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THE PIGSKIN HUDDLE

BY ANP

BIG TIME GRIDDERS START OUT WELL

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.

Coming 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.

Martin Motley and the Cleveland Browns were stopped for three quarters by the Buffalo Bills, but finally rallied in the fourth quarter to gain a 28-28 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 end Bobby Mann, and backs Mel Groomes end Wall Triplett out of the game.

LINCOLN (PA.) TO PLAY EIGHT GAME SCHEDULE

The Lincoln Lions under their new coach, Irving Mondschein, will play an eight game schedule this season, which will include Albright college at Reading, Pa., and Lebanon Valley college at Annville, Pa.

Lincoln opens its season Sept. 24 against St. Paul's Technical college at home. Other games scheduled are Delaware State at Dover; Virginia Union at home; Morgan State, homecoming, and the Nov. 24, the Thanksgiving Day

classic with Howard at Temple stadium, Philadelphia.

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

HOWARD LOADED WITH VETS

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 1926.

"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 McNair 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 Abrams, last year's regulars, at the halves, and Bob Minton, deceptive 190 pound powerhouse, at fullback.

Howard will open its season at home against Bluefield State Sept. 24. All home games will be played at Howard stadium, except for the Howard-Morgan classic which will be played at Griffith stadium.

Washington Branch AAUW Reinstates 3 Negro Women

WASHINGTON. (ANP). Three Negro women, Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, Miss Otelia Cromwell and Miss Mary E. Cromwell, were reinstated in the Washington branch of the American Association of University Women at the national headquarters last Monday night with around 100 women in attendance.

At the same meeting a new president was elected to head up the completely reorganized branch, which is composed only of those members who did not withdraw from the organization when the AAUW convention voted by more than 2,000 to less than 75 to make "educational qualifications the sole requirement for membership."



Each year on the third Sunday in August the former residents and families of former residents of the old Nebraska ghost town of Rock Bluff gather at Hutchinson's Grove, five miles south of Plattsmouth, for a reunion. In doing so, they keep alive a colorful but almost forgotten chapter of Nebraska's history.

Though virtually nothing remains to tell of its former glory, Rock Bluff during territorial days was one of Nebraska's thriving river towns, and a contender for honors as the metropolis of the trans-Missouri region.

According to a map accompanying an article by Dr. G. H. Gilmore of Murray on ghost towns in Cass County (Nebraska History, July-Sept., 1937), Rock Bluff was founded Jan. 6, 1856. The town soon developed into an important outfitting point for freight wagons crossing the plains, and the Rock Bluff landing was visited regularly by Missouri River steamers. A pioneer college, Naomi Institute, flourished for a number of years under the direction of Prof. Joseph Patterson.

Perhaps the most notable incident in the town's history is furnished by the ballot box that went to dinner. In the election of 1866, Nebraska's voters were deciding whether the territory should become a state, and if statehood was achieved, whether the first officers would be Republican or Democratic. David Butler headed the ticket of the former and J. Sterling Morton the latter.

The political parties were quite evenly divided in the territory and the election was close. In Rock Bluff precinct, 107 votes were cast for the Democrats against only 47 for the Republicans, enough to put Cass County in the Democratic column. The county canvassers decided, however, that because the ballot box had been taken to the home of one of the election officials over the noon hour the votes of Rock Bluff precinct would have to be thrown out.

By virtue of this action Cass County went Republican, and its representatives furnished the edge in the legislature that enabled Republicans to elect Nebraska's first two United States Senators, John W. Thayer and Thomas W. Tipton.

Because of this celebrated case, Rock Bluff achieved a permanent place in Nebraska's political history. When the railroad came through Omaha, however, Rock Bluff like many another river town went into a serious decline, until today it reposes among the rather numerous ghost towns of Cass and other eastern Nebraska counties.

Then the Negroes began to migrate to the North in large numbers. The majority of these who migrated during this time went to Kansas. "This movement was organized by two widely known race leaders who thereby attained distinction. They were Henry Adams of Louisiana and Benjamin, or "Pap" Singleton of Tennessee. By circulation of statements as to the opportunities in the West, these leaders interested between 100,000 and 200,000 Negroes of the Mississippi Valley, although not more than one-fourth or one-fifth of this number actually went west.



By Kathrynne Favors

NEGROES START TO SEEK NEW OUTLET

Negroes made practically no economic progress during the first generation of their freedom. Because of this, they began to think of ways to escape from this condition. They organized into labor unions and held their first convention of this sort in 1869, but this wasn't the answer to their problems. Thousands turned to the ministry, for in this field they felt that they could have the opportunity to attain leadership and independence. Many of these men who turned to the ministry were undesirable and exploited the people, but there were many that were sincere in their Christian work. Some of the ministers were very successful and did much to aid the Negro in his struggle for "real" citizenship.

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Wife Sues Boxer, Henry Armstrong For Divorce

LOS ANGELES. (ANP). A famous couple, married 15 years, apparently came to the parting of the ways last week when Mrs. Willa 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.

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

FEPC A 'Truman Must' Says Rep. Sabbath of Illinois

WASHINGTON. (ANP). Rep. Al Sabbath of Illinois said President Truman has labeled fair employment practices legislation a "must" at this session of Congress. Sabbath is chairman of the powerful house rules committee which virtually controls legislation going through the house.

The proposed FEPC law is the section of the President's civil rights program most bitterly fought by the south.

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