SPORTS..

THE CAGE BALL WORLDS CHAMPIONS

A.N.P by Louis O .Hudson

The World Champion Renaissance basket ball team have proven their every right to the throne they now occupy in the cage world. Organized in 1923 they have played a total of 1464 games losing only 232 of them . They have played in practically every large city in America against the strongest teams that could be mustered against them. Tackling such opposition as the tough Hebrew Sphae of Philly Worlds Profesional League Champions; and the Original Celts both crack white organizations not to mention the all Star Negro fives in all parts of the land traveling and playing on strange courts, stands out such a team that can boast of this great record.

The last year a total of 131 games were played, with the Rens losing only 14 contests. Their stellar line-up consists of. Clarence "Fat" Jenkins, Captain; Eyre Saich Chas. Cooper, Willie Smith, Johnny Isaacs, Wiliam 'Pop" Gates and Clarence "Puggy" Bell. These are the "murders row" bunch that have made history on many a court.

Captain Jenkins is the outstanding athlete of the troupe, a truly developed Harlem product. Once quite a sprinter of note he began his basket ball career with the St. Christopher Club in the days of such men as, Paul Robeson the noted singer, the point pilling brothers Lowry and George Fial were predominating the roost during those years. Fat also played with the Common wealth Big Five for several years before the formation of the Rens. He has played baseball with the Harrisburg Giants, Lincoln Giants, the Black Yankees and the Pittsburg Crawfords. Fat admits forty-three calendar turnings but Bob Douglass the manager and owner of the team claims Jenkins forgot to count the leapyears.

Eyre Saich was once the National singlea champion in the colored tennis—world and an all around athlete; being a sub-senior to the highly competent Capt. Jenkins. He is the best known member of the ten m.

Cooper better known as the "Tarzan" standing 6 feet 4 inches in height is regarded as the best center in professional basketball. He is the dependable pivot man of the Rens offense for which they are noted. Because of his size and strength he is a very dangerous man near the pay-off basket and causes the oppopsition to resort in a countless number of fouls such as back riding and rolling to prevent scoring.

Isaacs is an honor graduate and former Captain of the Textile High School quintette when that school won the city championship of New York in 1936 and 1937. He is a really versatile player that is highly dependable in crucial moments.

Willie Smith is one of the most colorful players developed anywhere, a real crowd pleaser and thriller of court manuverers in the way of handling the big ball in actual combat. Still a steady one and a grand money player when big game is in sight to be bagged.

"Pop" Cates is another one to riso with success of rapidity under the High School coaching system. He was Captain of the City's All Scholastic Team and counter of the Franklin High School last season. He plays like a veteran in an earnest and eager way to cop the non de plume of "Pop".

Bell is a product of the Harlem YM.C.A. wh oturns out an outstandinng number of grand players; was a former captain and star forward of the "Y" Seniors, who won the State Y.M.C.A. championship last year.

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SPORTS CIRCUIT

By LOUIS O. HUDSON

New York City, N. Y.

The warm breeze that belw up the Ave. on 6th near 43rd St. in front of the Hipprodome was nothing but the arrnval of Max Baer for a conference with Uncle Mike Jacobs regarding future ring toil. Max begged for a chance to show the public that he can lick Louis. He says that he is fit as Paderewski's piano fingers. Now the lowdown happens to be that he will be matched with Nova and fed to Louis later in the summer months. Say what you may Maxie will out draw all the rest of the fighters. The original act was supposed to be held in San Francisco, Cal., but the cash was not deposited as expected.

Los Angeles, Cal.,

Eddie Meade and Mike Jacobs are smoking the peace pipe again. Henry will tour the cain brakes of Ohio in exhibition contests, then proceed to New York to witness the title tilt between Louis and Lewis. Negotiations will be signed for Henry to battle again under the Jacobs banner at a February date at the Garden.

New York City, N. Y.

ed to made was released last week

The first all colored sports filmand shown at Leow's Victoria Theatre in New York. Smokey Joe Williams one of base balls oldest pitchers was shown in action Henry Armstrong was shown in training together with Josh Gibson, the heavy hitting catcher of the Homestead Grays. A scene at Dickman Oval where a sports tournament was in progress. It was very interesting to watch and shows the progress of Race acheivments in the line of Sports.

Los Angeles, Cal. by Breeze Robinson for NNPSSS

Henry Armstrong won the popular decision over Baby Aremendiz in a 10 round bout here. Armstrong tried a different plan of battle in this bout. Instead of starting out with his whirlwind attact, he started slowly boxing with care and precaution in the early rounds. Starting the third at top speed he proceeded to throw punches at every angle at the Babe till at the 7th round was well ahead on points. From there on it was the Champion all the way. There were no knockdowns but Aremendiz was in distress a couple of times during the closing periods of the battle. Henry received a great oviation as his hand was lifted in token of victory.

Taliahassee, Fla.,

The Clark Cagers of Atlanta, Ga., proved too tough a team for the Lee's Hill Florida hoopsters winning the tilt by the score of 42-24. Suffering three straight defeats in their 1939 debut the locals swear they will find the basket and out finish those that have been the conquers. The Locals in the first half battled the invaders on pretty near even terms with only a 6 point lead at the end. Henderson and Pemberton starred for the Georgia boys while the losers were engineered by Capt. Butler. Scoring honors went to Henderson of the winners for the tune of 15 points.

Houston, Texas

Morris Merrit filling the shoes of the good Don Roby with great great credit for 2 youngsters. The big joy spot is going full blast and the big name country bands are tooting their horns under his direction at the Pilgrim Temple on West Dallas St. They are located in the 2nd Ward where all the sports congregate nightly. Don was a big commissioner during the Epsom Downs Race meeting where he kept a young fortune at stake for any one who could pick the winning horses. Mr. Rice of Odd Fellow building fame was one of Dona' best costumers. Joe Louis showed there during his exhibition before fighting Braddock and told the writer that it was his last time to go South of Halstead St. in dear old Chicago. So far he has not broken his word. He traveled in a private car and was afraid to go to the movies that afternoon. It took nearly the entire personal of the Huston flying squad to escort him to the West Dallas St. Stadium that evening. It seemed all of Houstons 120.000 Negroes turned out for the affair that night.

London, England,

Len Harvey the present British Heavy-weight champ adds his ideas to the large list of geniuses that have discovered a way to beat Joe Louis. Len's ideas if they work are very simple "If Tommy can go 15 rounds with the champ so can I" I am a more punishing fighter than Tommy and can take Louis any day for I have discovered a way to keep away from Joe's Sunday punches. "I will circle around to Joe's left taking advantage of his right that he throws from a flat foot angle." Sounds very nice but Len don't mention how he will evade Joe's rapid fire, cutting left.

Poston Lakes, N. J.

LOUIS DELIVERS FIRST KNOCKDOWN IN CAMP

Joe Louis delivered his first knock down to his spar mates. It was a hard right to the mid-section of Basher Dean that sent him spinning to the canvass for a severe shakeup during sparring session today. Joe helped him to his feet and punched the heavy bag for the remainder of the round. After two playful rounds with the Jersey Kid Joe called it a day; finishing the action with another round of rope skipping. He prespired freely and did not seem to draw a long breath during the session. All of Joe's training to date seems to indicate that he is preparing himself for a real boxing contest and not a slugging match. This will only inform you that you can expect both men to enter the ring at the height of their physical perfection.

Boston, Mass.

Gene Tunney attending the Father and Sons Jamboree at the Temple Chapei Shalom, conosidered Joe Louis the greatest fighter of any day for his present age. He ranks Lou Novia the Californian next then stating Joe will hold his crown for long while to come.

Washington, D. C.

Morgan College started the season in fine style defeating the crack Miner Teachers College. Ruce Gibson ace forward starred for the Bears acounting for 19 pts. during the session.

Prairieview, Texas

The Lone Star cagers plan a busy campaign during the winter months. They have defeated the Dallas Y team and the Rialto's. They are scheduled to play the strong Louisiana five at New Orleans next week and travel to Houston to play Professor Lanier's crack cagers.

Philadelphia, Pa.

The O. V. Catto Elks Basketball team won a double victory the past week defeating the 37th ward Democratic clubs team on its court by the score of 36 to 21. They later went to Camden, N. J. and defeated the Camden Panthers on their home grounds to the tune of 24-18. Taylor and Butler continued to star for Finley Wilson's per team. The Grand Exalted Ruler was present at both games.

New York City, N. Y.

Mrs. Flora May White, the former Miss Willison of Savannah, Ga., may be seen quite often at athletic events, especially at the fight contests. She has witnessed the last three fights at the Garden also shows at the Hippodrome with great regularity. She now is the widow of the late George White and no finer soul lived to the mind of this writer.

Ringside Madison Square Garden, N. Y.

Roscoe Toiles of Detroit, was awarded a technical K. O. over Gus Derazie in 7 rounds as the semi-final of the Farr-Burman fight tonight. Toles seems to show steady improvement in the New York rings. Tonight he fought Gus to the same type of battle that won him the decision over Gunner Barlund at the Hippodrome. Roscoe opened up the 1st round keeping that long left to the face of the Italian and crossing him with a hooking right to the head. Before the round ended, it could be plainly seen that Gus was up against it. The 2nd and 3rd rounds were repititions of the 1st only Roscoe turned the steam on his punches dropping the Italian with a ripping right to the jaw. From the 4th to the end when Gus in a semi-helpless condition was reeling on the ropes unable to defend himself. Roscoe was a better trained fighter for this engagement than he was for the Barlund bout. We look for Roscoe to do big things in the city shortly as Jacobs stated he had plenty of work for the big fellow in sight. The Farr-Burman tussle was a hard fight every step of the way. Red Burman is an understudy of Jack Dempsey. Jack seems intent on raising a white hope, but this Burman boy will not cause Louis to lose any sleep over his crown. Red got the decision but Farr received the glory. The crowd thought Tommy should have won the decision as well as Jacobs and Joe Gould. Maxie (One more chance Baer was introduced from the ring and received a big hand. Bill Robinson was present trying to get some negotiables on Roscoe. Joe Louis did not come to witness the event but Jack Blackburn toiled in Toles corner telling him the fine points of the game. He also was in Toles corner the night he knocked Jimmy Adamick for a goal in the second round. With 5 inches of snow on the sidewalk in front of the Garden, it fairly melted when Gus hit the ring canvass in the third round.

Miami, Florida

Robert Woodson who answers to the name of "Dry Legs" is the porter in the jockey room at Hileah park race track. During the summer months in dear old Chicago on the Illinois race track, he is valet for Jockey Albert Robinson under contract to the Milky Way Farm stables. Robby is perhaps the wealthiest of all jockeys, owning a beautiful home on Miami Beach. Woodson's big Packard can be seen nightly turning the corner of 2nd Ave., and 11th Sts. with a bevy of Miami's fairest.

San Antonio, Texas

Valmo Bellinger, son of the late Charles Bellinger, former state democratic committeeman, seems to fill the shoes of his father in great style. In the good old days Charlie would play draw with the best of them announcing the sky was the limit. Valmo says he may promote a few fights in San Antonio if he can get good boys at the right prices. Fisher and Tease are doing fine at the Grill also Duby Story whose wife attends his business enterprises since returning home from the state of Kansas. Doctor Hurd the Dentist with Joe Aycock and sister Alaska continued to be the Bridge players in the city.

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DARK LAUGHTER by Ol Harrington

"We does have our little spats happy— you know, true love Brother Bootsie. but we is still never runs smooth.'

THE CHAMPIONS OF 1938

While scanning the Champions
record for the second time in '38,
None of them arrived a bit late;
While in the National Negro Baseball League,
The dope shows Baltimore carried
the honors as I see.

The game of Basketball as records
will relate,
Was carted off by Virginia State;
Now football was the game featured big and swell,
Bill Bell took honors with the Florida F. A. and M.

With Men's Senior outdoor crowns
Ben Johnson, Columbia took the
100 yard honors down;
The 200 meter dash of both track
and field,
Mack Robinson, Oregon stands
great as a Champ can be.

As high jumpers are few between
and hard to be found,
It was easy for Mel Walker to
wear the crown;
While broad jumping occupied a
big place on the field,
The medal was won by a chap
named Bill Lacefield.

Speaking of boys that can run far
and fast,
Johnny Woodruff won easy the 880
yard dash;
The 440 still belongs to him
As no one came along to show more
vim.

At the Mighty Big Ten Conference
Meet,
Dave Albritton jumped the boys
off their feet;
In the Boston A. A. Meeting for
the 660 yard dash,
Lloyd Thompson of Reviere beat
the boys for their chance.

Speaking of tennis for the men's
single's cup,
The title was won by Christopher
Hunt;
In the Southern Tournament that
was played wide open,
The Champ there was our old pal,
Richard Cohen.

In New York when they paired
them for the thrones,
The titles were won by the team
of W. Weaver and Babe Jones.
The women had their chance and
played like jeeper and creepers,
For the crown was won by the sisters, Margaret and Roumania
Peters.

Talking of golf when the National
Negro open was played,
Dr. Remu Johnson of Detroit and
Harold Wheeler were the talk of
the day.

Going right down to Boxing, with
history that will go down,
We found Henry Armstrong with
a triple Crown;
Stepping up a few notches in the
light heavyweight field,
We find John Henry Lewis still
wearing the shield;
But with the unwritten Nazi Law
that Der Hitler laid down,
We find Max Schmeling going
down in the very first round:
So thats my story and I will stick
to it,
Schmeling was the one remember,
Joe Louis HIT.

UNEMPLOYMENT CHECKS SENT OUT

Lincoln, Neb., Jan 23—Several thousand Nebraskans will receive first benefit checks this week under the Unemployment Compensation benefit payment, V. B. Kinney, Commissioner of Labor, announced Monday.

Eligible claimants who filed their first claims on Tuesday, January 3, will return to twenty one State Employment Services offices, where claims are taken, to sign their first pay order cards on Tuesday. These cards will then be returned to the headquarters of the Nebraska Unemployment Compensation division in Lincoln and will be processed for payment. The checks will be written in the State Treasurer's office and mailed to each claimant.

The Unemployment Compensation division reported that 12,710 initial claims had been filed up to Saturday noon. January 21. Claims last week totaled 1,909. Of this number 734 were received in Omaha and 183 in Lincoln. Former Nebraskans have filed 598 claims against Nebraska in the states where they now reside. Nebraska has acted as agent in forwarding 179 initial and 622 continued claims o other states.

Of the first 12,260 claims filed in Nebraska, 8,605 were declared eligible on initial determination. This represents 70.2 per cent of claims filed. Of the total, 3,655 were declared ineligible on initial determination. This represented 29.8 per cent of the total.. There were 769 requests for revision of initial determination.

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Frozen mercury, solidified into a hammer, will be used to drive nails in a novel experiment in the University of California scientific display of the Golden Gate International Exposition opening February 18. School children of Technical High have had the opportunity to see this done. Very interesting.

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Treasure Island has been open to the public since April 3 to allow the public to preview the 1939 Golden Gate International Exposition.

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