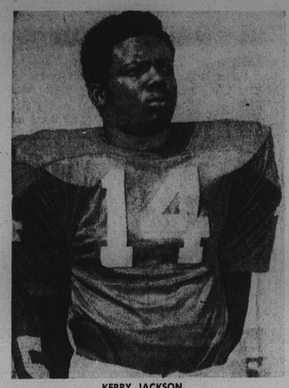

KERRY JACKSON
his school records altered

Black QB costs Okla. No. 2 rating

NORMAN, Okla. — A football recruiting scandal that rocked the University of Oklahoma Sooners from their No. 2 national ranking last year, cost an assistant coach his job, and overturned a 14-0 victory in the Sugar Bowl, was uncovered here wednesday by the school itself.

At the core of the turmoil is a freshman quarterback, Kerry Jackson of Galveston, Texas, the first black to play the position at Oklahoma.

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Jackson played in eight games of the Sooners' 11-1 season record, including the victory over Penn State in the Sugar Bowl.

He was the No. 2 quarterback last year under Chuck Fairbanks, who since has become head coach of the New England Patriots. He also piloted the No. 1 unit during recenlt spring drills and was expected to start this fall.

Then came the revelation that his academic records at Ball High School in Galveston had been tampered with, as were those of another freshman, Mike Phillips.

Phillips, a center, played only freshman ball last year.

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Jackson played in each of the eight forfeited games —against Utah State, Oregon, Clemson, Texas, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma State and Penn State. He ran for 339 yards from the Wishbone-T attack, completed 11-of-38 passes and had four throws intercepted.

Oklahoma athletic director Wade Walker said assistant coach Bill Michael had admitted knowledge of the violations and had resigned. Coach Barry Switzer, who replaced Fairbanks, said he knew of no other coaches involved.

But who tampered with the transcripts?

"I can only say this is under investigation," said Walker.

"I can't make any statement until our school superintendent returns to town," said the principal at Ball High School, Jim Watson.

Walker said neither player knew that any wrong had been done. Switzer said both athletes indicated they wanted to remain at Oklahoma.

"I told the squad that no one individual or two individuals made a football team," Switzer said. "This is just another challenge all athletes have to accept.

"You know what the kid (Jackson) did when I told him? He just sat there and didn't say a thing.

"Then I told him coach Michael had resigned and he sat there and cried."

FELLOW ATHLETES STRIKE:

Black star given $5, told to find way home

Cookeville, Tenn., — A tennis coach who fired a black player while the team was on the road, set off a chain of events which has thrown the Tennessee Tech campus into a mild disorder.

The action prompted a boycott by blacks on another varsity team, resulted in suspension of the boycotters, and drew censure from the school's president to the coach.

The series of incidents began last weekend when the Tech tennis team was on a trip to Johnson City.

David Brents, a black member of the squad, just his match and was promptly thrown off by coach Larry Ware.

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Ware, charging Brents with having a poor attitude and giving substandard performance, handed the youngster $5 and told him to find his own way home.

It is approximately 80 miles from this city to Johnson City.

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When news of Ware's summary dismissal of Brents reached the college, sympathetic blacks — already simmering over reputed low-key publicity — began discussing means of demonstrating their dissatisfaction.

One such action led to a boycott of spring football by eight of nine blacks on the team roster.

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Following this turn of events, Tech president Dr. Everett Derryberry said he had investigated the tennis team incident and that he is going to issue an official reprimand against Ware for the manner in which he handled the dismissal.

But the school's Athletic Committee found that Ware's reasons for dismissing Brents were valid.

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When football coach Don Wade learned that the boycotts was planned, he met with seven of the eight athletes and urged them to wait until Derryberry issued his ruling on the tennis incident.

But they did not show up for practice Monday and Ware sent his assistant coaches to the dormitories to ask the players to dress out for practice. When they refused, they were suspended.

Bobo Brazil, King top Civic Center mat bill

Big Bobo Brazil and Sonny King, Baltimore's golden boys of wrestling, will top the eight-event mat card at the Baltimore Civic Center Wednesday night.

Bobo has been rematched with Professor Taro Tanaka,the world traveled Japanese jui jitsu and karate specialist, in a match to be wrestled "Texas Death Style" to a finish, and with no holds barred.

King, the explosive former heavyweight boxer, gets a semifinal shot at Mr. Fugi, Tanaka's tag teammate, in a 30-minute time limit affair.

Tanaka was ruled winner on disqualification over Brazil in a previous Civic Center bout, but Bobo retained his United States heavyweight championship —conceded him by the World Wide Wrestling Federation — because a WWWF title must be won, or lost, on a pin-fall.

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Brazil, fighting mad over the disqualification, insisted that the return battle be wrestled free-for-all and he disregards Tanaka's claims that the latter will make most effective use of his judo and karate knowledge.

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King was the cause of Brazil's disqualification in that memorable ruckus with Tanaka, horning into the hostilities and attacking Taro when the latter, according to both Bobo and Sonny, was purposely fouling out.

Fred Blassie, the blond homer from the West Coast, meets Gorilla Monsoon in one 20-minute time limit supporting match. Arnold Skaaland, Joe Yurco vs. El Olympico, Vinconte Pometti vs. Miguel Peliciano, Ben Ortez vs. Henri DePaula and Lou Torre vs. Cisco Kid.

The black players under football suspension are: Sam Anderson, Jay Bonds, Paul Hunter, Allen Byrd, Mumbo Gaines, Larry McDermott, Sam Graves and James Avery.

Schnellenberger to meet Colts at Towson May 6-13

Baltimore Colts' Head Coach Howard Schnellenberger will take a first-hand look at his new ball club on successive Sundays in May at Towson State College — the rookies on May 6 and the veterans on May 13

The 33 rookies, led by No. 1 draft choice Bert Jones of LSU, will include 17 draft choices and 16 free agents and the veterans will total 43.

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"This will give us an opportunity to evaluate each member of the team physically and medically," said Schnellenberger. "If there are physical problems with some of our playes we still have time between these workouts and the beginning of training camp in July to correct them.

"In addition, we will have the opportunity to meet the players and they will meet us."

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O's stars to visit Mondawmin

Baltimore Orioles Don Baylor and Paul Blair will be on board the Maryland National Bank Trolley tomorrow (Saturday), from 11 am to 12:30 pm at Mondawmin Shopping Center in the first of five special appearances at shopping centers sponsored by Baltimore Forward Thrust and the Maryland National Bank.

The two players will be signing autographs and handing out photographs. A special Oriole float will be provided by the Oriole Advocates as part of the event.

Throughout the summer, Oriole players will be appearing at shopping centers to salute the Oriole fans.

Locations planned for the program are Towson Plaza on May 5, The Rotunda on June 9, Northwood Shopping Center on June 16 and Eastpoint Shopping Center on July 7.

'Mr. Maryland' test scheduled April 28

The annual Maryland State power-press weightlifting championships and the Mister Maryland contests will be held on Saturday, April 28 beginning at 7 p.m. at the Eastwood Elementary School, Westham Way at the 7400 block of Eastern Avenue in Baltimore County.

The Mr. Maryland contests will be followed by the Super Mr. Maryland Event. Participants in this contest must have won the title of Mr. Maryland in order to be eligible to enter.

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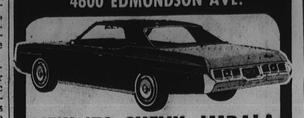

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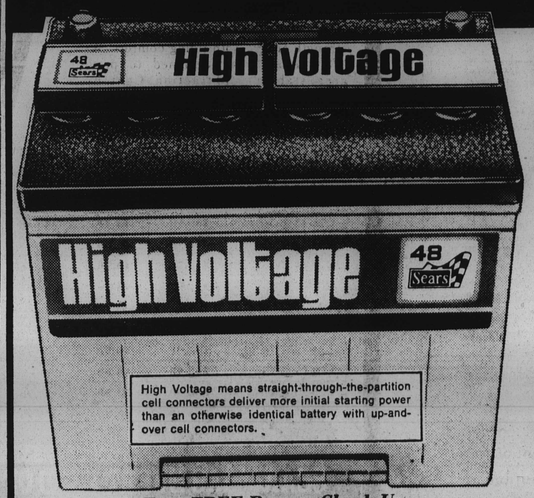

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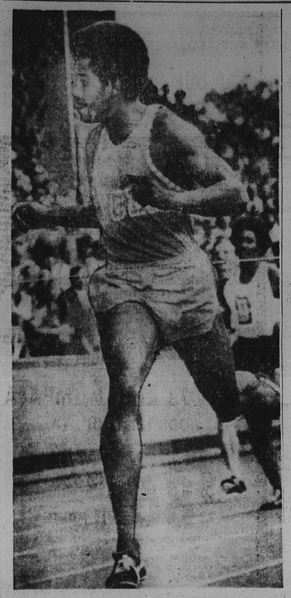

BRUIN BECOMES COWBOY—John Smith, world record sprinter from UCLA, has been signed by the Dallas Cowboys, to be tried as a wide receiver. Smith played no college football but concentrated on track with the Bruins. His record of 44.5 seconds for the quarter-mile still stands. The 6-1, 187-pound speedster was given a multi-year contract as the NFL club sought to outbid the professional track promoters who wanted him.

Washington, Lucas top All-DC picks

All Americans Kermit Washington of American University and Tom McMillen of Maryland University top the five-man Washington, D.C. area All-Met college basketball team for 1972-73.

The selections were made by the area college coaches and sports information directors, along with the area press.

Washington is the only senior on the first team as he earns all-met honors for the third time. McMillen, in gaining his second selection, is the only junior.

Completing the first unit are George Washington's sophomore guard Pat Talent, American's sophomore forward Wilbur Thomas, and Maryland's freshman guard John Lucas.

There is even more height and probably more experience on the six-man second unit. Team members include George Washington's Clyde Burwell, Maryland's Len Elmore and Jim O'Brien, Georgetown's Merlin Wilson, Catholic's Bob Adrion, and Howard's Bob Lewis.

Washington was named the most valuable player for the second straight year, while Lucas was picked as the outstanding rookie.

American's Tom Young was named coach of the year.

Colts star sets library lecture

Roy Hilton, defensive end for the Baltimore Colts, will visit the Pratt Library at North and Pennsylvania Avenues next Thursday to talk to young people from the community about professional football and his own career in the field.

Hilton began his athletic career at Jackson State College in Mississippi. He has been a first-string player for the Colts for over five years. Following his talk, Hilton will answer questions and show a color film of highlights from recent games played by the Baltimore team.

Admission to the program will be free. The public is invited to attend.

YEAH, BASEBALL!—Were it not for the glove and spikes, Dock Ellis might be looked upon as a tight end or wide receiver awaiting a call from the sidelines of a football game. But, that's right, the Pittsburgh pitcher is trying to keep warm while anticipating a start for the Pirates against the Expos in Montreal.

Md. Council annual family relations meet

The Maryland Council on family Relations will hold its Annual Conference on Thursday, April 26, 1973 at Annabel's Hampton Plaza, 300 E. Joppa Road, Towson, Md.

The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. with registration and dinner, followed by a planned program.

The theme of the conference is "Accelerating Family Styles and New Perspectives". Meiville W. Pugh, Jr. Department of Sociology Acting Chairman, Morgan State College, Edward J. McNeal, Executive vice president, Maryland Merchant's Association, the Rev. David Polst, Executive Director of the Koinonia Foundation, and Tom Thompson, Counselor for the WJZ-TV program "The Family Counselor" will be the panel speakers.

Lyle Blaine Gray, past president of the Md. Council and Program Chairman will act as moderator.

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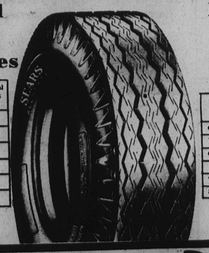

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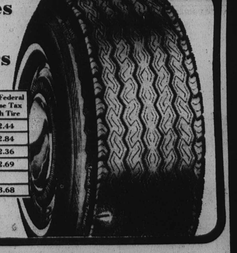

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