Sporting Events Throughout the Country

BY SPORTSMAN

COLORED ATHLETES SMASH RECORDS

Binga Dismond and "Sol" Butler Cause Two A. A. U. Records To Go By The Boards

Colored track athletes all over the country distinguished themselves on the field last Saturday, and not only did they equal records made, but in two cases broke the Central and National A. A. U. records.

Binga Dismond made the notable performance of the day throughout the country. Dismond, representing the University of Chicago and competing with the best athletes that the West could offer, in their trvouts for the Panama-Pacific Exposition games, held on Staggfield, Chicago broke the national A. A. U. record for 440 yards of 0:48 4-5 seconds, beating it by one fifth of a second. The first record was made by Burke of Boston in 1896 and has stood until this time. Dismond drew the pole and got away to a good start and gradually increased his lead until he finished 10 yards in the lead. Only last Saturday, week ago, Dismond easily outran a fast field at the Press Meet in Pittsburg, and so remarkable was his running that papers thruout the country predicted an early downfall of the, then great, record of Burke.

At the Chicago meet also, "Sol" Butler, a mere school boy of Rock Island, Chicago, beat the national broad jump record of 24 1-2 inches by two inches. His performance is considered by the expert judges on the field to be remarkable in as much as Butler has only participated in "big athletics" a short while.

Dismond and Butler both were selected to go to the Exposition games.

GRANGER WINS FEATURE EVENT IN NEW YORK MEET

While Dismond and Butler were performing so well in the West, William Granger, the great runner of the Irish American A. C. and James Ravenell of the St. Christopher Club, former national junior champion of the 100 yard dash, both of New York were busy carrying off honors at the Newark, Y. M. C. A. meet held at the Federal League Park in New York last Saturday.

Granger was the star of the games, by winning the feature event of the day—the Ramberger 440 yard handicap from scratch, easily outrunning his nearest competitor Thomas Brady of the Prudential A. C., who was given a star of 18 yards.

Ravenell, who was in fine fettle stepped the century distance in the good time of 10 1-5 seconds, defeating many sprinters of note, including Frank Stephenson another former national junior champion.

SALEM-CRESCENTS TAKE FIRST PLACE

The athletes of the Salem Crescent A. C., of New York captured first place in the Phillips-Jones Athletic Association meet held at Juniper Park, Maspeth, L. I. last Saturday. With two firsts and three fourth places the Crescents gathered a total of 13 points and victory.

Herman Fosterm of the Crescents, with a handicap of 2 1-2 yards won the 100 yard dash in the good time of 10 seconds, flat. John Brunson also of the same club with a handicap of 10 yards won the 880 yard run in 2 minutes and 6 seconds.

J. Capers, got fourth in the 220 yard dash; O. Hawkins took fourth in the 440. In the mile relay the Salem's team composed of K Foster, J. Bronson, O. Hawkins and J. Greed, managed to get fourth place.

DREW TO COMPETE IN EXPOSITION GAMES

Howard P. Drew, the national champion 100 yard sprinter has changed his mind about participating the Panama-Pacific Exposition games, and will begin conditioning himself for the events which will take place on the 16th of August.

TENNIS MATCHES AT DRUID HILL

Cook Successfully Defends Title; Cardoza Downs Reckling; Rhetta Eats Up McCard

Druid Hill Park tennis ground was the scene of lively contests for championship honors last Saturday afternoon. Three sets of singles were played between the following contestants: F. N. Cardoza and Ralph Reckling; Ralph Cook and Carl Murphy; H. S. McCard and B. M. Rhetta.

The first match was between Cardoza and Reckling, and proved the most interesting of the three contests. Cardoza started off with a rush and did not allow Reckling a game in the first set, and captured the second 6-4. Reckling took a brace however and evened matters up by winning the next two sets 6-3 and 7-5. In the deciding set Cardoza's superior playing and good wind gave him the advantage and he won handily 6-4. His victory over Reckling places him fourth in the scale of registered players.

Meantime Ralph Cook and Carl Murphy, unregistered had started their setto. Whether Cooks reputation or his playing got Murphy's "goat" in the first set is hard to say, but however the fact is that he (Murphy) lost the first set 6 0 with several love games included. Murphy rallied in the second set, but not enough to prevent Cook to take this one too by the score of 6-4. Cook played a consistent game and seemed to be master of the situation in almost every play, while Murphy's seeming over anxiety to win caused him to lose several good opportunities to cinch the games that were needed to win.

The final contest between H. S. McCard and B. M. Rhetta proved interesting. Rhetta, who had been practicing faithfully morning and evening for the fray was in fine fettle and went into the match confident of his ability. He won the first set 6-2 in easy fashion. The second was not to be won so easily however, and after allowing McCard to play up to 7-7, Rhetta went in to "finish him up," and carried off the second set by capturing the next two games in quick succession. Rhetta thus moves up to sixth place among the registered players.

Continuing the single challenge contests that were begun last Saturday E. V Fitzgerald took Emerson Hillen into camp in easy fashion Wednesday in two fast sets 6-2, 6-2 At no time did Hillen have Fitzgerald in danger, as the latters easy style of playing and excellent placing put his opponent completely "in the clock."

John J. Wheeler will attempt to defend his title against William Weaver, and Weaver will in turn try to prevent McDaniels from recovering the ground he lost at his hands a few weeks ago.

SALEMS ENTER FOUR MEN AND TAKE THIRD PLACE

With only four men entered the Salem Crescent Club gained third place in the junior track and field championship games of the Metropolitan Association at Schenectady, N. Y. last Saturday.

Roy I. Morse, the crack sprinter of the Salems tore off the century dash in 10 1-5 seconds with his team mate, P. J. White, of the same club, third. White was also second in the 220 yard dash, while L. Labeat was second in the running hop, step, and jump, with a distance of 42 ft. 10 3-4 inches.

In the 220 yard low hurdles A. C. Gorham of the Crescents came in fourth, making the distance in a little over 28 seconds.

W. Powe, the only one of the Smart Set's men to win a place was third in the 880 yard run.

COLORED WELTEWREIGHT BEATS HEAVIER OPPONENT

Tommy Coleman, the clever colored welterweight even things up with Eddie Revoir in Philadelphia Tueday night before the Douglass Club, when he treated his much heavier opponent to a good trouncing. Revoir had the better of the first three rounds but after that Coleman had things his own way, cutting Revoir's eye and staggering him with heavy lefts on the side of the head. Revoir beat Coleman severely the last time the two met.

WANTS $50,000 FOR LAYING DOWN

Ex-champion Jack Johnson Says That Amount Is Due Him For Faking Recent Fight

Many attacks on the genuineness of the Jess Willard-Jack Johnson fight for the world's heavyweight championship have been made, but the worst jolt appears in the latest issue of John Bull, which has just reached this country from England. Horatio Bottomley, the editor of the paper, charges that Johnson declared that the fight was a fake and that Johnson now is forced to admit it, because he has not received $50,000, a guarantee that was promised him for laying down to Willard. Here is John Bull's story:

We are sorry we have to return to our old friend Jack Johnson, of whom we hoped we had taken a final farewell after, as we thought, he had been genuinely deprived of the championship title by Willard in April last. We are not entitled to say that there was any compact with Willard. It may be that so far as he is concerned the affair as straight an above board, and that he fought in ignorance of the sordid bargain to which Johnson pleads guilty, but in view of what we are about to disclose, some explanation from him would certainly appear to be desirable.

We are not aware of the date upon which Johnson reached England after the fight, but he could no have been here long before he was busy formulating claims for having agreed to "lay down" to Willard, whom he describes from the boxing point of view, as merely "a joke," and offers to fight for a side bet of "twenty-five thousand" presumably dollars—the winner to take "all and purse money." These admissions and challenges are contained in certain cables sent to New York early in June. We do not, for obvious reasons, at present disclose the name of the person to whom they were addressed, especialy in view of the fact that he repudiates having been party to any such dishonest arrangement as that suggested—although, of course, Johnson can not escape from self-confessed fraud.

The first cable was despatched from London on June 9, and this is how it reads:

You signed contract to pay me fifty thousands dollars to lay down to Willard, which I did. You never kept your promise I did. Now you must pay according to contract. Litigate all you like. I will put my case before any court and press in the world.

JACK JOHNSON.

ANNAPOLIS JOTTINGS

(Special to The Afro-American Ledger.)

Annapolis, Md., July 22.—Master Curby Somners, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Somner is attending at Rock Castle, (Va.) College.

Mr. John H. Chew, an old citizen here, died July 14th. Funeral services were held at Asbury M. E. Church, Rev. Dr. E. S. Williams, officiating.

Mr. Mills Somner, who is confined at the U. S. Hospital, is doing nicely.

Mr. Harry Cole and Mr. William Sharps both connected with the order of the Knights of Pythias attended the K. of P. Convention in Hagerstown, Md.

Mr. Aaron Kiah of Cambridge, is visiting his brother, Mr. Wm. Bulay.

Rev. Brisco, pastor of Mt. Moriah A. M. E. Church is doing a noble work here. He is a noted pulpit orator and has spiritual meetings and is winning many souls for Christ.

Mrs. Minnie Hall Simms is visiting her mother, Mrs. Rebecca Hall, of Calvert street.

Mr. C. Walker, of Clay street, died at his late residence last evening. Mr. Walker was prominently connected with the G. A. R.

Universal Lodge, No. 14 of Masons held their monthly meeting Thursday evening.

Children's day was observed Sunday at Mt. Moriah A. M. E. Church.

Mrs. Brisco, wife of Rev. J. A. Brisco, is making a host of friends here.

COMMENT FROM OUR EXCHANGES

BACK TO AFRICA MOVEMENT STARTS

That a back to Africa movement has been inaugurated by D. R. Thomas of Bonita is the information received in a communication from Thomas to Attorney-General Wiley Jones. Thomas is secretary-treasurer of the plan, which, his letter-heads say is "The Black Movement to Africa."

His communication to Attorney-General Jones says:

"I have made application to the legislature of Arizona for a charter right to proceed and organize all black men, women and children who want to go into the movement and also those who are 90 per cent black (a dark brown hue) into colonies and have them concentrate into camps along the Mississippi and Ohio rivers where they can be prepared and sent on to Africa. For such is the will of God. Please see the honorable governor, and appear before the legislature, and speak for the charter and separation of the black from the white race No yellow or mixed blood Negroes are to be admitted in the movement because they do not belong to the black race."

—Arizona Gazette.

LITTLE LAMB

"Yo Rufus cum in heah dis instep,
I say;
Now, what I done tole yo' bout
runnin' away?
Yo's makin' mud pies, wuz yo, out
in de street?
Jes look at dem hans an' yor face
an' dose feet'
I bet yo I'll fin' me dat strap bye
an' bye
An' gib yo a sure-enough reason tu
cry.
What's dat? Yo is cryin' cause yo
stubbed yor toe?
Yo poor li'l lam', what yor mammy
lubs so."

Chicago Defender.

Prof. Frederick P. Gray of the University of California, holds that there is no blood test which will determine whether a person has a race of Ethiopian blood.

"All human blood, regardless of race, responds to the same reactions," declared Dr. Gray. "I proved this by a series of experiments at Harvard. If any man claims he can tell by a blood test the difference between a black man and white, he is either faking it or he has discovered a process that will make him famous. We have not gone far enough along to tell that difference between them yet.

"The only safe manner of telling whites from blacks is by comparing the color under the fingernails. This is the only method known to science." ---Pittsburg Courier.

If you have an original idea or thought, if you wish to attempt something new, do not give it up because the people around you have no faith in you or it. If they call you a fool keep on being a fool if you think you are right. Remember the attitude of the crowd neither makes you right or wrong. Individuals and fools have built the world. —Chicago Defender.

WHY NOT IMPROVE THEM?

There is no excuse for the untidy condition we find in many of the restaurants and barber shops conducted by Afro-Americans generally patronized by Afro Americans in this city.

It is a positive downright shame, not to say the least a sad commentary upon the race to think that those who are receiving our patronage should treat us in such manner. The one thing that puzzles us, since we must have restaurants and barber shops conducted by members of the race, why not have them decent? In all Philadelphia we know of but four or five decent restaurants and barber shops that reflect real credit upon us as a race, and where the service is commensurate with what you pay.

The writer would like to see some improvement made in our restaurants and barber shops and, above all, let the proprietors remember tht "Cleanliness is next to godliness"—Philadelphia Courant.

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WOMAN OF RARE MENTAL POWERS

Miss Isabella Vandervall Wins Honors as Student.

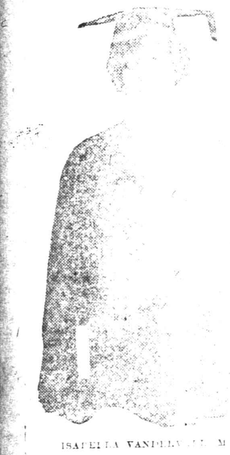
SCORES HIGHEST AVERAGE

Graduates at Head of Class at the New York Medical College and Hospital For Women—Receives Appointment as Interne at Hospital For Women in Syracuse, N. Y.

By N. BARNETT DODSON.

East Orange, N. J.—Among the young women of the north, and particularly in New Jersey, who have won wide distinction in the high schools and colleges is Miss Isabella Vandervall of this town. From a child Miss Vandervall has shown unusual ability in every subject for study in all branches of the public and high school system which she has entered. Her career in the grammar and high schools, he through her graduation from each is a bright chapter of intellectual achievement rarely found in the student life of a child of any race.

When Miss Isabella Vandervall and her sister, Irene, graduated from the East Orange high school in the year of 1910 an attempt was made to exclude them from participating in the graduating exercises. This unjust act the New York Evening News [illegible] It also referred to [illegible]



ISABELLA VANDERVALL [illegible]

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"Instances numerous, and in practically this state. It capture the [illegible] of Holoden [illegible] proportion of [illegible] getic, studious [illegible] quite as [illegible] courses of study [illegible] dren. So far as [illegible] tion is concerned there in New Jersey and [illegible] honors fairly won [illegible] plication.

"Judging from [illegible] the June graduation [illegible] Orange high school [illegible] exclude the Misses [illegible] Vandervall, notwithstanding participating in the [illegible] would seem that [illegible] intelligence, [illegible] character has [illegible] radical change.

"The young [illegible] daughters of Mr. [illegible] a well known and highly [illegible] iness man of East Orange [illegible] owner of the [illegible] Cleaning works and [illegible] able property besides.

Miss Vandervall was [illegible] when she graduated from the Orange high school. Not being of gible age to enter a medical [illegible] she did postgraduate work at the school in East Orange for one [illegible] Miss Vandervall completed her medical course at the New York Medical College, New York city, in June with honors. She was awarded the [illegible] for having maintained the highest [illegible] ficiency of any student in her class during the entire course of four years. [illegible] average was 97.8 per cent.

The graduation exercises of the New York Medical College and Hospital for Women were held in the Astor [illegible] les of the Waldorf Astoria. Miss Vandervall received her honors with [illegible] grace of modesty which has characterized her actions throughout her student career. She is the only woman of her race who has graduated from the New York Medical College and Hospital for Women during the fifty-two years of its existence. Not only did Miss Vandervall win the prize at the recent commencement, but she has been awarded a prize at the end of the term for the past three years and has stood at the head of a class of women and was the youngest student in her class.

She has been appointed as an interne at the hospital for women and children at Syracuse, New York. Miss Vandervall entered upon her new duties at the hospital in Syracuse the first of in July. The whole race is proud of her notable achievements.