Rec. Track Meet Lures National and Local Stars

WASHINGTON

A star-studded array of former and current scholastic and collegiate champions will head the District Recreation Department's annual track and field meet, slated tomorrow (Saturday) at 4 p.m., on Banneker Field.

The 13-event affair is attracting standout stars as Morgan's Sam LaBeach and Morty Cohen of Maryland University, both of whom are competing for the Baltimore Olympic Club.

Bragg May Show

It's likely that Arthur Bragg, 1950 National AAU 100-meter champion may show. Bragg was nipped this year in the AAU Northwestern Freshman, Jim Golliday, who currently is leading a successful American track team on a tour of Europe.

Other college standouts will include Howard's James Bruce who will run both the mile and two miles, or the half mile, his specialty; Joe Walker Jr., LaSalle College sensation; Rudolph McGoines of Virginia State; Louis Mathis of Iowa; and Charlie Wright of Denver.

Heading the scholastic parade are Henry DeGriffired and Henry (Cubby Perry) Johnson of Cardozo; Kenneth Kave of Dunbar; and members of Armstrong's championship relay team, Jim Young, James Preston, James Courtney and Donald (Duck) Wheeler.

Although not definite, Georgetown Coach Jack Haggerty has indicated he may send representatives from the Hoya's School.

Dick Price, Philadelphia's 100-yard scholastic sprint champion, also has been entered.

The meet is sanctioned by the District AAU.

Howard Hi Lists 10 Grid Tilts

WILMINGTON, Del. — Howard High School's football team will play 10 games, all with white schools, this fall, according to Head Coach M.A. Naylor.

The schedule follows:

Sept. 22 Phoenixville (away)
29 P. S. DuPont (Home)
Oct. 6 St. John's (home)
13 Claymont (away)
27 Archivere (away)
Nov. 3 Peter's (away)
10 Brownson (home)
16 Conrad (away)
28 Salesanium (away)

Soap Box Entrant Does Well in Derb

WASHINGTON

Twelve year old Douglass Kane, of 1753 Park Rd., N.W., who paced the tan soapbox entries in the recent local soapbox derby, is confident that he will nab top honors in next year's competition.

Douglass, a student at Morgan School, did pretty well for himself, considering that fact that this was his first try and many of the soapbox contestants are veterans.

He managed to top three heats and finished second in the semifinal elimination. His time of 32.5 seconds topped the entrants representing the Addison Chevrolet dealer, so he won an all equipped bicycle valued at $45.

His other victories brought him a medal, gold trophy and $7.50 worth of sports merchandise.

BUREAUETTES MEET FALCONS

The Bureaucettes softball team will meet the D. C. Falconettes Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in a single game on Druid Hill Park diamond, Baltimore.

Ex-Morgan Line Star Signs With Packers

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Former Morgan State College football co-captain Chraley Robinson has signed a contract to try out for the Green Bay Packers team, of the National Football League.

Robinson, star linesman and three times all-CIAA choice, has been serving as a part-time worker at the Wilson Park School playground. He was graduated from Morgan in June.

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'The King Is Dead, Long Live the King'

A Left That Made Ezzard Wince

This left in the fourth round by Jersey Joe Walcott made Ezzard Charles wince.

Ezzard (King Charles I) Charles, lying flat on his stomach in mid-ring, was thus deposed as ruler of the heavyweight division at Pittsburgh, Wednesday night. A wild crowd joined in the traditional chant of the monarches, "The King Is Dead, Long Live the King." In this case, though, the king is no youthful heir to the throne. Instead, he is a 37-year old father of six who succeeded only after four previous efforts, in overthrowing the incumbent. His name: Jersey Joe Walcott.

Tearful Walcott Grateful

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Walcott was the man of the hour. He had crowned his fifth try at the heavyweight title with success. Long years of up-and-down living, of retirements and comebacks, of longshore-duty and relief checks, all had now reached the glorious climax.

Charles Bewildered

Behind him, being administered to by his manager and seconds was the vanquished Cincinnatian, Charles. He was the picture of despair and bewilderment. Afterward, in his dressing room, the former champion said he remembered nothing of the seventh round "until after I heard the referee count six."

In the eyes of this reporter, Walcot waged the smartest fight of any that has been put up in all my years on the boxing beat. He showed very clearly that he had a definite plan of action, and he followed it to the letter.

Jersey Joe, in all his previous fights—those two with Joe Louis, his first two with Charles and even in his earlier New York and Baltimore showings — employed a good right cross as his lethal weapon. Until this night with Charles, Walcott's left hand had been primarily a lead, a setup prop. Something that was to be respected but not feared.

Charles Thrown Off Guard

Here Wednesday, with his "do-or-die" chance on the fire, Walcott very cleverly changed his tactics, and the change paid off. Time and again he threw his opponent off guard by crossing with his right as they were leaving clinches, thus giving the impression that it was on this same blow that he was pinning his one big hope.

Every once in a while, Jersey Joe would pump a left hook to the body, then resort to the orthodox jabbing until Charles was drawn into a lead.

The venerable Jerseyan hided his time beautifully. But in the meantime he was piling up points with his jab and with his half-hearted right cross. So well did he handle the whole attack plan, that Walcott was on top all the way on the AFRO score-card. After the first round, which this writer scored as even, all the others were tallied in Jersey Joe's favor.

In the fourth, Charles was shaken by one of Walcott's healthier right crosses. And this, as well as everything else in his strategy, paid off for Walcott. By now, Charles was convinced that it was the right hand he had to watch.

Came then the seventh. Immediately, Jersey Joe stopped acting the part of aggressor, and began drawing away so that Charles would do the pursuing. Suddenly moving in toward his foe, Walcott feinted as though he was ready to sink another of his leits to the body. However, that blow never landed.

In a flash, he pulled it back and came over with a left hook that landed flush on the champ's exposed chin. Charles went down as though he were pole-axed. Those of us sitting in the press row in front of the fallen fighter could see at once that he was finished.

There was no life whatsoever in his eyes. His muscles were entirely still. At the toll of six by referee Buck McTiernan, Ezzard started moving. He drew himself up to a kneeling position, pushed himself up to a crouch and at nine tried to straighten up.

No sooner had he reached this latter position, though, than he tumbled backward, without being struck, to lay flat on his back in a neutral corner.

It was at this point that Walcott raised his arms over his head, turned his back from the television cameras and gave with a flood of tears.

It was at this moment also, that the surging mob of humanity began its mad rush to ringside.

No Takers

Although Charles was the overwhelming betting favorite — his odds going to 6 to 1 at bell time with no takers — Jersey Joe was without doubt the sentimental favorite.

And it was not altogether crowd psychology which made him so. It is common knowledge that the underdog is always the choice of the sporting gentry. But Charles, for some reason, has never attained the stature in popularity that goes with the colorful old gentleman from Camden.

From the moment of his 15-round decision over Joe Louis in September, 1950, there had been a smoldering resentment against Charles, obviously due to the fact that he had destroyed a myth.

And Wednesday night, when his manager, Jake Mintz, held up the bout for approximately 10 minutes, screaming against the use of a Philadelphia referee Charley Daggert, as one of the judges, the resentment of the crowd again was directed at the fighter.

Mintz, incidentally, was later suspended by Commissioner Ox DaGrosa for his actions. "It was disgraceful," DaGrosa told the press later.

Mintz Praises Joe

Following the bout, Mintz visited Walcott's dressing room and told him: "I'm glad you won it, Joe. You're a good fighter and a good family man. You deserve it."

Walcott, wreathed in perspiration, thanked Mintz for his "very fine sportsmanship."

In Charles's dressing room, the ex-champ was still befuddled by the turn of events. "I can't understand it," he kept muttering. "I just can't understand it."

He said he did not see the punch which floored him, but denied that it was "a lucky punch." Said he: "It couldn't be lucky, Walcott was trying too hard."

Walcott promised to be a fighting champion and to make every effort to be "as much of a credit to the game as the two fellows who preceded me." He was referring, of course, to Louis and Charles.

He and his manager, Felix Bocchicchio, said that they "would certainly" give Charles the return shot (within 90 days) for which the contract calls.

AFRO's Lacy at Fight Ringside

Newspaper reporters from all sections of the country gather around the world's new heavyweight champ, Jersey Joe Walcott, after his defeat of Ezzard Charles, in Pittsburgh Wednesday. Arrow points to AFRO's Sam Lacy, who was on hand for firsthand view of happenings.

Rec to Observe Softball Week

Easterwood Park

Program Sunday

The Bureau of Recreation has set up a big softball program for this Sunday, July 22 at Easterwood Park to open the week-long celebration of the First Annual National Softball Week. Through the work of the State Tournament Committee working with the Division of Amateur Sports, the Bureau expects to have a large turnout at Easterwood Sunday to see the city's best softballers in action.

Three softball games, a parade and much pageantry will be in evidence. At 12:00 noon unbeaten Sam's Sportsmen Co-eds, one of the best girls' softball teams in the state, will play the Rec. All Stars.

The All-Stars will be made up mostly of Cretons and Carroll Street girls, two of the best local clubs and are being coached by Lucille Wingfield, standout girls leader of the Bureau of Recreation. The Co-eds are coached by Jessie Simpson. The Crown Cork and Seal Company is awarding six softballs to the winning girls team.

Upon completion of the girls' game fans will be treated to action by all of the best unlimited men's team in Baltimore leagues.

The Four Teams

In a preliminary to the State each league has selected its best team to date to play in the exhibition at 1:30 p.m. a combined team of Cherry Hill Trotters and Northwestern Stars representing the Independent Club and Northwest Unlimited Leagues will play Crown Cork and Seal representing the Easterwood Unlimited League.

The Trotters were champions in the Independent Club League last year and have already clinched the title this season. The N.W. Stars won the first round in the North west League and is currently in a tie for the second round title. Crown Cork and Seal is leading the Easterwood League and has won the first round title in the Industrial and Trade School league.

Champs Going Strong

At 3:30 p.m. Building Trade School representing the Industrial and Trade School League faces Burt's Mohawks A.C. of the West Baltimore Club League. Building Trade has been champion of its league for two years and has won the second round title in the loop this year. The Mohawks, defending champs of the West Baltimore Club League have won the first round in its loop this year.

Most of the teams in Sunday's exhibition games have clinched berths in the State Tournament to battle for the State Championship and a trip to the Central Atlantic Regional Tourney at Williamsport, Pa. over the Labor Day week-end. The Northwest Stars and the Mohawks are the only two of the five teams playing Sunday who have not yet clinched a berth.

The Blue Helmet Drum and Bugle Corps of the American Legion, Federal Post is scheduled to parade into the Park during the early afternoon. Several other marching units are expected to march in, all along different routes.

Other Games Scheduled

The Bureau of Recreation is sponsoring two junior all-star games during the week to further contribute to developing interest in softball locally. The Easterwood Junior League All-Stars meet the Taylor Junior League All-Stars at Easterwood Park at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday, July 25th.

On Thursday, July 26th the Cherry Hill Junior League All-Stars will play the South Baltimore Junior League All-Stars at 6:15 p.m. on the Cherry Hill Park diamond No. 1.

The National Softball Week Celebration is arranged for the enjoyment of the softball fans and to develop new interest in America's fastest growing sport. Be sure to get on out to Easterwood Park on Munday and give the boys and girls support and yourself a real treat.

Downs Athletes Ritz Unlimited

The Ritz defeated the Athletes in the P.S. No. 122 unlimited league, 7 to 6, to hand the Athletes their first loss.

Going into the last inning trailing 6 to 5, the first man up for the Ritz flied out. Scott drew a walk and Bowman hit a single to center and when the ball was thrown wide to third base, Scott scored and Bowman took second. Norris flied out, but then Milton slashed a double down the left field line to score Bowman and break up the ball game.

Meet Set Aug. 15

The date has been set for the annual Intercity Junior track and field meet between Washington Baltimore recreation department for August 15, at Banneker Center in Washington starting at 5 p.m.

Royal Dukes Upset Ritz Softies, 10-8

The Royal Dukes defeated the highly regarded Ritz A.C., in one of the most stunny upsets to date in the P.S. No. 122 unlimited softball league, 10 to 8.

Adolphus Holcomb, who got a for 3 including a double, and Frank Wise, who got 3 for 4 including a home-run, kept the Dukes well in front.

Each team banged out 10 safeties but the Dukes were able to cash in on each of their opportunities.

Mall Tennis Club Tourney Underway

WASHINGTON

The Mall Tennis Club's annual tennis tourney, beginning yesterday (Thursday) on Banneker Courts will end Sunday, July 22.

American Tennis Association officials present during the tourney include Arthur Chippey of Lynchburg, Va. Bertram Baker of Brooklyn, and J. E. Spooner of New York City.

Dolphins in 4th Slot in Rec Baseball Play

Richard Doswell's Dolphin A.C., took over the fourth spot in the City Unlimited Baseball championship play-offs by beating Cobra A.C. by a convincing 21-2 score in their final Monumental Unlimited League qualifying game.

Barber Institute romped to a 16-5 victory over Maryland Technical Institute in the opening game of this Bureau of Recreation loop at Druid Hill last Sunday.

The Dolphins join first place Westside Eagles, Post Office and Eastside A.A. for the round robin championship beginning this Sunday at Druid Hill Park.

The bottom five teams on the Monumental League will commence a double elimination tournament this Sunday for a consolation trophy. Teams will play until they have lost two games. Cobra A.C., Arundels, Barber Institute, Westside Royals and Maryland Technical Institute will take part in this tourney.

Dolphins vs. Post Office

Dolphin A.C. faces the Post Office at Druid Hill Park No. 2 at 1 p.m. this Sunday in the opening game of the championship play-offs. Defending city champion Eastside A.A. plays the first place team in the qualifying round, the West side Eagles in the nightcap at 3:30 p.m.

The winner of the city play-offs will journey to Washington, D.C. to face the District Champion in August for the Intercity Championship.

In the Consolation Double Elimination tournament, Maryland Technical Institute meets the Westside Royals at 1:00 p.m. on Druid Hill No. 1 and the Arundels face Barber Institute at 3:30 p.m. on the same diamond.

The Monumental Intermediate league leading Jr. Dolphins dropped their first game of the season last week to the revitalized Jr. Black Caps at Carroll Park 4-2. The Caps took a second game from the Greenway Hawks at Clifton Park by the same score.

Hawks Win Second

The Greenway Hawks got their second victory from the Strand A.C. 6-2 in another contest at Clifton Park. The Jr. Dolphins, defending league champs, still maintained a comfortable lead as the second of the three rounds was completed.

Johnny Tanner's Rockets forged ahead of the Monumental Club Junior league last week with their second victory. The Rockets from the Eastside blasted the Red Sox 20-3 at Clifton Park. Thurlow Jackson's Zodiacs bounced back to beat the Northwestern Police Boys Club 9-6 at Druid Hill Park. The Rockets can win the first round title by beating the Clubbers at Druid Hill No. 2 next Monday, July 23rd.

Next Week's Schedule

Dolphin A.C. vs Post Office, 1 p.m., D.H. No. 2
Westside vs Eastside, 3:30 p.m., D.H. No. 2
Md. Tech. vs Westside Royals, 1 p.m., D.H. No. 1
Arundels vs Barber Inst., 3:30 p.m., D.H. No. 1

Monumental Intermediate

July 24

Strand A.C. vs Greenway Jrs., 6:15 p.m., D.H. No. 2

July 26

Black Caps vs Strand, 6:15 p.m., D.H. No. 1
Jr. Dolphins vs Greenway, 6:15 p.m., D.H. No. 2

Monumental Club Junior

July 23

Zodiacs vs Red Sox, 6:15 p.m., D.H. No. 2
Police Boys vs Rockets, 6:15 p.m., D.H. No. 2

Six Stalwart Walcott Boosters

Jersey Joe Walcott's six sisters rejoice at his victory over Ezzard Charles. They're happy he's the new heavyweight champion. Seated are: Mesdames Bertha Taylor, Ruth Frye and Barbara Gray. Standing are: Mesdames Dorothy King, Edna Harris and Naomi Holmes. They plan to form a cheering section with Joe's three brothers.

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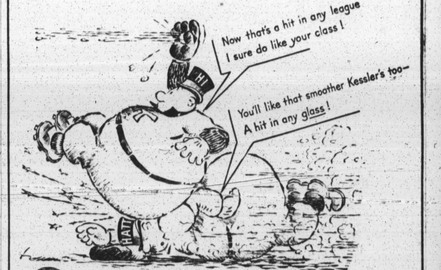

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