U.S. Davis Cup aces said ready

BRISBANE, Australia (UPI) — American Davis Cup Captain Donald Dell said Monday he was not worried by the injuries to challenge round hopeful Arthur Ashe and Clark Graebner.

Both doubtfuls are currently playing the Queensland Lawn Tennis championships in the tournament windup for the Davis Cup, which will be decided in Adelaide, Dec. 28-29.

Ashe and Graebner, the American mainstays and hot favorites to take the coveted cup stateside for the first time since 1963, last week withdrew from a benefit tournament in Chicago.

Ashe is bothered by a tennis elbow and Graebner is nursing a pulled back muscle.

Dell said, "At this stage it is ridiculous to suggest that these players are in doubt for the challenge round.

"I am confident Ashe and Graebner will be fit and both are well enough to play in the Queensland championships."

WILLIE THE WISP — All-Pro cornerback Herb Adderly (26) is left with egg on his face, as Willie Richardson eludes him to take pass from Earl Morrall for Colt's touchdown in 16-3 win over Adderley and Green Bay Packers in Green Bay Saturday. Victory over Bays combined with Sunday's Chicago win over Los Angeles to assure Baltimore title in Coastal Division of NFL.

COVETED COMBINATION — Just as the Heisman Trophy he's holding is coveted by college football players the nation over, O. J. Simpson is the most coveted halfback in the professional draft coming up next month. Simpson picked up the award Friday night in New York, given annually to the player voted the top athlete of the year.

Johnny Sample may get wish: Super Bowl, Colts

By SAM LACY

It begins to look as though Johnny Sample is going to get a long-delayed wish — the Super Bowl against the Baltimore Colts.

For three years, the one-time cornerback star of the Colts has been extremely vocal in his desire to get a shot at the National Football League champion in the celebrated Miami playoff between that league and his American Football League representative.

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Sample is the defensive captain of the New York Jets. And the Jets, having already won the Eastern Division title, are strong favorites to cop the AFL crown when they meet the Western Division kings on Dec. 29.

The winner of that game, of course, moves into the Super Bowl at Miami against the NFL titlists in mid-January. While they still have two important hurdles to clear — against the Central Division winner on the 22nd and the Eastern Conference champion on the 29th — the Colts are looked upon as a team of destiny in 1968, and the potential NFL champ.

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Sample makes no secret of the fact that he thinks he got a raw deal from the Colts when he was cut loose following two years with championship Baltimore teams. He's even more embittered, however, by what he describes as "the black balling" he got from the NFL in general.

The former Maryland State College standout, who later became all-NFL with the Colts, insists that the league "had a thing" for him during the years when he was shuttled from Baltimore to Pittsburgh to Washington and then to Chicago, with whom he never got a chance to play.

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The net result is that John relishes the thought that he may get a chance to play against the NFL champion. He says he thinks the AFL, for the most part, is equal to the NFL. And he's also insistent that he can prove to his detractors that he is still some kind of football player.

It is ironical that the prospect of a Colts-Jets playoff would bring about a confrontation between Sample and the team he once played with, as well as between Baltimore and the man who formerly tutored here, Weeb Ewbank.

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Needless to say, it was the Saturday win over their long-time nemesis, Green Bay, combined with a Chicago victory Sunday over Los Angeles, that projected the Colts into the favorite's role for the NFL crown.

At the moment, it looks as though Minnesota will emerge with the Central Division title. The schedule is in the Vikings' favor, in that they meet Philadelphia next Sunday while the Bears (now tied with them) clash with the Packers.

Even should both win, Chicago would inherit the title because she beat Minnesota during the regular season.

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In earlier games, the Colts stopped both cold. And the game will be played in Baltimore.

The title matchup, should it come about, will pit the Steeds against either Cleveland or Dallas, depending upon which wins in the Eastern Conference showdown Saturday.

The Colts beat the Cowboys this year. They are still irked by the defeat plastered on them by the Browns on Oct. 20. That, plus the 27-0 shellacking they absorbed from Cleveland in the 1964 title game, adds up to a man-sized grudge.

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Happiest note of all perhaps, is that no matter whom they play the Colts won't be confronted with the bitter cold of Green Bay or Minnesota.

The Packers are out of it and the Vikings' game, if that is to be, plays in Baltimore.

Missus 'OJ' and baby doing fine

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Heisman Trophy winner O. J. Simpson of the University of Southern California, Wednesday became the father of a 7-pound, 12-ounce girl.

Simpson's wife, Marquerite, gave birth to the child at 3:17 p.m. PST at Good Samaritan Hospital. Both the mother and child were reported doing fine after the birth.

Simpson was in New York to receive the Heisman Trophy presentation at the Downtown Athletic Club.

The Simpsons have not yet announced the name of the child.

Wilted record

Wilt Chamberlain set a National Basketball Association record March 2, 1962, tallying 100 points in one game for Philadelphia.

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Liston odds-on to win at Civic Center tonite

Former heavyweight king Sonny Liston rules an overwhelming choice to dispose of Amos (Big Train) Lincoln here tonight when the two meet in the first half of a boxing doubleheader at Civic Center.

Liston, waging a comeback campaign which he hopes will lead to another title shot, has won eight straight bouts in a period of nine months.

His opponent for this one, Lincoln, is a former sparring partner, and does not figure to give the big fellow much more than a workout. The Liston-Lincoln match commences at 9:30 p.m.

In the second half of the bill, to be shown on closed circuit TV, heavyweight champion Joe Frazier, unbeaten in 21 bouts rules a 9-5 favorite to retain his title against the challenge of Oscar Bonavena of Buenos Aires, who floored him twice in one round in their previous bout two years ago.

The 26-year-old Bonavena is expected to provide stiff opposition to Frazier in a bid to become the first South American to win at least a share of the North American crown.

Frazier, whose record is studded with 19 knockouts, is recognized as champion in five states, with Jimmy Ellis of Louisville, Ky., rated as boxing king in the remaining 45.

The bout at the Spectrum will be Frazier's third of the year and Bonavena's eighth. Each has predicted a kayo.

Frazier said he would "smash out" Bonavena in six rounds. The Latin American said he would win by a knockout within 10 rounds.

Cast from Sayers' leg nets $3500 to schoolboy

CHICOGO (UPI) — The president of the Harlem Globe Trotters has paid $3,500 for the cast from injured Chicago Bears' star Gale Sayers' leg.

The cast was bought by Globe Trotter's president George Gillette at an auction sponsored by a Chicago radio station (WIND). The auction was held to raise money for the Gary Steger Foundation.

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Steger, of West Suburban Roselle, received serious back injuries during this football season and is now paralyzed from the waist down.

The foundation was established by his coach to aid injured high school gridders. Steger was an all-conference quarterback for Roselle High School.

"We are very happy to help Gary in this way and also thrilled to have this trophy for our display," Gillette said.

The plaster cast from Sayers' leg was covered with preservative and mounted in a shadow box for the auction.

Sayers received a torn ligament in a game against San Francisco last month and has been sidelined for the season.

Bullets end rest, gird for Celtics in Boston

After a rugged stretch of 10 games in 14 days (seven of them entered in the win column) the Baltimore Bullets are closing out a four-day rest in preparation for their first meeting of the year against the Boston Celtics.

The defending champion Celtics and the surprising Bullets have been waging a vigorous battle for first place in the NBA's Eastern Division ever since the curtain went up almost two months ago. They meet for the first time tonight (Tuesday) in Boston.

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The Bullets return home tomorrow (Wednesday) night to face the New York Knicks at the Civic Center before taking a two-day break — again in preparation for a game with the ageless Celtics.

Boston makes its first Civic Center appearance Saturday night, and the chances are strong that first place will still be at stake — as it has been for virtually every game the two teams have played in the last couple of weeks.

The Bullets, with a 20-7 record, are a whopping 24 games ahead of last year's pace, when they finished with a 36-46 record. Baltimore did not win its 20th game last season until Jan. 27. After 27 games a year ago the Bullets were 10-17.

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Jimmy Ellis on Winters' TV show

NEW YORK — World Boxing Association (WBA) heavyweight champion made his network TV debut as an entertainer Wednesday.

He appeared on "The Jonathon Winters Show."

Ellis sang with the Riverview (Baptist Church) Spiritual Singers, an 11-member vocal-instrumental group that includes his wife, Mary Etta, and his sister and brother-in-law, Evelyn and Grover Williams.

The program also featured the singing King Cousins, Barbara Eden and Edgar Buchanan.

Alcorn wins 'Blossom' tilt

MIAMI (UPI) — Quarterback Marvin Weeks fired four touchdown passes Saturday night to lead Alcorn A and M of Mississippi, to a 36-9 Orange Blossom Classic victory over Florida A and M.

The Alcorn defense held the Rattlers to a whopping minus-79 yards on the ground.

Weeks threw touchdown passes for 68, 50, 32 and three yards and halfback Roy Cain scored a 52-yard sprint. Linebacker James Fox nailed Rattler quarterback Ken Riley in the end zone to round out the Braves' scoring.

Florida scored on a 36-yard pass from Riley to Kent Schoolfield and added three points on Horace Lovett's 32-yard field goal.

With the running game netting a minus 51 yards in the first half, Florida came out throwing, but Alcorn's fierce six-man rush forced Riley's passes astray.

Florida's seven-play field goal drive originated at its own 36, and Jones' reception was one of only two plays that gained. The Rattlers' 73-yard touchdown drive included only one running play — which lost two yards.

Weightlift meet slated Saturday

The fourth annual weightlifting meet for pre-teens, teens and young adults will be held on Saturday, at 2 p.m., at the Madison Square Recreation Center, Eden and Biddle Streets.

Members of all Baltimore City recreation centers are invited to participate. Contested will be the bench press and squat type lifts in each division.

Ten weight classifications will be open in the teen division. Best lifter and best team awards will be among the prizes.

Entry blanks are available at the Bureau of Recreation office, 1129 N. Calvert Street, and at the various neighborhood recreation centers.

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TEEN TALK

By MICHAEL BELFIELD

The day that all little children all over the world look forward to is rapidly approaching.

Christmas '68 will be one of great joy for some, but for others it will be very sad.

For those of us who are fortunate enough to be with our families during the holiday season, let us remember the less fortunate by giving canned goods and money when it is collected at our school.

Now for the Happenings:

The Dolphin Street Social Club under the leadership of Miss Anita Ruffin sponsored a film concerning teenagers, "Teenage Adolescence."

The film, obtained from the Enoch Pratt Library was shown Dec. 4 at the Dolphin Street branch of the Community Action Agency.

The film deals with the important parts of teenage life such as parties, dating and school.

Miss Rose Herth, a psychiatric nurse from the Inner City Mental Health Program, discussed ideas and questions relating to the film.

Along with presenting films that are of interest, this club frequently attends basketball games, sponsors dances, bowling parties, skating trips and bake sales.

A membership campaign is now under way and girls between the ages of 13-16 the Lafayette, Mulberry and Fremont areas are invited to join.

The meetings for the club are held at the Dolphin Street Center every Tuesday and Thursday.

Mark Riddix is the counselor, and Miss Ruffin is the organizer of the club.

Some of the members are: Linda Cox, Mattie Green, Bualue Cornish, Elaine Wilson, Dora White, Karen Briscoe and Evelyn Ray.

Congratulations to:

Aaron Lee Jr. on his marriage engagement and to Michael Boone, who won for the second time on Pinbusters and will be trying for an number three Saturday. Good luck. Michael attends City College.

Get well wishes go out this week for Clara Fletcher who is in Johns Hopkins Hospital from all her friends at Bryn Mawr. Also a quick recovery to Gretchen Friesinger.

Friday at Edmondson High School was Senior Day. The colors for this year's seniors were purple and yellow. After school Friday the Student Council sponsored a "Senior Dance."

On Sunday night five young men did their thing, and the crowd at the Civic Center went wild. The five men were the Temptations.

The Temptations sang their hits from the past and present.

The Temptations still were themselves even with the death of their new lead singer, Dennise Edwards.

I spoke with Carolina Cotton who was at the show and she stated that she thought "Dennise is an asset to the group, and he's so cute."

Among the many people present were Sharon Cotton, Jennette Carter, Lorrain Wilson, Bernard Gibson, Jerry Richardson, Gregory Scrogins and Solomon Johnson.

Top Five are:

1. For One In My Life
2. Cloud Nine
3. Love Child
4. Who's Making Love
5. Magic Carpet Ride

Happy birthday to little Tracy Jackson, my uncle who was 4 years old on December 8.

That's it for another week. I know there will be a lot of dances coming up for the holiday, so drop me a line and let me know about them. Send all your cards and letters to Teen Talk, AFRO-AMERICAN, P.O. 1857 Baltimore, Md.

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Muldrow appointed to employment post

Acknell M. Muldrow II has been appointed coordinator of equal employment opportunity for Commercial Credit Corporation, according to John M. Sheehan, president of the national installment finance and personal loan firm.

Mr. Sheehan said that Commercial Credit has been concerned with its civic responsibilities over the years and that Mr. Muldrow would assist in guiding further developments in this important area.

"We are fortunate," Mr. Sheehan said, "in having a person with Mr. Muldrow's background and experience to assist us in maintaining Commercial Credit's fair employment and personnel practices, nationally, and to help us in upholding the high standards of workmanship which are necessary in conducting our business."

Mr. Muldrow is a graduate of Atkins High School in his native city of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from North Carolina A and T State University and subsequently undertook special studies at Jackson State College in Mississippi and Morgan State College in Maryland.

ACKNEIL MULDROW

He began his career in the fields of education and retailing, first as a teacher in the Baltimore public schools and later, as a department manager for Montgomery Ward. Mr. Muldrow joined Commercial Credit's home office staff in 1966 as a personnel administrator, the position he held prior to his recent promotion.

He is a member of the Alumni Association, Baltimore Marketing Association, NAACP and Toastmasters International. Mr. Muldrow is married to the former LaFrance Kleckley of Orlando, Fla., and resides in Baltimore.

Commercial Credit Corporation and its affiliated companies' financial services include business and consumer financing and lending, leasing, factoring, computer leasing and time sharing and insuring. It maintains offices in principal cities throughout the United States.

Howard County gives 4 licenses

ELLICOTT CITY, Md. — Four couples received licenses for marriage in Howard County during the month of November. They are:

W. E. of Clarksville and Mary E., 27, of Glenelg.

BAGLEY-JACKSON, John E., 38, and Delores E., 32, both of Baltimore.

J., 21, of Lake Charles, La., and Marva R., 18, of Joseph, Md.

MYERS-HERRITTEE, Walter D., 48, and Ozell, 39, both of Baltimore, Md.

Rights groups move to unite

Representatives of several Human Relations Commissions met here the past week to form a state-wide temporary organization, the purpose of which will be to draw guidelines as to what will constitute an effective human relations commission.

Roscoe R. Nix, executive director, Maryland Commission on Human Relations, announced:

"The representatives present are concerned because many local officials establish human relations commissions without the necessary funds or power to carry out the functions which are necessary, if a human relations commission is to be effective.

"Therefore, the guidelines are expected to include budgetary needs, staff needs as well as program in which a commission should be involved.

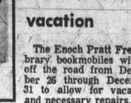
"There will be an effort for the organization to share problems which are common to the various commissions, as well as unique problems which may arise with an individual commission."

Attending, he stated, were representatives of the city's Community Relations Commission and of Human Relations Commissions of Baltimore, Charles, Montgomery and Howard Counties.

FORT MEADE — Command Sergeant Major Henry B. Richardson, a veteran of three wars and recipient of 15 decorations and service medals, has been named the new command sergeant major of the 47th General Support Group. To his new position Sgt. Maj. Richardson brings 26 years of Army experience, with 16 of these on foreign soil.

KEEN TEEN SCENE

By KAREN BANFIELD



The big Motown Sound hit Baltimore last week at the beautiful Club Venus. To bring us that out-of-sight sound were Smokey Robinson and the Miracles.

I was fortunate enough to attend one of their shows Dec. 1, their last night in Baltimore.

By the time the four gentlemen of soul made their entrance, most of the ladies in the audience had bitten off their fingernails and were starting on their hands.

As soon as they stepped out on the stage, it was very obvious that whoever designs their wardrobe had a natural ball.

All four of the Miracles were attired in plum-colored tuxedo pants, red stain shirt with a plum bow tie, red velvet tuxedo jacket rimmed with red satin, topped off with a red satin handkerchief in the jacket pocket.

Most of their songs consisted of those oldies but goodies the Miracles have made great. There were songs like Mickey's Monkey, Tracks of My Tears, More Love, Going to a Go-Go, OOO Baby Baby and Yester Love.

For a change of pace they sang songs made famous by other artists, Up, Up and Away, by the Fifth Dimensions and Valley of the Dolls, by Dionne Warwick.

At the conclusion of that fantastic show I was lucky enough, with the help of David Hamm and William Griffin, to have a brief interview with Mr. Robinson and Bobby Rogers.

First, I talked with Mr. Robinson. I asked him if he thought there was a generation gap as far as the type of music the Miracles sing. He replied, "Yes, there definitely is a generation gap. Many old people just won't change with the times. There are also many older people who do like this type of music but just won't admit it."

He was asked what he would like to see from the new President.

"End the war and gain equality for everyone in America," he replied.

Knowing that the Miracles have traveled all over the world, I asked Mr. Robinson what city or country he liked best.

"Paris," he said. "We were only there for a short time, but the people were very warm and accepted us immediately."

His special interests, nobies, sports, center on pool, ping pong and chess.

After meeting Smokey Robinson, one's admiration for him is bound to triple. He was very, very nice, and I only wish more teenagers could have a chance to meet him and talk to him.

Another of the Miracles, Bobby Rogers, also had time for a few words. He said the Miracles are going to go on and on singing as long as they can.

About psychedelic music, he said, "I like some of it very much, most of all, Jimi Hendrix and the Vanilla Fudge."

Unlike Mr. Robinson, Mr. Rogers does not feel that there is a generation gap as far as music is concerned.

He enjoys reading books and watching television. People may be in one group but their interests and opinions vary a great deal.

Other Keen Teens at the Club Venus were: Wanda Queen, Zachary Colbert, Vonita Wright, David Hamm, William Griffin, Henry Wood and Patricia Kidd.

All you Keen Teens looking for something to do for Christmas vacation, here's an idea. The Pots fraternity is sponsoring a semi-formal dance in the Howard Room of the Civic Center on Dec. 27. It will feature the Chryslers and the Monarchs swinging singing group and band. I attended their dance last year, and it will be very difficult for the fellows to top that one. So do what you can to be on hand, it is bound to be out-of-sight.

I know there are going to be some hopping parties and dances coming up for this season of cheer and good spirits, so let me know about them. Let's hear from you girls at Eastern and Western and you guys and gals from Dunbar, Edmondson, City, Poly, Carver, Forest Park and Northwestern. My address is 3700 Springdale Avenue 21216.

Bookmobiles will take vacation

The Enoch Pratt Free Library bookmobiles will be off the road from December 26 through December 31 to allow for vacations and necessary repairs.

Also, because all library agencies will close at 5 p.m. on Christmas Eve, December 24, Bookmobile 1 will not make its usual stop at Hollins Ferry Road and Marbourne Avenue (Lakeland) that day.

Readers who return overdue books to other agencies during this period will be charged fines only through December 24 (December 23 for Lakeland patrons) and not for the period the bookmobiles are not of service.

Cemetery hit by vandalism

Wilbert C. Smoot, superintendent of the Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Brooklyn, Md. gave this description of the widespread vandalism that hit the cemetery Friday night.

Mr. Smoot and his workers discovered Saturday morning that about 40 gravestones had been overturned, more than at any other time he can remember.

"We usually get hit about once a year," Mr. Smoot said, "but this is the third time this year."

It would take several people to dislocate some of the markers, the superintendent explained. He said some of the larger stones will have to be relocated with the aid of a tractor and a stone mason.

After the weekend about half of the markers had been replaced. Mr. Smoot said the vandalism was limited to the overturning of stones, mostly those near the roadways throughout the cemetery.

Damage to the actual stonework was limited, he said.

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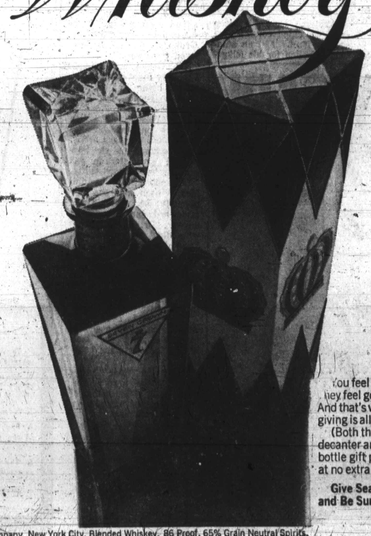
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