

# Sports

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## One All American Prospect

After watching the 1937 football season slither and slide past mid-November, it has become evident to this chronicler that of the scores of Dusky Americans cavorting on Northern Gridirons, there is only one with the proverbial ghost of a chance of being selected for mythical All American honors.

That one youth is—if you haven't guessed it—Jerome "Brud" Holland of Cornell, the greatest left end in the nation. Eastern dailies are booming him for U. S. honors, but with such white boys as Daddio and Souchak of mighty Pitt, Chuck Sweeney of Notre Dame, and a half dozen or so others, Holland may be overlooked. Add to this the fact that he has one more year of competition, throw in the milestone of color, and the odds seem virtually insurmountable—despite the fact that he was the first flanker to receive All American rating a few weeks ago by the All American Board of Football.

That does not mean, however, that there are no other good boys of dusky hue. But being merely good does not qualify a person for national honors. Special services are prone to boom every Negro playing on an otherwise white college team as All American timber, when the bristler may actually be only the best of a rather poor or available at his institution.

Let's take the boys by positions. In addition to Holland, playing end are Roland Bernard of Boston U., Doc Kelker of Western Reserve, Fred Smith of Iowa, Dwight Reed of Minnesota and Woodrow Wilson Strode of University of California at Los Angeles. Bernard is good but not sensational, Kelker is remarkable but Western Reserve is rated Class B, Smith is a sophomore with plenty to learn while Reed has been shoved into the background by the exploits of Capt. Ray King, the other end. Strode, however, looms as a possibility during his junior or senior year.

There is only one tackle on a prominent team, and is Capt. Homer Harris of Iowa, who really found himself toward the close of last season and gave up a fine chance to make All American honors at end this year because he was badly needed at tackle. Although a smart smashing player,

this year because there are too many white stars at this position to give Harris a chance.

At guard there are Chester Smith of Boston U., Bobby Lee of California, Horace Bell of Minnesota and Pressley of San Jose (Calif.) State. Lee after playing in all of powerful California's games, has recently been demoted to the reserves through lack of experience but since he is a sophomore may find himself next year. Pressley's chief hold back is the comparative obscurity of his school. Smith is steady and capable, but the cream of the guard crop is Bell. Not only is he sensational on defense and offense, but is also the Big Ten's best field goal kicker. In 1938, he should be hard to overlook on anybody's All American.

There are no center so lets take a gander at the galaxy of star backs. Consider Bernie Jefferson and Clarence Hinton of Northwestern, Horace Johnson and Fritz Pollard, jr., of North Dakota, Wilmeth Sidat Singh of Syracuse, Kenny Washington of U. C. L. A., Ed Williams of New York U., and Walt McGowan and Sims of Loyola, Los Angeles.

Both Pollard and Johnson, left and right halves respectively, are too far from the beaten path to merit the consideration they reserve. Hinton, a senior, was miscast as a right halfback when he was a natural left half. Williams has not been consistently sensational enough to draw the favored eye of the selectors. McGowan and Sims have still to develop. That leaves Jeff, Sidat Singh and Washington.

If Jefferson shows as much improvement next year as he did for '37, he ought to be a cinch. He kicks, runs, passes, blocks and defends amazingly, and is so tough as to be almost indestructible. He is the key man of Northwestern's backfield, and has had to play 60 minutes in several games this year because his coach was afraid to take him out.

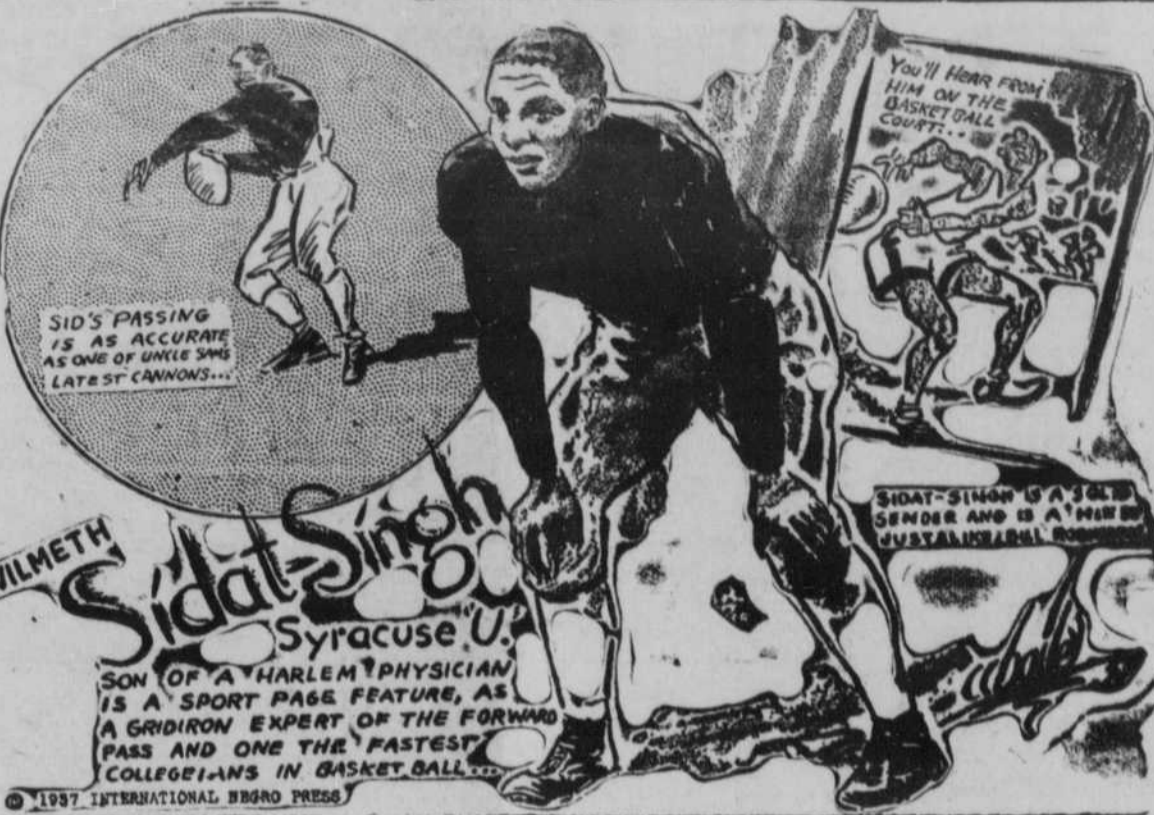
Sidat Singh, Washington born Negro painted as a Hindu by the daily press, in one of the greatest passers in the game and spark-plug of the Syracuse backfield. He can also run. Mark him down as a prospect if Syracuse has a good team in '38.

But the most sensational of the three is Washington, just a sophomore. He has of late been given the signal calling post for the U. C. L. A. squad. When Rose Bowl bound California played U. C. L. A. before 55,000 recently, white sports writers called him the best back on the field and the West Coast. As he left the game seven minutes before the final gun, both friend and foe arose to roar a stadium rocking ovation. He's an amazing passer. He should get the call in either '38 or '39. Incidentally, Washington walks with a distinctive limp, the result of poor bonessetting following a broken leg some years ago.

So there you have the All American picture of this moment. But if none of these lads are chosen, it will be no disgrace. Oze Simmons, as great a runner as Red Grange in the latter's prime, was not considered, and many other stars have been overlooked.

As a matter of fact, the immortal Duke Slater, listed by Pop Warner and many other authorities as the greatest tackle in the history of the game could do no better than Walter Camp's All American second team in 1921 although he was placed on Walter Eckersall's first selection that same year and in 1926 and '30 made the National All Professional eleven. Camp never chose but three Negroes on his All Americans. They were Fritz Pollard of

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## Haynes to Celebrate 26th Birthday With Galento Fight

Philadelphia, Nov. 18 (ANP)—Leroy Haynes, Philadelphia heavyweight, hopes to celebrate on Thursday night, November 18th, his 26th birthday by sending Tony Galento, North Jersey slugger, out of the ring by the knockout route, when he meets him on that night at Convention hall in Philadelphia.

Haynes, who entered the ring last year on his birthday and knocked out Abe Feldman, a tricky New Yorker, in the second round at Mike Jacob's hippodrome, feels that Lady Luck will be standing at his shoulder on Thursday night.

This plucky glove expert was born in South Bend Ind., and in that city he received his high school education. He had the benefit of the late Knute Rockne's advice early in life, when as a lad he visited the Notre Dame campus and listened to the great coach's advice to young and ambitious athletes.

After moving to Los Angeles, Haynes began to box in Amateur ranks and finally stepped into pro ranks. He won many fights before he headed East and sky rocketed to prominence in Philadelphia, his adopted home.

Under the management of Pete Moran, Haynes has supplied thrills for the ringsiders with his ability to swap blows with anybody and everybody. His record is packed with knockout scores and he has successfully overcome all setbacks. He is rated as one of the most dangerous gloveslingers in the heavy ranks today, although Lorenzo Pack took him over the hurdles last month. It is because of the latter's victory in his last bout that Haynes must put Galento out of the running. Galento gave Pack a shellacking in his last bout in this city.

Father Divine is now called a "strike breaker" by the Negro Labor Committee, 312 W. 125th street New York, because Divine trucks, carrying the legend, "Peace," have carried new Workers to the Hudson Dress Co., 204 E. 107 street, where a strike was called, and two Divineites refused to walk out when the union called the strike.

Brown, halfback; Paul Robeson of Rutgers, end, and Walter Gordon of California, guard. Gordon, incidentally, in now line coach of the varsity and head coach of the Ramblers at California.

If Brud Holland isn't selected this fall, don't worry. There is another year coming—and from the ever increasing number of septa gridsters, the time may soon come when the white boys will have to fight like hell to get just one of their number on the mythical honors squad.

## Rockefeller Sells Dunbar Apartments

New York, Nov. 11 (By Albert G. Barnett for ANP)—Harlem residents heard with regret this week the long anticipated news of the failure of the Cooperative Paul Lawrence Dunbar Apartments at 149th street and Seventh avenue, erected in 1928 by John D. Rockefeller, jr., at an estimated cost of \$3,500,000.

It was reported Tuesday that the apartments had been sold by Mr. Rockefeller to the 320 East 73rd Street Corporation, headed by E. Cranford Struckless, the reported consideration being \$1,000,000. In the transfer, it was reported, Mrs. Rockefeller took back a purchase money mortgage of \$350,000 which in turn was subject to a first mortgage of \$65,000, both given to the New York Savings Bank and "payable according to the bond."

Tenant Owners Repaid Equities  
Harlemites particularly regret the transfer of the Dunbar because it represented the biggest effort at cooperative apartment buying ever started in the country and its development was being watched with eagerness by colored people all over the nation. To the credit of Mr. Rockefeller it must be recorded that not a single tenant owner lost a penny, as he refunded to them in cash \$500,000 they had paid into the equity fund, which was created to purchase the buildings when the accumulated reserve was sufficient to negotiate it. Some of the long term tenants received

refunds of from \$500 to \$700, and higher.  
Official notice of the sale was given the 511 tenants of the separate apartments last Monday when Frank S. Saley, acting for Mr. Rockefeller, sent them this notice: "Please be advised that John D. Rockefeller, jr., has this day sold and conveyed the property known as the Paul Lawrence Dunbar Apartments to 320 East 73rd St. Corporation. All rents now due or hereafter payable by you is to be paid to 320 East 73rd Street Corporation, at the building office, 2504 Seventh avenue, or otherwise as the new owner may hereafter direct and request."

The second group of four of J. A. Rogers' "Weekly Gems of Negro History" are off the press, according to Mr. Rogers of 1845 Seventh avenue, New York. In this group are presented several great but little known Negroes in America and Europe, and other interesting "believe it or not" facts of Negro history.

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