

## Sports Tales

By Tom Carodine



### Fifty Years of Progress in Sports

#### Athletes Make Greatest Race Contributions

Of the brilliant boxing stars in the field since 1900 was Canadian-born George Dixon, who was the only Negro boxing champion of the world when 1900 began; this can be compared with the advent of 1950 since Ezzard Charles, Ray Robinson and Ike Williams are reigning rulers of their divisions. Jack Johnson was the first Negro heavyweight king and his dates were 1908 to 1915. One of the world's greatest heavyweight champions was the Brown Bomber, Joe Louis, who set a record on holding the title. Joe recently lost the title of heavyweight king to Ezzard Charles. In the field of other sports we have had great names like LeRoy Paige, Oscar Charleston and the one and only Jackie Robinson, who was the first Negro to hit the big times. We also have outstanding men like Larry Doby and Roy Campanella and many more in the big leagues.

#### Men Who Were Greats Of the Gridiron

One of the greatest men to ever wear football togs was Duke Slater, who many say could take out one side of a line by himself. We have had men like Fritz Pollard at Brown, Robeson of Rutgers, Levi Jackson, captain for 1949 at Yale. For the first time

in their histories Penn and Temple had Negro players on their freshman teams in 1948. Midwest and Far West schools have been more liberal than the Eastern Seaboard colleges. Negroes have been stars in the Big Ten and on the Coast for years. Some of our boys who have played brilliant football, names that you all will recognize like Gene Dericotte, Lem Ford, Bob Mann, Bill Willis, Talifero, Buddy Young, Patterson, and Iowa's Emien Tunnell was one of the greatest defensive backs in the National football leagues.

#### Our Nebraska Ties Hoosiers 20-20

The Huskers played a remarkable game Saturday against the Indiana Hoosiers. It can not be said that Nebraska didn't look outstanding against the Hoosiers.

But on the other hand the Hoosiers also had there spark played an out-like, Bobby Robertson Cliff Anderson, D'Achille and Gomary who played a outstanding game.

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Courtesy of Lincoln State Journal.  
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threat all afternoon. He was on his way to pay dirt several times when caught from behind by Huskers Don Bloom.

Big Cliff Anderson who broke the scoring record in the big seven last year was doing a nice job on receiving passes from team mate Lou D'Achille. By statistics the game was no one sided affair by all means. It was an even match all the way to the final gun. Nebraska also had Bobby Reynolds. Bobby a 19-year-old lad from Grand Island, Neb., went the distance three times for Nebraska. For Nebraska on a whole all of our boys superior play. Our first game is should be congratulated on their just a little of what we will see in the future. Bobby Robertson praised by N.U. coach. After the game Coach Bob Davis of NU said Bobby Robertson "had the best balance" of any ball-toter he'd view.

#### Ray Condition Called Serious

The condition of James Ray, 18-year-old Boys Town colored halfback, was termed as serious by the attending physician Saturday night. Ray received a neck fracture in the Scottsbluff-Boys Town high school football game Friday night. The attending physician said Ray, after an uncomfortable night had shown improvement Saturday morning but Saturday night lapsed into unconsciousness.

This means the Nebraska high school football spotlight will be focused on the Capitol City this week where Lincoln high and Lincoln Northeast clash for the city championship. In Omaha, North High and Creighton Prep are matched in the feature attraction there while South Hi will tangle with Tech Hi 1949 state champion.

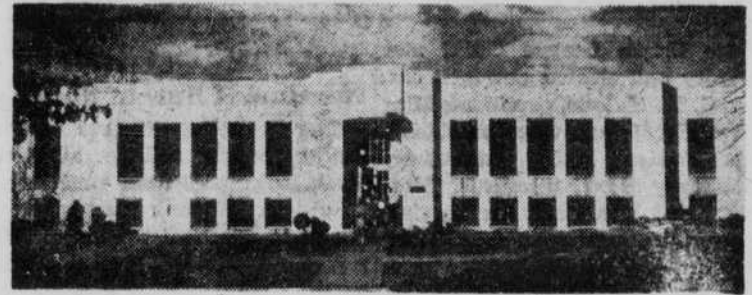
#### Great Strides in Track and Field

In track and field Negroes have been an increasing factor in the sprints, quarter and half mile, broad jump, the hurdles and a few field events. Of years ago we had great men like Jesse Owens, Don Barksdale, Fritz Pollard, jr., Barney Ewell and many more.

#### Face Setters in Basketball

We have boys like Don Barksdale, Dave Minor and none of us

## Urban League Building



**URBAN LEAGUE CENTER**—This is the building around which centers activity of the Lincoln Urban League. It is located at 2030 T.

Community activities are centered around the Urban League Building, which has planned programs, supervised by an efficient staff of workers. Clyde W. Malone, executive secretary of the League, related some of the significant developments in Lincoln during the past half century. "It is gratifying," he said, "that Negro home owners have increased from 50% in 1935 to 80% in 1950. He told of the yard-cleanup program sponsored by the Urban League and the pride which citizens have taken in the care of their homes.

Still vivid in the memory of Mr. Malone is an incident which occurred during his university career in 1925 when he wanted to join the debate team. Upon making application the instructor replied, "The university has never had a Negro in the debate class and I don't know that we ever will." Mr. Malone talked at length on the vast change at the University of Nebraska since that time.

will ever forget the one and only Goose Tatum of the Globe Trotters.

Three Negro educators have addressed student convocations in the past two years. Three graduate students have been employed as instructors and an assistants during the past two years. Resident halls for women and dormitories for men have recently been opened to Negro students, and a Negro student has been selected to play on the 1950-51 freshman team. Many other barriers have been broken as administrations changed and faculty members became more democratic in their thinking.

#### Some College Scores

Colorado 34, Kansas State 6.  
Oklahoma 28, Boston College 6.  
Northwestern 22, Iowa State 13.  
Clemson 34, Missouri 0.  
Michigan State 14, Michigan 7.  
Illinois 28, Ohio U. 2.  
Washington 28, Minnesota 13.  
S.M.U. 32, Ohio State 27.

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