22 black athletes hold key to success in NCAA tourney

By SAM LACY
AFRO Sports Editor

Many of the teams involved in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA basketball tournament, currently under way, are geared to performances by black athletes.

No fewer than nine teams are relying on an estimated 22 blacks for success or failure in the dubious pursuit of perennial kingpin UCLA.

Two of these key players are freshman John Lucas and senior Len Elmore of the University of Maryland. Lucas has excelled as the Terrapins' quarterback all year and Elmore fills a critical rebounding role under both boards.

* * *

Syracuse, which played the Terps last night (Thursday), were paced into the regionals by the Lee brothers.

Mike Lee was the top point-getter with 22 for the Orangemen, and Jim Lee hit two free throws with 29 seconds left to account for the 83-82 win over Furman on the weekend at Philadelphia.

No. 1 ranked UCLA moves, of course, on the shoulders of her brilliant center, Bill Walton.

But Keith Wilkes, Bill Hollyfield and Jim Farmer admittedly contributed much to the Bruins' unbeaten season.

* * *

Long Beach State, regarded by many as the most serious challenger for the UCLA reign, would be nowhere without her all-everything Ed Ratleff and center Leonard Gray. Both are seniors.

The quick pattern of play at Arizona State is geared by three ball-hawking guards—two of them Jim Owens and Rudy White—who bear the responsibility for the success of the Sundevils.

Deadly All-American Dwight Lamar and versatile Roy Hebron are two of the four blacks who constitute four-fifths of Southwestern Louisiana's starting lineup.

* * *

Marquette lost All-American Dean Meminger and Jim Chores, now a pro with the New York Nets of the ABA. But the Warriors still have aces (three-of-a-kind) in senior George Frazier, sophomore Maurice Lucas and 6-9 Larry McNeill.

There can be no disputing the fact that Ernie Digregorio is "Mr. Everything" on the Providence quint, but center Marvin Barnes occupies an equally important position as the Friars' main ball retriever. Barnes is the nation's second leading rebounder.

* * *

Ivy League champion Pennsylvania pins its main hopes on forwards Bill Hankinson and Ron Haigler.

And Austin Peay of Tennessee, upset winner over Jacksonville last weekend, had the not-too-welcome job of facing Kentucky last night (Thursday) at Nashville.

The "privilege" of advancing to the Wildcat game was granted when freshman James "Fly" Williams connected on the 12-foot jumper that beat Jacksonville in the last three seconds of te Saturday game at Dayton.

Baseball award set up in Clemente's memory

NEW YORK—An annual award in memory of the late Pittsburgh Pirates outfielder Roberto Clemente has been established.

The recipient of the award, which goes to the player who best exemplifies the game of baseball on and off the field, will be named on Tuesday.

"A special committee from the press, radio, television, sports publications and baseball's executive branch will select the player from a list of 48 major league players nominated by a screening committee," it was announced by the office of Baseball Commissioner Bowie Kuhn.

"The choice is on the basis of playing ability, sportsmanship, character, community involvement, humanitarianism and contribution to his team and to baseball."

Actually, this recognition was established three years ago, but will henceforth be known as the Roberto Clemente Award.

Willie Mays of the New York Mets won it in 1971, as a member of the San Francisco Giants. Brooks Robinson of the Orioles, was last year's recipient.

Track star Tony Wilson victim of meningitis

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (UPI) — A form of meningitis caused the multiple brain hemorrhages that proved fatal to University of Tennessee track star Tony Wilson, an autopsy report shows.

A university spokesman said Tuesday that two persons who had been in close contact with the 21-year-old senior, are being given "preventive medication," although the ailment which caused Wilson's death generally occurs only in isolated instances.

The two were not identified.

A native of Columbus Ohio, Wilson was a brother of singer Nancy Wilson. He held the Southeastern Conference record in the high jump with a leap of 7 feet 1½ inches.

The university said the hemorrhaging which caused the death stemmed from "meningicoccal meningitis."

Wilson entered the University Hospital Sunday, thinking he had the flu. He received medication but returned Monday morning and was placed in the intensive care unit. He died Monday afternoon.

Balto. gets pro track April 14

Professional track which makes its debut in Los Angeles next Saturday (24th) is scheduled for a stop in Baltimore three weeks later—on April 14.

The Monumental City visit was confirmed at a Monday luncheon of the Baltimore Sports Reporters Association, by Mike O'Hara, president of the International Track Association (ITA).

Other stops for the fledgling tour will be Portland, San Francisco and Detroit before Baltimore.

Among the world-famed competitors slated for action are Kip Keino a gold medeal winner at the Olympics in Mexico City (1968) and Munich (last year), and a host of others.

American miler Jim Ryun, sprinter Bob Hayes, quarter-miler Lee Evans, vaulter Bob Seagren, and strongman Randy Matson are also on the ITA rolls.

One of several innovations promised by O'Hara is scheduling of one event at a time. This, he said, rules out the irritating situation in which running events are being conducted at the same time that spectators are attempting to watch distracting field competitions.

Crack filly in Pimlico Flirtation

Elmendorf's Protest, victorious in a division of the Jasmine and the Mimosa Stakes at Hialeah in her only appearances of 1973, is among 28 fillies named for the $25,000-added Flirtation Stakes at Pimlico Race Course on opening day tomorrow (Saturday).

Norman Seltzer's sensational filly Marian Bender, a double stakes winner during the Bowie meet, has also been made eligible for the six-furlong dash, the first of 15 stakes during the 60-day Pimlico meet ending May 26.

A Maryland-bred daughter of Bold Monarch, Marian Bender has won four of five career starts, losing only in her first appearance at Laurel last November.

Protest also is a Maryland-bred and has been beating more formidable competition in Florida than has Marian Bender in Maryland. In the Mimosa, Protest scored by a length over Bold Memory, the fast filly who upset La Prevoyante on opening day at Gulfstream last week.

Trainer John Campo sent Protest out to take Aqueduct's Demoiselle last fall.

Half-million Foreman offer

BOB FOREMAN

LONDON — Heavyweight champion George Foreman has been offered a half-million dollars to fight Joe Bugner, one of Muhammad Ali's recent pigeons.

The $500,000 offer was confirmed by Jarvis Astaire, a closed-circuit television company executive, early this week.

Astaire says he expects to meet with Foreman's manager, Dick Sadler, this weekend.

Bugner's manager Andy Smith described the match as "negotiable" and said "both Joe and I would welcome Foreman, who we believe can be beaten."

Smith said, however, "I would not let Bugner meet Ali again for a while." The Briton was outpointed by the former world titleholder last month in Las Vegas.

SAUNDERS TAX SERVICES
1724 W. North Ave.
Federal and State tax forms expertly prepared and per audited.
Call For Your Appointment.
462-2900
Herman L. Saunders
Tax Consultant
12 Years Experience.

Vida Blue
'what's to talk about'

Vida Blue weighs free-agent status

The irritation of baseball's reserve clause has rashed againtnis time in Scottsdale, Ariz., where the world champion Oakland Athletics are conducting spring training.

Vida Blue, the A's celebrated Cy Young Award winner of two years ago who was equally celebrated a year ago as the major leagues' most stubborn holdout, is bent on finding out if he can become a free agent at the end of this season.

Because the controversial reserve clause gives the club complete control of an athlete's present and future, Blue says he is determined to see whether he can escape the A's through free agency.

Vida has a date with Marvin Miller, chief negotiator for the Baseball Players Association, to ascertain whether such a move would be legal.

Blue and catcher Dave Duncan so far have refused to sign their contracts A's owner Charles O. Finley has notified both that he had exercised his options on them and stipulated their salaries—$51,000 for the pitcher and $40,000 for the catcher.

"I could be a test case," says Blue. "Whether like a pro football player I can play out my option. No one ever has tried it. Ted Simmons (St. Louis Cardinals) played half of last season without signing, but eventually he signed."

Blue said he and Finley have no date to confer about negotiations.

"What's to talk about" he asked. "We have expressed ourselves and there is a stalemate. I am not inclined to move from my salary figure."

About 20 per cent or 5.4 million of the 23 million members of unions and employees bargaining associations in the United States were women as of 1970.

* * *

In early 1972, only 6,000 of the nation's 400,000 municipal police officers were women. Only a third of the 1,330 law enforcement agencies surveyed by the International Association of Chiefs of Police in 1968 had any full-time sworn women officers.

Koger, Logan miss in 'Slims'

RICHMOND — Baltimorean Ann Koger and former Morgan State distaff star Bonnie Logan failed to qualify for the $25,000 Virginia Slims tennis tournament here this week.

Miss Koger, a native of Baltimore and a teammate of Miss Logan when they were Morgan undergraduates, bowed out of the qualifying round on Tuesday.

She was defeated by Penny Moore of England, 6-1, 6-2.

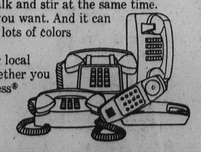
Miss Logan was ousted on Monday by Vicki Berner of Canada, 6-0, 6-4.

Indians TV job to Mudcat Grant

CLEVELAND (UPI) — Former Cleveland Indians pitcher Jim "Mudcat" Grant has been hired as part of the television broadcasting team that will air 33 Indians games this season.

Just when the recipe says to stir constantly, the phone rings. Don't you wish you had an extension phone?

With an extension phone, you can talk and stir at the same time.
An extension phone goes anywhere you want. And it can even help brighten up the house. You have lots of colors to choose from.
Just pick your favorite and call your local C&P Telephone Business Office. Tell us whether you want a wall phone, Trimline® phone, Princess® phone, or desk phone.
And tell us where it goes.
May your pot never runneth over.



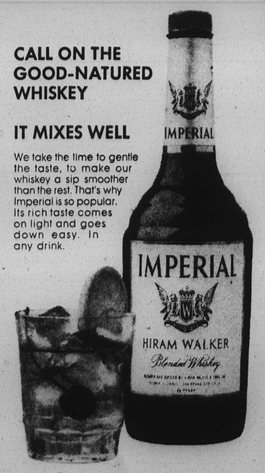
The best way to improve your phone is another phone.

C&P Telephone

CALL ON THE GOOD-NATURED WHISKEY

IT MIXES WELL

We take the time to gentle the taste, to make our whiskey a sip smoother than the rest. That's why Imperial is so popular. Its rich taste comes on light and goes down easy. In any drink.



BLENDED WHISKEY • 86 PROOF • 30% STRAIGHT WHISKEYS
70% GRAIN SPIRITS • HIRAM WALKER & SONS INC., PEORIA, ILL.

Three youths arraigned in attack on Sen. Stennis

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Three Washington youths, charged with the shooting and robbing of Sen. John C. Stennis, D-Miss., were held Tuesday in lieu of bond totaling $85,000. A preliminary hearing on charges of attempting to assassinate a congressman was set for March 23.

They were arrested Monday night following a six-week investigation by the Washington police and the FBI.

The three youths — Derrick Holloway, 18; Tyrone I. Marshall, 19 and his brother John, 21 — appeared before Magistrate Jean Dwyer Tuesday afternoon with court-appointed attorneys. They said they had no money for their defense and were unable to post bond.

Tyrone Marshall received the highest bond, $50,000. His brother, John, was held in lieu of $25,000 bond. Holloway, whose mother works for the D.C. court system, was held in lieu of $10,000 bond.

* * *

The three youths are from a poor, neighborhood of Washington.

Stennis was shot and critically wounded after he was robbed in front of his home in the fashionable northwest section of Washington. Police originally said they were looking for two suspects but later learned a third had driven a getaway car.

Stennis lingered near death at Walter Reed Army Medical Center for several weeks but his condition has improved so much recently that doctors now believe he may make a full recovery.

* * *

The senator told police that he was accosted by two teen-agers as he left his car and robbed of his wallet, his gold watch and 25 cents in change. One of them said, "Now we're going to shoot you!" Then he was shot, receiving a superficial leg wound and a serious wound in the abdomen.

The shooting set off a fresh clamor on Capitol Hill for stricter gun control laws.

Son 'high' when parents, brothers killed police say

ABINGTON, Pa. (UPI) — A Philadelphia teen-ager was charged this week with the murders of his parents and two brothers whose bloodied bodies were found in their beds, apparently bludgeoned or shotgunned to death as they slept Sunday night.

Police told the coroner the suspect, Kenneth Davenport, 18 "was high on drugs" at the time.

The victims, Alexander Davenport, 55, his wife, Rowilla, 50, and their two sons, Edmund, 14, and Peter, 12, were found by another son, Alexander Jr., 20, who then called police and accompanied them to the family's modest, two-story home.

Police swore out murder warrants charging Kenneth Davenport with the slayings. Davenport, who had been arrested earlier by Philadelphia police on an unrelated speeding charge, was to be arraigned here Tuesday on murder charges.

* * *

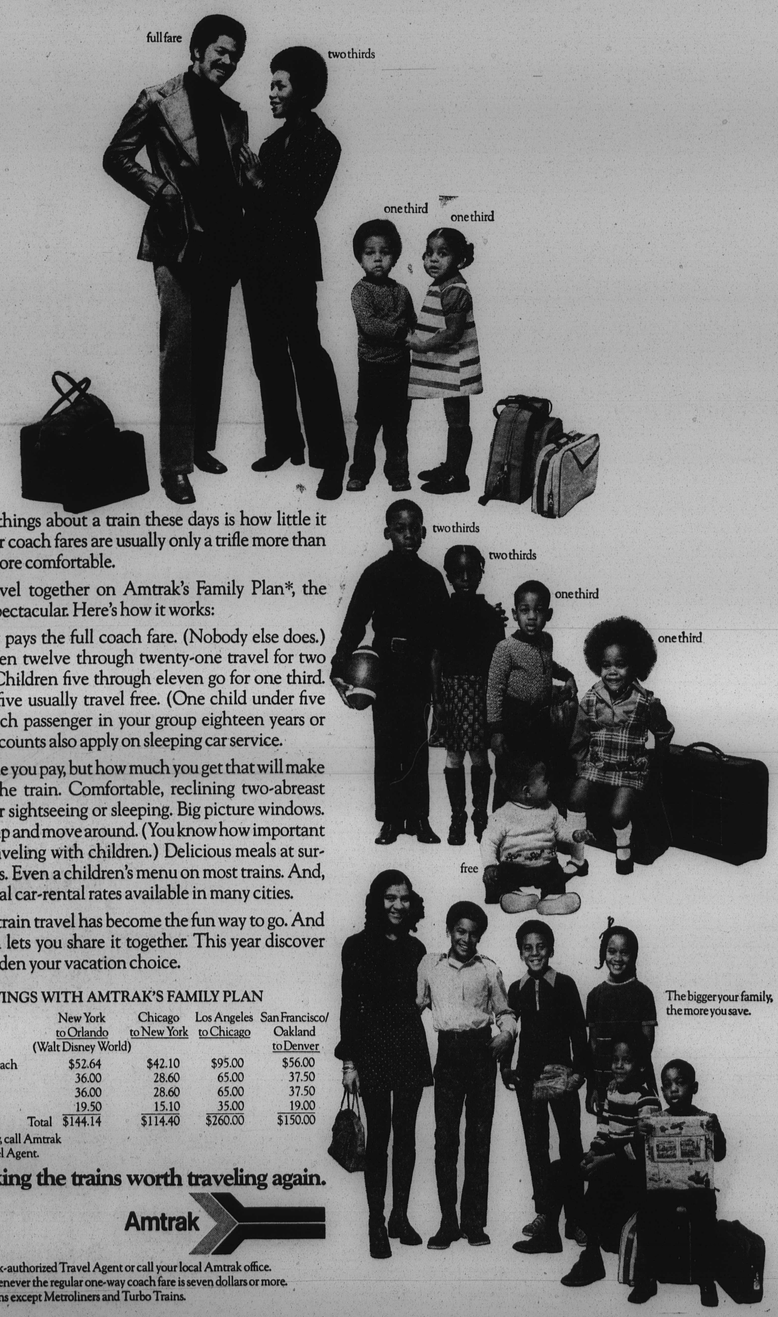
Dr. John A. Hoffa, the Montgomery County coroner, said all four victims were found lying in bed and were apparently shot in the head "by a high-powered gun of some kind."

Hoffa said police told him the suspect "was high on drugs at the time and didn't know what was going on."

Hoffa said autopsies would determine the exact causes of death. He said each of the victims had also sustained severe head injuries and did not rule out the possibility that they might have been bludgeoned to death.

The bodies of the two parents were found in their bed on the first floor of the house, while the bodies of the two brothers were found in separate beds upstairs.

FIRST YOU COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS THEN YOU COUNT YOUR SAVINGS WITH AMTRAK'S FAMILY PLAN.



One of the nicest things about a train these days is how little it costs. Amtrak's regular coach fares are usually only a trifle more than the bus. And you're more comfortable.

But when you travel together on Amtrak's Family Plan*, the savings can become spectacular. Here's how it works:

Head of the family pays the full coach fare. (Nobody else does.) Spouse and all children twelve through twenty-one travel for two thirds of coach fare. Children five through eleven go for one third. And children under five usually travel free. (One child under five may travel free for each passenger in your group eighteen years or older.) Family Plan discounts also apply on sleeping car service.

Yet, it's not how little you pay, but how much you get that will make you glad you chose the train. Comfortable, reclining two-abreast coach seats, perfect for sightseeing or sleeping. Big picture windows. Plenty of space to get up and move around. (You know how important *that* is when you're traveling with children.) Delicious meals at surprisingly modest prices. Even a children's menu on most trains. And, when you arrive, special car-rental rates available in many cities.

No doubt about it, train travel has become the fun way to go. And Amtrak's Family Plan lets you share it together. This year discover how Amtrak can broaden your vacation choice.

TYPICAL SAVINGS WITH AMTRAK'S FAMILY PLAN

	New York to Orlando (Walt Disney World)	Chicago to New York	Los Angeles to Chicago	San Francisco/Oakland to Denver
Father pays full fare — one-way coach	$52.64	$42.10	$95.00	$56.00
Mother — ⅔ fare	36.00	28.60	65.00	37.50
Children 12 through 21 — ⅔ fare	36.00	28.60	65.00	37.50
Children 5 through 11 — ⅓ fare	19.50	15.10	35.00	19.00
Total	$144.14	$114.40	$260.00	$150.00

For specific savings from your city, call Amtrak or your Amtrak-authorized Travel Agent.

We're making the trains worth traveling again.

Amtrak

For reservations, call your Amtrak-authorized Travel Agent or call your local Amtrak office.
*Amtrak's Family Plan applies whenever the regular one-way coach fare is seven dollars or more. And it applies on all Amtrak trains except Metroliners and Turbo Trains.