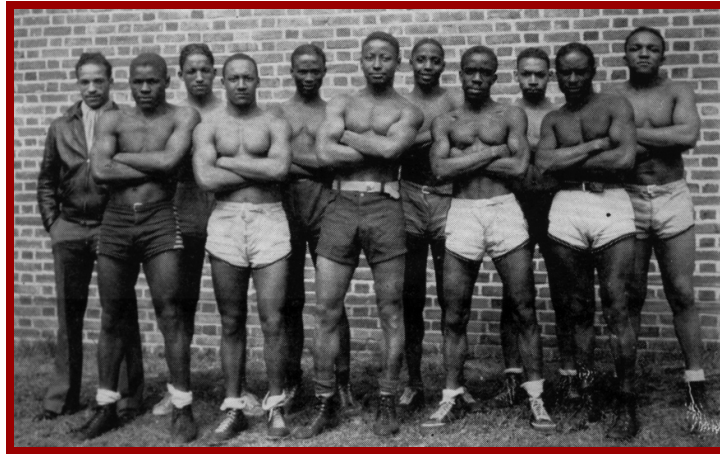


NCCU CENTENNIAL SPORTS HISTORY: DID YOU KNOW?



Attached Picture: The 1938-39 NCC Boxing Team, including coach John B. McLendon (far left) and Israel Allen (far right). (Photo courtesy of NCCU Archives and Records)

Pugilists Packed a Punch at NCC in 1930s

DID YOU KNOW? Back in the 1930s, North Carolina Central University (then known as North Carolina College for Negroes) field teams in the sport of boxing.

In fact, among NCCU's first Athletic Hall of Fame induction class in 1984 was pugilist Israel Allen, who was undefeated in his quest for state and regional championships on behalf of the Eagles. From Peoria, Illinois, he also played tackle on the football teams in the late 1930s.

The coach of the boxing teams during that time was none other than legendary basketball coach John B. McLendon.

As part of North Carolina Central University's Centennial celebration, the NCCU Department of Athletics will post sports history facts from the institution's first 100 years to its official web site, www.NCCUEaglePride.com, every Monday during the year-long observance.

NCCU Athletics Department Mission

- 1. Provide quality academic and athletic experiences.*
- 2. Affirm academic excellence.*
- 3. Develop the physical, mental, and social well-being of our student-athletes.*
- 4. Encourage attitude of integrity, fairness, and respect.*
- 5. Ensure strong competitive performance in the classroom and on the athletic field.*