

Blount Denies Baseball Rumors Cleveland Five Here Saturday Night

FORMER OWNER NOT SEEKING A BALL FRANCHISE

Has Not Received Invitation To Meeting

The announcement that he had consented to attend a meeting of baseball owners in Kansas City during the first week in January, was news to him, Tenny Blount, former owner of the Detroit Stars, said Wednesday.

The announcement was made in a release coming from Kansas City last week in which the writer stated that Blount and John Roesink, owner of the Stadium, home of the Detroit Stars, would attend a baseball meeting in that city. It also said that representatives from other cities, including Chicago, St. Louis, Birmingham, Omaha, Tulsa and Wichita, would attend.

Denies Seeking Franchise

Blount denied the rumor that he was seeking a baseball franchise in any league. He further stated that he had not been approached on the baseball subject since last spring when he was on the verge of taking over the local club.

Kid Chocolate Retains Junior Light-Weight Title

Cleveland—(CNS)—Kid Chocolate, who was knocked out for the first time in his fist career, at Madison Square Garden in New York last week, in a non-title bout retained his world junior light-weight title by winning a decision here Dec. 4. He met Frankie Wallace of Cleveland in a ten-round bout on the News' Christmas Fund boxing show and got a well earned decision. Tony Canzoneri who knocked out Chocolate two weeks ago was also in the card and won in five rounds by knocking out Cecil Payne of Louisville, Ky.

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Thru The SPORT MIRROR

By RUSSELL J. COWANS

J. L. Wilkinson is seeking to reorganize the Negro National League. The man who in 1920 helped to organize the now defunct Negro National League with the late Andrew 'Rube' Foster and C. I. Taylor, is deep in the arrangements for the league. A meeting has been called for Kansas City in January.

Plans for the reorganization of the league were begun in the past summer and consummated about a month ago when Wilkinson made a public announcement. In the meantime owners in Birmingham, Chicago, St. Louis, Detroit, Omaha, Wichita, and other cities were notified of Wilkinson's intentions.

Of the cities listed as willing to send representatives to the meeting in Kansas City, only Detroit and Chicago were in the former league. The final meeting for the formation of the original league was held in Kansas City in 1920.

Since the announcement that Detroit would be represented at the meeting by Tenny Blount, former owner of the Detroit Stars, and John Roesink, owner of the stadium, home of the Detroit club, the fans have been wondering just what are the intentions of Bill Mosely, owner of the 1933 edition of the Stars. Will Mosely continue to exercise the franchise he had last year, or will he step aside? If he steps aside what will he do with the bus he purchased last summer for the team to travel? These and many other questions are puzzling the local fans.

The formation of a league which would include Birmingham and other southern cities should not be an inducement for Detroit to enter. Birmingham, at one time a good baseball town, slipped back in the last four or five years. Memphis also fallen into a baseball slump.

St. Louis has, peculiarly enough, failed to support a team that was either a pennant winner or runner-up. The St. Louis owners, while paying much smaller salaries than other clubs in the league, were unable to show a profit in the waning years of the league.

Kansas City is still a good baseball town. Detroit and Chicago can support good clubs. Neither will support a losing nine. This has been demonstrated during the past year.

Kentucky State goes out to Oklahoma Saturday to meet Zip Gales' Langston Lions. Kentucky has lost to Wilberforce and Wiley. Langston remains undefeated, including in its list of victims, Wiley.

Langston hurdles the Kentucky obstacle Saturday the fans in the Oklahoma neck of the woods will put up a howl of greater volume about Langston's right to be recognized as national champions. Of course Langston figures to glide past Prairie View New Year's Day.

In the east the football followers are praising the work of Morgan College winner of the Colored Intercollegiate Athletic Association. Morgan's goal line was crossed only once this season, Hampton turning the trick. The Baltimore school piled up large scores against Bluefield, Lincoln, Union, Howard, and Virginia State.

In the middle west Wilberforce is given the gonfalon by those who follow the doings on the gridiron during the fall months. Although Wilberforce was held to a scoreless tie on a field of mud in Chicago, the Force eleven subdued Bluefield, Kentucky State, West Kentucky, Alabama State, West Virginia and Lincoln of Missouri.

Down in Atlanta the sport writers are sending out reams of copy about Morris Brown University, winner of the Southern Conference championship. Included in the Morris Brown list of victims are, Clark and Wiley, Tuskegee held the Wolverines to a tie. Florida later rose up and trounced Howard.

And this leaves the fans in a state of bewilderment. They are wondering just what eleven is composed of the best group of players in the land. Morgan confined her games to members of the C. I. A. A. with the exception of the opening game of the season which was against Cheney. Hampton was the strongest contender for championship honors, but by the Baltimore school. Bluefield, Lincoln and Howard were weaker members of the association. With all that the C. I. A. A. was possessed of stronger teams than any other similar association.

The competition which confronted Langston through the season was not of the calibre that faced Morgan. The toughest opponents on the Langston schedule were Wiley and Kentucky State. Kentucky State lost to Wiley, and the latter was defeated by Morris Brown before trimming Tuskegee.

Morris Brown had a tough schedule, but not as hard as that of the Morgan Bears. The outstanding games on Morris Brown's schedule were Florida, Clark and Alabama State, Florida, after losing to Morris Brown, came back and gave Howard a good licking. Alabama State was later defeated by Wilberforce and Tuskegee.

Wilberforce, playing most of its games away from home, faced stiffer competition than any university in the country. The Force was on the go every Saturday almost, meeting teams in the middle west, south and east. They were, as in other years the Notre Dame of ebony football. However, Wilberforce's record was marred with the tie game with Tuskegee. You can also toss out Langston because of the weak schedule. This would leave Morgan and Morris Brown with Morgan looming as the best.

Hoagland Surprises Mack Ivey Five With 38-34 Defeat

Victory Leaves Hoagland In Undisputed Possession Of First Place

Hoagland Athletic Club, formerly Highland Park, sprung a surprise to maintain a hold on first place in the Detroit Merchants League by defeating the hitherto unbeaten Mack Ivey quintet, 38-34 Saturday night at the St. Antoine Y. M. C. A.

ST. ANTOINE OPENS INTERBRANCH LOOP Defeat Hannan Five In First Game

The St. Antoine entry in the Y. M. C. A. Interbranch Basketball League, got away to an auspicious start Thursday night, when Hannan was downed, 42-21 on the latter's court.

Ennis Stafford, elongated guard, paced the winners with six baskets and one foul shot for 13 points. Johnson was second to Stafford with nine points.

St. Antoine established an early lead which was never relinquished, leading at the halfway mark, 15-11. Lutz, right forward for Hannan, kept his team in the running with three baskets.

Stafford went on a scoring spree in the second half ringing up five of his six baskets and a free throw. Johnson turned in three of his four baskets.

It was the unerring shooting of V. Hill, right forward for the Hoagland A. C. that was the deciding factor in the hotly contested affair. Hill scored 15 points, seven baskets and one free throw. Four of his field goals were made in the first half which ended, 22-13 in Hoagland's favor.

E. Jackson, Hoagland center, was right on Hill's heels in the scoring spree, bagging six baskets and two foul shots. At the same time he was holding Curtis Miles, Mack Ivey center, to two baskets and a foul shot.

T. Jackson, the other forward, accounted for two baskets and a free throw; Witery, right guard helped himself to a free throw, and Jones garnered three points by the same route.

The Bristol five trounced Hamtramck A. C., 26-24 in the other game played in the league.

Bristol forged to the front and, although Hamtramck spurred near the end of the game, had enough to stave off the last minute rally. Alex ander paced the Hamtramck team in the final period with four baskets.

Will He Win All American Berth?



What Chance Has Ward To Win An All-American Berth

Fans And Many Writers Are Pulling For The University Of Michigan Star End

Will Willis Ward be selected a member of the All-American football eleven?

That is the question foremost in the minds of the local and national football fans ebony hue.

St. Antoine Losses To Port Huron Five

PORT HURON—A smooth floor machine that knocked St. Antoine out of the state championship last winter, again proved its superiority over St. Antoine when Port Huron trounced the Detroit Y team, 38-20, Wednesday night.

With Diamond, right forward for Port Huron caging six baskets and two foul shots, Port Huron was never in danger, leading at the halfway mark, 15-9.

William Murray was high point man for the St. Antoine team with three baskets and a foul.

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Central Five Loses Close Game To Chrysler Jefferson

Poor Officiating Mars Game As Meyer Blatt Runs Wild Against The Central Team

The march of the Central Big Five toward the leadership in the Class A section of the Detroit Basketball Association was temporarily halted Sunday evening when Chrysler Jefferson subdued the Centralites, 29-23 in a game that was marred by the poor officiating of Meyer Blatt.

Mr. Blatt called 14 fouls against the Central players, ten of these coming in the first half. That Chrysler Jefferson was able to make only three of the foul shots was no fault of Mr. Blatt.

However Mr. Blatt's wild guessing upset the Central players and it was toward the last of the game before the boys fell into their regular stride outplaying the winners in the second half. Blatt's officiating was so far off the right track that the fans were continually fiving him the Bronx cheer.

Chrysler Never Heeded Chrysler Jefferson went to the front with the opening gun and soon had established a commanding lead 11-2 at the end of the first period. With Charles Poser paving the way the white boys were in front 17-8 at the end of the first half.

Dr. Toole, defending Class AAA champions, defeated Resurrection Y., 28-25. Pulaski Post trounced Belmont Printers, 33-19. Grand Trunk defeated Twenty Grand, 33-15 and Jaglowicz won from Sweetest Heart of Mary in other Class AAA games.

Hostess Club remained tied for first place in Class A with Chrysler Jefferson by defeating Mundus, 26-25. Sweitzer beat Chevrolet 29-20.

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C. W. A. REMODELING COMMUNITY CENTER

The Central Community Center, 637 Brewster Street, is receiving their share of the C. W. A. Program. The building is being remodeled to give the Center more space for its activities. Perhaps it will be of interest to know that the Center will be the proud possessor of a lovely reading room and lounge. Come in and watch how we progress. This is for your benefit, so come in and take advantage of it.

XMAS TREE PROGRAM

The Central Community Center will hold its annual Christmas Tree program for the children on Friday, Dec. 22, at five o'clock in the auditorium. A play, entitled the "Christmas Jest", along with a very interesting program will be offered to the children of the classes of the Central Community Center. The parents are invited to come with their children. Many elaborate plans are being made by the social committee, and the directors of the building. Friday, Dec. 22—Santa Claus will be there.

GAME TO MARK DEBUT OF NEW DETROIT CENTER

Jack Mann Towers Over 6 Feet. And Weighs Over 200

Maybe the Detroit coaches were talking with their tongues in their cheeks, or maybe they were just to be talking, but in either case, the long sought for big center has been found.

It has been the contention of the coaches that with a rangy center to control the tip-off, the opposition would be a simple matter to solve. There would also be a big advantage in the double pivot play which the local team is now stressing.

Hails From Munice Well, the big fellow is here. His name is Jack Mann, he towers 6 feet 5 1/2 inches in the ozone. The elongated one weighs 229 pounds of bone and brawn.

Mann graduated from Munice high school last year. He was selected as all state center in 1931. He spent one quarter at Wilberforce University.

The local basketball team, on a through Indiana last winter stopped in Fort Wayne to play the Wheatley Community Center quintet. Mann was a member of the team. He made more points during the evening than the entire Detroit team.

He proved his ability to control the tip off in the game against the Chrysler Jefferson five Sunday evening at the Light Guard Armory. The big fellow, although he has not had an opportunity to whip himself into condition, was able to out jump his opponents ease. He also handle himself well on the court and made several shots.

Central will need the assistance of Mann in the game Saturday night against the LeBrun Imperials, formerly Slaughter's Brothers, of Cleveland. The team is backed by LeRoy Bundy and won the Cleveland Press cup twice for the city championship.

Solomon To Guard With Mann at the center post Solomon will be dropped back to one of the guard positions a position that few excel him in. The combination of Solomon and Finney should bolster the local defense.

Bill Malone has started the present season as though he intends for it to be the best of his short career. He is playing an aggressive game and his shooting and guarding have improved.

Little Harry Rusan should have arrived at top condition by game time Saturday. If he is on top of his game he will be a menace to the opposing players.

In addition the local team has a wealth of reserve material in Houston Williams, Ernie Marshall, LeRoy McKesson, Johnson, Haynes and Bill Prater.

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