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Hurt by the "Hymie Town" controversy that dropped his popularity rating eight percent in the polls, the Rev. Jesse Jackson finished fifth with six percent of the vote in Tuesday's New Hampshire primary, in which Sen. Gary Hart shot ahead of assumed front runner Walter Mondale, to win first place with 40 percent of the count.

Mondale, whose two-year-old campaign organization had raised expectations of another victory after the Iowa caucuses came in second with 28 percent. Sen. John Glenn, neck to neck with Jackson in the polls before the controversy was third with 12 percent while George McGovern came in fourth with 6 percent.

Wedged in the middle of the eight-man pack despite odds against him,

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Jackson said his performance was a victory and it showed he could still run a very strong campaign, and indeed he was off doing that Tuesday night, campaigning in North Carolina in preparation for Super Tuesday.

That's the March 13 primary and caucus day that will see action in a dozen states including Alabama.

Florida and Georgia. It is a day that will provide opportunity for Blacks in the south to stand up for Jackson.

Rev. Herbert Daughtry said that Jackson's showing there should be a signal to Black leaders who supported Mondale to shift to Jackson. Hart's defeat of Mondale, he said, shows that Mondale doesn't yet have the Democratic presidential nomination.