Gus Johnson remorseful, Scott pledges comeback

Everyone will agree it's a cockeyed way of looking at it, but Gus Johnson figures the current ills of the Baltimore Bullets are his fault.

"The guys need me so much right now, and I can't contribute. It's a heck of a feeling to know you should be in there helping, but instead. . . ."

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The voice of the Bullets' All-Star forward and general all-round handyman trailed off, and the listener cocld sense the remorse that still was building up inside Johnson.

Gus, in his own peculiar, unselfish way, was taking the blame for the gloomy outlook facing the Bullets following Thursday night's 113-101 loss to the New York Knickerbockers.

The game, the first of the semi-final playoffs for the Eastern Division crown, was one in which the Bullets were favored largely because they had won the regular season title and were opening on their home court. Instead, they trailed throughout and, except for the opening minutes, were never closer than six points.

RAY SCOTT

GUS JOHNSON

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Johnson has been out of action since undergoing knee surgery in late January. Only recently was he permitted to shed the cast on the leg and begin rehabilitation exercises.

"Kevin (Loughery) played guts alone out there. Earl (Monroe) had a good game but it was subpar because he's hurting, too, with that arthritic knee. Ed (Manning) was suffering and Jack (Marin) was making a big job at a strange job.

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"If I could only have been ready, so much would change. Probably I could've spelled Marin in playing (Walt) Frazier. It's really tough trying to concentrate on stopping a playmaker like Frazier if you've never worked at it.

"If only I were in there, I could have helped everybody a little. For instance, they wouldn't have been able to gang Wes (Unseld) under the boards the way they did.

"That, and putting a check on Frazier, could have changed the story completely."

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Ray Scott, who has been doing a yeoman job as a stand-in for Gus, agreed up to a point.

"Nobody blames Honeycomb for getting hurt," said Scott. "That's his idea to take the blame. Had it not been for him through the first half of the season, we wouldn't be here.

"We were flat in the opener. We had no zip whatsoever. It seemed as though we were playing on our heels.

"But we'll be back; we're still going to win this thing."

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The Bullets and Knicks resume their series tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon in Madison Square Garden, a game slated for TV exposure.

They return to Civic Center here Sunday afternoon for the third contest.

The Knicks are home for the fourth game, set for next Wednesday night, with the Bullets playing host the following (Thursday) evening, if a fifth game is necessary.

The Celtics took a big step toward upsetting the dope bucket by downing the 76ers, 114-100 in Wednesday night's opening game of the Easter Series.

The two teams go at it again tonight (Friday).

Boston's victory Wednesday was not exactly surprising even though they could finish no better than fourth in the regular season standings. During the year, the Celtics whipped the 76ers six times against only one loss.

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The schedule for the rest of the first-round playoffs follows:

TONIGHT (FRIDAY) — Philadelphia at Boston; San Francisco at Los Angeles;

SATURDAY — San Diego at Atlanta;

SUNDAY — Boston at Philadelphia;

MONDAY — Los Angeles at San Francisco;

TUESDAY — Philadelphia — at Boston; Atlanta at San Diego;

FRIDAY — Boston at Philadelphia (if); San Francisco at Los Angeles (if); Atlanta at San Diego (if);

SATURDAY — Los Angeles at San Francisco (if);

SUNDAY — Philadelphia at Boston; San Diego at Atlanta (if);

MONDAY — San Francisco at Los Angeles (if); Atlanta at San Diego (if);

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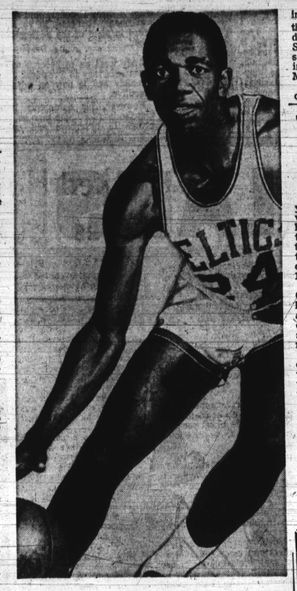

SAM JONES

Will Jones bring a halo of mystery?

It's a pretty scary thing if you sit down and think about it, but next year Sam Jones will be coming to town.

Although he needs no introduction, Sam is a 13 season veteran for the Boston Celtics who agreed upon taking the reigns of Federal City College's basketball program.

If all reliable sources hold true, then the professional standout will start out immediately fashioning a basketball powerhouse that is second to none.

His coming to Washington is almost too frightening, seeing how two other infallible sorts, Ted Williams and Vince Lombardi have made their timely entrances.

Even so, most cringing coaches and players seem not to be awed by an irrational rumor that, like his predecessor, Sammy can walk on water.

Having come this year from a team which finished fourth in the National Basketball Associations ratings, Jones is expected to take his insatiable revenge for a losing season out on schools such as Howard University. But, if you drop a hint or two around the average timid courtman, you're likely to receive a response such as coming from ace freshman scorer Larry Jiggets.

As if not wanting to acknowledge the possible presence of having to face Sam in 1970, Jiggetts said with very little enthusiasm, "he won't be the coach. He'll just be FCC's Athletic Director."

Now that is one way to momentarily avert the inevitable; if you can't beat it — forget it.

Sam's fearful possibility of creating a dynasty at Federal City has even gone as far as to the steps of championship minded D.C. Teachers where a brooding Reginald Moss leads the basketball pack.

Taking note of the situation that will be here next year from a personal standpoint, the Phelps Vocational graduate has little to worry about. His scoring average is 27.

But from a team's point of view, the long armed ball hawk says that a number of people have asked about his plans when Jones comes to town.

Expressing himself in reference to curiosity seekers' statements that he, like a number of supposedly naive athlets will follow Sam's tune and come arunning as he enters the District playing his flute, Moss says, "definitely not."

"They think that because of his name, he will attract a lot of people. Some even think that I'll transfer to Federal City," he blurted.

Reggie commented that Sam will be singing somewhere along the lines of professional careers for those who cut the mustard with him.

He, as a starter for two consecutive years, feels that a tempting offer in these likes would be turned down immediately by every Teacher's player. "We are too much to our coach Tony Upson and our school," Reg brandished.

Aside from external worries and frustrations, on the home front the guys are asking themselves just who is good enough to stick.

A great majority of these men are either fair or excellent players. But, then there are those who are not, while some ride the crest of a border line.

Who are these people? Well, some no one knows, but as matters are right about now, Lawrence Bradford and Leonord Belton will be in 70's lineup for sure.

Chicago — Fred D. HUBBARD's victory in a race for Second Ward alderman has increased the number of independent black aldermen in City Council to three out of a total of 50. Other Black independents in the council are A.A. (Sammy) Rayner, Jr., and William Cousin, Jr. Hubbard, a social worker, trounced Lawrence C. Woods, aide to U.S. Rep. William L. Dawson (D.-Ill.)

New Mexico U. warns athletes of expulsion

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — The University of New Mexico's athletic council warned athletes they would be subject to suspension for refusing to participate against Brigham Young University.

The council's stand came in answer to demands from the university's Black Students Union and the UNM Senate that the school sever all relations, including athletic contests, with Mormon-operated BYU.

The Black Students Union charged the Utah school was a racist institution because of Mormon religious practices which prohibit colored persons from holding ministerial offices in the Mormon church.

Earlier this year, members of the union led a protest prior to the BYU-UNM basketball game here. Later, the student union and the Student Senate passed resolutions asking for the severing of relations.

Dr. Guido Daub, chairman of the UNM athletic council, said the group voted unanimously to reaffirm a policy on athletic competition.

"We have a track meet here next week and we expect our athletes to compete in that event. That event will not be cancelled," said Daub.

Daub also said a three-man committee was drafting a formal statement to be issued to the Student Senate and Black Students Union.

"If a UNM athlete refused to compete in a regularly scheduled athletic event, contest or meet, he will be dismissed from the team for the remainder of the season," Daub said.

TWA names Davenport

NEW YORK (UPI) — Olympic hurdler Willie Davenport, unbeaten in 15 high hurdles races during the winter, was named by the Track Writers Association of New York as the outstanding athlete of the 1969 indoor track season.

Davenport, winner of the Olympic 110-meter high hurdles at Mexico City, swept all eight races he ran on the indoor circuit this season and set world indoor records at four distances.

In addition the 25-year-old senior at Southern University, Baton Rouge, La., twice in two nights equalled world marks.

His world records were 5.3 seconds for 45 yards, 5.8 seconds for 50 yards, 7.8 seconds for 70 yards and 13.5 for the 120 yards hurdles.

Davenport, presently a student teacher at Baton Rouge, has been drafted as a cornerback or flanker prospect by the San Diego Chargers of the American Football League.

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Bucks say they'll grab Alcindor if they can

MILWAUKEE (UPI) — The Milwaukee Bucks have confirmed the obvious: their No. 1 pick in the college basketball draft will be UCLA super star Lew Alcindor.

The announcement was made by John Erickson, general manager of the Nation expansion team, who met in New York Monday with Alcindor. Other Bucks officials also were at the meeting.

"After returning and consulting with board chairman Wes Pavalion and president Ray Peterson, we have called NBA commissioner Walter Kennedy and advised him our first draft selection, whenever it is held, definitely will be Lew Alcindor," Erickson said.

The Bucks last Wednesday won the coin flip with the Phoenix Suns for the right to pick the first college player in the draft. Milwaukee officials at that time did not say definitely Alcindor would be their choice, though few doubted he would.

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Earlier, Erickson described the Bucks meeting with Alcindor as "strictly exploratory," and said the meeting drew "no indication at all" as to which way the 7-foot-2 star would go.

"We definitely feel he is going to play pro ball," Erickson said. "It's probably a question of which league he will play in. But we will definitely draft him first."

Bird tickets by computer

The Baltimore Orioles have become the first major league baseball team to reach an agreement with Computicket, the computerized ticket-selling system.

Computicket provides industry, science and government with business and scientific data processing services, communications systems development, urban planning and marketing research.

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The agreement provides for the establishment of a network of computerized ticket printing and sales terminals through the Baltimore area.

Initially the terminals will be installed on a limited basis in six Hochschild-Kohn stores, in six Maryland National Bank branches and probably in several large supermarkets.

Electronic terminals will also be set up at Memorial Stadium. The ticket service is expected to begin about June 1.

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Seating information for all Orioles home games will be stored in Computicket's large New York City computer which will be linked by special telephone lines to Batimore area terminals.

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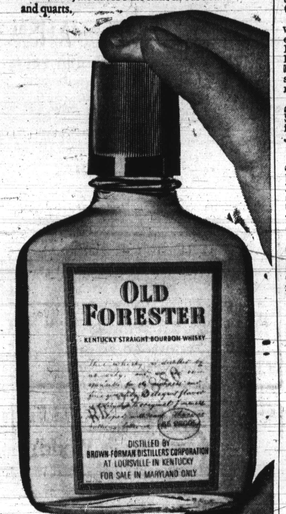

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Edmondson vs. N.W., at Pimlico Jr. High
Douglass at Gibbons

Track

St. Joe at Northern
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Varsity Lacrosse

Loyola at Edmondson
Poly at Calvert Hall
Patterson at Patapsaco
Pikesville at Forest Park
City at McDonogh

JV Lacrosse

Edmondson at Patterson

Varsity Golf

Boys Latin at Mt. Pleasant

Varsity Tennis

Forest Park at Severna Park

VARSITY BASEBALL

Northwestern at Poly

JV BASEBALL

Poly vs. N.W. at Pimlico Jr. High

Track

Severna Park at Edmondson
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Irked Hayes says Wes not real MVP

HOUSTON (UPI) — Elvin Hayes, who led the NBA in scoring this year as a rookie for the San Diego Rockets, said Wednesday Eastern sports writers made Wesley Unseld the most valuable player to keep me from getting it."

Hayes told a Houston radio station announcer Unseld did not deserve the most valuable player award. Hayes was in Atlanta where his team was preparing for a playoff series.

Unseld, also a rookie who played his college ball at Louisville, played on a Baltimore Bullets team which won the Eastern Division championship this year after finishing in last place in 1968.

Hayes said Unseld would probably win rookie of the year honors in addition to his MVP award.

"But I got the scoring championship and I think that is more important than all those other titles," he said.

Hayes played his college ball with the University of Houston, one of only two teams to defeat UCLA during the three-year reign of Lew Alcindor.

"If anyone knows basketball, they know his (Unseld's) ability," Hayes reportedly told announcer Dan Lovett of Radio Station KTRH.

"He is just a rebounding ball player. The sports writers in the East wanted him to win it.

"I guess they were just trying to push him in order to keep me from getting it." Hayes said.

ELVIN HAYES

$30 worth of miracles

$30 WORTH OF MIRACLES

The Polaroid Colorpack II Land camera being demonstrated this week by camera dealers throughout the city has rightfully been described as $30 worth of miracles.

The new Colorpack II is the simplest and lowest cost colorcapable camera—and the least expensive electric eye camera—Polaroid has ever made. Despite its low price, Colorpack II incorporates features usually found only on cameras costing many times more.

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Focusing with Colorpack II has been reduced to its simplest form. For color pictures the user just dials the camera-to-subject distance on a ring around the lens. A red square visible in the viewfinder enables him to judge accurately when he is five feet from his subject, since this is the distance at which most pictures, particularly color flash shots, are made.

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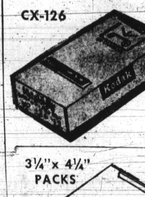

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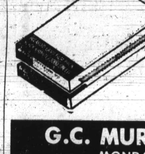

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