Willis Reed home after operation

NEW YORK — New York Knicks center and captain Willis Reed explaned Friday for flight to his home in Bernice, La., for convalescence from knee surgery.

Reed was operated on last week in Oklahoma City for repair of torn cartilage behind his right knee. He was discharged from St. Anthony's Hospital in that city Wednesday with instructions to return Dec. 31, to have splint and stitches removed.

He will be lifting six-pound weights to strengthen the knee while recuperating at home.

AFRO Sports

FOOTBALL ON TV

The chart herewith is prepared by the AFRO to help readers identify black players participating in the televised NFL Playoffs.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

CINCINNATI AT MIAMI

Bengals No.	Player	Pos.	Dolphins No.	Player	Pos.
13	Ken Riley	CB			
15	Dave Lewis	QB	22	Mercury Morris	RB
18	Charlie Joiner	WR	23	Charlie Leigh	RB
19	Essex Johnson	RB	26	Lloyd Mumford	CB
20	Lamar Parrish	CB	42	Paul Warfield	WR
23	Bernard Jackson	CB	45	Curtis Johnson	CB
34	Neal Craig	S	48	Henry Stuckey	CB
35	Charles Clark	RB	65	Maulty Moore	DT
46	Joe Wilson	RB	66	Larry Little	G
54	Bob Johnson	C	76	Willie Young	T
55	Jim LeClair	LB	80	Marv Fleming	TE
56	Tim Kearney	LB	82	Bo Rather	WR
58	Al Beauchamp	LB	86	Marlin Briscoe	WR
71	Rufus Mayes	T	89	Charley Wade	WR
76	Vern Holland	T			
83	Sherman White	DE			
85	Isaac Curtis	WR			

WASHINGTON AT MINNESOTA

Redskins			Vikings		
23	Brig Owens	S	23	Jeff Wright	S
27	Ken Houston	S	32	Oscar Reed	RB
28	Herb Mul-key	RB	34	Al Randolph	S
29	Ted Vactor	CB	40	Charlie West	S
31	Charlie Harraway	RB	42	John Gilliam	WR
41	Mike Bass	CB	43	Nate Wright	CB
42	Charley Taylor	WR	44	Chuck Foreman	RB
43	Larry Brown	RB	55	Amos Martin	LB
46	Bob Grant	WR	68	Charlie Goodrum	G
47	Duane Thomas	RB	70	Jim Marshall	DE
64	Manny Sistrunk	DT	81	Carl Eller	DE
80	Roy Jefferson	WR	86	Joe Dawson	WR
86	Verlon Biggs	DE	88	Alan Page	DT
89	Dave Robinson	LB			

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

LOS ANGELES AT DALLAS

Rams			Cowboys		
11	James Harris	QB	20	Mel Renfro	CB
29	Hal Jackson	WR	22	Bob Hayes	WR
30	L. McCutcheon	RB	27	Bill Thomas	RB
32	Cullen Bryant	S	34	Cornell Green	CB
44	Al Clark	CB	35	Calvin Hill	RB
47	Charlie Stukes	CB	41	Bob Newhouse	RB
58	L. Robertson	LB	46	Mark Washington	CB
73	Charlie Cowan	T	70	Rayfield Wright	T
75	John Williams	G	75	Jethro Pugh	DT
76	Cody Jones	DE	77	Bill Gregory	DT
82	Joe Sweet	WR	81	Jean Fugett	TE
90	Larry Brooks	DT	89	Billy Du Pree	TE

PITTSBURGH AT OAKLAND

Steelers			Raiders		
17	Joe Gilliam	QB	20	Jimmy Warren	CB
24	James Thomas	CB	21	Cliff Branch	WR
25	Ron Shanklin	WR	23	Charlie Smith	RB
26	Preston Pearson	RB	24	Willie Brown	CB
27	Glen Edwards	S	26	Al Thomas	S
32	Franco Harris	RB	28	Clarence Davis	RB
33	John Fuqua	RB	31	Jack Tatum	S
35	Steve Davis	RB	43	Geo. Atkinson	S
43	Frank Lewis	WR	47	Jett Queen	RB
47	Mel Blount	CB	48	Nemiah Wilson	CB
48	John Rowser	CB	60	Otis Sistrunk	DT
53	Henry Davis	LB	63	Gene Upshaw	G
57	Sam Davis	G	76	Bob Brown	T
63	Ernie Holmes	DT	77	Bubba Smith	DE
68	L. C. Greenwood	DE	78	Art Shell	T
75	Joe Greene	DT	82	Horace Jones	DE
77	Mel Holmes	T	86	Gerald Irons	LB
78	Dwight White	DE	88	Bob Moore	TE
85	Dave Davis	WR			
90	George Webster	LB			

Tenn. State's Merritt weighs Wichita offer

John Merritt interviewed, impressed

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UPI) — Coach John Merritt, whose Tennessee State Tigers won UPI's 1973 national football championship in the small college division, says he hasn't reached any decision yet about a possible position at Wichita State University.

"The job hasn't been offered to me yet, and I'm not really certain in my own mind that I'll take it," Merritt said early this week.

Merritt and his assistant, defensive coordinator Joe Gilliam Sr., were interviewed last weekend in Wichita.

"I felt that we were well received at Wichita, and we were impressed with the atmosphere there," Merritt said. "I have a decision to make."

Gilliam said, "We're a team. I don't guess either of us knows. We're happy and we're not looking for work.

"We wanted to extend the courtesy of replying to Wichita State."Gilliam said. "We certainly didn't go seeking employment."

Gilliam indicated a decision could come by the end of the week.

In his 11 years at predominately black Tennessee State, Merritt has compiled a 93-13-2 record. This season the Tigers went 10-0 enroute to the national championship.

Since 1967, only Southern Cal and Notre Dame have produced more professional players than Tennessee State.

Merritt said the facilities at Wichita were excellent, but he added, "I have certain obligations here.

"There are kids I've recruited who expect me to coach at TSU," he said.

The head coaching vacancy at Wichita opened when the university athletic board voted not to renew the contract to head coach Bob Seamon, whose team was 4-7 this season.

Seamon had succeeded coach Bob Wilson, following a Colorado plane crash that killed Wilson and 30 members and coaches of the football team

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Colts are moving office operation

The Baltimore Colts will move their front office operation to Hunt Valley, Md., a suburb in Baltimore County, beginning Jan. 5. The announcement was made today by Colts' vice president and general manager Joe Thomas.

The Colts' ticket office will remain at Memorial Stadium.

The new offices will be located on the 12th and 13th floors of Executive Plaza III Tower in the Hunt Valley office center.

"We will now have a new, up to date facility for our employees to work in," said Thomas. "The new offices will also provide a convenient location and ample parking for our fans and the media who visit us."

The original club offices were located on Charles St. For the past eight years they have been at 600 North Howard Street.

Foreman-Norton title go okayed

SAN DIEGO (UPI) — An "agreement" for a world championship heavyweight bout between titleholder George Foreman and Ken Norton of San Diego was announced here this week.

Art Rivkin, Norton's manager, said all arrangements except a date and location had been agreed to by both camps. He said those details would be finalized this weekend.

Norton defeated Muhammad Ali here last March at the Sports Arena, but lost to Ali in a split decision at Los Angeles last summer.

Rivkin said arrangements had been made through Telemedia, a New York promotional firm, which said it had an agreement with Foreman to meet Norton.

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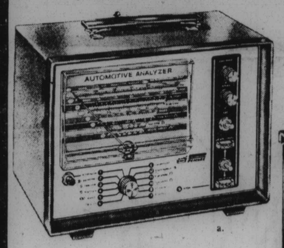

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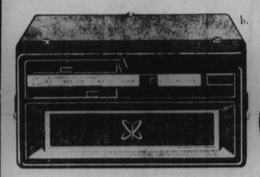

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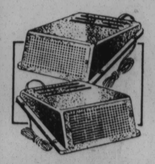

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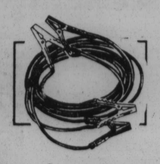

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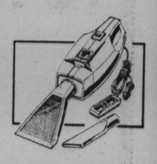

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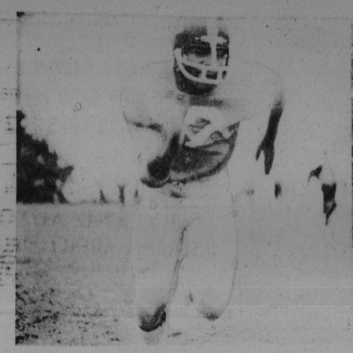

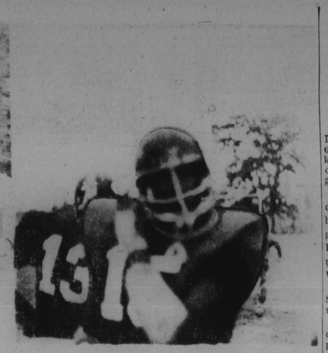

FOOTBALL 'N CHRISTMAS—Although the high school football season is behind us, these three gents are just embarking on what should be rewarding careers on the gridiron. Craig Brown (right), of City College was named to both the All MSA and the All-Metropolitan teams. Despite being one of the most highly recruited gridders in the area, the 6-4, 250 pounder has not yet designated the college in which he'll enroll this Sept. Junior running back Daryll Spence (center) of Edmondson paced the Indians' running attack and was named to the honorable mention All MSA team. City College's Delvin Banks (left) headed an impressive backfield and is considered to be one of the better runners in the league.—Bill Rhoden.

Coach says Kareem may score 100

MILWAUKEE — Coach Larry Costello of the Milwaukee, Bucks says, "Sure. I know Kareem (Abdul-Jabbar) could score 100 points in a game if he wanted to."

Rel Bochat of Milwaukee, did a piece around the possibility of another 100-point game for Abdul-Jabber, the Bucks' scoring star. The only player ever to score 100 was Wilt Chamberlain in 1962.

Nate Thurmond of Golden State said "If it isn't Kareem, it won't be done again."

Al Attles, Golden State's coach who played in Wilt's 100 point game commented, "I doubt if I'll see another 100-point game again."

Abdul-Jabbar said, "That was in another era. I don't think it could be done now." When asked if he could score 60 or 70 in a game he answered, "If the chance is there, yes I can do it, but only if I have to. You've got to keep everybody involved in the game. That is important if you want to win."

MORGAN STATE

OLD BEARS NEW INDUCTEES — The Morgan State College Varsity "M" Club enshrined top athletes from the pre-1950 era in the college's Hall of Fame at a recent dinner. Shown with their trophies are from left to right: Seated—Terry Day, Cyril O. Byron Sr., Frank Gordon, Arthur Faunileroy, Preston Grimsley, Embra C. Bowie, Howard Spencer, James Wilbur Jordan; standing—Joseph "Deuce" Gibson, Jonathan Campbell, Alvin "Boo" Brown, Flan Couch Jr., Clarence "Bighouse" Gaines, Jesse "Flash" Hurtt, Warren W. Weaver, Herbert W. Hill, Thomas C. Brown, Stanley Burdnell and Kenneth "Ken" Brown. Third from right rear is retired coach Talmadge "Marse" Hill, who was a 1971 inductee. Absent from the photo is Maj. James R. Gibbs, USA retired, who was enshrined en absentia.

'Rookie' Davis happy as Expo

MONTREAL Veteran outfielder Willie Davis says he is looking forward to next season "like a rookie" and would like to make it the greatest of his 15-year pro career by helping the Montreal Expos win their first National League pennant.

Davis, traded to Montreal last week from Los Angeles for ace relief pitcher Mike Marshall, signed a two-year contract with the Expos Friday which sources said would pay him over $200,000.

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The 33-year-old native of Mineral Springs, Ark., told newsmen at the official signing ceremony he would make Montreal his yearround home and would move his family here from Los Angeles.

"I hope this will be the greatest of all my 15 seasons and I'm looking forward to it like a rookie," Davis said.

"I wasn't happy with the environment around L.A., and asked to be traded after last season and I did tell the Dodgers I preferred to go to Montreal.

Police cite life saving safety patrol

Stephen Bishop, safety patrol officer at the John Ruhrah Elementary School No. 222, has been commended by the Police Department for action which possibly resulted in the saving of the life of a pupil attending the school.

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G78-15 (8.25x15)	$104.00	$82	$22.00	$5.74
H78-15 (8.55x15)	$110.00	$85	$25.00	$6.20
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