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20-PLUS DUO:

Brightful, Garner Make Bears Potent

Two cagers who're keeping up a better than 20 point average per game are sparking the Morgan State College Bears as the Baltimore quintet approaches what has been traditionally its jinx season.

Sparkplugs of the Bear basketeers who are riding a 7-3 success road, are captain Charles Brightful, a junior from Douglass High of this city, and Ronald Garner, a 6-foot, 180-pound senior from Bartram High, Philadelphia, Pa.

Brightful, high point scorer for the Bears last year, shot an average of 23.1 through the first six games, while Garner, in six games looped for a 24.6 average.

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BOTH are fancy-shot specialists who can shoot from both inside and outside, although Brightful leans towards the inside loops.

In their sensational winning campaign, the duo has had plenty of assistance from Bear regulars William Lyght and Allan Moore, both seniors from Atlantic City High in Atlantic City, N.J., and Thomas Briscoe, a junior from Baltimore's Dunbar High.

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GIVING RESERVE strength to the Talmadge L. Hill-coached cagers are sophomores Dana Froe, of Bluefield, W. Va., and Gerald Marlowe of Asheville, N.C.; and freshmen Cecil Bond, Chester, Pa., William Long, Plainfield, N.J., James Lynch, Brooklyn, N.Y.

While the Bears have been decidedly hot, shooting up as many as 111 points in a single game, the hottest question in the Bear camp these days, is "Came we beat our mid-season jinx?"

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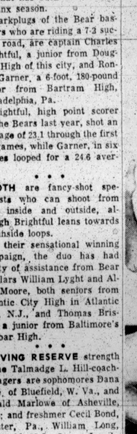
COACH MARSE HILL points out that for the past few years, the Morgan cagers have managed to get off to a fast start, but have lost ground as the seasons wore on. That was the story last year, when the cagers barely managed to get in the CIAA Basketball Tournament.

While taking due note of the mid-season jinx, Coach Hill says he's holding on to the edge of optimism.

"We're not giving up hopes by any means that we won't be able to overcome our February jinx. The boys are in good spirits and we feel that if we can ever get our defense up to our offense, we stand a good chance of finishing somewhere near the top of the loop."



MORGAN MARKSMAN—The hottest hands in the C.I.A.A. basketball race at the moment belong to Ron Garner, 6-foot, 180-pounder from Morgan State College. The sharp-shooting Philadelphia senior boasts a 24.6 average for six games, to lead the collegiate scorers of the section.

Baltimore Beat

By SAM LACY

There are two high school coaches in the city who aren't ready to concede the Maryland Scholastic Association basketball title to Dunbar, at least not yet.

One of them saw his team edged by the undefeated Poets Tuesday afternoon, and the other gets a shot at them this afternoon (Friday).

Lloyd (Sodie) White of Carver, and Stan Fieldman of Southern, are the rival tutors who aren't surrendering yet to Bill (Sugar) Cain's East Baltimore forces.

White's Trojans dropped an electric 62-60 decision to Dunbar Tuesday at Dunbar, a game which the Carver mentor declares "we should have won."

Fieldman's Bulldogs entertain the Poets at Southern today (Friday) in a test he says, "we could win."

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THE CARVER coach last night (Thursday) was still lamenting that his boys "gave away" their chance to hand Dunbar her first MSA setback in two years.

"Our own mistakes beat us," asserted White. "Committing fouls in the center of the floor like we did, is inexcusable. Especially since we were ahead. It's the kind of thing that will happen to a high school team."

The Carver mentor continued, "but you can be sure we won't make the same mistake again."

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AS FOR the crucial Dunbar-Southern game today at Southern, White says he has to give the edge to the Poets.

"I'm afraid they've got too much speed and too strong in outside shots for Southern. If anything turns the game, it will be Rollie Brodgan, Southern's big man.

"Brodgan's an awful tough customer under the boards," White went on. "We had to do everything we could think of to stop him when they beat us. And, it wasn't until we started giving him the outside shots and concentrating on his rebounding that we had any kind of success."

FIELDMAN is proud of his big boy, too. But Southern's coach admits that Dunbar's Joe Pulliam may prove the more valuable, if it narrows down to a battle of individuals.

"That Pulliam," Fieldman told the AFRO, "is a great little ball player — to my way of thinking, the finest high school basketball prospect in the area.

"He can do everything, always has that little something extra to get Cain out of trouble. Besides," the Southern coach continued, "Joe is a more matured ball player than my boy (Brodgan).

"Cain is a very fine coach, and he has a team that is extremely hard to handle. It shoots well, as a whole; it has good speed, and they've got a bunch of jumpers. That's a tough combination.

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"ON THE OTHER hand, our boys want to win this one very badly. They've practiced hard, the spirit's up and our whole group is on edge.

"Frank Young has been having trouble with his ball control. He asked for permission to take a ball home with him last weekend since we weren't playing. The school let him do it. That's the way all the boys are reacting."

Fieldman took a deep breath and resumed "In Jimmy Langan and Johnny Anderson, I have a couple of rather small boys. But what they lack in size, they make up in desire.

"Lamar is a cool playmaker in whom the kids have a lot of confidence. He is a sort of quarterback and does a good job.

"Anderson, who incidentally is one of the best football players I ever coached, has a heart that's as big as he is. Dunbar may tower over him in height, but they will know he's in the game.

"The rest of our lot, Eddie Dobbs and Jimmy Green, are not the big scorers but they're dangerous as they come in a battle royal."

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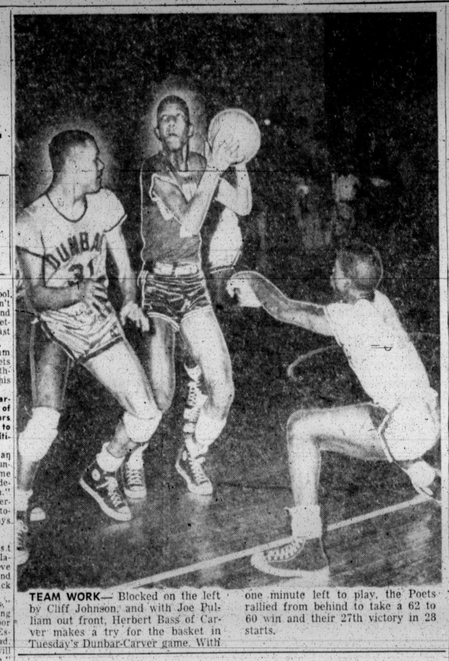
EVEN SHOULD Cain and his youngsters get over Southern this afternoon; neither Carver's White nor Southern's Fieldman is willing to paint himself out of the MSA race.

Cain himself admits that he's "going to be in trouble" next semester after he loses Pulliam and his chief rebounder, Mel Bailey, to graduation.

"DUNBAR'S going to need a lot of help in the second half," declared the Carver coach. "They're going to have to count off the main threats, as well as look for replacements. Cain won't win 'em all after February."

According to Fieldman, it goes like this: "We don't lose anyone but Dobbs, and Carver goes with her entire team. That shouldn't give Dunbar any restful moments."



TEAM WORK— Blocked on the left by Cliff Johnson, and with Joe Pulliam out front, Herbert Bass of Carver makes a try for the basket in Tuesday's Dunbar-Carver game. With one minute left to play, the Poets rallied from behind to take a 62 to 60 win and their 27th victory in 28 starts.

Fighting Poets retain loop lead

By HERB MANGRUM

With one minute of playing time remaining in their game with Carver, a fighting Dunbar High School team came from behind in a thrilling finish Tuesday afternoon to earn a 62 to 60 victory which enabled them to retain their lead in the public school basketball loop.

Trailing by three points in the waning seconds of the game, the Poets were snatched from the brink of disaster on their home court when Carver muffed their chances for an upset by committing three consecutive fouls.

"The mistakes gave Dunbar ace Joe Pulliam an opportunity to toss five straight foul shots through the hoop.

The victory upped Dunbar's unbeaten record to six, and enabled them to remain a step ahead of second place Southern.

The Poets have never been beaten in MSA play. Tuesday's victory marks their 27th win in 28 starts.

Last year they won the scholastic basketball title.

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THE THORN in the Poets' side turned out to be Carver, the third highest ranking scorer in the league.

Parker, who until a week ago against City had been averaging 22 points per game, led the pack in the Dunbar-Carver encounter with 27 points.

Pulliam placed second with 24 points followed by teammate Cliff Johnson who earned 17 and Harvey Ross of Carver 16.

Carver took command of the game from the opening buzzer and retained their supremacy until almost halftime when Dunbar knotted the score at 27 all.

Seconds later, Ross broke the ice on a jump shot and Carver climbed into a five-point lead.

At half time they were leading the Poets 34 to 29.

THE ROOF caved in after Pulliam was fouled three times.

By the time the clock ran out on the game, Dunbar rooters were swarming over the court to congratulate the winners.

With third place Carver out of the way, Dunbar in quest of the second MSA title is scheduled to take on Southern this afternoon (Friday) at Southern.

DUNBAR

	G	F	T
Pulliam	7	10	14
Johnson	7	4	17
Bass	2	5-6	9
Beauford	1	2-3	4
Leach	2	0-0	4
Gaines	2	0-0	4
Bailey	0	0-1	0
TOTALS	21	20-28	62

CARVER

	G	F	T
Parker	13	1-3	27
Ross	8	0-1	16
Stevens	1	1-1	3
Tisdale	1	0-0	2
Poole	1	1-1	3
Mitchell	0	0-1	0
TOTALS	23	4-8	60

Carver 10 14 12 26
Dunbar 13 14 4 19-62

Connie Johnson 10th in Bird fold

Connie Johnson, the Orioles' hard-working right hander who led the club in victories with 14-1 at season has returned his signed 1958 contract to the Oriole front office, it was announced today by Assistant General Manager Jack Dunn III.

The 6-foot, 4-inch, 25-year-old Johnson was the most effective pitcher in the American League last year, posting a 16-2 won-lost record under the Oriole colors. He finished in Manager Paul Richards' Baltimore Orioles' hard-hitting right handed pitching staff with 177 and eighth in earned runs average among pitchers who worked at least 154 innings with a mark of 3.29. He also led all Oriole pitchers in shutouts as well as earned run average. In addition, he was also the Orioles' most consistent hurler, pitched (242), complete games (11), and tied Billy Loes for the lead in shutouts (3).

In 1957 Johnson allowed only 66 hases on balls, walking an average of about two men per game. His other pitcher in the league accumulated such a wide margin of strikeouts over walks. He limited his opponents to an overall batting average of .234.

AFTER A SLOW beginning in 1957, in which he lost his first four starts, Johnson went on win 14 of his next 21 decisions to finish with a 14-11 record. Between May 27 and August 7, he ran up a string of seven straight victories without a loss.

Johnson defeated every club in the American League except the Chicago White Sox at least once and was particularly effective against the Kansas City Athletics and the New York Yankees whom he defeated five and three times respectively.

BETWEEN JUNE 24 and 28, Johnson combined with Hoyt Wilhelm, Jerry Brown and Jerry Walker in an American League record, by shutting out the opposition in four consecutive games.

Johnson's contribution was a three-hit 10-0 whitewashing of the Athletics. Earlier he had pitched a two-hit shutout over the Athletics and later in the season he limited them to three hits in 13 innings to defeat them again 2-1.

Crack Morgan contingent in 2 weekend track meets

"We're running ourselves into shape."

That's the comment Morgan State College Coach Eddie Hurt had this week as his track men prepped for two big weekend meets, the Inquirer Games tonight (Friday) in Philadelphia, and the Evening Star Games Saturday in Washington, D. C.

With only two meets under their belts, Coach Hurt said, the Bear track men are now in shape, but he expects that they will continue to show improvement.

"Generally, we're not quite ready for these indoor meets. But we're working hard every day, and I expect the team to make considerable improvement within the next few meets."

MORGAN WILL send a full contingent into the Inquirer Meet, with Bob McMurray, NCAA quarter-mile champ and anchor of the Morgan mile relay team, will compete in the 600-yard run.

Other Morgan entries will be:

Freshman Mile Relay: Paul Winter, Pleasantville, N.J.; Dennis Hicks, Lancaster, Pa.; Tom Anderson, Ardmore, Pa.; Howe Smith, Jersey City, N.J., and Rob Ridley, Philadelphia, Pa.

1,000-Yard Run: Ronald Merriweather, sophomore from Philadelphia, Pa.

50-Yard High Hurdles: Sydney Russell, Philadelphia.

Liberty Bell Mile Relay: Ben Rogers, British Guiana, S.A.; Nick Ellis, New Brunswick, N.J.; Gerald Harrison, Lancaster, Pa.; McMurray; Verion Lewis, Plainfield, N.J., and Herbie Holton, Teaneck, N.J.

High Jump: Tom Henderson, freshman from Atlantic City, N.J.

50-Yard Dash: Bobby Gordon, Columbia, S.C.; David Hammie, Atlantic City, N.J.; 1,000-Yard Run Invitation: Bob Berry, North Tarrytown, N.Y.

IN THE Liberty Bell Mile Relays Morgan's varsity relay team will compete against Villanova, Manhattan and New York University. The team finished third in the Boston Knights of Columbus meet last week.

The same teams will be entered for Morgan in the Star Games in the Freshman and Varsity Mile Relays; McMurray will run the Manchester 600-yard run and Berry and Merriweather the 800-yard run handicap. Henderson will again compete in the high jump; Russell will be entered in the 70-yard high hurdles.

The freshman mile