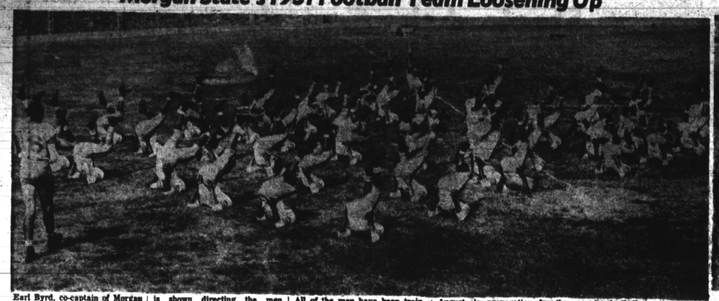
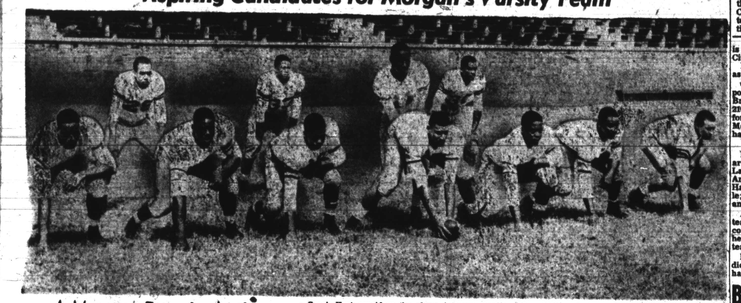
Morgan State's 1951 Football Team Loosening Up



Earl Byrd, co-captain of Morgan State College's 1951 football team is shown directing the men through pre-season calesthenics. All of the men have been training at the college since early August, in preparation for the coming football season.

Theron Banks Caries the Mail

Aspiring Candidates for Morgan's Varsity Team



A Morgan Bear in Action

Theron Banks is here shown preparing to straightarm a would-be tackler. Morgan coaches concede this is one of the more slippery defensive tactics, and are concentrating to mastering the maneuver.

Coach Hurt Worries Over Morgan's Football Chances

Coach Eddie Hurt, Morgan State College's football master mind is worried this year.

Long considered one of America' leading coaches by football authorities, the cagey mentor has, for many years, whipped Morgan's embryo football teams into such perfect shape they have been the envy of rival coaches in the CIAA.

Helping him, with what seems to be a monumental task this year, are Coaches Talmadge Hill, Kenneth Brown, and Alvin Brown.

His face wreathed in frowns, and peering from beneath a baseball cap, Coach Hurt, when asked about this year's football team said: "This might be a bad year."

"We don't have quality or quanity this year. We're weak up front, in the backfield, and at center. It seems like we lost most of our good men, last year.

Rooks Once A Lifetime

"Of course a man like George Rooks can never be replaced. A coach gets a "Rooks" once in a lifetime, and when he's gone he's sorely missed. But I lost other experienced men also. Tim Howard, Charley Robinson, Eugene Evans, Jimmy Clark, Russell Young, and Bill Harris, are missing from the team this year."

Coach Hurt considers the above men as having more than an even possibility of gaining berths on the varsity team. While the wily mentor admits chances are great he refuses to commit himself as yet. In the first row are: Earl Byrd, end; Roosevelt Brown, tackle; Edward Stewart, guard; Milton Jordan, Center; Tim Holley, guard; Tom Hasty, tackle; Irvin Locust, end; George Williams, quarterback; Joseph Daniels, back; Arthur Stokes, back; and Johnny Triplett, back.

Both Rooks and Charley Robinson, co-captains of Morgan's 1950 team, have signed contracts to play professional football with the Green Bay Packers this year.

One of Coach Hurt's hopefuls, Tillman Henderson, 240-pound tackle is not eligible to play this year because of conflict over his scholastic record.

Evidentaly realizing there was nothing to be gained by moping over his losses, Coach Hurt suddenly smiled, looked at his men scurrying over spacious Hughes Stadium, and said: "We have some good prospects, though, and you" can count on us doing our best."

Many Freshmen Prospects

The prospects, the coach refers to are: John Hurtz, fullback; Walter Moseley, halfback; Otis Johnson, fullback; Donald Patterson, fullback; Milton Jordan, center; Joe Cassidy, center; Donald Ross, center, and William Hill, guard.

Hurtz, from Bayonne, N.J., is expected to fill some of the empty space created by Rooks's absence from the team. He is not as large as Rooks, weighing 210 pounds to Rooks 241 pounds, but he does have speed and some power. Hurt expects to develop more driving power in the youth.

Patterson comes from Dunbar High School in Baltimore. He hasn't had much experience in playing football, but Coach Hurt thinks he is a great kicker, and has speed, weight, and height.

Baltimoreans Look Good

Joseph Cassidy from White Plains, N.Y., is expected to show well this season, while Ross and Hill, both from Baltimore, are also looking good in football practice.

Earl W. Byrd, end, and John Triplett, from Abingdon, Pa., are co - captains of the 1951 football team. Both men are veterans of Coach Hurt's vaunted T-formation attack.

Triplett is also a member of Morgan's crack track team, and is expected to be a key man on both offense and defense this year. Byrd is a 200-pound end from Jersey City, N.J.

But things aren't really as bleak as they seem.

Coach Hurt still has a small powerhouse left in Roosevelt Brown, 225 pounds and Tom Hasty, 220 pounds. The three prospects for quarterback, George Williams, Melvin Fox, and James Green all have strong points on offense.

Some Last-Year's Holdovers

Held over from last year's team are: Theron Banks, Joe Daniels, Larry Harrell, Howard Quann, and Arthur Stokes, Matt Marcus, Dick Harris, ends; William Bishop, tackle; Tim Holley, William Buford, and Edward Stewart, guards.

Although casting gloom about his team's chances in accepted college coach fashion, Eddie Hurt confides he expects to field "a pretty good team this year."

If past performances are any indication, Morgan State College will have another winning year.

Hurt Player Watches Practice

Baltimore, D.C. Divide Series

Baltimore's city championship baseball teams split even in two Baltimore - Washington Intercity Championship contests with District of Columbia champions in Washington last week.

Richard Doswell's Intermediate Champions, Jr. Dolphins of Baltimore, withstood a late rally Walter Brooks' Watts A. C., District 15-18-year-old champions to win, 5-4.

The Jr. Dolphins were awarded the annual championship trophy after their victory in the first game of the twi-night classic at Bannecker lower field in Washington.

Royals Top Eagles

The Westside Eagles, managed by Dutch Booze and Charley Knight, who are Baltimore's unlimited city champions, dropped their Intercity clash to Washington's title-winning Royals, 7-6.

The Monumental City tossers had a four-run lead going into the final inning, but wilted before a determined home-team barrage.

The Royals, managed by Oswald Stewart and Lester Pitts, picked up the Intercity trophy for the second straight year, having pinned the Eastside C.C. in Baltimore in the first annual Intercity clash last year.

Several bus loads of Baltimore fans accompanied the team to Washington.

Joseph Cassidy, freshman football candidate from White Plains, N.Y., looks nonfrolic on as his teammates practice. Cassidy, 18, suffered a dislocated arm during practice, but is expected to be able to play when the season opens.

Heard Paces NAL

CHICAGO — Jess Heard, New Orleans, with a .388 average, again is the leading batter in the Negro American League this week, according to statistics compiled by the Howe Bureau.

Md. State Faces Rebuilding Job

PRINCESS ANNE, Md. — Maryland State's Vernon (Skip) McCain could be "Laughing with tears in his eyes."

The satute Hawk mentor lost ten first string players via graduation and incidentally had his famed forward wall shot to pieces. In the backfield, the sensational duo of Cal Martin and Swifty Folk, will be missing.

Ken (Hopalong) Still, George (First Degree) Burns, and a newcomer from the Keystone State, George (Liberty) Bell, 10 - second speedster, must come through to replace them.

Tough Schedule

Johnny McDaniel and Walter Colbreath seem fixtures at ends, but from tackle to tackle Skip is wobbly. Earl (Stumpy) Douglass at center must play superman, if the Eastern Shore College's nearly three-year-old string of unbroken wins is to continue intact.

To add to McCain's woes, the '51 schedule presents him with Grambling College, Midwestern Conference powerhouse, for the opener, Sept. 22, followed by the Wilberforce juggernaut in the Shrine-sponsored Fish Bowl encounter on Sept. 29, at Norfolk, Va. Tough sledding for the Champs.

FREAK ACCIDENT

SPRING HOPE, N.C. — Lafayette W. Wilkins, 67, a Nash County farmer, was killed at his home last week in a freak accident, Deputy Sheriff Ollie Laughter reports that he fell off his high porch and broke his neck when his head hit the ground.

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Leading the parade of local heavyweight prospects at the moment, Jesse Manigault makes his first attempt at a main bout Monday night at the Coliseum when he tackles Harry Wills of South Bend, Ind., in the Squires A. C. ten-round smack headliner.

Less than a year out of the amateurs, Manigault has come along at a roaring pace under the management of Frankie Rice. Jesse has lost only one pro start here, and his last outing furnished the tipoff that the powerful young fighter may be ready to start heading for stardom.

That came in the semi-windup bout to the recent Joe Louis-Jimmy Bivins big show at the Stadium, when Manigault went six furious, slugging rounds with Odell Riley of St. Louis to a draw.

Riley a Veteran

Riley, who had been Louis' chief sparmate, is a veteran heavyweight who has beaten such as Hatchetman Sheppard, Lee Q. Murray, Jimmy Bell and Gene Jones. He was figured to have entirely too much seasoning for Jesse.

And that's the way it started out. He punched Manigault silly in the early going. But Jesse stuck gamely with him, took everything he had and came back stoutly in the later rounds to earn the dead heat.

It was an eye-opener for local clout connoisseurs. They are now willing to concede, not only that Manigault may be going places but that he has already started.

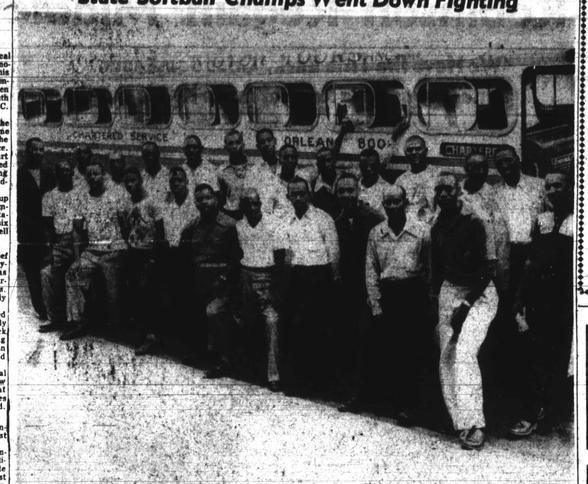
Chance to Prove Self

He will be getting the opportunity to give further proof against Wills.

During the past year, the Indiana smacksmith has given Coliseum fans two chances to evaluate him as a capable craftsman just a step below the topnotchers.

Harry introduced himself here by scoring a surprising upset decision over Freddie Sexhore, the indefatigable trial horse. He stepped up too high then against Bivins and was knocked out, but gave Jimmy a stiff argument while it lasted.

State Softball Champs Went Down Fighting



Crown Cork and Seal, State softball champs, went to the Central Atlantic Regional meet 30 strong, but bowed in two closely contested games at Williamsport, Pa. Those making the trip were: William West, Warren Hargrove, Alonza Boyd; John Jenifer, James E. Lewis, Howard Williams, Edward Handy, Walter Willis, Alonzo Scott, Clifton Jefferson, Spencer Mack, Frances Jenifer, Edward Miles, Lawrence Ellis, Charles Downs; Thomas Gardner; George Robinson, James Long, Clarence Brooks, James Glover, James Lewis, Charles Turner, James Wilson, William Watson, William Causion, James King, John Thomas, Larence Chambers, and Thomas Chambers. They are now back home.

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McAllister Loses Second Coliseum Bout to Ortiz

The second come-back attempt by Jimmy McAllister, Baltimore featherweight, again proved a setback to the game little battler.

On Wednesday night, Jimmy suffered his second straight defeat at the hands of Baby Ortiz, Cuban puncher, in the seventh round of a scheduled 10-rounder at the Coliseum.

McAllister was trailing on points, after wilting in the sixth round under the heavy body-punching of Ortiz, who appeared to gain strength as the bout progressed.

Reported injured Hand

When Mc. returned to his corner at the end of the seventh, he reported to his handlers that he had injured his left hand.

After a hasty consultation, the referee signaled that the fight was at an end, raising Ortiz's hand as the victor by a T.K.O.

McAllister lost a close 10-round decision to Ortiz here on July 30 in a scorching battle.

His next ring appearance was against Jesus Compos, veteran New Yorker, on the Joe Louis-Jimmy Bivins fight card at the Stadium with McAllister getting the decision in a six-rounder.

The two featherweights came in as a sub fight, replacing the Johnson 10-rounder when Bivins reported that he had suffered injuries in training.

The main event between McAllister and Ortiz was televised over a national hook-up in place of the Robinson-Turpin championship fight at the Polo Grounds, New York, which was confined to theatre-TV.

Preliminary Results

In the preliminaries, Walter Brown, 134, former SAA light-weight champion, knocked out Johnny Caster, 138, after 1.35 of the third round of a scheduled six rounder.

Billy Francis decisioned Kenny Leach in six rounds; Al Schlimm, heavyweight of Philadelphia, won over Claude Dublin, of Washington in five; Don Braun beat Charlie Little and Curtis Wade fought Willie Tyson to a draw, both four rounders.

'H' Club Golf Tourney Begins

The annual "H" Club two-day golf tourney will begin Saturday, Sept. 15, over the Langston course, with Bus Thomas and Mrs. Harel Foreman returning to defend their crown.

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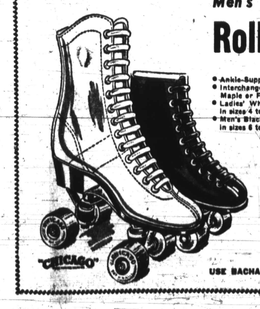

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