Armstrong heroes say win over Walker marks new era

RICHMOND

George Stanley and James Briggs, the Wildcat duo that spearheaded Armstrong to its first victory in 10 years over Maggie Walker, believe that this season's big victory marked a turn of the tide in the 35-year-old classic between the two crosstown rivals.

Stanley, the Armstrong quarterback, is the man who threw the only touchdown pass in the game and his teammate Briggs is the fellow who caught it.

Both senior gridders agreed that the win was the beginning of what should be an era of Wildcat domination.

"I think we're going to make it again next year," said Stanley. "We're going to have good football at Armstrong for several years. Most of the guys on this year's team will be coming back."

"And our junior varsity team was the Capital District champion this year. There's plenty of power for next season," he added.

Briggs said, "I do believe this game was a turning point. I know most of the team will be returning next year and Armstrong is going to be in great shape."

For both Briggs and Stanley, this season's 6-0 win over the Green Dragons was the peak of their high school football careers.

"It was really great. There couldn't have been anything better," said Stanley.

"I played a few minutes at the end of the game two years ago, and last year I had hoped to come back with a win. We came close, but this year we did it," he said.

Briggs felt much the same way. He also had played in last year's game against Walker and accounted for much of the Wildcat offensive punch. Scoring the winning touchdown this year made up for '70's fruitless efforts.

The win has turned both seniors into celebrities of sorts at Armstrong.

"Everybody has been happy and excited. Everyone at the school has been great to all the guys on the team," said Briggs.

"Yes, everybody," added Stanley, "from the principal on down to the students. The kids at school have even been getting autographs from all the players."

Both Stanley and Briggs were surprised at their winning play, one that was called by Coach Angier Lawrence but didn't go as planned.

"Briggs was going out for the pass, but actually he wasn't open," recalled Stanley. "When I looked up he had been knocked down. I was going to another receiver but the ball was deflected."

"I went out and saw Stanley go the far left and I followed him. I was pushed and I tripped," Briggs said.

"Then I saw the ball bounce off somebody's hands and come my way. I just dove for it and fortunately I caught it," he added.

it, but I was really happy," said Stanley.

Even though the glory from the big game is still surrounding Briggs and Stanley, the two athletic-minded youths are working hard on further exploits for the Wildcats.

"I was surprised when I saw that Briggs had caught Stanley is playing on the basketball team and Briggs is running track. The outlook: "We're going to be tough."

GLAD HAND SLAP: Armstrong High (left) gets a congratulatory hand slap School quarterback George Stanley from teammate Gregory Smith (right) while James Briggs, who caught the TD pass that beat Maggie Walker, is surrounded by admiring girls. (AFRO Photo by Scott Henderson).

Resolutions adopted against South Africa

UNITED NATIONS (UPI) — The General Assembly last week adopted by overwhelming majorities nine resolutions mapping out U.S. strategy against South Africa's policy of apartheid.

They included an arms embargo. A condemnation of the South African system of African homelands (Bantustands) and a call for a ban on any sports events in which racially segregated South African teams participate.

The South African delegation voted against all the resolutions. In almost all the votes, it was joined by Portugal in casting the negative vote.

In one case, they were joined by four other delegations casting "no" votes and 22 delegations abstained.

This was a resolution which, in effect, discourages any dialogue with South Africa and calls on the Security Council to "urgently" review the situation in Southern Africa as a whole in order to adopt "effective measures against South Africa," including those under the punitive provisions of the U.N. Charter.

China voted in favor of all the resolutions, as did the Soviet Union.

Britain, France, the United States joined by Australia and Malawi abstained from voting on the arms embargo measure and voted against the resolution which woule envisage punitive action against South Africa by the Security Council.

The voting came after an appeal by Malawi Ambassador Nyemba Wales Mbeakeani for a "serious rethinking of the approach to the whole question of apartheid."

Mbeakeani said apartheid is a "philosophy of fear and my delegation does not believe that you can remove fear by threats, sanctions or guns."

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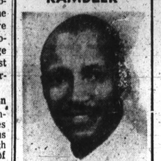

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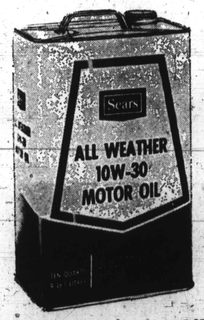

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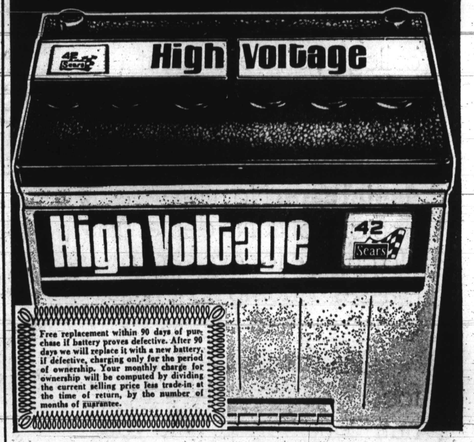

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'Get an education, then play pro,' Bobby Mitchell warns

(2nd of 3 installments)

Bobby Mitchell, former running back and flanker star of the National Football League, undresses the image of professional sports in an interview with Manpower Magazine.

Here is the continuation of the Mitchell viewpoint being reprinted in the AFRO:

Q. You were a successful player and now you're a successful businessman. Do many former athletes have this much success?

A. Blacks do better than people might think. The National Football League tries to help by keeping up with ex-ball players but, of course, the league can't keep up with everybody. Some black players aren't doing as well as I would like to see but many more are doing very well. I don't mean they are millionaires or presidents of top corporations but they do find good responsible jobs with various firms and organizations and are making a very good living—thanks to their college degrees.

Q. What's the main problem for an ex-ballplayer trying to build a new career?

A. He's older and he's competing for jobs with men who came out of school when he did, but who have several years of experience already.

Q. Probably this is particularly difficult for those who didn't make a big name in sports?

A. That's right. The mediocre player has no name to help him. He has a money problem too.

His salary as a player may not be a whole lot, but it's usually much higher than he can expect to start for in the business world. Money is a problem for most professional athletes, no matter if he makes $15,000 or $50,000.

It usually takes him three years before he finds out what to do with it, who to trust, where to invest, how to get his home in order. Then his career may be over at the end of his fourth or fifth year.

Q. Given the high pressure nature of college football and basketball, does the minority youngster an athletic scholarship have time to study and really learn a profession?

A. This is a real problem. It used to be worse when I played in the fifties because there was more danger then that athletes who didn't produce would lose their scholarships.

I was participating all year round with football and indoor and outdoor track. During the football season my grades were atrocious. I was lucky to be in school.

During the track season I brought my grades back up. Football takes up all your time.

When I got to Illinois I was told. "We don't want you to think about anything but those books. Forget about football because we want our kids to graduate."

But the first time I missed a freshman scrimmage, I was pulled aside and told, "Look here, you've got to be out there."

There are schools that practice their boys at night, sometimes till 11 o'clock. When do they study?

Q. Doesn't travel also take a lot of time?

A. When I was in college I was sometimes out of school more than I was in. Traveling is a part of big-time college sports.

The schools need the money but from the athlete's point of view it's really tough. I was fortunate because I could balance my bad first semester grades during the football season with good grades in the second semester when I was in track.

But think of a kid who plays football and basketball and maybe baseball. He's never in class.

Q. Those hardship cases. If they don't make it in professional sports, what's going to happen to them?

A. Well, they've lost their athletic scholarships. They're going to either have to try and find some way to go back to school or go out like the average guy who doesn't get an education and look for a job.

Actually most of these kids will sign multi-year contracts which means they're guaranteed a stipulated amount of money for a certain number of years.

So if they don't make it, they have the money to go back to school, or they can go back during the off season and keep working towards their degrees.

But what it really boils down to is when a kid comes to pro sports and has not gotten a college degree, he seldom goes back. He can't see past all that money.

I wish we could make them all understand how important it is to go back off season and try to get the degree. They'll need it when they're through playing or in case they fail.

Q. Getting back to the mediocre player. Obviously nothing can hold back the stars like O. J. Simpson and Hank Aaron and Oscar Robertson. But does a mediocre minority player have a tougher time making the pros than a mediocre white?

A. This has been true in the past.

Q. How about the present and the future?

A. Discrimination in its purest form will never be eliminated in sports. Sports are part of society and society doesn't change because I put on a football uniform.

Just because I play football with a white fellow and we block and tackle for each other doesn't mean we go home and hob nob together.

He goes to Bethesda and I go to Washington, D.C., northwest. We both want money and we work for that goal.

Blacks have fought so hard for equality in sports that people have turned this thing around.

When practice is over, a white player and I don't need to go home together but what we need to do is make sure that each of us has equality in terms of ability and salary.

What I'm really concerned about is the black guy who's out there breaking his neck and the white guy doing the same but getting a hell of a lot more money.

But I think the football commissioner and the owners have just about got that straightened out.

(To be concluded next week).

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Boston Cited For Dual School System

BOSTON (UPI) — A task force of federal and Boston officials will be named to work out an acceptable end to segregation in the city's schools, school superintendent William H. Ohrenberger said last week.

The school chief, reacting to a report from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) which found the system in "non-compliance" with the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by maintaining dual educational systems for blacks and whites, said the group would meet within a week to 10 days to begin work on a plan to be implemented by next September.

J. Stanley Pottinger, chief of HEW's civil rights division who briefed Boston school officials and newsmen on the findings of the report, said he was hopeful Boston would act voluntarily to remedy that situation.

He said he was "not eager" to press for termination of the $7.2 million in federal funds to the city should the city fail to come up with an acceptable desegregation plan.

"I can't believe the school committee wants it and I can't believe the community wants it. When that happens, everybody loses," Pottinger said after his two-hour meeting with city school officials.

He said he expected the school committee to come up with as acceptable desegregation plan by spring.

"We expect it to be in effect by next fall. If not, the school committee will have to have some pretty good reasons," Pottinger said.

Ohrenberger said the charges were "not valid. Sure, we've got some predominantly black schools in the city, but not by design."

The superintendent and school committee chairman Paul R. Tierney maintained school officials never set out to set up a segregated school system and said it was the result of "housing patterns."

Pottinger said HEW wasn't charging the city with getting out "to separate the children; we say only that it is the effect of the policy it followed and school officials should have been aware of it."

He said the city had adopted and administered policies which "tend to keep non-white children in non-white schools at critical steps in the educational process."

Pottinger said the city has, in effect, two grade structures, one mainly white, and the other mainly black. That structure for whites is the traditional elementary school through grade 6, junior high through grade 9 and three-year high schools, he said.

However, he said most blacks go either to primary school through grade 8 and then to four-year high schools or to primary schools through grade 5, middle schools through grade 8 and then to the four-year high schools.

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In making the announcement, EEO Chairman Robert E. Hampton said "Positive commitment to equal opportunity in federal employment means we must search for new ways to provide assistance and encouragement to all employees so that they may utilize their capabilities to the fullest extent.

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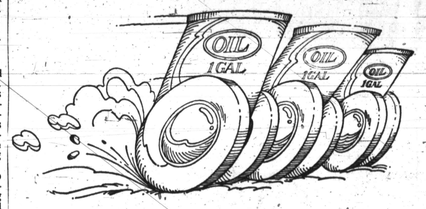

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Board Opens Price Chink

The Cost of Living Council ruled Wednesday that firms forced to adjust prices because of wild swings n the cost of raw materials do not need permission from the price commission.

The ruling primarily affects apparel manufacturers and food processors, such as meat packers and frozen orange juice canners.

To qualify for the exemption, companies must show a historical pattern" of market prices varying frequently and within 30 days of raw material price changes and raw material prices that "will result in an unbearable cost to the firm" unless compensation is allowed.

Monk Spirit Sales OK'd

BUCKFAST ABBEY, England—The monks of Buckfast Abbey tried this week for the first time since 1926 to get a liquor license to sell their own homemade tonic wine to visitors, a spokesman said.

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The 1926 refusal was based on an objection by a local church.

Broad Insurance Bucked

Sen. Russell B. Long, D-La., said Wednesday Congress will act soon to provide medicare coverage for the disabled, and government insurance for the victims of catastrophic illnesses.

But that, Long said, will be enough—"about as large a mouthful as the federal government can chew on at least for a few years"—thereby indicating opposition to such sweeping health programs as Sen. Edward M. Kennedy's proposed cradle-to-grave national health insurance.

Cancer Bill Moved

Congressional negotiators, prodded by President Nixon to quit quibbling over details, have approved a $1.5 billion program to find a cure for cancer.

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