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'Computer from Alabama,' Clay cries after kayo

"They're destroying my image. That computer was made in Alabama."

That was the initial reaction of Cassius (Muhammad Ali) Clay following the computerized "fight" in which he was "kayoed" by Rocky Marciano in 1,000 theatres across the country Tuesday night.

Clay watched himself knocked out, then before the screen could flash the "instant replay," he stood up and shouted, "I'm going home!"

He grabbed his coat, covered his head with it and yelled to the crowd in a Philadelphia theater, "Don't you all believe that. You can't win them all. After all, Joe Namath lost, too."

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Clay sparred verbally with some spectators in the crowd of 700, most of whom were surprised to find him in attendance. Clay bought a home here last week under his adopted name of Muhammad Ali.

"Joe Frazier punches harder than that," a guy down front shouted.

"You keep talking that jive, you'll fall in five" Clay countered from his seat in the second row from the rear.

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Clay, who was cutting Marciano's face to shreds in the earlier rounds, thought he had the bout in hand up to the 10th round.

"You're cooking champ," he crowed as he watched himself dance around the ring. But a looping right caught Clay, and he went down. In the final three rounds Marciano caught up with him, pinned him against the ropes as he had done to opponents in 50 victories, and put Clay away.

MARCIANO-CLAY "super fight" action leading to 13th round Clay KO

Sadly finished digesting thousands of facts about each fighter and a film editor finished splicing the whole thing together. Marciano knocked out Clay in 13 sometimes comical, sometimes realistic rounds.

"I've fought my last fight," said Clay, who was unbeaten in 29 actual bouts before being done in by a stale right hand and an

After a computer suppo- NCR computer named "Irving."

"Of course, I care that I lost, but it was just a make believe, fictional fight. People have seen me in a boxing ring for the last time. From now on, I'm going to concentrate completely on my religion."

Not even Clay suspected the ending, which was known by only three people connected with the film until shown in theaters.

Clay got in his licks early in the bout, knocking down Marciano in the eighth rounds and slashing open cuts, but in the end, Rocky, looking a little pudgy, prevailed.

Marciano knocked down Clay in the 10th and 12th rounds to even the bout and then finished him off with a barrage at 57 seconds of the 13th round.

Chris Dundee, brother of Clay's manager, Angelo Dundee, had no choice but to toll the final 10.

Rec weightlift

The sixth annual Bureau of Recreation novice weightlifting championship meet is to be held February 1. at the Brooklyn Recreation Center, 3560 Third Street, in Brooklyn.

The three olympic lifts will be conducted in the Pre-teen, Teen, and Young Adult age divisions. In addition, the best lifter and best team awards will be contested among the competing novice weightlifters and recreation center teams.

Orioles plan Mexican trip

MEXICO CITY (UPI) — The American League champion Baltimore Orioles and two other major league baseball teams will play exhibition games in Mexico before the start of the U.S. and Mexican season.

The 10-team Mexican League said the Mexico City Tigers will play the San Diego Padres Mrch 1 and 3, the Pittsburgh Pirates March 13 and 15, and the Orioles March 16 and 18. The Tigers begin their training Feb. 1.

The exhibition games are to be played at the Social Security Ballpark in Mexico City, the League announcement said. Last Year two Mexico City baseball teams had commitments to play U. S. major league teams in Mexico, but the plan fell through.

Old Town Jaycees awards night set

The Old Town Jaycees will hold their fourth annual Distinguished Service Award banquet and art show, tomorrow (Saturday) at the Maryland Penitentiary, commencing at 7 pm.

Guest speaker will be Harry H. Woodard, Jr., president of the W.C.S. Center for Community and Social Concern, Inc., Chicago, Illinois.

Woodard is an associate of Dr. Karl Menninger (The Crime of Punishment, etc.) and is an accomplished writer in his own right, having published many articles and papers in the field of social reform and correctional institutions.

Master of Ceremonies will be Charles Skelly, president, Laurel Jaycees.

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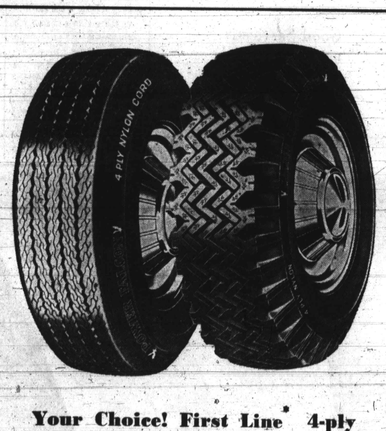

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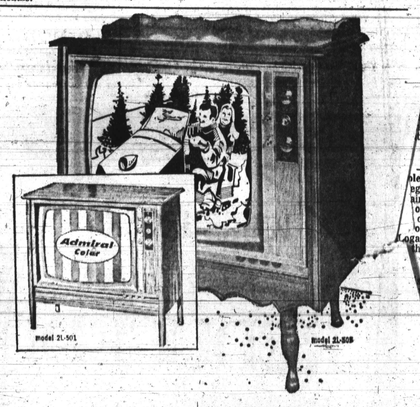

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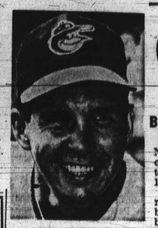

BROOKS ROBINSON

Brooks Robinson backs Curt Flood

MANCHESTER, N.H. (UPI) — Major league players don't want destruction of the reserve clause, only modification of the rules, veteran Baltimore third baseman Brooks Robinson said Wednesday night.

The All-Star Oriole infielder, here for the annual Union Leader Charity baseball dinner, said elimination was not the intention of the club representatives who voted support of Curt Flood's suit challenging the controversial reserve clause.

Robinson, one of 25 player representatives, who voted unanimously to back Flood's challenge in the court, said that contrary to published reports, the players did not agree to pay Flood's salary or even to provide a specific amount for legal fees.

Robinson said, however that "I think he's right" of Flood's bid to break the rule which binds players to major league clubs once they have signed professional contracts.

Robinson said he was completely in favor of revising the reserve clause, particularly in the area of providing step raises for fringe or occasional players.

"I think the rule can be modified," Robinson said. "So far, the owners have only said they like it as it is. They've met with the players and discussed it several times, but they just looked at our proposals, they didn't consider them.

"Why shouldn't a guy like Flood be a free agent after spending several years in the majors? And what about the guys who spend time in the minors? Why shouldn't they be considered," Robinson asked.

Brooks also said that while he personally had already signed his 1970 contract he considered the signing invalid unless what he called the "basic agreement" is reached by the players' association and the club owners before the start of next season.

The veteran All-Star infielder added that he expected the general agreement to be reached and doubted that a strike threat would be made again this year, though admitting it was a possibility.

Robinson also took a shot at the several players who have disagreed both with Flood's challenge and with the unanimous vote of the players representatives in support of court action.

"I don't like popping off. If you don't like it, don't knock it. Curt was going to do this whether we liked it or not," Robinson said, adding that Player Association representative Marvin Miller had advised against the court action.

Hagerstown lad Birds' first free-agent pick

The Orioles chose a Maryland youth as their first selection in the 1970 Winter Free Agent Draft held last Saturday in New York.

Bill Seltzer, a 19-year-old catcher from Hagerstown, was the Orioles' top pick in the regular phase of the draft. Seltzer played one season for Wake Forest and is presently attending Hagerstown Junior College.

Two other players from the Maryland-Virginia area were selected by the Orioles. Gerry Tassis, a left-handed pitcher from Arlington, Va., was the club's fourth selection. He had an 8-1 record last season with Wingate (N.C.) Junior College. Gerry Fell of Baltimore was the Birds' fifth pick. A first-baseman-outfielder, Fell is currently a student at Baltimore Community College.

Here is the order of the Baltimore selections:

Bill Seltzer, 19, catcher, Hagerstown, Md.; Matt Tuiper, 18, infielder, Edingham, S.C.; Terry Jones, 20, outfielder, Vancouver, Wash.; Gerry Tassis, 19, pitcher, Arlington, Va.; Gerry Fell, 19, outfielder-infielder, Baltimore, Md.; William Cameron, 19, outfielder, Johnstown, Penna.; Bill Plaxed Jr., 18, pitcher, Glassboro, N.J.; John Hatcher, 20, outfielder-infielder, Miami Beach, Fla.; Lynn Shubsch, 20, outfielder, Ft. Worth, Texas; Bruce Marbowler, 19, infielder, Trenton, Michigan; Mon Kavanaugh, 21, pitcher-outfielder, Stratford, Conn., and Mike Pittruzello, 20, outfielder, Middletown, Conn.

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Bigger NBA coming

PHILADELPHIA — The National Basketball Association probably will grow to 16, 17 or 18 teams for the 1970-71 season.

Unable to make up their minds about the exact number, members of the NBA's board of governors voted 12-2 Tuesday to affirm expansion and then decided additional time was required to study the applications from Buffalo, Cleveland, Houston and Portland, Pre.

It was hoped a formal announcement of expansion would be made in two weeks.

A decision to expand from 14 to 18 teams would create the biggest growth in the NBA since the expansion from 12 to 17 teams in 1949. The NBA went back to 11 teams the following year.

With 18 teams, the league could revert to the three-division, six team setup of 1949. Two new teams could see the NBA going to four teams in four divisions.

Buffalo wants in

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Retired Buffalo banker Jack Ahern said Wednesday his group has "no intention" of withdrawing its bid for a National Basketball Association franchise despite an apparently larger cost than expected when the original application was made two months ago.

Ahern told a news conference that while his group did not know the exact terms the NBA would impose upon franchise seekers, he said he "rather left the opinion that we are interested — period."

Another one?

SEATTLE — Mayor Wes Uhlman told the American League and Pacific Northwest Sports Inc. they will be defendants in a multi-million dollar damage and anti-trust suit if the Pilots are moved out of Seattle.

Uhlman said at a news conference Wednesday the city was preparing legal action because it appeared the efforts of local businessmen to save the franchise for Seattle were failing.

Organized baseball already is in litigation with suits filed by two umpires and a challenge to the reserve clause by Curt Flood.

Countersuit

CLEVELAND — A $6.5 million suit has been filed against professional golfer Lee Trevino in U.S. District Court here by Consulting Services Inc., of Akron

A spokesman for the firm said the suit serves as an answer to one filed against it by Trevino in El Paso, Tex., recently.

Trevino charged that Consulting Services mismanaged his business affairs.

"We ade proud of what we have done for Trenvio," the consulting Seervices spokeman said. "His contracts compare favorable with Arnold Palmer's or anyone's."

New NCAA rules

SARASOTA, Fla. — The National Collegiate Athletic Association's football rules committee announced 21 rule changes Wednesday and also recommended eliminating below-the-waist tackling because of increasing knee and ankle injuries.

Only one of the 21 rule changes made by the NCAA committee at the end of a three-day meeting was major and would be noticed by football fans, rules committee chairman John Waldorf said.

The major rule change would give the offensive team an automatic first down at the point of a pass interference infraction, regardless of whether the pass had been thrown or not.

The old rule called for a 15-yard penalty for pass interference if the ball was not in the air at the time of infraction, and an automatic infraction if the pass had been thrown.

"The rest of the rule changes are very minor and won't even be noticed by the people in the stands," Waldorf said.

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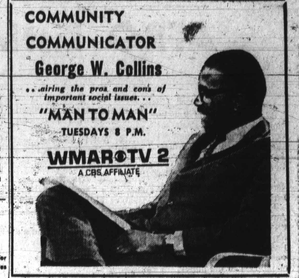

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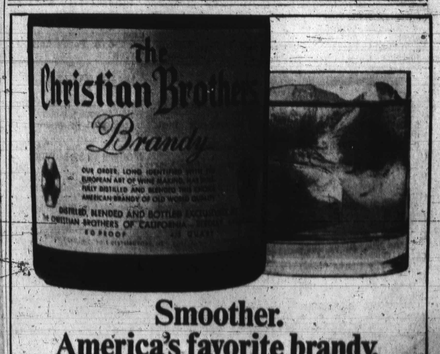

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