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High-riding Bisons beat 'cousin' Teachers, 59-48

WASHINGTON — The Howard Bisons, who seem to be coming up in the world these days, met D.C. Teachers, their forgotten cousins, Monday night at Banneker.

The Teachers did all they could to bring the nouveau-riche Howard team back to earth, but Tom Hart's Bisons were unwilling and staved off several drives to clinch their seventh victory, 59-48.

Spreading their scoring, the Bisons never enjoyed a comfortable edge but always seemed in control of the situation. Whatever Howard lacked in scoring accuracy it made up for in control of the backboards. D.C. Teachers, however, was never out of reaching distance.

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THE TEACHERS watched while Howard took a 4-0 lead in the opening minutes. Then Gene Johnson committed the Bisons' first foul and Ed Ware broke the ice for the tended to topple Howard from the higher echelon of local basketball.

Midway the first half Ware hit the first of two foul shots to bring his team to within five points, 20-17. Bernard Dory then drew a foul and sank both bonuses. Howard rallied feebly behind a one - point free toss, but the Teachers' Don Fugel stunned the crowd with a buck of from way outside that closed the gap to two points.

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THE INSPIRED Teachers then grabbed the Howard rebound and scampered down court. It was too late for a fast break and the Bison defense was closing in. So Dory stood in the corner out of reach and scored the tie-maker.

The outraged Howard contered with two quick buckets, one an outside shot by Marty Tapscott and the other a long one from the corner by John Hayater, who three weeks ago won himself a berth on the starting five against Lincoln.

But the Bisons could not pull away and at halftime led the Teachers. He missed the foul shot but pounced on his rebound and tallied.

From here on in the Teachers played like they really in- would - be spoilers of D.C. Teachers by only 29-28.

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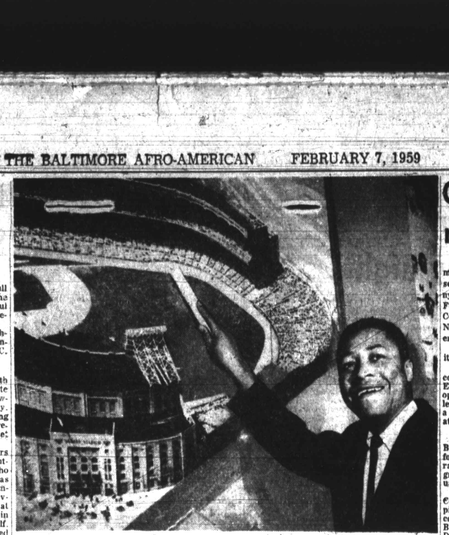
IN THE second half both teams hit regularly but in spite of the stepped - up game Howard was unable to pull away. The Bisons were dominating the backboards but could barely match the Teachers backed for bucket.

Meanwhile, D.C. Teachers fans were thrilling to the outside shooting of Fugel, who almost singlehandedly was keeping his team in the running. The spell ended, however, after Fugel tallied one that brought the Teachers to within four points midway the half.

After this the Bisons seemed to remember just who they were and commenced to convince the Teachers of same.

Sparked by Gene Johnson, who fouled out late in the game, Howard zoomed to an eight - point lead with about two minutes remaining. Still wary, however, the Bisons never attempted a ball control but felt compelled to keep out of the Teachers' with last-minute tallying. — BIMS



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Colts and Eagles renew rivalry in basketball

There's going to be a premiere passing duel in the Coliseum Sunday night, when Johnny Unitas, of the National Football League champion Colts, matches serials with Norm Van Brocklin, the veteran Philadelphia Eagle.

Except they're going to do it with basketballs.

The two gridders will don court togs as the Colts and Eagles tangle in the 7 p.m. opener to the Baltimore Bullets and Syracuse, meeting in a crucial Eastern League clash at 8 o'clock.

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IT'S THE SECOND time the Bullets and Colts have joined forces. The Bullet Old-Timers ran the Colt ends to spoil the grid team's hoop debut January 16.

Since then, however, the Colts have added their big pivotman, Big Daddy Lipscomb and Stalas to augment Bill Pellington, Alex Sandusky, Don Joyce, Jim Mutscheller, L. G. Dupre, Art DeCarlo and playing mentor Fred Schubach.

Lipscomb and Dupre were both all-city cagers when in high school.

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BESIDES Van Brocklin, the Eagles will have the two ex-Maryland - heroes, Bob Pellegrini and Dick Bielski; Tom Scott, who was a pretty fair basketballer when at Calvert Hall here, Chuck Bednarik, Jerry Williams, Eddie Bell, Bob Hudson, Ken Keller and Jerry Norton.

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