U.S. Youth Games reps to visit city

In an attempt to stimulate the interest of Baltimoreans, the Bureau of Recreation will host 12 visitors representing the cities who will participate in the 1974 United States Youth Games this August. During their two-day stay here, they will visit the sites of competition — Morgan State College, Lake Clifton High School, Mergenthaler High School and Fairlanes, Woodlawn.

Each city will bring 62 competitors to participate in bowling, track and field and basketball. It is hoped that the four days of competition will promote the image of the city through warmth and friendship. The nations sponsor for the program is AMF Incorporated.

New WFL strengthens blacks in football bargaining

Whether or not the fledgling World Football League gets off the ground, at least 20 black collegians go into the National Football League's draft on Tuesday with reasonably strong bargaining power.

They were among the top prospects selected in the first six rounds of the NFL draft last Tuesday. Consequently they are in a position to weigh the respective offers — one against the other — before making a commitment.

The WFL draft went thus:

FIRST ROUND

MEMPHIS — David Jaynes, Kansas quarterback; NEW ENGLAND — Gary Marangi, Boston College quarterback, FLORIDA — Woody Green Arizona State half back; TORONTO — Bo Matthews, Colorado fullback; BIRMINGHAM — Wilbur Jackson, Alabama halfback; NEW YORK — Mike Boryla, Stanford quarterback; SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA — James McAlister, UCLA halfback; PHILADELPHIA — John Cappelletti, Penn State fullback; HAWAII — Fred McNeill, UCLA linebacker; CHICAGO — Bill Koller, Montana State tackle; WASHINGTON — Barty Smith, Richmond halfback; DETROIT — Paul Seals, Michigan tight end.

SECOND ROUND

DETROIT — Rick Middleton, Ohio State linebacker FLORIDA — JOHN HICKS,Ohio State tackle; CHICAGO — Danny White, Arizona State quarterback; HAWAII — Red McNeill,Southern California dunning back; PHILADELPHIA — Joe Pisarcik, New Mexico State quarterback; SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA — Kermit Johnson,UCLA running back; NEW YORK — Ed O'Neill, Penn State linebacker; WASHINGTON — Waymond Bryant,Tenessee State linebacker; TORONTO — Kim McQuilken, Lehigh quarterback; BIRMINGHAM — Denny Duron, LouisianahTech quarterback; NEW ENGLAND — Carl Barzilauskas, Indiana defensive tackle; MEMPHIS, Lynn Swann,Southern California wide receiver.

Van Cleve quits Hampton post

HAMPTON, Va. — Coach Whitney Van Cleve has officially resigned as head football coach at Hampton Institute. In a December letter to HI president, Dr. Roy D. Hudson, Van Cleve cited "mixed emotions" as his reason for leaving the post he held for five years.

Van Cleve's five-year record saw only three wins and a pair of ties in 49 outings.

Once an assistant coach at Grambling College, Van Cleve has been head football coach at Alabama State and Tuskegee Institute. He left Alabama with a 35-14-1 record and Tuskegee with a 42-35-5 mark.

The speculation is that the head football mentor at Virginia State, Dr. Walter Lovett, will assume the coaching responsibilities here.

Were you there?

IS THIS YOU whom AFRO photographer Ben Phillips snapped at recent Baltimore sports event? If so, bring this picture along with proper identification, to Mrs. Gertrude Steele on 3rd floor of the AFRO Building BEFORE NOON TUESDAY. By following these directions, you may receive $7 for being at the right place at the right time.

'Simpson Day' in N.Y. Friday

ALBANY, N.Y. (UPI) — The New York State Senate unanimously approved a resolution Tuesday declaring today (Friday) "O. J. Simpson Day" in New York State.

The resolution paid tribute to the way Simpson, running back of the Buffalo Bills, conducted himself both on and off the football field.

Simpson set seven National Football League records during the past season, including an unprecedented 2,003 yards rushing.

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Duane Thomas off probation

GREENVILLE, Tex. (UPI) — Washington Redskin Running back Duane Thomas is now off probation for a marijuana conviction assessed him in February of 1972.

District Judge Hollis Garmon said he removed Thomas' 5-year probation after talking with Thomas, his probation officer and his representative, former pro football player Abner Haynes.

"I'm very impressed with what I've learned about the man," Garmon said. "I see a great improvement in him and he's conducted himself very well so I've decided to lift the probation.

"The man seems very clear-headed now and is going in the right direction."

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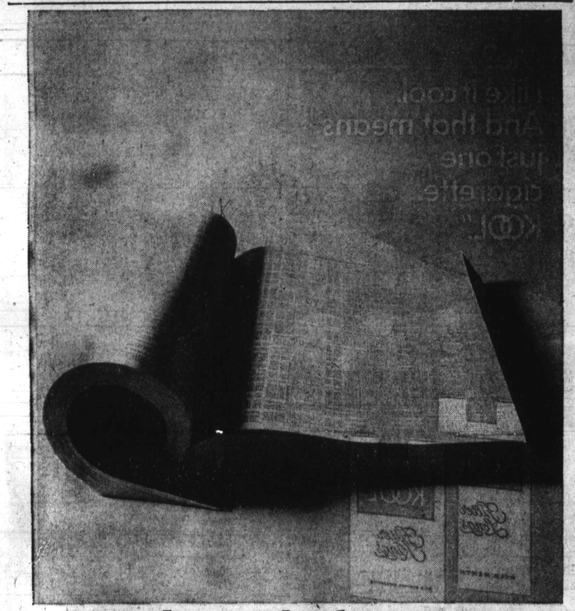

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Ali cautious, Joe nervous as Monday showdown nears

DEER LAKE, Pa. (UPI) — Muhammad Ali declined this week to predict when his Monday night fight with Joe Frazier will end, but vowed he will box his opponent "to death in the first round with my fast footwork and my fists."

Ali, who will do no sparring at his training camp here before the end of the week, said, "How long he (Frazier) goes, I don't know but he won't go long."

"If I say he goes in six and he goes in four, or if I say he goes in four and he goes in six, I'll look like a fool," Ali said.

In the meantime, at his Philadelphia training gym, Frazier said he was "a little nervous" but not about Ali. He said it is because of all the interviews he's had to do while preparing for the fight.

"Just say I'm a little nervous," Frazier said while relaxing in his downtown apartment. "Not from training, but from answering the same old questions from newsmen and newswomen and television crews and telephone interviews from all over the country."

Frazier took the day off Monday but resumed workouts Tuesday with roadwork and two or three rounds of sparring.

Like his rival, the former champion refused to predict a round in which the fight would end but his manager, Eddie Futch, suggested the bout would terminate in the middle rounds.

"All I can say," Frazier said, "is the fight will go from one to 12 and I'm hoping for a knockout."

"I won't offer a round prediction," Futch said, "but I look for Joe to take him out about midway. Clay will get out of his way for a few rounds but he's gonna have to stop and fight, and when he does, that's all Joe will need."

MSA Scoreboard

FRIDAY SCHEDULE

Varsity Basketball
Poly at Lake Clifton
Forest Park at Patterson
Edmondson at Northwestern
City at Carver
Mervo at Southern
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JV Basketball
Forest Park at Patterson
McDonogh at Douglass
Gilman at Southwestern
Mervo at Southern
City at Carver
Northwestern at Edmondson
Poly at Lake Clifton

NBA schedules record $800,000 playoff pool

SEATTLE — NBA Commissioner Walter Kennedy announced Jan. 15 that there will be a record playoff pool of $800,000 in the 1974 Playoffs. It will be divided as follows:

The team with the highest percentage in the association at the close of the regular season shall receive $40,000. If there is a tie, it will be divided equally.

The team with the highest percentage in the Eastern and Western conference shall each receive $27,500.

The team with the second highest percentage in the Eastern and Western conference shall each receive $25,000.

The other four teams making the playoffs shall each receive $15,000.

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The winning team in the semifinals shall each receive $34,000 and the losing teams $30,000 each.

The winning teams in the finals shall each receive $43,500 and the losing teams $33,500 each.

The winner of the championship series shall receive $100,000 and the loser $65,000.

Thus, it is possible for a team to win a record $255,000 if it has the best percentage in the NBA in regular season and wins each round of the playoffs, including the championship.

Based on 12 equal shares, each player would receive $21,250, another record.

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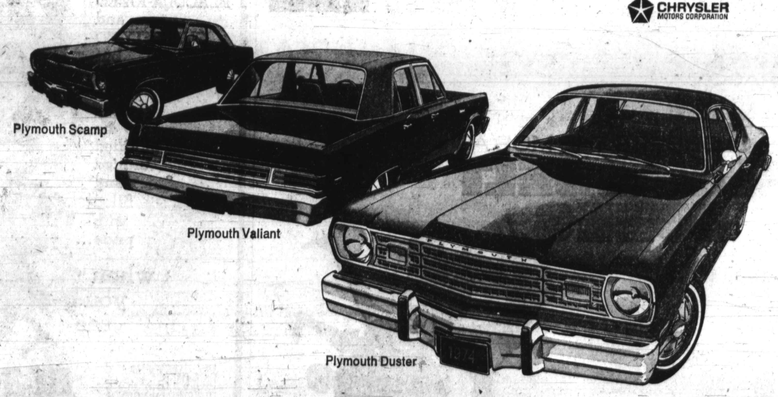

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