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N.J. defensive star looms as Bill Russell of soccer

Quarterback D. C. Nobles he shouldn't be dismissed

BURLINGTON, N.J. The publicity of soccer, as in most sports, highlights the offensive aspect of the game Unfortunately, only the names of the scorers usually appear in print, while the defensive players remain anonymous. This emphasis generally diminishes the defenders' contribution to the success of the team.

A typical example of this situation is Burlington County College sophomore George Dunbar, a superb soccer defenseman. As Bill Russell's defensive tactics changed the philosophy of basketball, Dunbar seems destined to have the same influence on college soccer.

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While newspaper accounts of the Panther matches overlooked George's work in preventing the opposition from scoring, his coaches and teammates realized the value of his play.

Positioned as the center-fullback sweeper, the quick young Dunbar roamed between the sidelines, heading away air balls and sliding at dribblers, cleaning them of the ball, then springing to his feet to boot the defelection out of the danger zone.

George Dunbar
Bill Russell of boot

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When George started soccer at the local college, he admits wanting to score like everyone else. But coach Lou Maertin, an experienced soccer man, recognized George's defensive possibilities and switched him. A decision neither regrets.

Maertin asserts, "With his natural talents, George would be good on offense. But, defense was just made for him. He possesses super speed and reflexes; excellent timing in tackles and air balls, tremendous stamina, a powerful kick, and great determination."

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George learned the fundamentals of soccer in Germany, where his father was stationed in the service. During his senior year at Pemberton high school, since there was no soccer program, he competed in football and basketball.

George describes himself then as "an average student, just interested in sports, who wasn't prepared for a four-year college." Through some friends, he became aware of Burlington County College.

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Perhaps, the best eulogy for the Green and Gold captain was expressed by assistant coach Mark Forrester, during a crucial contest, as George, single-handedly and spectacularly, repelled a barrage of enemy shots: "You know, we're not going to realize how valuable number ten is to us until next year, when he's gone."

Red Crown pin classic unveils black hopefuls

The $85.00 Red Crown Classic, women's bowling tournament, concludes tonight (Friday) at Perry Hall Lanes.

Only nine blacks were in the 160-woman starting field, and none expected at any point to be a serious title threat. However, several among the nine are looked upon as promising prospects in the new pin outlook.

Miss Louise Fulton, who is a former Pittsburgh champion, looms as the most formidable contender on the tour at the moment.

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But by her own admission, Miss Fulton cannot match the younger stars — black and white — who are gradually making inroads in the new-found-pin pot.

Miss Wanda Bruce of Los Angeles, is one of these fast-rising black girls. She is being hailed by bowling experts as one of the "stars of the future."

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Also commanding notice on the tour which will cover the nation after its launching here, are Mrs. Lorene Woods of Chicago, and Miss Claudine Walker, also of the Windy City.

Mrs. Woods led the black contingent in money winnings and average last year, although the former was not earthshaking — $1,915. Her average in 1973 competition was better than 195.

Another highly-promising young kegler is Mrs. Edith Burroughs of Akron, Ohio. While she is forced to limit her tour appearances because of five children and a job, Mrs. Burroughs does a respectable job when she does enter.

Still another who is regarded a "one-to-watch" performer is Mrs. Sheila Pinkston of Washington ... LACY.

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Astro Bowl MVP warns pro scouts

HOUSTON — Houston Cougar quarterback D.C. Nobles, voted the outstanding back in the Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl, remembers some people gave him a vote of no confidence in his youth.

And he warns professional scouts against the same misjudgment.

Nobles guided the 13th ranked Cougars to a 10-1 regular season record and was Houston's second all-time total offense leader with 3,697 yards. He closed his college career with a flawless performance by leading Houston to a 47-7 triumph over Tulane last weekend in the Astrodome.

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"When I came here I wanted to be the best quarterback that ever came to this school," Nobles said quietly. "I tried to do it for my aunt. She raised me and she did a helluva job.

"People said I couldn't play in high school (at Lufkin, Texas), and some people said I couldn't play in college," the 6-2, 175 pound quarterback said. "That's probably what they'll say about pro football too."

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Nobles, opening up the Tulane defense with short passes and precision timed pitchouts off the option, passed for 201 yards, hitting on eight of 13 attempts.

Nobles (the D.C. standing for nothing but D.C.) figured in three critical touchdowns, one breaking open the game in the second half. He hit Miller Bassler with an over-the-shoulder, 60-yard bomb that set up a one-yard touchdown by Leonard Parker in the first half. Parker also is black.

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Late in the half he hit Bryan Willingham with a 29-yard shot and raced upfield 25 yards on a keeper to set up Parker's three-yard touchdown.

Houston rolled up 656 yards total offense. Marshall Johnson, another black Cougar, scored on a 75-yard run, and still another, Donnie McGraw ran for scores of 32 and seven yards.

Hawks cop Chi title, Bears 3rd

CHICAGO — The unbeaten Maryland, Eastern Shore Hawks ran to a surprisingly easy win over Lemoyne Owens College, 98-86, to capture the Chicago Christmas Classic basketball tournament over the weekend.

Morgan States College made it two of three for Maryland teams when she took the consolation playoff by downing Stillman, 78-48.

Tommy Nelson of the Eastern Shore school, tallied 20 points in pacing the victory over Lemoyne. He gained recognition as the tournament MVP and was named to the all-tourney team along with fellow-Hawks Rubin Collins and Talvin Skinner.

Marvin Webster, Morgan center, also was chosen for an all-tournament berth.

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In other holiday cage meets, A and T downed North Carolina Central, 82-73, to annex the Charlotte Tipoff title, and Missouri Lincoln routed Texas Southern, 114-94, to capture the Optimist Classic.

In the Freedom Classic, Delaware State upended Hampton, 98-67; Lincoln edged Elizabeth City (N.C.), 69-68, and Fayetteville (N.C.) measured South Carolina State, 98-94.

In the Quincy (Ill.) Holiday Festival, Alcorn topped Hanover, 98-95.

Elsewhere, Florida A and M scored, 97-71, over Voorhees, and Frostburg (Md.) State won the George Mason Invitational by upsetting host George Mason, 75-67.

MSA picks up schedule Tuesday

Maryland Scholastic Association athletic activities, interrupted by the energy crisis which delayed reopening of schools, resume schedule.

Games previously scheduled will be played, with the two days (Thursday and Friday) postponements to be worked into the vacancies of the next two weeks.

Seven varsity basketball games are on top for Tuesday, as well as a similar number of junior varsity contests.

The already-programmed wrestling and swimming matches also will be held.

Bears resume versus Bisons

Coach Nat Frazier and his Morgan State College basketers return to action tomorrow (Saturday) night, hampered by the loss of one of their scoring mainstays.

Jethro Crum, Baltimore-born sophomore who is second only to Marvin "Marvelous" Webster in scoring average, will watch from the sidelines as his Bears entertain visiting Howard in the Hurt gym.

Crum sustained a severe knee sprain in the semi-final of the Chicago Christmas Classic last week. He is not expected back before next week's (Friday) game against Brockport State College of New York.

The loss of Crum may be softened somewhat by the reinstatement of Tyrone Pryor and Eric Posey, the latter a junior college transfer who had moved into the starting rotation.

Pryor and Posey were suspended by Frazier for disciplinary reasons following the Beurs' opening-round loss to Lemoyne-Owen of Memp is in Chiweek.

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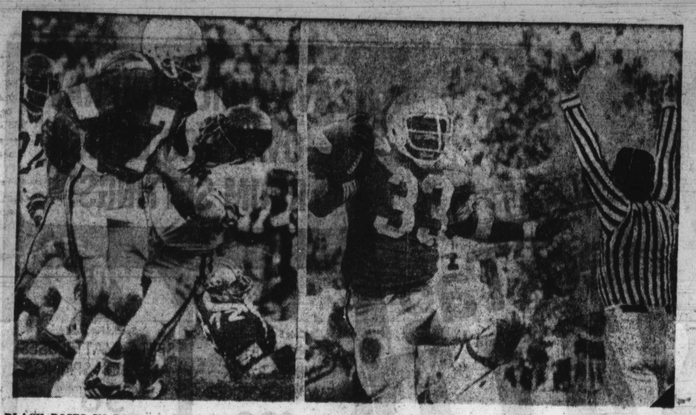

BLACK ROSES IN BOWL — Black players occupied major roles in the Ohio State victory over Southern California in the Rose Bowl New Year's Day at Pasadena, Calif. The most valuable player award went to quarterback Cornelius Greene of Washington, D. C., who steered the Buckeyes to a stunning 42-21 overpowering of the defending champion Trojans. Greene, shown in extreme left panel, was the unanimous MVP choice after repeatedly setting the USC defense back on its heels timely running, pinpoint passing and flawless execution. Freshman Pete Johnson, center, scored three TD's and Archie Griffin (45) in right panel along with cornerback Neal Colzie, coach Woody Hayes and tackle John Hicks, was MVP runner-up with 149 yards on 23 carries and one touchdown.

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Detroit inaugural is soul festival

DETROIT (UPI) — Coleman A. Young took over Tuesday as Detroit's first black mayor in a mood that mixed soul music and grim political reality.

The 55-year-old native of Tuscaloosa, Ala., was elected Nov. 6 by nearly 16,000 votes over former Police Commissioner John F. Nichols. He became the fifth such mayor of a major American city.

To celebrate, the new mayor and his aides arranged three days of ceremonies and concerts, speeches and luncheons. The first big event following a ceremonial oath taking was a concert featuring singer Diana Ross.

Young takes over a city beset by financial problems, high crime, dwindling population — Detroit ranks fifth in size in the country, with 1.7 million residents — and racial polarization.

In his campaign victory speech, Young appealed to whites and blacks to work together. He has repeated that theme almost daily and promised that political appointments would reflect the nearly 50-50 split in the city's racial balance.

His first major decision, make last wek, was the re-apointment of Philip Tanian, a white former FBI agent, as police commissioner. Tannian rad held the post since last fall when outgoing Mayor Roman S. Gibs fired Nichols.

Young said he would give priority to a "10 day plan" designed to make immediate visible changes in Detroit's image, which now is that of a violent and ugly city.

His problems ranged from a predicted $24.5 million deficit in the next fiscal year to soaring crime rates. The city had 750 homicides in 1973, more than 50 above the previous record high for one year.

Until his election, Young was the leader of the Democratic bloc in the state senate, where he first won a seat in 1964 and became a major force in civil rights and housing legislation.

Grand Rapids, the state's second largest city, also inaugurated its first elected black mayor, Lyman Parks. He previously served as mayor for two years by apointment of the city council to fill an unexpired term.

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Lacy scores ace New Year's Day

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Using a 5-iron at the 165-yard, par-3 eighth hole at Hobbits Glen on New Year's Day, he watched his tee shot bounce onto the green, roll to the pin and drop into the cup for a hole-in-one.

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Baseball star bailed to await slaying trial

SANTO DOMINGO, D.R. (UPI) — A Dominican judge Thursday set January 14 for the beginning of the involuntary manslaughter trial of Houston Astro star outfielder Cesar Cedeno, 22, charged with the Dec. 11 pistol slaying of a woman friend.

Cedeno could draw a maximum three-year sentence if convicted, but the judge could free him under Dominican law, even if he is convicted.

Court sources expected the trail to be completed before spring training commences. Meanwhile, Cedeno may not leave the country.

Cedeno was freed on $10,000 bail Dec. 31, after a magistrate reduced the district attorney's charge against him from "voluntary manslaughter" to the lesser, involuntary count. This vaulted the case from a criminal to a correctional court and made Cedeno eligible for bail. "Voluntary manslaughter" is similar to second-degree murder in the United States.

The young outfielder surrendered himself to police about eight hours after the dawn shooting of Atagracia de la Cruz, 19, in a motel room.

Police said that Cedeno's .38-caliber pistol went off as he sought to get it away from the girl, who had picked it up. She died of a head wound.

Cedeno's wife, Cora, 21, from Houston, was in their winter home here at the during his 30-day stay in time of the shooting. She of Women Voters in New- visited Cesar several times jail, police said.

Capt. Mello pleads not guilty

Former Capt. Dennis Mello, 61, of Western District, pleaded not guilty this morning (Friday) in Federal Court before Judge Frank A. Kaufman.

The indictment charged Capt. Mello, along with seven other police officers and eight civilians, with conspiracy to obstruct the enforcement of Maryland State gambling laws and the civilians with conducting a multi-million-dollar illegal gambling business.

The current Baltimore City policemen who pleaded not guilty were Sgt. Gilbert Derrenburger, Ptl. Stanley Cheks and Ptl. Joseph Mitchell.

Cherry Hill license turned down

Levi Shields, (Uncle Levi) was refused transfer of liquor license from the 2200 block Hollins Ferry Rd. to Cherry Hill at his banquet hall at Cherry Hill Rd. and Pottee St.

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Penny-ante game ends in slaying

Criminal Court Judge Anselm Sodaro found 16-year-Ernest Johnson, of the 20 block of Parrish St., guilty of manslaughter in Baltimore City Court Wednesday morning.

What started as a friendly penny-ante card game, ended in the shooting death of Randolph Lewis, 23, 11 N. Carrollton Ave., who was killed with his own gun.

The incident occurred at the home of Johnson's older brother, Willie, in the 20 block of North Fulton Ave.

When Lewis and Willie Johnson engaged in an argument over a card hand, Lewis left. He returned with a handgun and was said to have pointed it at Willie threateningly.

The gun fell to tre floor as the men wrestled for its possession, Johnson retrieved it and shot Lewis.

maximum sntence of 22 months.

Mrs. Gilmore hospitalized

Mrs. Terry Walker Gilmore, 1645 N. Pulaski St., a retired Baltimore City teacher and real-estate developer, is confined to Provident Hospital. She entered Wednesday for tests.

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