

sports round-up

By MARK QUEEN

CLEM DANIELS, the power runner from Prairie View A&M, certainly showed local football fans why he was selected the American Football League "Player of the Year" last season when he led the Oakland Raiders to a convincing 34-20 victory over the Houston Oilers at Cashman Field last weekend.

The big guy out of McKinney, Texas, electrified the 8,500 customers with his 68-yard touchdown dash in the first quarter that put the Raiders out in front to stay. But it was Clem's impressive 7.6 yard average on his other ten carries from scrimmage that caught the eye of scouts from other AFL clubs and convinced them that Oakland would be hard to handle again this year. Daniels' overall rushing average came to 12.8, best on either team by far.

Daniels and Bob Jackson of New Mexico State were the workhorses for the Raiders with 21 carries between them out of a total of 30 Oakland rushing plays. However, Houston's Charley Tolar, a product of Northwestern Louisiana State, was called upon to carry the ball 13 times from scrimmage and wound up with the best rushing average for the Oilers with a neat 4.9 average.

The rosters of both clubs are liberally sprinkled with Negro players, with three other Northwestern Louisiana boys in addition to Tolar seeking jobs on the Houston team. One of them, rookie linebacker Sammy Odom, was credited with nine tackle assists, best defensive record by an Oiler.

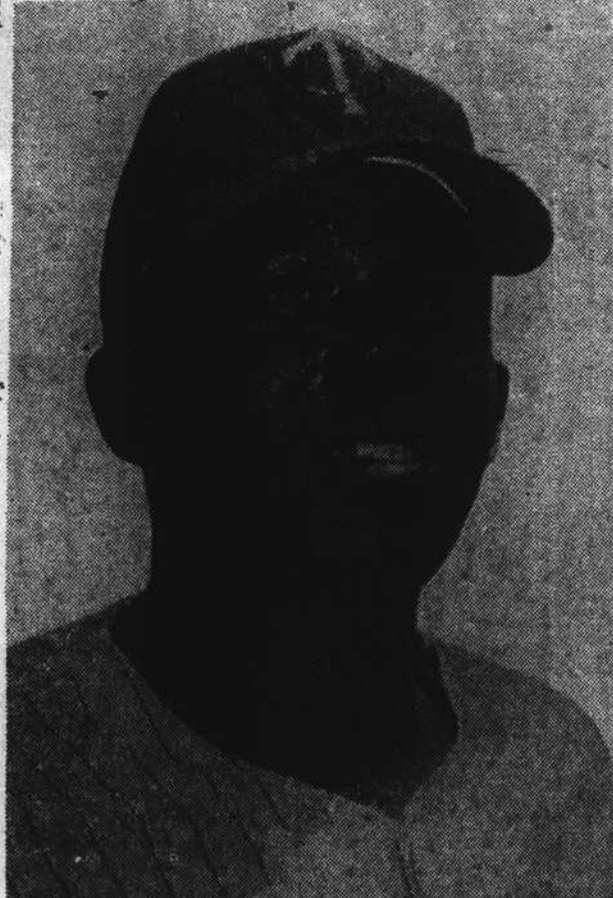
Just for the fun of it, we're going to pick the Raiders to meet the New York Jets for the AFL title this fall. It's strictly a guess, but the Raiders looked pretty strong the other night despite the unimpressive performance of their fine end, Charley Powell, the most feared pass receiver in the league. And you can't discount the amazing 34-6 thumping administered to the champion San Diego Chargers by the rejuvenated Jets last Saturday.

PETE BROWN, the first Negro golfer to qualify for the Las Vegas Tournament of Champions, is still going strong on the PGA circuit and figures as a strong threat in next month's Sahara Invitational here.

In case you didn't notice, the husky Los Angeles shotmaker tied the remarkable Ben Hogan for fourth place in the rich Carling Open at Birmingham, Mich., last weekend by putting together 71-73-69-69 for 282 on the tough Oakland Hills course.

Pete picked up a check for \$6,850 at Birmingham, which was considerably more than the \$2,700 he received for his winning effort at Burneyville, Okla., last May that earned him a berth in next spring's Tournament of Champions.

Only Bobby Nichols (278), Arnold Palmer (279) and Gary Player (281) were able to out-



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score brother Brown in the \$200,000 Carling. We would have to say that Pete has demonstrated he can play right up there with the best of them under the toughest competition. Player, with 67-70, was the only one to better Pete's score for the final 36 holes when the pressure really bore down.

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Former University of Southern California football star Ben Wilson will become the first Negro ever enrolled in the University of Tennessee dental school if the Los Angeles Rams can arrange it. And there is good reason to believe arrangements already have been completed.

Wilson, who won a starting assignment as fullback with the Rams as a rookie last season, originally had announced that he would attend the USC dental school this fall. But the Los Angeles pro club, hard-pressed for a "battering Ram" in the backfield, persuaded Wilson to return to the team this season in exchange for "certain considerations."

In reporting his return to the squad, the Rams revealed an arrangement had been made for the former Trojan star to pursue his education during the off season. They did not name the university, but it was understood to be Tennessee. The Tennessee dental branch is located at Memphis.

Coach Harland Svare stated in the Ram announcement that Wilson will be playing for the "same salary he signed for last year." This amounts to \$23,000 including his bonus for signing.

Technically, the statement is correct.

However, the big fullback, who was a member of the undefeated Trojan team of 1962, will receive an additional \$7,500 a year to defray his educational expenses in pursuit of his Doctor of Dentistry degree.

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