



BENNY SCOTT

Black driver Benny Scott drove in Watkins Glen, N.Y. in the Harbor Fuel McLaren after "learning plenty" in the first two L & M Grand Prix. Scott, representing Vanguard Racing, is the focus of a long-range effort to train

black mechanics and drivers in racing. The big aim is to put Scott in the Indianapolis 500. This year's L & M Championship was Scott's first big car ride and he is steadily building confidence and experience.



BENNY SCOTT'S VANGUARD McLaren M10B

Sports greats

Ora Washington, born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1907, was the cream of the crop of black female tennis players of her era. She was a fine all-around athlete. She played tennis with unusual speed, had a smashing serve, and was a terrific volleyer. Washington bested most of the top players in the American Tennis Association and held the title for twelve years. In 1936 she lost it to Lulu Ballard, but regained her championship in 1937. Ora also played on several winning doubles teams. As a real battler and crowd-pleaser, she was an inspirational player in all sports.

Black hockey player signs pro contract

Alton White, one of the very few blacks to pursue a career in professional hockey, signed a multi-year contract with the New York Raiders of the World Hockey Association.

White, celebrating his 27th birthday, said he hoped to create a greater interest among other blacks in hockey although he feels that once a game has started there should be no such thing as color consciousness.

"When I'm playing hockey, I'm not conscious of white, green, black or purple," he said. "I just want to play the game. I've never had any problems because of color in hockey and I don't anticipate any."

Denied a chance in the National Hockey League because of his size, among other things, the 5' 8", 175 pound right wing played the last three years with the Providence Reds of the American League, scoring 30 goals and 34 assists for 64 points last season.

The only other black to reach major league status in hockey in modern times was Willie Ree, who played a total of 45 games with the Boston Bruins in 1957-58 and 1960-61. White said he didn't feel that he was a "pioneer" in the

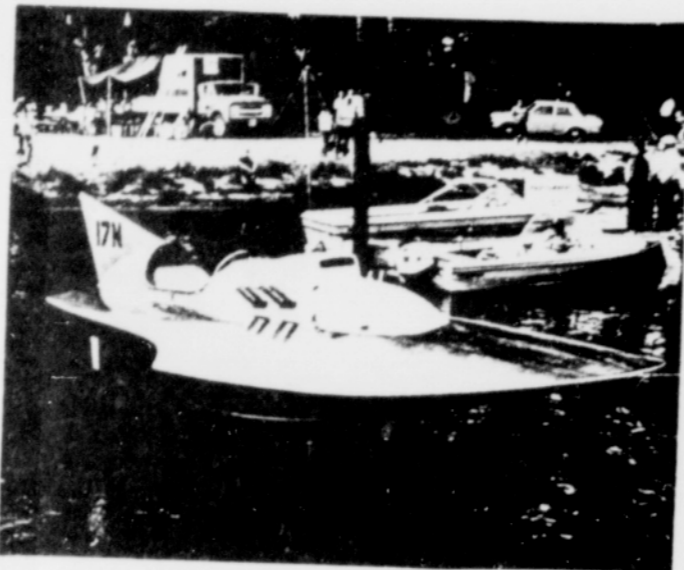
mind of Jackie Robinson because he isn't the first of his race to reach the majors and he never has been subjected to racial difficulties in hockey.

"I haven't had any hardships thus far and I've always been readily accepted," he said. "My teammates in hockey have always been white. Sometimes if you go on the road and you're beating the home team you hear a few catcalls, but that's always happening in hockey and there hasn't been much of it aimed at me."

White, who was accompanied by his wife for the signing, said the fact that Providence is an independent team also hurt his chances at making the NHL. Because of their status, The Reds, could have no more than one player drafted from their roster each year.

White added that his small stature should be no handicap "because I've progressed through the years as a player. I'm a hustler. I can go into the corners and I'm pretty good around the net."

"I think I've had some pretty good years and maybe this (the WHA) is a blessing in disguise."



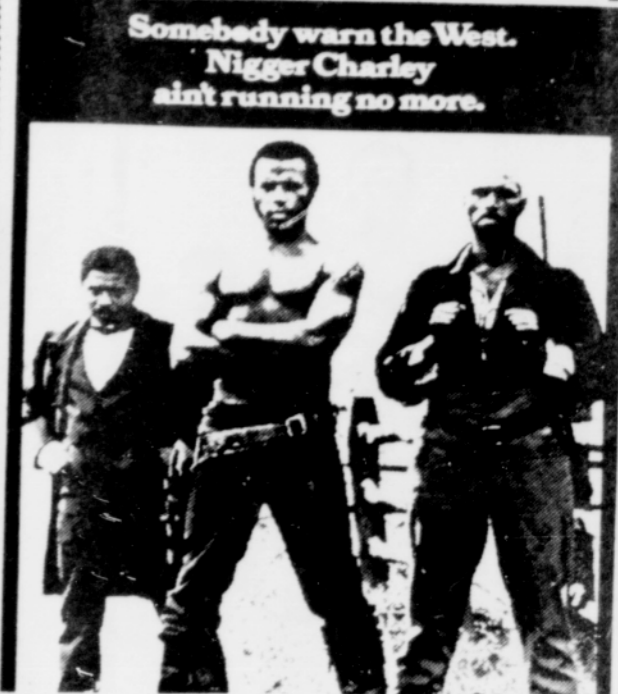
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Swimmer makes history

Charles Spann, born in Los Angeles, California, in 1948, was the youngest of black sport greats who accomplished marvelous swimming feats. At the age of ten he had tied or set new records in eight National AAU swimming meets and was National AAU

50-meter breast-stroke champion. Spann amassed a total of 25 ribbons and four trophies - a human fish. Called by some swimming enthusiasts the black Johnny Weissmuller, he had smooth form, tremendous endurance and great dedication and courage.

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