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Pro grid owner boycott hit by 7 black players

MINNEAPOLIS — Seven black football players—including guard John Williams of the Baltimore Colts—have filed suit in U.S. District Court here accusing the National Football League of anti-trust violations.

Clint Jones
one of five Vikings

Joining Williams as major complainants are Clint Jones, Gene Washington, John Henderson, Charlie West and Nate Wright of the Minnesota Vikings, and Marlin Briscoe, wide receiver of the Buffalo Bills.

Also participating in the action are 25 other players who, like the seven, are men who played out their options in the 1971 season and became free agents on May 1.

Named as defendants in the suit are owners of the teams in the NFL and commissioner Pete Rozelle. Specifically, the complaint accuses the league of "anti-competitive" practices.

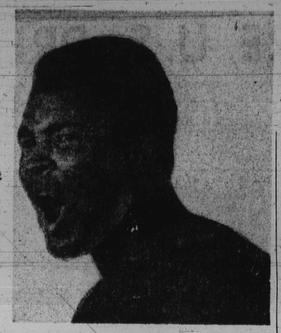
In addition to the free agents, other plaintiffs in the class-action suit include player representatives and officials of the NFL Players Association, headed by the Colts' John Mackey.

The suit was filed by a Minneapolis law firm and charges that the NFL owners have "agreed and formed the practice among themselves to boycott and refuse to deal and negotiate with any player who has become, in theory, a free agent."

The plaintiffs in the suit are trying to enjoin the league from using the "Rozelle Rule," which allows the commissioner to set payment for a team losing a free agent to another club when the teams involved can't agree on payment.

The law firm filing the suit, said the amount of damages has not been determined and is up to the courts to decide.

The suit also charges the "Rozelle Rule" has "intentionally deprived" the free agents of their "right to freedom of contract."



Muhammad Ali
'a college kid and nobody'

Pimlico meeting

Pimlico Race Course, which got off to a fast start early in its official 60-day meeting and held most of its gains in the end, set four attendance and wagering records in one of the most successful seasons in its 102-year history.

The Maryland Jockey Club, which conducts racing at Pimlico, closed its official meeting Monday (May 22) and now is host to an eight-day Hagerstown-Marlboro meeting

Frazier 'defending nothing' says Ali of Joe's title go

Declaring that Joe Frazier fought a college kid he couldn't knock out, and another nobody from Council Bluffs, Iowa, in his last two bouts, Muhammad Ali proclaimed this week that the heavyweight champion "didn't defend nothing."

In his tirade at a St. Louis press conference, the ex-titleholder referred to Frazier's only two opponents—Terry Daniels and Stander—since their championship battle in March of 1971.

"The doctors told him to pick people he can whup because he can't take it much more," Ali said. "You think he's not thinking about another 15 rounds with me, when I'm serious?"

"The doctors and physicians told Joe Frazier, 'You're finished'," Ali said. "I been fighting everybody. What's Frazier doing? He ers. He didn't defend nothing.

"His doctors are telling him to get out while he's the champion cause he's gonna be in the hospital two months if we fight again."

Ali then recalled a bit of poetry he wrote prior to his bout with Frazier. The last line predicted: "It might shock and amaze you, but I'm gonna retire Joe Frazier."

"Frazier needs me. I don't need him," Ali said. "You can see Frazier's fights on home television. When I fight, they need four satellites to broadcast it."

"I'm fighting name fighters, he's not fighting anybody. He fought a college kid he couldn't knock out and now he's gonna fight a guy named Ron Stander from Iowa.

"Frazier needs a crack at me," Ali continued. "The black people don't look at him as their champion. Frazier is something white America wanted."

In discussing their 15-round decision in 1971, Ali said, "I whupped him terrible. He spent a month in intensive care.

"I put more fun in my fights. I don't just whup em. I like to play with em. That's why I lost the Frazier fight.

"He won two rounds and I played for four."

John Williams
Baltimore free agent

NBA star's lawyer says assault rap is 'frame'

ATLANTA, Ga. — Charging confusion and collusion, the lawyer for Atlanta Hawks rookie Tom Payne implied Tuesday that the rookie cager from University of Kentucky is the victim of a frameup in connection with his arrest on assault charges.

State Senator Leroy Johnson, asserted at a preliminary hearing that the 22-year-old school teacher and bar maid was "confused" when she identified Payne as her attacker, and that the "positive" identification was obtained through collusion between the woman and the police.

Attorney Johnson asked that the court dismiss the charges, saying the alleged victim was a "confused schoolteacher" whose testimony was "beyond belief."

Johnson said, "The most obvious thing about this man is that he is tall and no reasonable person could ever forget it, but this confused school teacher never mentioned that he was tall.

Payne is 7 feet, 2 inches tall, the same measurements of the NBA's Kareem Jabbar and Wilt Chamberlain.

Johnson further charged that she was able to identify Payne in the police line-up only because some policemen had told her beforehand where Payne would be in the lineup.

Noting that Payne's fingerprints had been lifted from the woman's car, Johnson said there was no evidence to show when the fingerprints were placed there and could have been there as long as two months.

Johnson told the court that it was his opinionnthe victim had planned to meet someone at her apartment after she got off work at 2 a.m. last Tuesday morning.

"We submit that this defendant was not even there. If it had been this defendant, she would have said she had been raped by a tall black man," Johnson said.

The player was bound over for trial.

LOST TO TIGERS — Slugging outfielder Willie Horton has been placed on the disabled list by the pennant-contending Detroit Tigers. He suffered a muscle injury in his left leg Monday night and will be out of action until June 6, at the earliest.

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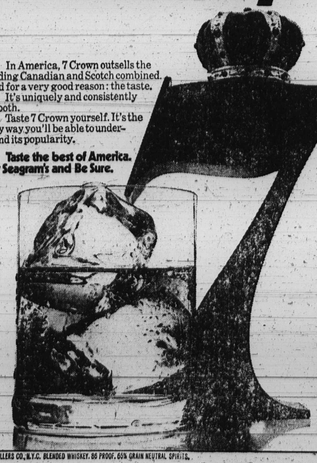

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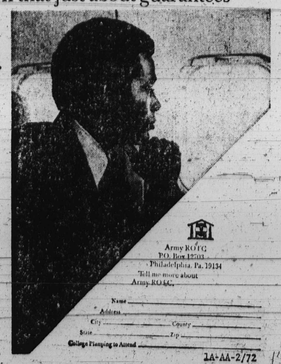

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Detroit ex-boxer awaits sternest test Wednesday

Sonny King, the six-foot, four-inch, 240-pound former heavyweight boxer from Detroit, is awaiting his toughest wrestling test locally.

He is to oppose Professor Taro Tanaka, the Japanese jiu jitsu and karate referee, at Civic Center Wednesday night. The match will precede a title bout to be held in a steel cage between Lou Albano and World Wide Wrestling Federation heavyweight champion Pedro Morale.

King, originally an all around athlete as a schoolboy and good enough as a professional fighter to have won 10 of 24 bouts, readily concedes that Taro could present a problem.

However, he is confident that his power specialities can offset the wrestling skills and experience of Tanaka, who incorporates his jiujitsu and karate talents into his wrestling.

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Vicki Williams, the No. 1 challenger, tests worlds' woman title claimant The Fabulous Moolah in a one-fall finish feminine match on the card.

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WBAL-TV's Bob Cole and Pam Fields, co-hosts and producers of "North Star" will talk with representatives of Provident Hospital's Project ADAPT (Anti-Drug Abuse Program and Therapy).

In another segment of the program Bob Cole will talk with Dr. Konoley-ahulu, who is the director of the world's largest sickle cell anemia treatment center located in Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital in Ghana, Africa.

Included in a third segment will be a filmed mini-sermon by the Rev. Martin Luther King Sr.

BNBL fives begin schedule Monday

The Baltimore Neighborhood Basketball League begins play Monday with 168 teams in action in three age divisions—15 and under, 18 and under and unlimited at 20 Bureau of Recreation sites.

The defending champions for each age division have entered to defend their titles. The Sharp Street Crusaders at Carroll Park are the 15-and-under champions.

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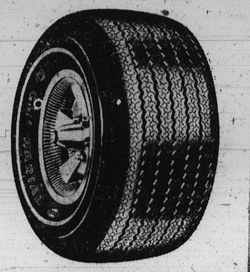

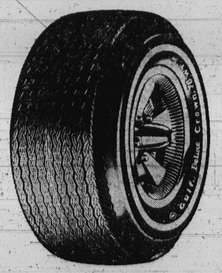

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