Pepperdine signs Ollie Matson Jr.

MALIBU, Calif. — Ollie Matson Jr., the son of the former Los Angeles Rams running back, has signed a national letter of intent to play basketball for Pepperdine University.

Matson, a 6-6, 210-pound forward, will enroll at the University's Malibu campus in September. The senior Matson, a member of the NFL Hall of Fame is a graduate of San Francisco U.

He recently returned from a two-week tour of Brazil with the U.S. High School AAU team and was the squad's leading rebounder.

Matson averaged 24.4 points and 16.5 rebounds a game last season at Daniel Murphy High School.

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Baltimore wrestler gets Hamline letter

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Clifton G. Sanders of Baltimore, Md. was among 11 athletes receiving varsity letters in wrestling at Hamline University last week.

Young Sanders, a freshman chemistry major, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Will R. Branch, 206 Fleming Drive, Baltimore.

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BON VOYAGE, SKIPPER — The AFRO camera focusses on Allen "Skip" Wise, the high school All-American who led three-time city champion Dunbar to dominance in Maryland scholastic circles for the last three years. Wise, who will attend Clemson University on a cage scholarship next fall, was a member of the class graduated at Dunbar last week.

Former Ohio State aide new Rattler grid coach

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Rudy Hubbard, the new Florida A and M football coach, says his coaching philosophies are similar to those of his former boss and teacher, Woody Hayes.

Hubbard, named the Rattlers' new coach Tuesday, played halfback under Hayes at Ohio State. Following his senior year in 1968, Hubbard turned down a contract with the Montreal Alouettes of the Canadian Football League, choosing to work for Hayes as OSU backfield coach.

"I think a lot like Woody," the 28-year-old Hubbard joked. "Except I don't break first down markers or shove cameras in photographers' faces."

Hayes gained national notoriety when he broke a first down stick after an argument with referees during an Ohio State-Michigan game. Hayes also poked a camera at a photographer on a recent Buckeye Rose Bowl trip.

Hubbard was chosen from a group of 40 applicants for the job vacated by the firing of Jim Williams following two mediocre seasons of 5-6 records.

Rudy Hubbard thinks like Woody Hayes

In announcing the appointment FAMU president B. L. Perry, Jr., said Hubbard "has the confidence, qualifications and background to turn around our football program and put it back on top. In addition to having outstanding football credentials, he also is a master recruiter and we all know how important recruiting is today."

Hubbard personally recruited Archie Griffin, Cornelius Green and John Hicks for Ohio State. Griffin was the Big Ten's most valuable player and Greene was the MVP in the Rose Bowl. Hicks, of course, was the winner of the Outland and Lombardi trophies.

4 in U.S. open at Winged Foot

MAMARONECK, N.Y. — Four blacks are in the field which began play here Thursday in the 1974 U.S. Open Golf tournament at the Winged Foot Golf Club.

Three of the quartet met the qualifying standard at Charlotte, N.C., following the Kemper Open there two weeks ago.

They were Lee Elder of Washington, D.C.; John Dent of Augusta, Ga., and Charley Sifford of Los Angeles, Calif.

The fourth qualifier was Nate Starks of Atlanta, Ga., who became eligible via a 36-hole test at Philadelphia.

NSC signs 6 for track team

NORFOLK — Fresh from winning a second straight NCA College Divison II national championship, William "Dick" Price, Norfolk State College track coach, last week signed six outstanding scholastic thinclads.

Losing no time in bolstering his squad for the 1974-75 campaing, Price corralled Mark Artis, Coolidge High School, Washington, D.C.; Steven Foster, Kecoughtan High School, Hampton; David Owen, Abington High School, Abington, Pa.; Richard Simms, Anacostia High School, Washington, D.C., Sylvester Smith, Coolidge High School, Washington, D.C.; and Frank Wyatt, Menchville High School, Newport News.

Morgan's coach Frazier, Al O'Neal in S. America

CARACAS, Ven. — Morgan State College's coach of the year in small-college basketball and one of the stars of his 1973-74 championship team arrived here Tuesday following a flight from Baltimore.

Coach Nat Frazier and Alvin O'Neal will spend the next 10 weeks competing in this country.

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According to Venezuelan Basketball League officials, the pair will join the Carabobo team entry and O'Neal, a 6-5 senior from Peoria, Ill. will be one of the four North American players on the squad. Each team will be allowed just four North American players.

The Venezuelan League plays commences today (Friday) and runs through August 30 for 24 games and league playoffs. "We're trying to upgrade basketball in our country," Marie Elene de Sanchez, executive secretary of the league, said. "This is our first season and we're starting with four teams.

"We are getting little government support and we're not a professional league."

In addition to O'Neal, an NCAA College-Division, All-Star selection this year, Frazier will have two senior Howard University players on his Carabobo squad — Bob Lewis and Achilles Carroll, as well as one other North American player.

Frazier, who guided Morgan State to the school's most successful season, in history, a 28 and 5 record, and an NCAA College-Division championship, said, "I am happy to be selected to coach the Carabobo team this summer. It is an opportunity to help a developing nation build a representative program in basketball. The league competition should do a great deal to stimulate interest in the game in Venezuela too," Frazier added.

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Little is NFL players' pick for 'Humanitarian Award'

Denver's Floyd Little, small by pro standards at 5-11 and 195 pounds, is the biggest man in the National Football League Players Association after his selection as the 1974 Byron White Humanitarian Award winner Sunday night.

Little was honored at the NFLPA's awards banquet in Chicago which drew 2,200 persons paying $150 a plate for the Better Boys Foundation ghetto youth development program. The event is the biggest single sports charity fund-raising dinner in the country.

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The new Byron White winner was named for his contributions to team, community, and country, and he won in competition with nominees from each of the NFL teams.

Other finalists were Rex Kern, Baltimore Colts, and Robert (Rocky) Bleier, Pittsburgh Steelers.

The Bronco star, a three-year all-American at Syracuse, has accomplished everything that a running back could hope, having gained 1,000 yards in a season, led the NFL in ground-gaining, and earned all-pro and pro bowl honors.

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On the community level he received the National YMCA Brian Piccolo Award for Humanitarian service and Denver Jaycee Man of the Year in 1973.

He has been active in boys club work, the President's drug abuse program, Cancer, arthritis, and lung associations among a wide range of community activities.

He joins distinguished company in the previous Byron White winners Andy Russell, Pittsburgh last year; Ray May, Baltimore; Gayle Sayers, Chicago; Ed Meador and Kermit Alexander, Los Angeles; and Willie Davis and Bart Starr, Green Bay.

MORGAN MAN — Kevin Slade, an Annapolis High School graduate, has signed an athletic grant-in-aid scholarship to play football at Morgan State. Slade earned All-County and All-Maryland during the 1973 football season and also was All-County in basketball.

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Colts' trade of Hilton anticipated

When the Baltimore Colts early this week announced the trading of defensive end Roy Hilton, few close observers of local professional football were surprised.

Hilton played all last year in one of the several doghouses of head coach Howard Schnellenberger. Add to that the fact that he "had a talk" with general manager Joe Thomas, and Roy's departure seemed a foregone conclusion.

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At least, the AFRO had anticipated the move since midwinter.

In late February, the last time an AFRO reporter talked to Hilton, the friendly former Jackson State star declined to say that he had asked to be traded, but he did say: "Well, I had a talk with Thomas and I think he knows how I feel about playing another year with the Colts."

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From the day of that "talk," it had seemed inevitable that Thomas, Schnellenberger and the Colts would be rid of Hilton in due course.

Roy's unhappiness stemmed from the fact that he had been unceremoniously benched after coming off a 1972 season and 1973 training period as the most consistent defensive end on the squad — a claim that was substantiated by statistics showing assists, individual tackles and quarterback sacks.

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In the trade, consummated Tuesday, the Colts obtained running back Joe Orduna from the New York Giants.

Orduna, 25, gained 104 yards on 38 carries as New York's fourth rusher last year. He was drafted in the second round by San Francisco in 1971 but was slowed by injuries in his rookie season and sent to the Giants on waivers prior to the 1972 season.

He led the University of Nebraska in rushing in 1970, gaining 834 yards while the Cornhuskers won the national championship.

Bulldog captains

ORANGEBURG, S.C. — Harry Carson of Florence, S.C. and Alvin Frazier of Orlando, Fla., both juniors, have been chosen co-captains of the South Carolina State College 1974 football squad.

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WFL lures top tackle Greenwood

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — L. C. Greenwood of the Pittsburgh Steelers has signed to play with the Birmingham Americans in the 1975 season.

Greenwood, 27, a starting defensive end and All-Pro selection, starts his sixth year with the Steelers this fall.

Greenwood is a native of Canton, Miss., and was the Steelers' 10th round draft choice in 1969, following a college career at Arkansas A and M.

"Over the weekend, we signed the best tight end in football, Jim Mitchell, and now we certainly have one of the premier defensive ends in the game," said Americans' coach Jack Gotta. "I am really looking forward to having a player of Greenwood's ability with us next year."

Greenwood was plagued with injuries last year but ranked third in tackles of opposing quarterbacks after leading that category the previous year with 11.

He missed a third of the Steeler games last season but was named to the All-AFC honorable mention squad.

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