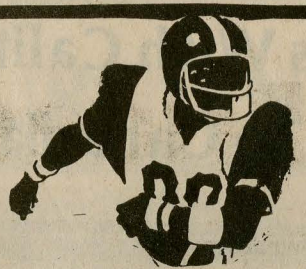


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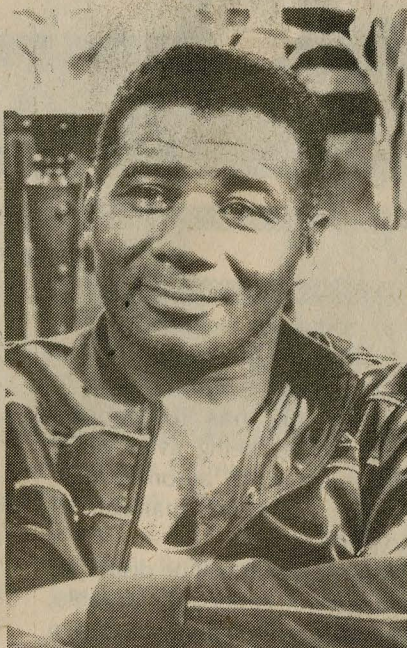


'Black Champions' Profiles Great Black American Athletes

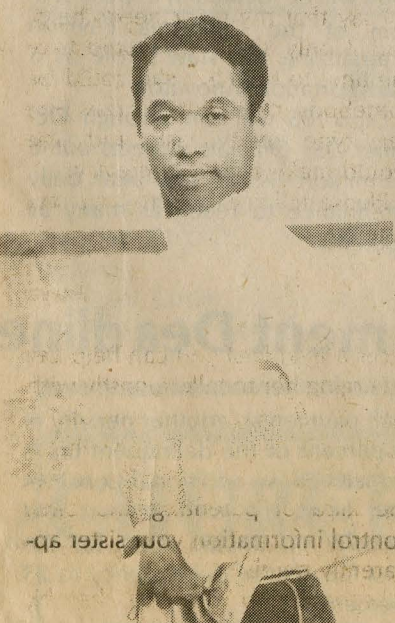
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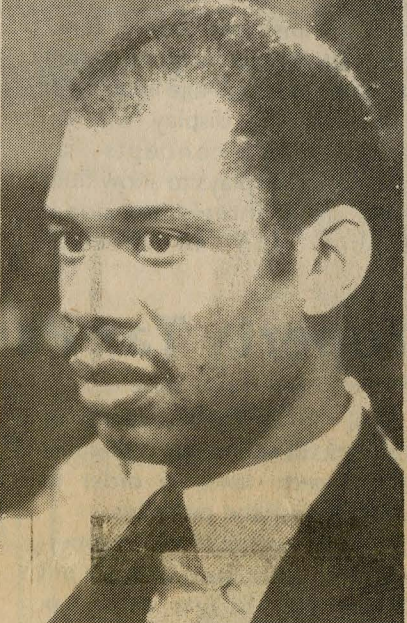
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During the early part of the 20th century, the number of Black athletes participating in major American sports leagues was miniscule. Today, Blacks figure prominently in many of the major sports leagues-earning top dollars and wide-ranging respect.

For Black athletes, the road from being "the only Black in the locker room" to playing a major role in the world of professional sports has been one of heroic gestures, personal triumphs, and shared victories and defeats. Public television chronicles the Blacks in American sports in the new three-part series, "Black Champions," premiering Wednesday, May 14, at 10 p.m.

The series, produced by award-winning filmmaker William Miles combines archival film footage with present-day interviews, still photos, and period music to provide an insightful look at how Blacks have made the transition from groundbreakers to multimillion-dollar superstars.

In the premiere episode, "Who Will Wear the Crown?" "Black Champions" looks at the experiences of athletes who served

as "the first" or "the only" Black in their fields. Among the pioneers profiled are baseball's Josh Gibson, track and field's Ralph Metcalfe, boxing's Joe Louis, and football's Fritz Pollard and Paul Robeson.

In its second program, "New Times--The Integration of American Sports," the series takes a look at an important, but largely ignored resource in the development of Black athletes during the first half of this century--the athletic departments of segregated Black colleges. Recalling their experiences are Olympian Rafer Johnson, tennis great Althea Gibson, and other stars from the worlds of football, boxing, basketball, baseball and the Olympics.

The third program, "Looking for Tomorrow-Black Athletes and the Sporting Life" focuses on the fast-paced, multimillion-dollar world of corporate sports and the pressures, both emotional and financial, facing today's Black athletes. Interviewed are such superstars as Arthur Ashe, Sugar Ray Leonard, and Kareem Abdul Jabbar.

Central Area Boys & Girls Update

The club's drill team held its first practice last Monday, April 21 at 5 p.m., under the direction of Jackie McGee. Thirteen girls showed up, but they are expecting more.

Spring basketball league update: Rainier Beach beat the Mustangs, 116-78. The leading scorer for Rainier Beach was Fears with 29 points.

Franklin defeated O'Dea by score of 78-65. Dubose had 32 points for O'Dea. Garfield also defeated O'Dea in an earlier game, 77-75. Thomas had 21 points for O'Dea and Wiggs led Garfield with 19 points.

Last Wednesday, Garfield defeated Central with a score of 71-68. Hartwell had 19 for Central, followed by Kennebrew with 17. Garfield was led by Powell with 13 and Barrett with 15 points.

The Rainier Beach Mustangs were defeated by Franklin last Friday with score 96-74. Leading the Mustangs were Fears and Meneese with 14 points each. Leading scorer for Franklin was Klecop with 17 points and French with 22.

The King County Boys and Girls Club had their Capital Campaign Kick-off last Tuesday, April 22 at the Westin Hotel. Jackie Perrino, Central Boys and Girls Club's Young Lady of the Year and treasurer of their Keystone Club provided some of the entertainment.

Last Saturday at the Burien Club, Central was well represented at the Games Room Tournament by Mike Riggins who won three first places, Willie Stewart and Jafar Roseman.

April Gibson: Girl Of The Year

April Gibson who is a member of the Rainier Vista Boys and Girls Club was selected as King County Girl of the Year on April 17 at their Awards and Recognition Banquet. April was competing against nine other girls from nine different clubs.

April won this great honor by demonstrating great leadership skills in the club. For example, she is the president of the Keystone Club which she exemplifies great pride in, coached the girls 11-year-

old basketball team, and started the club's drill team.

The staff feels that she has done an excellent job with the youth at the club and highly value her club assistance. April is also on their junior staff and she helps out on all of their special events.

The most notable thing about April is that she is reliable, dependable, and always willing to lend a helping hand.

Congratulations April!

Summer Meals For Youth

The City of Seattle's Department of Human Resources will again provide the Summer Sack Lunch Program at community service sites throughout Seattle beginning in July.

Free meals will be made available to children and youth under 19 years of age, without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex or handicap.

Federally funded through the

U.S. Department of Agriculture, the program provides breakfasts and lunches to children in low-income neighborhoods as an extension of the School Lunch Program.

Any agency in Seattle providing summer programs for youth may apply to participate. Call 625-2440 for further information on how to apply or for the location of a meal service site in your neighborhood.

Summer Fun Day Camp

The summer fun day camp program at Rainier Vista Boys and Girls Club provides a dual service. First, it is a day care service for working parents. Secondly, the day camp provides constructive summer activities for youth.

Activities include field trips (zoo, beaches, Water Works Park, Aquarium), arts and crafts, tutor-

ing, physical education (volleyball, basketball, softball soccer, low organized games) and an overnigher at the club. The summer fun day camp provides free breakfast and lunch.

The day camp is July 7-Aug. 22, from 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For more information contact Denise Overton at 725-4197.

A Note Of Appreciation

The Electronets Drill Team of the Cascade Lodge Youth Council no. 134 wishes to thank the community, parents and pledgees for their assistance given the Electronets in their recent annual 10K walkathon.

The Electronets walkathon will become an annual event in order to provide the necessary support of operating a community drill team. This year's walkathon was

given to raise funds for new drill team uniforms.

Anyone wishing to contribute a tax deductible donation in any amount to the Electronets Drill Team, make checks payable to the Electronets Drill Team c/o Ms. Mervie R. Raines, 502 31st Avenue East, Seattle, Washington 98112.

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