OF THIS AND THAT AND THAT AND THIS

By SAM LACY

While it is the first time a major league baseball team has been instrumental in securing a managerial contract for a colored player, the Baltimore Orioles and pilot Earl Weaver were not exactly setting precedent for the Puerto Rican Winter League when they interceded on Frank Robinson's behalf last week.

Frank was named to succeed Weaver as field boss of the Santurce club for the season commencing next month in San Juan.

There have been quite a few colored managers in winter baseball in Latin America as Roy Campanella, who speaks Spanish fluently, piloted teams in both Puerto Rico and Mexico when he was with the Baltimore Elite Giants in the Negro National League . . . So did George Scales, the old New York Black Yankee . . . And Dickie Seay, who also was a Black Yankee at one time and later became the son-in-law of the Santurce club owner . . . Candy Jim Taylor of the Chicago American Giants; Frank Duncan, the ex-Kansas City Monarch; Hoss Walker, the former Elite helmsman, and Dizzy Dismukes, one of the old, eldtime Negro American leaguers, are names to be found among former managers of winter league clubs in the tropics.

One-half MVP

It's my hope that Baltimorean Eugene E. Ward will forgive me for the tardiness, but I'm finally getting around to acknowledging his Aug. 22 point.

Ward takes issue with the Cleveland USLTA chapter which awarded MVP trophies jointly to Arthur Ashe of the United States, and Manuel Santana of Spain, following the recent interzone Davis Cup matches . . . "I was absolutely stunned," writes Ward, "since Ashe was the only undefeated player in the entire draw . . . He won twice, beating both Juan Gisbert and Santana and Santana lost twice, losing to Arthur and in the doubles with Gisbert."

They're unknowns?

Whenever a colored player breaks into the golf spotlight, the major press — if it pays any attention to him at all — invariably refers to him as "a little-known newcomer" or "a previously unknown contender" or something of that nature. The trouble, actually, is that it is because the vast majority of the daily observers ignore the small agate heads they assign to winners of small tournaments . . . especially if they're small, colored tournaments.

It happened, of course, with Lee Elder . . . The diminutive Washingtonian had been winning minor tournaments outside the sophisticated domain of the PGA for years, where he had been restricted because he couldn't obtain a PGA card . . . No player can compete in a major tournament unless he possesses one of these cards . . . It is true, these cards are a necessary evil, because they tend to keep the tournament entry lists from being cluttered with scores of mediocre swingers; . . . It also is true, however, that only lately has the PGA become more relaxed in its issuance of cards to colored applicants.

They're newcomers?

Anyway, Elder stunned the news media as much as he did the nation (viewing on TV) when he looked the great Jack Nicklaus in the eye and matched him stroke for stroke through 17 holes at Akron, Ohio, a month ago . . . he was "little known," according to the dailies and the wire services . . . but that was their own doing.

A week later, in Washington, D.C., James Black of Charlotte, N.C. captured the United Golfers Association championship, a title Elder used as a stepping stone to elite golfing circles.

Next year, when Jack has his PGA tour card and they're saying "downtown" that he isn't known, try to remind them that the UGA national crown came at the end of a string of minor victories that included the Asheville (NC) Open, the Winston-Salem (NC) Open, the Greensboro (NC) classic, the Maryland State affair at Pine Ridge, and the Teddy Rhodes tournament at Nashville (Tenn.), where he was second to Ray Botts another colored player, from Los Angeles.

Quips and quotes

St. Louis baseball writers, holding court around Carding speedster Lou Brock, heard him say he's "not the base stealer Maury Wills is, and never will be" . . . then watched him steal four bases as the Redbirds beat the Pirates and Wills, 5-0, last weekend . . . Later, Lou admitted he wasn't especially sharp. I didn't get good jumps and each time I started, I slipped."

His Houston Oiler teammates never cease to be amazed by the fluency of fullback Sid Blanks' Spanish . . . Born and raised in the little town of Del Rio, situated near the Texas-Mexican border, Blanks has a simple explanation . . . "In my home," he says, "you either learn the language or move out of the neighborhood."

Tom Collins, a sober-thinking individual despite his name, expresses concern over the fear that Baltimore is going to lose its soccer franchise unless attendance figures improve next year . . . An auto agency's mechanics department foreman, Collins tells A to Z: "Your people should become more deeply involved in soccer . . . It's a great game and one geared for the colored physique and zeal for competition" . . . Oh well, I'm just delivering the message.

SAM LACY

Ali says he's a nightmare for Joe Frazier

PHILADELPHIA — Reverting to his old self for a brief moment here last week, Muhammad (Cassius Clay) Ali suggested he's a nightmare to Joe Frazier, one of two fighters recognized as world heavyweight champion.

Frazier and Jimmy Ellis visit to the city last week, he was asked about a proposed fight with Frazier. "If Joe ever challenged that," said Ali, "he'd wake up and apologize."

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MEANWHILE, attorney Harold L. Randolph of this city, was in Harrisburg to file an appeal in court on behalf of Clay and Stanley Branche, executive director of the Black Coalition of Philadelphia, appealing a Pennsylvania Athletic Commission ruling which barred Clay from staging a one shot bout in Philadelphia to benefit colored education.

The commission in a 2-1 decision Aug. 26, denied the deposed champion permission for the fight because of his conviction for violating the Selective Service Act in June, 1967. The conviction, which lost Ali his title, is under appeal.

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CLAY APPLIED for the fight license several weeks ago after the Black Coalition had asked him to fight either Frazier or Ellis.

Commissioners John Vaughn of Pittsburgh, and Edward Murphy of Scranton, rejected the application. Commissioner Frank Wildman Jr. of Philadelphia, voted in favor because he thought the fight "would help cool the city and there are a large number of Philadelphia leading citizens solidly behind it."

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CLAY'S VISIT to Philadelphia Friday kicked off a drive to raise $1 million to help educate ghetto youths.

Clay made an impromptu address in Center City, using a yellow sports car for a platform. He referred to Frazier, a Philadelphian, and said, "This town isn't big enough for two champs. And, I'm not leaving."

That's when he was asked whether he and Frazier would fight.

Ellis says he 'respects' Floyd; latter may retire

NEW YORK (UPI) — Jimmy Ellis, the WBA heavyweight champion, on leaving for Sweden, said he "respects" 33-year-old Floyd Patterson but feels he can beat him in their 15-round title bout in Stockholm on Sept. 14.

Angelo Dundee, Ellis' manager, said the WBA titleholder weighed 203, and expected to go into the ring against Patterson at 197 pounds.

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"ALL THESE rumors about Jimmy taking Patterson cheaply are nonsense," said Dundee. "I've stopped counting how many rounds he has sparred in training after 180 and how many miles he has run. We know Patterson can give anybody a lot of trouble."

The Stockholm bout, which is being promoted by Edwin Alquist, will be held at the 55,000-seat Solna Football Stadium and will be transmitted to the U. S. via Early Bird satellite by ABC-TV.

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MEANWHILE in Stockholm, Patterson was hinting that he may quit boxing if he loses to Ellis.

Patterson made the remark as he arrived in the Swedish capital to begin the final two weeks of training for the bout.

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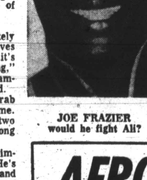
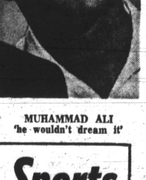
"I CAN'T say definitely that I'll hang up my gloves if Ellis defeats me but it's the most probable thing," the former two-time champion from New York said.

"I'm here to try to grab the title for the third time. I'm in good shape after two months of training in Long Island," he added.

Patterson said he is impressed with Ellis. "He's young, fast and strong and acts in much the same way as Cassius Clay but Clay used the ring better."



JOE FRAZIER would be fight Ali?



MUHAMMAD ALI 'he wouldn't dream it'

Russell scotches retirement rumor

MARSHFIELD, Mass. — (UPI) — Bill Russell plans on returning to the basketball court, and has virtually squashed rumors that he'd give up the Boston Celtics life to become an actor.

"I wouldn't be here if I didn't plan on coming back," Russell said Wednesday. He was at a training camp operated by Celtic general manager Red Auerbach.

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"I'M NOT doing any negotiating at all," the player-coach said in reference to signing a new contract. "My lawyer will get together with Red and Jack Waldron."

Waldron is the new president under terms of the recent Celtic sale.

Russell added that he had no plans to give up playing and concentrate on coaching.

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"IT'S NOT in my plans right now," he said. "I wouldn't close the door on it. It could happen a few years from now."

Russell, who has made four one-hour television shows in the off season, heads for California this week for another. He said he'd be back in Boston in time for the opening of the Celtics' pre-season practice.

THE Outdoor Scene

Maryland hunters again will have an open season on Sea Ducks. The Department of Game and Inland Fish has set the dates exactly as they were for the 1967-68 season, September 25, 1968, through January 10, 1969.

The species on which the season will be open are eider duck, scoters and old squaws. The regulations for taking them remain the same as the previous season.

Shooting hours are half an hour before sunrise to sunset, local time. The daily bag limit is 7 and the possession limit is 14 singly or in the aggregate. The ducks may be shot from boats, but only when the boat is at anchor, except in the case of wounded birds.

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NO SPECIAL licenses are required for sea duck hunters but they must have in their possession a valid Maryland License and Federal Duck Stamp.

Some thought is being given to extending the boundaries where Sea Ducks may be hunted during the 1968-69 season.

Last season hunting was permitted in a large area of Chesapeake Bay, one mile from any shore emerging at low water. This area was roughly from the mouth of the Potomac River to the northernmost point of land of Poplar Island at mean low water.

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CHINCOTEAGUE and Newport Bays in Worcester County also were open in any waters that were separated by at least a mile of open water from any shore or emerged vegetation in any direction. The waters of the Atlantic Ocean also were open, and these same rules will apply in the 1968-69 season.

If more water is opened it is likely the hunting boundaries will be moved up in Chesapeake Bay, and some of the wider parts of the Potomac River may be opened.

The extension, if granted, could not become effective before the October meeting of the Commission of Game and Inland Fish.

Bob Gibson Flood, Alou are cited

NEW YORK — Pitcher Bob Gibson and outfielder Curt Flood of the world champion St. Louis Cardinals have been named to the Police Gazette's 1968 All-Star Major League baseball team, chosen after tabulation of the opinions of the 20 big league managers.

Also named to the team were catcher Bill Freehan of the Detroit Tigers, first baseman Frank Howard of the Washington Senators, second baseman Tommy Helms of the Cincinnati Reds, shortstop Jim Fregosi of the California Angels and third baseman Ron Santo of the Chicago Cubs.

The outfield is composed of Carl Yastrzemski of the Boston Red Sox and Matty Alou of the Pittsburgh Pirates, in addition to Flood.

Looking forward to jail says ex-champion Clay

By MILTON RICHMAN

NEW YORK (UPI) — Cassius Clay is resigned.

If he gotta go, he's gotta go, he says.

It'll be a little strange taking a fall because he has never taken one like this before but he's confident he can handle it and from the way he talks he's even looking forward to it.

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"I REALLY wanna go to jail to tell you the truth," he says. "I just think it'll be a good thing when I go to jail. We'll see a lotta things happen."

Clay made the statement during a stopover here the other day. He didn't elaborate on what he expects to happen if the Supreme Court turns down his appeal and he goes to jail for refusing to serve in the army but he did say his image will grow tremendously if he must go behind bars.

CASSIUS CLAY ought not count on that. People have a way of forgetting a man who goes off to jail. No matter how much a martyr he fancies himself.

There was one other thing Cassius Clay didn't say. He didn't say he could beat any heavyweight around today.

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MAYBE in six months from now but not today because he hasn't been in a ring for a year and a half and he's 20 pounds overweight despite the fact he does some running to try to stay halfway in shape.

"Right now," says Cas, heavyweight division is at a standstill.

"The only way it could be straightened out would be for me to fight again. Boxing fans are really being cheated because, regardless of my religious beliefs, they know that I'm the best."

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FROM TIME to time, different interests talk of staging a championship fight between Joe Frazier and Clay but Clay doesn't get particularly excited about such talk.

"Frazier wants to fight me," says Clay, "but what has happened is that various groups in Philadelphia have asked to get permission for me to fight.

"I THINK a fight between me and Frazier would be bigger than any fight I fought up to now. Even the Sonny Liston fight and the Floyd Patterson fight because Frazier is young, Frazier's good, he's strong and he's undefeated.

"I've been off the air almost two years. Lotta problems, mentally, and this and that. He's got that goin' for him, it'll take me some time to get in shape. I'll probably never get like I wuz.

"But this might make it more even. Because when I was in fightin' shape nobody would bet against me."

Morgan football reign threatened?

With the opening football games in the CIAA (Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association) less that a month away, Morgan State's coach Earl Banks is talking more about "building character" than about winning football games.

However, the other coaches in the conference are trying to figure out what Banks means, since the Bears haven't been beaten in 26 straight games over a three-year period.

"This really looks like our year for building character," says Banks. "We lost 10 outstanding seniors and eight of them went to the pros. Spring practice gave us a good indication of how badly these players are going to be missed."

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MORGAN OPENS its season Sept. 28 against national small-college power Grambling College in Yankee Stadium.

Among the Bears' 15 lettermen will be all-CIAA halfback George Nock, halfback John Fouse and full back Will Brooks.

Graduation really clawed the Bears defensively, but Banks has a lot of talent, including linebackers Vince Robinson and Rollie Washington and tackle Harold Bell, a 6-2, 265-pound blockbuster.

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THERE IS certain to be a mad scramble to unseat Morgan from the CIAA title she has held the past three seasons.

Elizabeth City, which finished second (6-2) to Morgan last season, will be led by Little All-America quarterback Johnny Walton and 30 returning lettermen.

Should the Bears falter, the crown could be a toss-up between Norfolk State, A and T, Maryland State or Virginia Union, as well as Elizabeth City.

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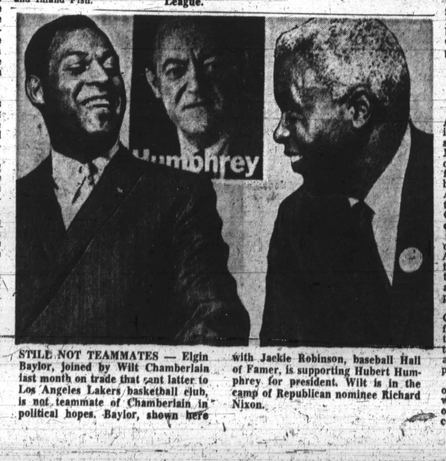
ELSEWHERE in the conference, Delaware State, Howard, Shaw, Livingstone, Fayetteville State, Elizabeth City, and St. Paul's are all in a rebuilding year.

Livingstone, with 25 lettermen, and Shaw, with 18 returnees, are expected to be improved. The Bears of Raleigh have talented performers in linebacker Vaughn Harris (6-1,215) and tackle Phillip Drayton (6-2,235).



HORSEPLAY WITH THE JOCK — Wrestler Bobo Brazil (right) indulges in bit of horseplay with Jim Dudley, his handler, after latter was named matchmaker for Washington's top boxing promoter, Vince McMahon. Dudley, a graduate of Baltimore Douglass High School, was once a catcher for the Baltimore Elite Giants in the Negro National Baseball League.

Aggies enlarge grid facilities

GREENSBORO, N.C. — A and T State University is installing 900 new, high-rise seats at the Greensboro Memorial Stadium, which officials say will be ready for football use on September 28. That is the date the A and T Aggies clash with the South Carolina State College Bulldogs in a night engagement.

Dr. Artis P. Graves, chairman of the University Athletic Committee, said the seats are being added to care for an increasing attendance noted during the past few years.

"The seats," said Graves, "will tower thirty feet above existing seats at the stadium, giving spectators an uninterrupted view and a new perspective of play on the field."

Maryland's Department of Game and Inland Fish was completed the release of 8,600 mallard ducks in a controlled study to see whether such a program could result in added birds for the water-fowler's bag.

The study, conducted by Vernon D. Stotts, waterfowl biologist, will take three years and was preceded in 1967 with a pilot program in which 2,300 mallards were released.

STILL NOT TEAMMATES — Elgin Baylor, joined by Wilt Chamberlain — last month on trade that sent latter to Los Angeles Lakers basketball club, is not teammate of Chamberlain in political hopes. Baylor, shown here with Jackie Robinson, baseball Hall of Famer, is supporting Hubert Humphrey for president. Wilt is in the camp of Republican nominee Richard Nixon.

Rich Allen and accuser shake hands

PHILADELPHIA (UPI) — Philadelphia Phillies outfielder Richie Allen and Pat "the Bartender" shook hands Thursday at a Magistrate's hearing.

The friendly parting came after bartender Patrick Bolton, 37, of Hatboro, Pa., withdrew a complaint that Allen had punched him in the jaw. Allen agreed to pay the costs of less than $100.

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CHIEF Magistrate John Patrick Walsh called the whole thing "an unfortunate incident."

"If it wasn't for the fact that Richie Allen was in the public eye this could have been settled out of court without an attorney," Walsh said. "I've been in bars myself and seen it happen."

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BOLTON tends bar in a tavern in the Mount Airy section of the city where Allen lives. He originally charged that Allen slugged him early on Aug. 16 when he refused to serve him a drink because he appeared to be intoxicated.

Allen denied the incident and said the whole thing had been "blown way out of proportion."

Nets quint of ABA signs Tony Jackson

— The New York Nets signed their fourth player for the 1968-69 American Basketball Association season Monday when Tony Jackson agreed to terms.

Jackson, a former St. John's (N.Y.) star, was the club's second leading scorer last season with a 19.5 average.

NEW PLAYGROUND built by trainees in the Special Impact program opened at the day care center at 2200 Mt. Royal Terr. Friday, and the youngsters (left) were quick to savor its possibilities. Some of the young men responsible for building the playground watching (from left) were Charles Talley, Rodney Crensham, Darnell Dawkins and Robert Gaines.

AFRO Sports

Group meets Friday on 'Jim Parker Day' plans

The Citizens for Jim Parker Day Committee has scheduled a 12:30 luncheon meeting Friday in the Conference Room of the Greater Baltimore Committee, 314 One Charles Center, to finalize plans for "Jim Parker Day."

The retiring all-pro tackle of the Baltimore Colts will be honored by citizens on Sept. 15.

Judge Robert B. Watts and William Boucher 3rd, co-chairmen for the affair, have announced receipt of a letter from Mr. Parker which states:

"It is my wish that the Baltimore community, which has done so much for me and my family during the last 11 years, will be able to share with us this fine tribute.

"I am, therefore, requesting that the committee turn all financial contributions received from my friends to the Provident Hospital Building Fund."

The committee noted that contributions are tax deductible. They should be made payable to the Provident Hospital Building Fund and mailed to — Citizens for Jim Parker Day, Box 77, Baltimore.

Champ records fall in All Sports Day

Operation Champ's Third Annual All Sports Day, Aug. 24 attracted some 2,000 participants from approximately 5 centers. The youngsters participated in track and field and gymnastics as records fell in almost every track event.

Charles McClinton of Easterwood amassed the most points to win the outstanding male award. In the girls' division there was a tie for the first place honors between Priscilla Giles of Lafayette Courts and Elaine Jackson of Harlem Park.

Harlem Park won team honors with a total of 146 points. The team standings were:

Harlem Park, 146; Lafayette Courts, 126½; Easterwood, 71; Sharp Street, 40; George Street, 32; South Baltimore, 20; Towanda, 25; Brunt Street, 11.

Cherry Hill, 10; Crispus Attucks, 10; Franklin Square, 8; A.M.E.S., 6; Lexington Terrace, 6; Y.W.C.A., 5 and Cloverdale, 2.

Individual results were:

Boys, 11 and Under

S. B Vault — 1. S. Adams (Amesa); 2. D. Camper (H. Park); 3. M. Johnson (H. Park).

Tumbling — 1. R. Charles (George St.); 2. E. Ring (H. Park); 3. J. Wise (H. Park).

Free Exercise — 1. J. Wise (H. Park); 2. W. McCrody (Laf. Cts.); 3. R. Charles (George St.).

Trampoline — 1. R. Cutting (Sharp St.); 2. D. Gray (Laf. Cts.); 3. D. Rice (Sharp St.).

S. Broad Jump — 1. J. Brightful (Sharp St.); 2. R. Charles (George St.); 3. C. Key (H. Park); 7 feet, 3 inches (new meet record).

50 yd. Dash — 1. M. Jenkins (Easterwood); 2. A. Chisolm (Laf. Cts.); 3. H. Hunter (W.C.I.A.); 6.8 sec. (New meet record).

220 Relay — 1. Lafayette Courts (J. Fowlkes, T. Winston); 2. Daniels A. Chisolm); 3. South Baltimore; 3. Harlem Park; 34.6 (new meet record).

12-13 Years

S.H. Vault — 1. C. Crawford (Laf. Cts.); 2. P. Lewis (unat.); 3. M. Maddox (Laf. Cts.).

Free Exercise — 1. V. Richardson (H. Park); 2. C. Burrows (Laf. Cts.); 3. V. Cotting (Sharp Street).

Trampoline — 1. S. Cash (H. Park); 2. M. Baylor (Laf. Cts.); 3. K. Hardy (Sharp St.).

S. Broad Jump — 1. R. Pulley (Towanda); 2. V. Cotting (Sharp St.); 3. J. Chase (George St.); 8 feet.

50 yd. Dash — 1. A. Morris (M. Bayloe, M. Maddox), R. Fowlkes, C. Crawford; 3. South Baltimore; 3. Harlem Park; 36.4 (New meet record).

14-15 Years

L. H. Vault — 1. A. Stewart (H. Park); 2. K. Sullivan (H. Park); 3. R. Davis (George St.).

Tumbling — 1. C. Tutt (H. Park); 2. R. Davis (George St.); 3. J. Smith (H. Park).

Free Exercise — 1. C. Tutt (H. Park); 2. R. Davis (George St.); 3. D. Williams (Brunt St.).

Trampoline — 1. A. Stewart (H. Park); 2. K. Sullivan (H. Park); 3. G. Spivey (H. Park).

Long Jump — 1. C. McClinton (Easterwood); 2. R. Newby (Easterwood); 3. D. Bruton (Laf. Cts.); 17 feet 10 inches (new meet record).

100 Yd. Dash — 1. D. Boyer (Easterwood); 2. C. McClinton (Easterwood); 3. R. Newby (Easterwood); 10.4 (new meet record.)

880 Run — 1. R. Francis (Laf. Cts.); 2. W. Branham (Laf. Cts.); 3. J. Simmons (Brunt St.); 2.25 (new meet records).

440 Relay — 1. Easterwood "A" (D. Boyer, C. McClinton, D. Taylor, R. Newby); 2. Easterwood "B"; 3. None. 47.1 (new meet record).

16 and Over

Tumbling — 1. R. Saunders (Crispus Attucks); 2. M. Hawkins (Sharp St.); 3. R. Rhodes (Sharp St.).

Free Exercise — 1. R. Saunders (Crispus Attucks); 2. R. Rhodes (Sharp St.); 3. M. Hawkins (Sharp St.).

Trampoline — 1. M. Hawkins (Sharp St.); 2. B. Croxton (H. Park); 3. J. Suggs (H. Park).

Long Jump — 1. R. Jones (Easterwood); 2. W. Jones (Brunt St.); 3. W. Williams (Laf. Cts.); 18 feet, 7 inches, (new meet record).

100 yd. Dash — 1. E. Tribble (Easterwood); 2. R. Wilson (Easterwood); 3. J. Howard (Easterwood), 10.3 (new meet record).

1-Mile Run — 1. L. Johnson (Towanda); 2. W. Jones (Brunt St.); 5:10 (new meet record).

880 yd. Relay — 1. Easterwood (H. Thompson, W Todd, R. Wilson, R. Johnson), 1:40 second or third, 1:37 (new meet record).

Girls

11 and Under

Balance Beam — 1. C. Boller (Laf. Cts.); 2. A. Lee (Laf. Cts.); 3. V. Darimon (S. Balto.).

Trampoline — 1. C. Boller (Laf. Cts.); 2. A. Lee (unat.); 3. S. Lee (unat).

50 Yd. Dash — 1. S. Morris (Lex. Ter.); 2. R. Holmes (Laf. Cts.); 3. L. Conway (Brunt St.).

220 Relay — 1. Lafayette Courts (R. Holmes, V. Farmer, C. Boller, M. Fisher); No 2nd and 3rd Place.

12-13 Years

Balance Beam — 1. D. Adams (H. Park); 2. P. Giles (Laf. Cts.).

Trampoline — 1. P. Giles (Laf. Cts.); 2. L. Tucker (Laf. Cts.); 3. B. Butler (S. Baltimore).

50 yd. Dash — 1. D. Adams (Laf. Cts.); 2. P. Giles (Laf. Cts.); 3. A. Lee (Laf. Cts.); 7.0 (meet record).

440 Relay — 1. Lafayette Courts (D. Adams, P. Giles, A. Lee, L. Crawford); 2. South Baltimore; 3. None. 56.7 (new meet record).

14-15 Years

Balance Beam — 1. D. Jackson (H. Park); 2. A. Wise (H. Park); 3. G. Branham (Laf. Cts.).

Trampoline — 1. A. King (H. Park); 2. S. Johnson (unat.); 3. L. Morgan (unat).

60 yd. Dash — 1. (tie) A. King (H. Park) and J. Grady (Towanda); 3. G