

"Brown Sugar" In Bowl

NEW ORLEANS - (NPI)--There was plenty of sugar in the Sugar Bowl contests during the past weeks, but most of it was brown sugar. Negro athletes competed in practically every area of the athletic spectacular, except those on the water in boats.

Lt. Arthur Ashe, second seeded American tennis player, won the singles tennis championship over Nicki Pilic, fourth seeded player from Yugoslavia. He also teamed with Holmberg to win the doubles tennis championship of the tourney. This was the first time any Negro had ever competed in a Sugar Bowl tennis match.

Others who brought the brown sugar to the Bowl were the relay team from Southern University in the 440 relay, and Willie Davenport in the high hurdles. Vince Matthews from Johnson C. Smith was first in the 440 dash. He hails from New York. Third in this event was Robert Johnson of North Louisiana.

Three Negroes were members of the Lamar Tech of Texas winners of the mile relay. They were Waverly Thomas, Henry Harrison and Randy Clewis. Jim Green, University of Kentucky, was winner of the 100 yard dash, followed in second place by John Clark, East Texas State.

Perry Wallace, first Negro in SEC play, was given fine mention as a player on the Vanderbilt basketball team.

Watts Project Endorsed

LOS ANGELES - (NPI)--Ever heard of the "Watts Walloper?" It won't be long before you will.

The "walloper" is a new baseball bat being produced by formerly jobless, low-skilled men in Watts. And it's sure to swing like a king--thanks to the endorsement of 11 big-game baseball players.

The bat's producers, the Green Power foundation, are confident that the Watts walloper will soon become the bat to hit with on baseball diamonds all over the nation.

The wallopers have a special feature that will enhance their attractiveness: Their handles will be wrapped with an aerospace-industry fabric which makes it harder to break them.

By next May, 350 men are expected to be working in the walloper plant. With a projected 100 lathes, some 1,000 wallopers a day will be turned out, if plans go right.

The Green Power Foundation had to overcome two obstacles to get its bat project off the ground:

--How to get the kind of wood needed for quality bats.

--How to obtain baseball stars' endorsements, which are needed if the bats are to be accepted in professional baseball games, and in school and recreational use.


THE COMPANY solved the first problem by using tan oak, which grows in California and Oregon, and hardening it with a chemical. Tan oak, which used to be considered a near weed, was renamed "California Golden Oak."

Solution to the second problem followed in line, with the foundation securing endorsements from 11 name-players--among them former Los Angeles Dodgers' John Roseboro and Lou Johnson.

The Foundation, which is producing the bats in an effort to put jobless men to work, is also planning to make hardwood furniture, as its operation expands.

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McNamara Ultimatum On Military Personnel Housing

Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara has signed a memorandum to the Secretaries of the Army, Navy, and Air Force which is designed to eliminate housing discrimination against Negro military families living off-base in the Northern Virginia area.

Effective January 15, 1968, military personnel moving into the Washington Metropolitan Area or changing their place of residence within the area will not be authorized to enter into new leases or rentals at any apartment or trailer court facility within approximately three miles of the Pentagon unless this housing is available to all military personnel on an equal basis.

Secretary McNamara's memorandum says that Northern Virginia is the overwhelming choice of servicemen who are seeking apartment quarters in the Washington Metropolitan Area, but less than 10 percent of Negro apartment seekers have been able to find adequate housing there.

The memorandum states: "It is clear that Negro military personnel assigned to the Pentagon area do not enjoy freedom of choice in housing in Northern Virginia. The morale and welfare of Negro servicemen,

and the operational efficiency of the Defense facilities to which they are assigned, are being adversely affected by the existence of housing discrimination."

The Defense Department's Coordinator of Off-Base Housing Services will notify owners of rental facilities within the area adjacent to the Pentagon that as of January 15 military personnel will be authorized to rent units in the owner's facilities only if he provides written assurance that a policy of equal opportunity is practiced.

The memorandum reports that a survey of 1,200 Negro military families living off base in the Metropolitan Washington Area showed that 57 percent have been unable to obtain satisfactory housing, largely because of racial discrimination.

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