Bumbry and Matthews sweep rookie honors

Major leagus rookies of the year honors have been swepa by two young black athletes—Al Bumbry of the Baltimore Orioles, and Gary Matthews of the San Francisco Giants.

It marked the second time in the last three years that there had been such a sweep.

In 1971, Chris Chambliss of the Indians, received the nod in the American League, and Earl Williams, then of the Atlanta Braves, was the National League choice. Williams now is a member of the Orioles.

Bumbry, currently playing winter league ball in Venezuela, was an overwhelming pick for the AL award.

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Matthews, also plying his trade in Latin America, was notified of his selection as he prepared to take the field in a game in the Dominican Republic. He, too was an easy winner.

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Ironically, neither Bumbry nor Matthews figured in the plans of their respective teams as the season began.

Bumbry, who teamed with Rich Coggins to add speed to the Baltimore lineup against right-handed pitchers, won the AL citation with surprising ease. He got 13½ votes while Pedro Garcia of Milwaukee was second with three votes.

The voting was done by 24 members of the baseball writers—two from each league city. Three writers voted for Bumbry and Coggins as an entry, giving each of them one-half vote.

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A 5-foot-8, 175 - pounder, Bumbry combined with Coggins, who's almost a look-alike at 5-8 and 165, to add a new dimension to the Baltimore attack with their speed and hustle.

Bumbry didn't play baseball at Virginia State College until his senior year. He starred in basketball at the Petersburg, Va. Institution. An obscure 11th round draft choice by the Orioles in 1969, he had to be talked into signing by Oriole scout Dick Bowie.

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Manager Earl Weaver admits he was planning to send Bumbry back to Rochester for another year this season but his excellent play in spring training changed his mind.

"He's the fastest player I can ever remember playing for me," Weaver says. "And he can bunt, as well as hit the ball off the left field wall. He expands our thinking so much."

Coggins, who won't be 23 until next month, is four years younger than Bumbry and has played in the Baltimore farm system since 1968. But he was almost a carbon copy of Bumbry for the Birds.

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Like Bumbry, Matthews had his doubts about making the team during spring training. Also like Bumbry, his was a landslide margin, topping pitcher Steve Rogers of Montreal.

The 23-year-old Matthews, who batted an even .300 and stole 17 bases after winning a regular outfield berth early in the season, beat out the largest field ever in becoming the fourth Giant to receive top rookie honors in the 27-year history of the award.

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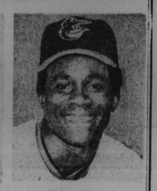
Reached in Santo Domingo, Gary was asked what his goal had been the past season. He responded: "Just going for line drives. I wasn't going for home runs.

"I was really surprised how I had come along. In spring training I had to work really hard, and for the first month I was platooned with Gary Thomasson, but then I got hot and

"I went into the season really confident that I could hit higher than .270, then as the season went on I thought I had a real chance to hit .300.

"Garry Maddox was probably the most help to me all year. If I was going bad he would pick me up. Without him out there I don't think I'd have been able to do it."

Gary Matthews surprihed by progress



Al Bumbry overwhelming choice

City begins 3 'walk to' swim pools

Construction of three more of Baltimore's new "walk-to" swimming pools got underway with ground-breaking ceremonies attended by Mayor William Donald Schaefer and Douglas S. Tawney, director of the Department of Recreation and Parks.

They were joined by city councilmen, state legislators and community representatives and residents at ground-breaking events, held at Bay Brook, 6th Street and Farring Avenue, O'Donnell Heights, 1200 Gusryan Street and Cold Stream Park, 2600 block Kirk Ave.

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Jim Parker, Earl Banks in flag football show

Two great former football linemen will be on the scene at Morgan's Hughes Stadium Sunday when the Midwest A.C. takes on the Ewing Giants of Trneton, N.J., in an inter-state flag football championship game.

Jim Parker, an All-American tackle from Ohio State, and Earl Banks, one-time star guard at Iowa, won't be competing but their presence is certain to enliven the program.

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The local Midwest club is saluting Banks for his long-term contribution to football prior to his retirement at season's end as head coach at Morgan.

Parker, recently enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame in recognition of his brilliant career with the Baltimore Colts, will present the Midwest plaque symbolizing the club's tribute to Banks.

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As for the game, it has all the earmarks of a promising afternoon. Kickoff time is 2 p.m., for the affair which is being played as a benefit to two charities, one of them the AFRO's Mrs. Santa Christmas program.

Midwest, a competitor in local flag football circles, has compiled a five-year record of 34 wins against five losses.

During that period, it never lost more than two games in one season.

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Last year, the Baltimore aggregation defeated Carling's A.C., 19-2 in the deciding game for the Maryland State title.

Ewing, a winner of nine games in 10 starts in its first season in the Mercer County (NJ) Flag Football League.

In 1971, the Trenton team won the N.J. playoffs. And in 1972, Ewing repeated.

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Bears favored in Metro meet

The Schaefer-Metro basketball tournament gets underway this (Friday) afternoon and Morgan State College for the third straight year, enters in the role of favorite to win.

Nat Frazier's Bears are the defending champions, thus will not get into the action until tomorrow (Saturday).

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Reason for their No. 1 seed in addition to the fact they won last year, is that the Bears appear even stronger than they were in 1972.

Marvin Webster, their MEAC player of the year a season ago, is bigger by 15 pounds and just as maneuverable. Also back are juniors Pat Edwards and Tony Blount.

Alvin O'Neal, a transfer from the University of Illinois, is likely to be a starter at forward.

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The opening Metro drawings show Loyola meeting Coppin at 5 p.m.; Towson State opposing UMBC at 7 o' clock, and Johns Hopkins taking on University of Baltimore at 9 p.m.

The semi-finals are set Saturday and the finals will be played Monday.

All games take place at UMBC's gym, located just of Exit 12 West of the Baltimore Beltway.

Knee injury shelves Knicks' Willis Reeds

NEW YORK — The New York Knicks placed center Willis Reed on the injured list Tuesday and filled his spot on the roster with 6-10 Tom Riker.

Reed must sit out at least five games and will not be eligible to be reactivated until the Knicks' Dec. 7 game against Buffo. Reed is suffering from a sprain of the joint capsule behind the right knee.

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G78-14 (8.25x14)	$49.95	37.46	$2.85
H78-14 (8.55x14)	$52.95	39.71	$2.98
G78-15 (8.25x15)	$49.95	37.46	$2.87
H78-15 (8.55x15)	$52.95	39.71	$3.10
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