

SPORTS..

FLEET NEGRO HALF-BACK TO PLAY WITH IOWA ALL STARS

DES MOINES TRIBUNE
SPORTS EDITOR PRAISES
NEGRO FOOTBALL STAR

Bobby Vandever, fleet Negro half-back of the Iowa all-stars will play a charity football game against the Nebraska All-Stars at Creighton Stadium on November 27, under the auspices of the house of the Good Shepherd. Lacking college and university background, from out of nowhere comes the miracle man of football, as described by Sec Taylor, he himself at one time one of America's greatest football players. The inside story of the Negro flash, as related here, will perform here on November 27.

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Bobby Vandever, idol of local followers of professionals, finds fault with only one phase of the game he has taken to his heart.

He can't play safety and back up the line at the same time.

Vandever, 22 year old Negro, who is the terror of all the Des Moines Comet's opponents, and who ran back a punt for 65 yards against Minneapolis team, says he enjoys football. He even likes the practice so well that he has found a way to train all by himself.

Back of him home is a cherry orchard. Every morning when the weather is fit one may find him, with a pigskin tucked under his arm, dodging, twisting, and squirming as he worms his way in half spirals first around one tree and then around another, as he runs at top speed.

Valuable Practice
"This gives me valuable practice in changing my direction and my speed," Vandever explains.

But to get back to the Negro star's complaint. He likes nothing better than to lug the ball through an open field and playing safety and returning punts gives him the best opportunity to do it. However he also enjoys backing up the line on defense, and he can't play safety and do that.

Vandever has become such a favorite with local fans that questions are being asked about him.

"Where did he play in high school?"

"Why didn't he go to college?"

"Where has he been?"

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"Why haven't we heard of him before?"
"How fast is he?"
"How much does he weigh?"

These are some of the questions. The Negro star was born at Tama, Iowa, 22 years ago, but has lived with foster parents here in Des Moines since he was 2½ years old. He weighs 182 but he only 5 feet 6 inches tall.

East High Substitute
His first football experience was as a substitute at East Des Moines High for a half a season but since he was only 14, at that time and tipped the beam at only 122 lbs, he didn't succeed in getting anywhere.

Joe Kurth, coach of the Rock Island team; George Roscoe, coach of the Minneapolis team; and Dale Rennebohm, coach of the St. Paul team; all members of the Northern Professional Football league of which Des Moines is a member, have declared Bobby Vandever, Negro backfield star of the local eleven, to be the best ball-carrying halfback they have seen in football anywhere or anytime.

In 1930 in a game with West Waterloo High he scored three touchdowns on long runs, one of 85-yard when he returned a punt and two other of 74 and 35 yards each from scrimmage.

In 1932 he was clocked in 9.9 seconds in one of the preliminary heats of the 100-yard dash at the Iowa State track and field meet, but in the final, Carl Nelson of Clinton High nosed him out for first place in 9.8 seconds.

Vandever was timed in 9.7 seconds however, in a meet at Gary Ind., last spring when he had aspirations to make the Olympic team. But before he could get far in the tryouts lack of funds caused him to sign as a catcher with the Globe Trotters, a Negro professional softball team, that spent the summer barnstorming in California and the Rocky Mountain section of the nation. He is a star catcher and a hard hitter.

No Reputation
Local sports writers, who were familiar with his talents, tried to get one of the professional football teams to sign him last winter but since he had no reputation they were not interested.

"My ambition is to become a coach," Vandever said. I'd like to get a job with a team in one of the larger leagues next season, where I could make enough money to continue with my school work.

"I've found professional football much tougher than the high school variety but I like it. All the Comets' opponents have played clean ball against me and they have all been courteous and sportsmanlike. I've no complaint on that score."

Punter and Passer
In high school Vandever was a good punter and a fine passer but he was not as yet used as a triple-threat back in the professional game.

Whenever he cuts loose, local fans are going to see a big afternoon for there are few backs of his class in any sort of competition anywhere.

HOWARD TRUSTEE BOARD SAVES GRID TEAM

Washington, Nov. 3 (ANP)—Howard university's trustee board meeting here last week overruled the board for athletic control which banned football as a competitive sport after this year due to the continued poor showing of the school's grid teams.

The trustees acted in accord with student groups, faculty members and alumni who protested the athletic board's decision. Dr. Mordecai Johnson, president, was approached on the matter and attended the game with West Virginia which

DARK LAUGHTER

by Ol Harrington



"Birth certificate—you mean a license? Well, he ain't no houn' dog, we didn't have to git a license fer him?"



HORACE BELL

BELL and JEFFERSON DOES SCORING IN NORTHWESTERN-MINNESOTA CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

the Coast; Bernie Jefferson smashed over for the Northwestern touchdown that beat Minnesota 6-3 the Gophers three being scored on a field goal by Horace Bell, Negro guard; Brud Holland led Cornell to a 23-6 victory over Columbia in New York with his great tackling a man for safety; Wilbeth Sidat-Singh battled valiantly for Syracuse as it was upset by Penn State, scoring the Orange's only touchdown.

NEGRO STARS HAVE BRILLIANT DAY

Howard won 6 to 0. He wanted to see for himself the team's status. A special committee has been appointed by Dr. Johnson to inquire into the athletic situation, with a view toward improving the setup and putting athletics on a more stable basis. Two years ago the team struck over lack of equipment, absence of a training table and the inadequate coaching staff. The traditional Thanksgiving game with Lincoln was cancelled because the players would rather not take the beating they felt it sure was coming from the rival institution.

ARMSTRONG PLANS TO RESUME FIGHT A MONTH POLICY SOON

New York, Nov. 3 (ANP)—Dis-satisfied because of the frequency with which Armstrong was hit by sparring partners during early training sessions for defense of his welterweight crown against Ce-lerino Garcia, Manager Meade announced he was returning to the fight a month policy under which little Homicide Henry became the champion in three classes.

When you have to wait three months for a fight, you've got most of money spent before you get it."

Sometimes I wonder how we can find time to discuss anything besides "King Football" these beautiful Indian summer days with the likes of Sidat-Singh (Syracuse), Ed Williams (NYU.), Brud Holland (Cornell), Strode and Kenny Washington, (UCLA)—carving lasting riches for themselves in the football hall of fame. But since truth is far stranger than fiction—we temporarily veer from gridiron discussions to talk about a little gentleman who for his inches, is the greatest fighting machine we moderns have glimpsed since the turn of the century.

His Name is Henry Armstrong
New Yorkers, and by that euphonic sounding term we mean, dark tinted "Harlemites", have been trekking up to Rockland Palace to see the pint sized coast wonder go through his training motions for the most important battle of his lifetime in Madison Square Garden, the nut-brown toned youth with medical aspirations will clamber through the stout hempen strands to face that murderous punching Filipino, Geferino Garcia.

A Champion On the Short End
Watching the oversized, lightweight tornado plough into Chalky Wright his spartan, evoked the thought within us: "How does a three-ply titleholder feel when he picks up his favorite newspaper to read that the challenger, IS THE FAVORITE IN THE BETTING ODDS? Were we a gambler to the manner born, our betting sense wouldn't permit us to place a bet of any size against a fella like Armstrong. Obviously the so called "smart boys" who infest the Broadway corners of the upper forties have their own way of figuring this one out to justify the odds. Garcia, a superbly built native of the Philippine Islands is unquestionably the best welterweight to show around these parts since Jack Britton and Mickey Walker played major roles in that division. Not rated a super-boxer in the sense that Vince Dundee and Young Jack Thompson were; the slant eyed owner of what one boxing scribe characterized as the "Bolo" punch, is far above the average journeyman fighter in that respect. But it is on his punching prowess alone that Geferino can hope to turn aside the little buzzsaw who fights sixty sec-

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onds of each minute at the same clocklike speed.

Armstrong Will Still Be Champion
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Garcia, is strictly a puncher and Armstrong knows how to fight a puncher better than anyone we know in the game today, and we said—ANYONE. When a boxer has fanned the air five hundred times without meeting the target he aims at, or finds that killing wallop of his threshing the ozone instead of a rib or a jawbone; then brother that punch no longer belongs in the category of a "BOLO SOCK", or, what have you? — Hitting at a man's biceps, shoulders, and forearms, (boy do we know something about that style of fighting), causes your arms to feel like leaden pipes, and blunts your whole idea of direction. We predict Armstrong to lick Garcia and remain world's welterweight king abter a sensational mill.

JOE C. STOLINSKI

A man who was so honest he refused to accept the appointment of County Assessor when it was offered to him "on a platter" last January because the offer was made "with strings attached." That's Joe. C. Stolinski, present candidate for the Assessor's office.

Stolinski was approached by "Uncle" Charlie Burns, then County Commissioner and the unquestioned Court House "boss" last January and told he was to receive the appointment of County Assessor to fill out the unexpired term of the late Sam K. Greenleaf. Stolinski replied he would be most happy to receive the appointment because he felt his 21 years of experience in the Assessor's office under four different Assessors, Democrat and Republican alike, qualified him for the job. But, said Stolinski, if he accepted he must be free to discharge the duties of the Assessor's office efficiently and according to the dictates of his conscience. He told Burns in no uncertain terms he would not become a "stooge" of the Court House "control" in their game of "bleed the public."

The result was Carl King was given the appointment.

The simple fact that Stolinski turned down the appointment on the basis under which it was offered is proof enough he should be entrusted with this important job now. He would rather sacrifice himself—21 years of his life—rather than betray what he believed a sacred trust to Douglas County citizens. Such a man is the type we need desperately in public office today.

Stolinski has had 21 years of experience in the very office he now seeks. He has proved that he is capable and thoroughly honest.

None dared dispute thisHis private and personal record have always been beyond reproach.

He owns his own home in Omaha; he was born and reared here and he raised his family here.

The question is shall the important office of Assessor be entrusted to a "politician"; or to a man who has proven by 21 years experience that he knows the job and will discharge his duties honestly and competently.

Common Sense and Decency Demand Stolinski for County Assessor on November 8!

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