnaby, George W. Clark, Capt. W. J. Love, Fred J. Long, Ralph C. Robinson, William Bell, timers; P. H. Polk, official photographer; William C. Lester, M. W. Freeman, Frank J. Wright, Ignacio Guzman, program committee; Capt. Charles Eton, H. R. Ousley, Dr. I. A. Derbigny, A. F. Bradley, Capt. W. A. Richardson, Lloyd Isaacs, John H. Brown, J. B. Bragg, inspectors; S. B. Taylor, Robert Gover, Guy R. Trammell, G. W. A. Scott, W. B. Wrenn, Richard B. Collins, Elisha Campbell, Theodore A. Wright, G. H. Lockhart, Sgt. John D. Patton, judges of field events; J. Julius Flood, chief clerk of course; Charles G. Bevans, James A. Johnson, James W. Bryant, Louis A. Rabb, P. D. Davis, Mrs. Annie Bobbie Baber, clerks of course; William A. Shields, scorer; Dr. W. T. B. Williams, Miss Cora O. Fant, Miss M. L. Syrette, custodians of prizes; Mrs. A. C. Roberts, Floyd Cox, badges and programs; George Reed, surveyor; Capt. R. S. Darnaby, press steward; Dr. John A. Kenney, physician; G. W. A. Johnston, field marshal; Miss Jessie W. Parkhurst, Miss L. L. Clifton, Mrs. Carrie S. Ramsey, Mrs. C. E. Watkins, Miss B. M. Graine, Mrs. D. R. Barker, guests hostesses for young women; R. A. Spicely, steward; Arthur Glover, George Howell, H. R. Partidge, Miss Marthian D. Sumter, assistants; Cleophilus Stewart, Miss Dorothy Mae Dumas and Miss Leslie Kirk, custodians of batons; Mrs. L. J. Harris, Mrs. L. C. Sheehy, Mrs. R. S. Darnaby, bursars; Theophilus C. Cottrell, messenger.

SEND FOR SUSPECT MONTGOMERY, Ala.—Papers and indictment of murder have been sent to Rochester, N.Y., seeking to have returned Willie Shackelford charged with murder June 1, 1939, in Autauga county.

Joe Louis Takes It Easy



World Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis, at leisure, "doubles" as a Hollywood cameraman. The Brown Bomber is booked for a defense fight in Yankee Stadium this June. Plans are still in the making.

BEATING THE GUN By Al Moses

FRED IRVING DIGS UP TARTAR FOR PACE'S DEBUT

NEW YORK—GEORGIE PACE, rated by light experts the country over as the greatest of the little fighting men since the days of George Dixon, had better prepare for serious trouble, Wednesday evening, May 1. On that night at the Golden Gate Boxing Club, Promoter Fred Irvin will throw the rough Canadian in with Pablo Dano. Leave it to the fistie genius of Promoter Irvin to arrange such a thrilling card for the fans.

Dano, from the same stock that produced such a fighting fool as PANCHITO VILLA, is the most feared ringman in the bantamweight division. Conquerer of every worth-while strapper in his class, Pace should defeat Pablo and coast on to the popularity enjoyed only by Joe Louis and Henry Armstrong among modern day pugilists. Funny how the name of FRED IRVING has revolutionized plans in the cauliflower industry, as boxing is known. Jack Dempsey, Jimmy Johnston, and our old friend, HUMBERT FUGAZY, are looking around the country for a soft spot in which to promote. They've chosen Ebbefts field (never a popular spot) as the garden in which to divert some of the overnight attention from Irvin, who scored like a combination Tex Rickard-Mike Jacobs, in his Bernie Miller-Maxie Berger (sell-out) show. The fellows who were out with hammers in a sort of walking, knocking brigade against Fred Irvin who never did anything to harm them, are now keeping his home and downtown (Strand Theatre building suite), busier than a post office station, trying to pat him on the back. . . . they were always in his corner.

But Fred is a hard-boiled thinker and business man. He knows only two well who his friends are. . . . make no mistake on that score. The first of our race to promote a WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP BOUT (John Henry Lewis against Max Marek, ex-Chicago Golden Glover) and numerous other titular matches, all the island of Manhattan (black and white alike) are acclaiming in the newspapers and at the better downtown club lounging rooms. We want to take this opportunity to thank the thousands of Harlemites who packed the GOLDEN GATE to such an extent that 1,500 were turned away at the doors, for Irvin's initial professional venture. We say. . . . continue to pack the place for this bronzed fight genius until he and his associates become wealthy and famous for THEIR Beta Kappa student JIMMY LU-

SUCCESS. . . means also that. . . HARLEM CAN RALLY AROUND ITS OWN AND PUT THINGS OVER. . . thank you fans for heeding our last week's editorial on "The Local Boxing Picture".

FORM REVERSAL OF "ARRINGTON" AMAZES TRACK SHARPS

WALTER (Panther) ARRINGTON, hailed a few months ago by Lawson Robertson, and other famous track coaches as the finest "all around" athlete in this country, fell down with a bang Saturday afternoon, during the running of the KANSAS RELAYS held at LAWRENCE, the best the little bronzed youth from Michigan State could do was to finish third to Lee Todd of Boulder, Col. Retaining his last year's decaathlon title, Todd (white), amassed a point total of 6,730 points or 183 more than his last season's tally. Arrington rolled up 6,225 to lose out by four points to Uval Jones, Wayne University, Detroit, who finished second. Before the start of the classic games Arrington was a prohibitive favorite among the boys who never take in track meets without betting their money on their "sure thing" athletic performers.

STILL SEARCHING FOR "ALL TIME" MILE RELAY QUARTET!

We ran into a group of young Alpha Phi Alpha collegians last week who proceeded to ply us with questions we were hard pressed in answering. One ran something like this: "Who do you think could have taken ROY MORSE, HOWARD P. DREW, H. V. EDWARDS and IRVING T. HOWE in a 880 yard relay race?" That one wasn't so difficult we thought and weighed it with this answer. . . . EULACE PEACOCK, BEN JOHNSON, EDDIE TOLAN, and MOZELLE ELLERBE, from a crop of dashers who dropped out during the 1939-40 era. Then without giving a fellow a chance to catch his breath, someone yelled out. . . . "And who'd lick the last bunch you just nominated?" Our guess to that twister ran something like this: ANDERSON (Univ. Southern California), THOMPSON (Jersey City), RALPH METCALFE (Xavier University track coach), JESSE OWENS (Olympic immortal).

Maroon Tigers Capture Mile Relay; Bubber Mitchell Hot

Alabama Proves Rude Host by Copping Team Honors; Xavier Is Runner-Up; Morehouse, Third; Florida, Fourth

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—(S N S)—Alabama State Teachers College proved a rude host to the first annual Alabama State Relays Saturday afternoon, April 27, by winning the coveted carnival from five strong collegiate rivals with a team total of 42.75 points.

Following Alabama in placement were Xavier with 35.33 points, Morehouse with 30.25, Florida with 29. Southern with 20, and Tuskegee with 7.75 points.

MITCHELL SPECTACULAR

George (Bubber) Mitchell of Morehouse was easily the individual hero of the meet. The elongated senior collegian won the quarter-mile run in 49.5 seconds, anchored his mates to victory in the classic one-mile relay, placed second in the 120-yard low hurdles, and also finished second in the board jump. All told, he counted for 12.25 points to lead all other athletes in the meet.

RECRUIT, COMES THROUGH

Morehouse's first places were in the quarter-mile run, one mile relay, and the 220 yard high hurdles. Ulysses Amos won the last named event in 24.4 seconds, while the time in which Joseph (Joe) Allen, William Carr, Amos and Mitchell turned the mile relay was 3 minutes, 22.4 seconds. Treebe Houston of Morehouse justified Coach Frank L. Forbes decision to take him on the trip and leave some of the more experienced performers by placing third in the

in the pole vault and javelin while SIAC high jump and broad jump marks were tied in last Saturday's meet.

SUMMARIES

100-Yard Dash—Tarrant (A), O'Neal (X), Holmes (F), McLaurin (A). Time: 9.6.

400-Yard Run—Mitchell (M), Baker (X), Johnson (A), Allen (M). Time: 49.5.

Mile Run—Rogers (F), Smith (F), Leath (A), Brown (T). Time: 4:39.

120-Yard Hurdles—Smith (A), Mitchell (M), Houston (M), Hoover (S). Time: 15 seconds.

220-Yard Hurdles—Amos (M), Smith (A), Eobey (A), Houston (M). Time: 24.4 seconds.

440-Yard Relay—Alabama, Xavier, Florida, Tuskegee. Time: 43:1 seconds.

880-Yard Relay—Xavier, Florida, Alabama, Tuskegee. Time: 1 min. 29 seconds.

Mile Relay—Morehouse, Florida, Xavier, Alabama. Time: 3 mins. 22.4 seconds.

Two Mile Relay—Alabama, Tuskegee, Xavier, Southern. Time: 8 mins. 28.5 seconds.

Pole Vault—Farmer (X) and Brown (S) tied, Foston (A) third, Handy (T) Beavers (S), Stanley (A) Lewis (M), Robinson (T), tied fourth place. Height: 12ft. 4ins.

High Jump—Berry (S), Horton (F), Tarrant (A); Baker (S), Stanley (A), Ferrell (A), tied for fourth. Height: 6 ft. 5 ins.

Broad Jump—Blackett (X), Mitchell (M), Stanley (A), Biggs (S). Distance: 23 ft. 6 1-4 ins.

Shot Put—Williams (T), Greene (A), Fryor (X), Scott (A). Distance: 42 feet, 2 1-2 inches.

Discus—Turner (X), Williams (F), Haines (M), Taylor (S). Distance: 128 feet, 7 inches.

Javelin—Taylor (S), Haines (M), Hoover (S), Turner (X). Distance: 190 feet, 8 inches.

Herschel Holmes In Rare Form In "100"

By J. C. CHUNN

Herschel Holmes, a dynamic figure in Southern track circles, was studiously watched by his handlers last Friday afternoon on the Atlanta University athletic field. The lean Morris Brown athlete appeared to be in top condition along with other members of his team that are being timed by Head Coach William J. Nicks, who clocked the "bronze flash" in the fast time of 9.9 seconds for the century dash.

The writer watched the youngster and felt that had he been pushed he might have clipped two tenths of a second from that time, and, believe it or not, the time he made will be hard to beat, because I honestly feel that 9.8 or even slower time, will win the event at the relays, and Holmes, without a doubt, is much faster than at any previous time in his colorful career.

Mapp, Jenkins, Strickland, Moody and three or four others were given trials under the watch and turned in hopeful performances, but, in many cases, failed to even approach any of the meet records that they will participate in this spring. However, they gave indication of rounding into prime condition and it is believed with this showing better marks will be made and faster time recorded. Strickland was throwing the javelin for many good marks but failed to reach his 170 mark made last year when he placed in the conference meet here. Moody will try for a place on the team by heaving the 16 pound shot. Mapp is another youngster who gives Morris Brown a great chance in the 100 dash event. This boy was clocked a fraction of a second slower than Holmes.

GOLF IMPORTANT

It has really happened after many years of prevailing upon officials of the athletic department to do so. They will make every effort to send a golf team to Tuskegee this year to try at the Southern Intercollegiate golf championships. "Florida" Coles, a very fine golfer, has toured the Lincoln course in 69 and 68 respectively and will try, along with "Bulldog" Turner, from Rome, Ga., to give Morris Brown a representative pair at the golf meet this year. Both boys, and maybe two more likely youngsters, will be added to the team. Plans are

Golf Meet At Tuskegee May 9-10

Eighteen holes will be played Thursday morning and eighteen holes will be played Friday morning.

Each school will be allowed to enter six women and six men in competition. You will be allowed to choose any four out of the six entries in computing the final team score.

A prize will be given to the team having the low aggregate medal score and also individual prizes will be given the woman and man having the low medal score.

The tournament will be played on Tuskegee's 3,400 yard par 35 sand green golf course. The fairway of each hole is crossed by the small creek, making accurate shooting necessary.

No entry fee is charged.

The eligibility of each entrant shall be certified by a qualified officer of the institution and the inter-collegiate rules of the Southern Conference shall prevail.

To be eligible for interscholastic competition the following rules must be adhered to:

Has been in attendance 80 per cent of all classes for which he is registered from not later than the tenth day of the current school year, and has carried fifteen hours of work successfully within that time.

Is an amateur according to the accepted interpretation of the term.

Has never played under an assumed name.

Has not reached twenty-first birthday.

Is not in ninth semester of High School.

Has not graduated from a High School previous to March first of the present year.

Has never been a member of a normal school, junior college, college, or university team.

Is eligible under the rules of our local association.

If this tournament is supported we are sure it will open some of the closed doors to colored players in the National Tournaments now held in this country each year. Each contestant will be required to have his own golf bag and clubs in an effort to speed up play. Pairing for play will be made at Logan Hall at 8 p.m. May 8, 1940.

For further information write William O'Shields, Tournament Chairman, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama.

Dream Team Of Va. Union Honored

RICHMOND, Va.—(SNS)—At the chapel hour at Virginia Union University Wednesday, April 24, the Pyramid Club of Beta Epsilon Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority honored the 1940 basketball team by presenting a trophy to Captain "Soupy" Campbell "to commemorate the achievements of the team in the face of difficulties, and to serve as an inspiration to those who will follow". Miss Virginia Howell, senior, of Richmond, and president of the club, made the presentation. Campbell accepted the trophy "not only as a tribute to the team but with the hope that it would inspire others to seek even greater heights".

A feature of the program was an address by Miss Elsie Spurlock, prospective June graduate, on the subject "Perseverance". Said Miss Spurlock: "The most notable achievements throughout the ages have been made through perseverance. With this trait, one can remove all obstacle overcome difficulties, and reach the pinnacle of success. Our own team here at Union furnishes a striking illustration. Handicapped by lack of a gymnasium and with other difficulties, they soared to the heights in the C. I. A. A. and landed in a blaze of glory."

Officers of the club are, in addition to Miss Howell: Miss Rozzel Linnette, Norfolk, Va., vice president; Gladys Carter, Richmond, secretary; Grace Blackwell, Richmond, treasurer, and Ruby Ellis, Richmond, journalist.

GROUND BROKEN FOR PROJECT

RALEIGH, N. C.—Described as "another indication of the social progress of this city and state" the Chavis Heights housing development was started last week after formal ground-breaking ceremonies with Mr. Robert C. Weaver as chief speaker.

VALLE, for Dr. Dismond (on time performance alone) for DISMOND, epitomized the "fighting type supreme" among all track performers. . . . and this writer "must have fighters" on anything that would be our very own. Let us hear from you fans, for the woods are full of selections.