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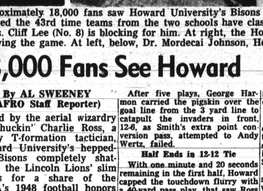

Dr. Mordecai Johnson (center), president of Howard University, had as his guest for the 43rd annual Howard-Lincoln classic, Dr. Frank W. Avant (right), surgeon general of Wilmington, N.C., Hospital, first Bison grid captain; and his son, Archie Johnson (left).

Approximately 18,000 fans saw Howard University's Bisons defeat Lincoln University's Lions, 19-12, in the thrill-packed Turkey Day Classic that marked the 43rd time teams from the two schools have clashed. Seen at left is Roger Goodson, speedy Howard halfback, returning a Lincoln punt 30 yards. Cliff Lee (No. 8) is blocking for him. At right, the Howard cheering section, its band and some of the Gi's from nearby hospitals are shown enjoying the game. At left, below, Dr. Mordecai Johnson, Howard president, and guests are discussing the action.—(Photo by Covington.)

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By AL SWEENEY
(AFRO Staff Reporter)

Led by the aerial wizardry of Chuckin' Charlie Ross, a tricky T-formation tactician, Howard University's hepped-up Bisons completely shattered the Lincoln Lions' slim hopes for a share of the CIAA's 1948 football honors by edging them in a thrill-packed grid duel, 19-12.

About 18,000 football partisans worked themselves into a frenzied dither at Griffith Stadium, Thanksgiving Day, as the Howardites and Lincolnites waged a ferocious battle on the sloppy chalk-striped terrain.

The game, until the final three minutes of play, was knotted at 12-all, when Ross hurled his thirty-yard pitch to left end Hillery Thompson. Jim Broady, a tiny place kick specialist, graduate of Washington's Cardozo High, added the extra point from placement to give the Bison's the final 19-12 count.

Howard Scores First

After moving into Lincoln territory three times during the first period and watching two of its attempts flop by pass interceptions, Howard opened the scoring in the wild-and-woolly second period.

A 56-yard sustained drive by the Bisons was culminated by a beautiful pass play from Ross to Walter (Nip) McClain, right end, who dashed behind Lincoln's safetyman, Andy Wertz, to take a pass on the Lincoln 21 yard line and go into paydirt. The play itself covered 28 yards. This happened after 58 seconds of the second period.

Lincoln Knots It

The Lions roared by about five minutes later after Joltin' Joe Harris, Lincoln's crack fullback, bulldozed his way into the end zone from 2 yards out to knot the count at 6-6. This Lincoln drive covered 26 yards.

The lads from Oxford, Pa., went into the lead after 10 minutes, 45 seconds of the second period, after Alexander Parker's punt was blocked on Howard's 36 yard line.

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After five plays, George Harmon carried the pigskin over the goal line from the 3 yard line to catapult the invaders in front, 12-6, as Smith's extra point conversion pass, attempted to Andy Wertz, failed.

Half Ends in 12-12 Tie

With one minute and 20 seconds remaining in the first half, Howard capped the touchdown flurry with a 40-yard pass play, that saw Ross leave a looper to Hillery Thompson, who juggled the ball on his finger tips as he raced down the sidelines into Lincoln's end zone.

Harry Tompson's second extra placement conversion failed and the first half saw a 12-12 stalemate.

Between the halves, graduates and students of both schools formed the traditional ring to sing their alma maters, while members of the Howard physical education department put on a colorful marching exhibition with cards.

Bogged Down in Midfield

The third period saw very little action on the part of either team and most of the action went on around midfield, where the turf was sogglest and, as a result, there were numerous fumbles of the mud spattered oval.

It looked as if the game might have ended in a tie until Ross started filling the onore with the pigskin in the waning minutes.

Thompson Redeems Himself

A 54-yard pass play that saw Ross heaving a long looper to Abrams, gave the Bisons the ball on Lincoln's 21 yard. Three more plays moved the ball to Lincoln's 9, where Ross's pitch bounced out of Thompson's fingers into the end zone.

Two plays later, Chuckin' Charley hit Thompson in the chest with a pass that his over anxious fingers bobbled. However, Thompson shed the goats horns three plays later with a "fourth and goal play" coming up from 4 yards out. Ross's toss to Thompson redeemed the latter for his previous fumbles.

Loss Hurts Lincoln

The loss was Lincoln's second in conference plays against four victories. It knocked the invaders out of an outside chance to move into a tie with West Virginia State for CIAA honors.

The victory was Howard's sixth straight of the year and the seventh win against two losses, which adds to the most profitable season for the Hilltoppers since way back in 1926.

On the Howard-Lincoln Thanksgiving Day tally sheet, a grid feud that dates back to 1894, it was Howard's 20th victory, as against 16 victories for Lincoln and 7 ties.

Bridgeforth, Smith, Cooke, Wertz, Harris and Wallace played a brilliant game for Lincoln; while Hillary Thompson, Otto Jordan, Mel Marshall, Green, Abrams, Anderson, Lee, Parker and, of course, Ross were Howard's mud spattered stars.

The lineups:

LINCOLN (12)

ENDS — Cooke, Branch, Reeves, Jackson, Burris.
TACKLES — Sisturnk, Hightowers, Ransom, Bridgeforth.
GUARDS — Pirattice, Green, Brenson, Cooper, Marr.
CENTERS—Waddy, Williams.
BACKS—Harmon, Wertz, Thomas, Davis, Pulley, Smith, Simms, Harris, Tunnell.

HOWARD (19)

ENDS — Lee, Spencer, McClain, Hillery Thompson, Williams, White.
TACKLES—Carter, Brown, S. Jordan, Gilkes, Adams.
GUARDS — L. Hill, O. Jordan, Howze, Hargis, Tyler.
CENTERS—Marshall, H. K. Thompson, McNair.
BACKS — Davis, Anderson, Ross, Abrams, Goodson, Green, Banks, Carter, Broady, Minton, Hall, Carr, Elliot, Parker, Houston.

Lincoln	STATISTICS	Howard
4	First Downs	10
65	Rds. Rushing	143
46	Yds. Passing	167
15	Passes Attempted	15
5	Passes Completed	8
36	Avg. Distance, Punts	37
85	Penalties, Yds. Lost	40
3	Fumbles	4
3	Fumbles Recovered	0

SCORE BY PERIOD

Howard	0	12	0	7	—19
Lincoln	0	12	0	0	—12

SCORING: Touchdowns — Howard, Thompson (2) and McClain.

Lincoln, Harmon and Harris; Extra point—Howard Broady (from placement). Officials — M. C. Robinson, referee; W. E. Jones, umpire; E. L. Tinnen, headlinesman; M. C. Brown, field judge.

Va. Union Trims Hampton, 6 to 2

HAMPTON, Va.—Striking swiftly after recovering a fumble midway the last half, the Virginia Union Panthers defeated the Hampton Pirates, 6 to 2, here Thanksgiving Day, before 4,000 fans. The weather was ideal — sunny and slightly windy.

Hampton had scored a safety with two minutes left in the first half when James Lewis, senior end from Cape May, N.J., broke through to block Clarence Perkins's kick for an automatic safety.

61-Yard March

John Evans, sophomore guard from Petersburg, Va., recovered Captain Bill Christian's fumble for Union on the Panthers' 37-yard stripe.

Warren (Pete) Oldham, junior fullback from Indianapolis, Ind., crashed through the Pirates' forewall for 24 yards and first down on the 37.

Perry Briggs, sophomore back from Richmond, Va., picked up 4 to set up a sensational pass-lateral completion, from Earl Young, junior quarterback from Evanston, Ill., to Ernie Williams, sophomore back from Camden, N.J., to Captain Don Ross, senior end from Braddock, Pa. The play covered 18 yards.

Quarter Sneak Scores

After Oldham got 3, Young passed to Pete Williams, sophomore end from Newport News, on the one-yard line for the first play of the fourth quarter.

On the next play, Young used the quarterback sneak to score.

The win was Union's third in a row, giving them a five-five record for the season. The loss was Hampton's fifth straight.

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Taliaferro, Levi 'All-Star' Choices

Two tan players were named to first team berths in their respective areas early this week, following announcement of all-East and all-Big Nine selections.

Levi Jackson, on Monday elected the first colored captain of the Yale University eleven, was picked by football writers for the all-East team. George Taliaferro, brilliant triple-threat back at Indiana, was chosen by conference coaches for the first team in all-Big Nine selections.

Honorable mention for the all-East team also went to Bucky Hatchett, Rutgers end; Dan Towler, Washington and Jefferson back; Wally Triplett, Penn State back, and Bernie Custis, Syracuse back.

Hand Hurt, Ike Cancels Match

A hand injury caused lightweight champion Ike Williams to cancel a December 6 bout with Freddie Dawson, the titleholder's camp announced early this week.

Williams suffered a slight fracture of the right hand in his knockout victory over Billy Nixon here last week and it is feared the injury will not be healed in time for him to go through with the bout.

He did not realize the digit was broken until he tried to grip a golf club on Sunday and couldn't. He went to a doctor for examination and was advised against boxing.

Archie TKO Victim

TRENTON, N.J.—Red Archie, Philadelphia middleweight, was technically knocked out by Curtis Moore, hard-hitting Newark veteran, in the fifth round of a scheduled six-round bout here last week.

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Charles KO's Joe's Former Sparmate

CINCINNATI—(ANP) — Cincinnati's heavyweight championship hopeful, Ezzard Charles, unleashed his heavy artillery on Walter Hafer of Maysville, Ky., in a scheduled 10-round bout here last week and sent his opponent crashing to the floor via the knockout in the seventh stanza. Charles weighed 178 pounds against Hafer's 206. Hafer was champion Joe Louis's partner on his 1947 Latin American exhibition.

The knockout came at 2:45 of the seventh and was preceded by five knockdowns dished out by Charles. However, the big Kentuckian managed to give Charles a good many rough moments. Charles had a slight cut over his right eye and was bleeding at the nose at the finish.

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Final CIAA Standings

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Rank	Team	W	L	T	Pts.	Div.	Avg.
1	West Va.	5	1	0	140	6	23.3
2	Howard	7	2	0	170	8	21.6
3*	Lincoln	4	2	0	125	6	20.8
3*	A. & T.	4	3	0	125	6	20.8
5	Morgan	5	3	0	160	8	20.0
6	Va. State	5	3	0	155	8	19.3
7	N.C. State	4	3	0	135	7	19.2
8	W'ston-Salem	5	1	0	115	6	19.1
9	Shaw	4	3	0	125	7	17.8

SECOND DIVISION

Rank	Team	W	L	T	Pts.	Div.*	Avg.
10	Del. State	4	4	0	130	8	16.2
11	Union	3	5	0	120	8	15.0
12	Hampton	2	5	0	115	8	14.3
13	St. Augustine	1	4	0	60	5	12.0
14	Bluefield	1	5	0	70	6	11.6
15	Smith	0	5	1	65	6	10.8
16	St. Paul	0	4	0	40	4	10.0

*Tie.

CLEVELAND CLIPS YANKEES:

Motley Scores Twice as Browns Triumph

NEW YORK (NNPA)—Paced by Marion Motley, who turned in the longest scoring run of the game, the Cleveland Browns thumped the New York Yankees, 34-21, at Yankee Stadium, Sunday, despite the brilliant offensive work of Buddy Young and Spec Sanders and the defensive efforts of Tom Casey before 40,961 fans.

Fans had barely settled in their seats when Motley romped 78 yards for a touchdown. Motley's tale of the tape was 6 feet 1 inch, 237 pounds, 34 years old and a veteran of the Navy for 2 years.

With three burly Cleveland Browns running in front of him, Motley streaked down the right sideline to the Yankee 35 yard line, cut over to the center of the field as he crossed the 25-yard stripe and went into the end zone without going sway as he cut back to the right sideline.

Knot Count at 14-All

After Motley scored and the Browns converted they came right back in the first quarter and added another TD for good measure, through a pass interception on the 11-yard line and a rush from the one-yard marker by Edgar Jones.

The Yanks then got into the ball game, scoring once on a pass from Ted Kenda to Bruce Alford and again a few minutes later when Kenda hit End Otto Schnellbacher took a and Brown pass out of the air on his own 34 and danced his way 66 yards to score. The Yankee's Harvey Johnson stopped before the goal line and tried to knot the count at 14-all.

Tom Casey made his first appearance in the lineup on the Yankee kickoff but the rude Mr. Motley greeted him with a 33-yard return of the Yankee kickoff from his own two to his own 35. The Browns then added three points on a field goal from the Yankee 33-yard line.

Bob Kennedy Yankee kicker over for a tally to make it 34-21 where it remained.

The third quarter was a duel between Spec Sanders and Buddy Young for the ball on his own 20. Young and Sanders really got into the act on a drive that carried to the Browns' 35, but as soon as they got the ball Graham found Horace Gillom with a long pass from the 35 yard line to the Yankee 12 and, with a complete ground job, this second Bear marker was gained on the strength of two passes, one a short, 4-yarder with Brice on the receiving end and the other a 24-yard item from Howard to Clifford Moat, freshman end from Media, Pa.

And to make their befuddlement of Tom Cousin's defense a job complete, the visitors interspersed a pair of forward-lateral in their two subsequent goaltend drives, one of which paid off and the other got as far as the State 12 before the clock ran its buzz.

The third of the winners' touchdowns came in the middle of the second period. Guy Miller kicked to St. Thomas at midfield and the latter got to the Trojan 44. On the next play, Howard tossed to Earl Byrd, who in turn lateraled to St. Thomas near the East sideline and the latter sprinted to the State 16 before being forced out of bounds. Rooks hit the line for five yards then Howard hit Byrd with a pass on the 2, and the slender Bear flankman simply tiptoed into the end zone.

It was no more nor less than a team, thoroughly grounded in the intricacies of the "T", making part of an aggregation, which, though defensively strong as a rule, was helpless in attempting to solve the attacking strategy of the visitors.

With Howard in the driver's seat, the invaders chalked up 12 first downs in the first half, while holding State to two, one of these at the middle point of her touchdown thrust.

But while Howard was driving the team with a mastery that has not been witnessed by this writer in many years, it was the sensational overland work of Rooks, Brice and Johnny Triplett that completely smothered the homerings.

Morgan Line Shines

The big Morgan quarterback's play selection was a thing of beauty, seldom making a mistake, and dishing out bewilderment to the Trojans in great handfuls. At the same time Rooks, Rutherford and Brice—particularly the first named—were ripping the Virginia line to shreds while constantly peering the distance between themselves and the goal-line.

Not to be outdone, the Bear forwards covered themselves with glory as well. Especially noteworthy was the work of Captain Roy Cragway. The bereckled field leader of the Bears was a dashing knight errant, if the gridiron grammard ever bore one. In virtually every play, he and huge Al Gillom proved a two-man defense wall that hemmed in every offensive maneuver of Harry Jefferson's lads.

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Locals' Attack Baffles Trojans

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opportunities in the entire afternoon to come up for air.

Eli (Tan) Howard, a 6-foot 2-inch quarterback from Pelham, N.Y., was the driving force which catapulted the Bears to three touchdowns in the first half, one on a march of 80 yards and another on a surge of 79 yards, after the Trojans had matched the initial six-pointer with one of their own in a slashing rebound.

Bears Score

The Baltimoreans tallied at 8:11 of the first quarter with Rutherford Brice, a Charlottesville, Va., halfback, clicking the last 10 yards after Howard had directed the team on a steady advance from its 20-yard line.

State bounced back immediately. Taking the kickoff on his goal line, Ray Crittenden got loose to the 27. After Bob Sandridge got one yard through the line, Crittenden circled his left end on a reverse and reeled off 18 yards before being brought down.

Trojan Pass Clicks

And on the next play, the third after the kickoff, Johnny (Kimbwogah) Rooks, the Trojans' ace halfback, started what appeared to be the same play at the other flank, but suddenly stopped, flagged into the air and passed to Clovis Gault, freshman back from Greenville, Tenn. Gault caught the ball on the Morgan 42 and outraced the secondary to pay dirt, a play that covered 54 yards in all. Bob Willis, freshman from Washington, converted to give the Trojans a 7-6 lead.

The enraged Bears struck back in no time. Triplett returned the kickoff to his 21 and then right away Howard, his arms flailing the air like a pair of wind-mill gyrations, sent Rooks into the line on the first assault to a gain that ate up 79 yards and was climaxed by a 24-yard toss to the second Bear target by Brice tearing through for a 12-yard payoff.

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First and Last Bid of the Turkey Day Trojans

Ray Crittenden, Virginia State College halfback (62), gets off to an 18-yard gain just prior to the Trojans' only score in their 19-7 loss to Morgan at Petersburg on Thanksgiving Day. Chasing down the elusive ball-carrier are Morgan's Rutherford Brice (21), Clifford Moat (37) and Ollie Hubbard (27), the latter two ends.

Arkansas State Ties Favored Mo. Lincoln

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.—A mild explosion was heard throughout the Southwest here Saturday a Arkansas State held a heavily-favored Missouri Lincoln eleven to a 6-6 tie.

A blocked kick late in the third quarter paved the way for visiting Lions to make their touchdown, Watson bulldoing over after a Byrd-to-Ross pass had moved the ball into scoring position.

The Tigers got the tally back midway of the final period when they took advantage of the only poor kick gotten off by Britto all afternoon. Getting possession deep in Arkansas territory, the locals registered on a pass from Hudson to Blair.

Both teams failed on their extra-point tries.

Football Scores

Tuskegee 15, Ala. St. Teachers 0
S.C. State 14, Benedict 14
Tenn. A-I 34, Louisville Municipal 7
Sam Houston 13, Tillotson 7
Lane 31, LeMoyne 12
Ark. State 7, Philander Smith 6
Allen 39, Claflin 4
Ft. Valley State 33, Albany State 0
Dillard 6, Xavier 6
Texas College 19, Wiley 0

Towler Near All-Time Scoring Mark

WASHINGTON, Pa. — Deacon Dan Towler, Washington and Jefferson College back, ran his season's point total to 133 by scoring three touchdowns and kicking one extra point as the Presidents dropped a 26-25 football thriller to Ohio Wesleyan here Saturday.

Towler, a speedster from Dobbins, came within one point of tying the accepted NCAA TOWLER record of 134 points set in 1941 by the University of Virginia's Bill Dudley. Towler's points came on 20 touchdowns and 13 conversions.

The versatile native Pennsylvanian was easily the mainstay of the W. and J. squad during the season just closed.

In addition to handling the running chores, Dan, who is a divinity student, passed and kicked on occasion. He was also charged with the conversion duties.

Followers of the President recall the feats of Washington and Jefferson's previous tan star, Charley West, now a practicing physician in Alexandria, Va. West, a halfback, played on the 1952 Rose Bowl game with the locals.

Trenton Club Seeking Court Game Bookings

TRENTON—The Harlem Club Wanderers, a local semi-pro basketball team, which has among its players Junius Kellogg, six-foot-nine pivot man, and Ernie Wilkins, UCLA center at West Virginia State College, is seeking bookings with teams of semi-pro standings.

Games may be booked with the Wanderers by registering with Willie M. Johnson, 18 Middle Road St., Trenton 8, N.J.

Poets-Ducks Finish Season in 0-0 Tie

Football teams of Dunbar High School and Douglass Junior High ended their respective 1948 gridiron campaigns by playing each other to a scoreless tie at Hughes (Morgan) Stadium Wednesday afternoon.

The game, originally set for last Friday, was postponed to Wednesday on account of Friday's inclement weather. According to Coach Bill Cain, at Dunbar, the postponement was called by Douglass's mentor, L.U. (Duck) Gibson. Cain told the AFRO he plans to protest Gibson's action at the next South Atlantic Conference meeting.

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