Unseld signs contract for five more years

Wes Unseld, the architect of the fast breaking attack that lifted the Bullets from the doldrums of last place to the status of championship contenders virtually overnight, has signed a new five year contract, announced Jerry Sachs, executive vice president of the club.

A model of consistency, Unseld has established himself as the master of the outlet pass and as one of the best rebounders in the history of basketball. In each of his four seasons with the Bullets, the burly 6'-7" center has finished second in the NBA in rebounding.

But, perhaps more significant is the fact that over his four pro years no player in the game has grabbed as many rebounds, 5,450, as the man who is often-times referred to as the "Baby Bull."

He has averaged 17.4 rebounds in 314 regular season NBA games, and 18.7 in 35 playoff contests.

Unseld became the second player in NBA history (Wilt Chamberlain was the first) to be named "Rookie of the Year" and "Most Valuable Player" in the same season.

He was also named center on the "All-Pro" team that year, a remarkable feat considering that he was the smallest player at that position in professional basketball.

Not known as an outstanding shooter, Wes nevertheless makes the most of his scoring opportunities. He has a career field goal shooting percentage of .49 9 and a career average of 14.3 points per game.

In commenting on his new contract, Unseld said; "It was probably the shortest negotiation in history, probably took 30 seconds and I'm very happy and pleased."

Morgan, Grambling ready for 2nd annual UL game

By ANN KOGER

Can the Morgan Bears win over the Grambling Tigers of Louisiana with Morgan minus two starters?

This is the big question on the eve of the 2nd Annual Whitney M. Young Football Classic between the two teams Saturday.

The kickoff is scheduled for 2 p.m. in New York's Yankee Stadium.

The Bears and the Tigers are expected to play before a sell-out crowd of 65,000 from all over the country.

The Bears' injured players, who may or may not be on the field, are John "Tiny" Andrews and Nat Carmen.

Defensive tackle, John Andrews, a 6-5, 270 lbs., from Detroit, is called "Tiny" by mostly everyone who knows him. He is reported to have a slight ankle sprain and it is doubtful he may start in the game Saturday.

Many will be disappointed if they are unable to see the battle between Morgan's "Tiny" Andrews and Albert Dennis of Grambling.

This match up is expected to be of interest to fans, as well as many professional football scouts who will also be attending the game.

Guard, Nat Carmen, a 6-1, 230 lbs., from Cleveland, Ohio, is reported to have a cracked knee cap and definitely will not play in the game.

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Coach Earl Banks is confident, however, that he has capable replacements for both of them. Defensive back, Dan Douglas, a 5-11, 180 lbs., from Baltimore, will move to Andrews' position and two freshmen, offensive tackle, Ron Sewell, a 6-5, 225 lbs., from D.C. and defensive tackle-defensive end, Angelo Wells, a 6-2, 240 lbs., from Annapolis, are expected to take Nat Carmen's place.

The Morgan Bears, under Coach Banks and an outstanding coaching staff, will match wits with Edward Robinson, coach of the Grambling Tigers.

Both teams have had outstanding records through the years. The Bears, Middle Eastern Atlantic Conference Champs, boast a 6-1-1 record in the 1971 season and hold the national best regular season average of 63 per cent.

The Tigers, South Western Athletic Conference Champs, boast a 30-year record of 204-75-11 and claim numerous players in the professional football ranks.

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Coach Banks says "we are moving along as well as can be expected due to limited time, experience of the players and teaching freshmen the techniques of college football."

The only trouble spots on the team seem to be at quarterback, where inexperienced sophomore Edmond Burt is starting, and at defensive secondary positions.

Banks expects an awesome offense and defense from the Grambling Tigers.

Here are some Bears to watch for: OE-K — Ron Mayo, D.C., College All-American; HB — Curtis Davis, Milwaukee, Wis.; HB — Craig Gee, Bridgeport, Conn., who Banks says "will give them all a run for the money."

Also HB — Mike Collier, Baltimore, and HB — Bob Hammond, Hempstead, N.Y. will be playing.

Both Collier and Hammond vie for the position held by former Morgan great, John A. Sykes, now with the Baltimore Colts.

On defense: DE-Dick Tyus, the only upperclassman to return this year to the defense; DB — Tim Baylor; DB-Gary Hinton; DB — Broughton Reid; FI-Gene Simms; LB — Tim Herdon.

Coach Banks hopes that Hammond, a New Yorker, will be inspired by playing before a home crowd.

Also Hammond and Herdon are thought by Morgan's coaching staff, to be the most improved players of the summer training camp.

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Now, some Tigers to watch for: QB-Matthew Reid, Monroe, La.; HB-Amos Augustine, Monroe, La.; HB-Lee Fobbs, Monroe, La.; DT-Albert Dennis, Hammond, La., to name a few.

As far as special preparations for the game Saturday, there are few. According to Banks good conditioning was the major goal.

He says as far as teaching advanced techniques and strategy, it is impossible due to the time involved in training so many new men.

He figures he will limit Morgan's strategy and try to keep their mistakes at a minimum.

When asked if there are any predictions about the game, he laughed but said in all seriousness, "Morgan State College, 1, and Grambling, 0."

The team will depart from Baltimore on Friday.

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Other groups leaving Friday will be the Varsity-M Club of Morgan. They have chartered six buses from the Baltimore-Washington area to go to the game. They will stay at the Americana Hotel in New York City.

Also attending will be the talented 125-piece Bear Marching Band.

Ten cheerleaders will be there to spur the Morgan Bears to victory.

The band and the cheerleaders will be staying at the Summitt Hotel in New York City. The Summitt has been named headquarters for Morgan State College.

The game will not be televised. WBAL-Radio will air with a pre-game show starting at 1:45 p.m.

Ralph Jones will be anchor man. John Sterling, of WMCA-Radio New York, will do the play by play. The game will be heard over the Morgan State College Network Radio in Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York.

Proceeds from the Morgan State vs. Grambling Classic will go to the sponsoring Urban League for the education of black youth.

Munich Memo

Five former gold medalists celebrated birthdays during the 20th Olympiad. Two-time sprint queen Wyomia Tyus Simberg (1964-68) became 27, and world record long-jumper Bob Beamon (1968) 26 on Aug. 29. Olympic 100-meter record holder Jimmy Hines (1968) celebrated his 28th on Sept. 10, Berlin's 1936 hero Jesse Owens was 59 on Sept. 12 and boxer Norvel Lee (1952) will be 48 on Sept. 22.

Other black Olympians to mark birth anniversaries: Steeplechaser Deacon Jones (1956-60) on Aug. 31, and hurdler Josh Culbreath (1936) on Sept. 14.

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A couple of the U.S. basketball players were admonished by Olympic scout Johnny McLendon when they were heard remarking about the inept play of the Senegal quint.

"Don't overlook the fact that you would look a lot more ludicrous if you played them in soccer," he said.

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Which reminds me to suggest that you haven't lived until you see Jerry Grier doing his "Daniel Boone" bit in German.

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Incidentally, one of the members of the Senegal basketball team, Percy Diop, is a grandnephew of one-time world light-heavyweight champion Battling Siki.

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At least one record was set in the 20th Olympiad long before the bugles called the procession for the opening ceremony. A total of 1,109 medals, 17 more than ever presented before, were made available — 354 medals each in gold, silver and bronze, plus the additional 17 for semi-finalists in boxing and third and fourth place finishers in judo.

Willamae and Mabel Fergerson, sister members of the U.S. 1600-meter relay team, were in the spotlight constantly as the American girls worked out on the practice field. Willamae, 18, and Mabel, one year younger, are daughters in a conscientiously religious family, as evidenced by the inscription on the back of their practice jerseys: "Jesus Is Strength."

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The Japanese athletes, already among the more popular contingents in Munich, did nothing to harm their iamge. The other day, their entire array of medal winners visited youngsters at Germany's largest orphan home-school, Munchner-Kindle Munchner-Kindl-Hein, after which their judo experts put on an interpreted exhibition at Garitas' Children's Village.

Marcia Smelkinson wants to be remembered "back home" in Baltimore. Marcia works in publicity in the Amateur Athletic Union's (AAU) Indianapolis office, and he's here assisting America's chief publicist Bob Paul.

The Olympic Committee war against political infiltration lost another battle midway the 1972 Games. A Ukrainian youth organization beseeched members of the press to stop referring to Soviet victories as "Russian" achievements. Since "melody" is his right mind refers to the British Olympic team as "English" or 'Scottish,' it is unfair to use one all-embracing name of 'Russian' to the Soviets," the appeal said. "As there are four different peoples represented on the British team, there are some 100 nations with their own distinctive languages, culture, chstoms in the USSR."

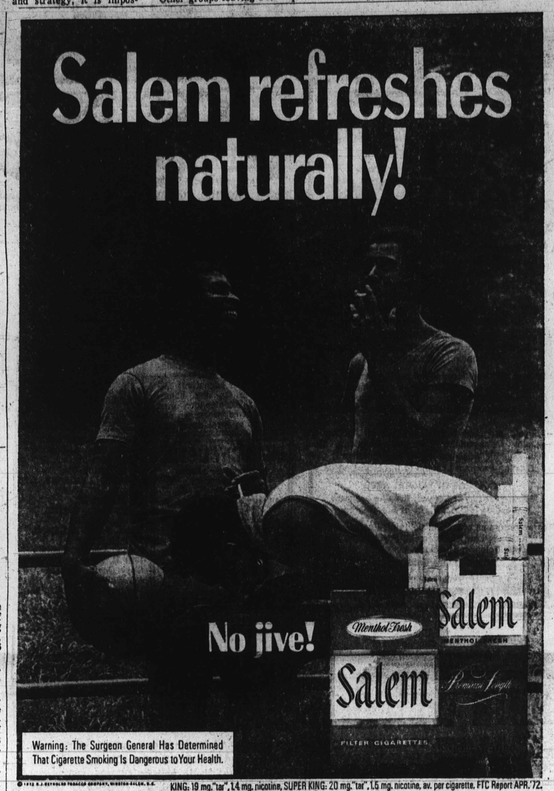
Community plans festival for Sept. 16

An art festival will be sponsored by residents of Flag House Courts Housing Project, 110 S. Exeter St., Sat., Sept. 16, from 1 to 6 p.m.

The affair will feature novelties, craft work, art exhibits, dancing and music.

Spokesman for the community said they feel the festival shows a form of togetherness and a spirit of cooperative effort that has been achieved by the families of our community.

In case of poor weather the festival will be held Sept. 23.



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Bowie State returns to varsity gridiron

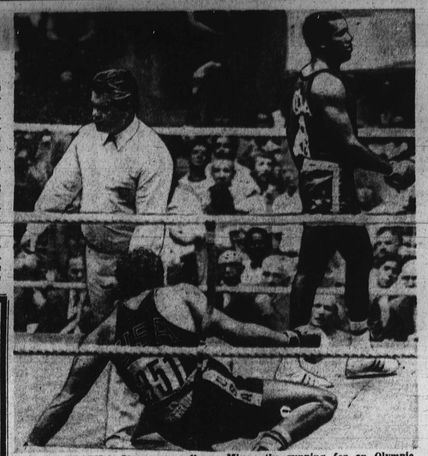
After 36 years, Bowie State College is returning to the gridiron to compete in six varsity level games. The decision to resume intercollegiate football came as a result of student body feeling that "football is part of college life and enhances the male image of the school."

The new head coach is Staley T. Jackson — a former high school and college superstar area athlete in football, wrestling and baseball — who was named athlete of the decade in 1965, during his senior year at Howard University.

The 1972 Bowie State Football Schedule is as follows:

Oct. 7, Virginia Commonwealth, 2 p.m., in Virginia; Oct. 14, American University, 2 p.m., at home; Oct. 21, Gallaudet, 1 p.m., away; Oct. 28, Frostburg, 2 p.m., at home; Nov. 4, D.C. Teachers, 2 p.m., Washington and Nov. 11, Cheyney State, homecoming game at home, at 7:30 p.m.

All home games will be played at the Bowie Senior High School Stadium, except the homecoming game which will be played at the Whitemarsh Park.



CUBA'S TEOFILO Stevenson walks to a neutral corner after his TKO eliminated Duane Bobick of Bowlus, Minn., the running for an Olympic gold medal in boxing.

GETTING HIS first good look at his silver medal for the 200-meter men's race is Larry Black (Center) of Miami, as gold medalist Valeri Borzov (L) of the Soviet Union and the bronze medal winner, Italy's Pietro Mennea (R) examine their trophies.

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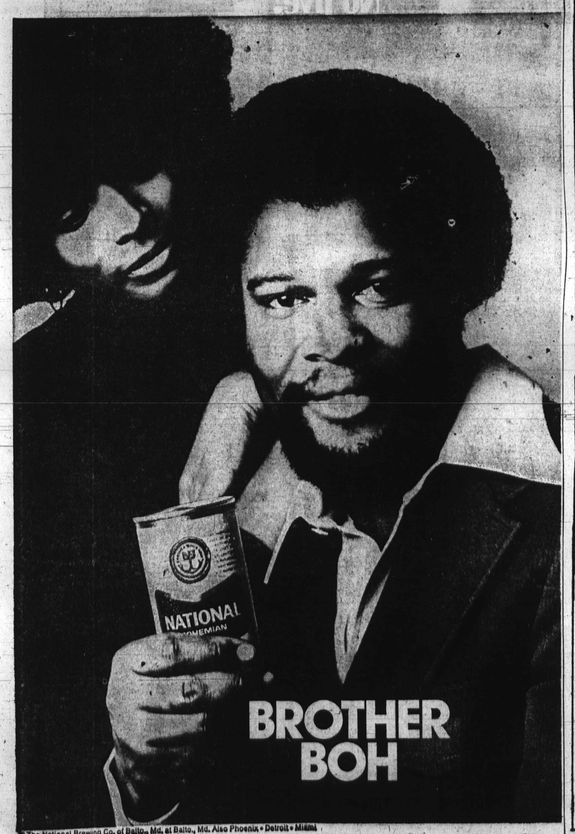

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