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Archie's mom saw Heisman for her son in old dream

Archie Griffin

No doubt, it will strike you as pure poppycock when you read that Mrs. Margaret Griffin wasn't exactly surprised when her son, Archie, was named winner of the Heisman Trophy on Tuesday morning.

Happy certainly, but not really surprised.

You see, Mrs. Griffin had a dream years ago that one of her seven sons would prove to be the best college football player in the country.

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Archie, as the fourth son, sits smack dab in the middle of the seven boys. The three older Griffins played college football and didn't make it. And one of the three younger boys, Ray, is a freshman at Ohio State where he served his apprenticeship this fall as Archie's backup.

"When they were younger, playing in high school and on the sandlots, they were all so good," Mrs. Griffin said while friends were rejoicing with her.

"I just knew that one of them would achieve something big some day. Then it came to me in a dream."

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Mrs. Griffin said she didn't think Ray or the other two younger brothers were going to try to follow in Archie's footsteps.

"Raymond believes he has his own life to lead," she said. "I know he'll be very happy for Archie. They all will be happy for him."

She said she first felt Archie might win the award when he called Monday night to tell her he was going to New York.

"My husband (James) asked me Tuesday morning before going to work when they were going to make the announcement and I told him Archie said he would call me from New York about 11:30," Mrs. Griffin recalled.

"Well, he just looked at me real surprised because he didn't know Archie had gone to New York," she said.

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Aside from becoming the first junior to win the Heisman since Roger Staubach (now the Dallas Cowboys quarterback) in 1963, Griffin is only the fifth black to attain the honor in the 40-year history of the balloting.

The late Ernie Davis of Syracuse, was the first in 1961. Mike Garrett of Southern California, won in 1965; O. J. Simpson of Southern Cal, in 1968, and Johnny Rodgers of Nebraska, in 1972.

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Archie received 483 first place votes and 1,920 points in a balloting of selected sports writers and sportscasters from across the nation to beat out Anthony Davis of Southern California.

Davis, a senior, got 120 first place votes and 819 points to finish well ahead of the third place finisher, junior Joe Washington of Oklahoma. Tom Clements of Notre Dame was fourth followed by David Humm of Nebraska.

Rounding out the top 10 were Dennis Franklin of Michigan, Rod Shoate of Oklahoma, Gary Sheide of Brigham Young, Randy White of Maryland and Steve Bartkowski of California.

Bubba Smith winner of round in NFL suit

TAMPA, Fla. (UPI) — U.S. District Court Judge Ben Krentzman refused Monday to dismiss a $2.5 million suit filed by Oakland Raider defensive end Charles "Bubba" Smith against the Tampa Sports Authority and the National Football League.

Smith filed the suit in connection with a knee injury he suffered in an exhibition game at Tampa Stadium in 1972 when he was with the Baltimore Colts.

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Smith alleged the defendants were negligent in handling of sideline markers by game officials and that the marker should have been moved from his path as he was attempting to make a tackle along the sidelines.

In addition to the Sports Authority and the NFL, the suit names head linesman Edward Marion and Robert Lastra, who handled movement of the marker, as defendants.

Judge Krentzman refused to strike any part of the allegations in the 12-page suit but did call its language redundant and [illegible] Smith's attorney 30 days in which to prepare a shorter version.

IRISH NEMESIS — Anthony Davis, a look of satisfaction covering his face, leaves Los Angeles Coliseum after leading Southern California to Saturday's stunning 55-24 victory over Notre Dame. The Heisman Trophy nominee scored the the Trojans first four touchdowns as he and his mates overran a 24-3 halftime deficit in a spectacular second-half romp. The four TD's gave Davis 11 in three games against the Irish, six of them in the 1972 contest when he was a sophomore.

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FRIDAY SCHEDULE

Varsity Basketball
Southern at Walbrook
Northern at Patterson
Dunbar at Pikesville
Lake Clifton at Chamberlin
Northwestern at Loyola
City at Parkville
Southwestern at Catonsville
Douglass at Boys Latin

JV Basketball
Douglass at Boys Latin
Southwestern at Catonsville
Walbrook at Southern
City at Parkville
Northern at Patterson
Northwestern at Loyola

Wrestling
Edmondson at Southwestern
City at Lake Clifton
Edmondson JV at Southwestern JV
Northern at Southwestern

SATURDAY SCHEDULE

Varsity Basketball
Edmondson at Eastern (DC)

MONDAY SCHEDULE

Varsity Basketball
Northern at Southwestern
Varsity Wrestling
Patterson at Douglass

UMES five 3rd in Erie meet

Maryland Eastern Shore, stunned by West Georgia in her initial e[illegible] season, received some consolation by salvaging third place in the Erie Classic basketball tournament over the weekend.

The Hawks, who whipped nationally - ranked Manhattan in as the first team from a predominately - black school to appear in Madison Square Garden's NIT last spring, defeated Western New England, 67-63, in the Saturday night consolation game.

Earlier, the Eastern Shore live, operating under a new coach with the departure last summer of John Bates, had been trounced, 93-67, by West Georgia.

The latter finished second as a result of being downed; 85-78, by Mercyhurst.

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Fans should like two Bird trades

By Sam Lacy

Baltimore baseball fans, more often than not blase about the Orioles' player trades, have every reason to like the two swung early this week at the winter meetings in New Orleans.

Lee May, obtained from Houston, and Ken Singleton, acquired later from Montreal, virtually assure a better offense for the Birds.

Both are good hitters and both have power. At the same time, neither is likely to hurt the club defensively.

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May is the more consistent long ball threat, although Singleton is capable also of reaching the fences with some degree of frequency.

On the other hand, Ken boasts greater speed and, unlike Rich Coggins, whom he replaces, will not have to be platooned. He is a switch hitter, equally good on both sides of the plate.

Coggins, like Dave McNally, who went with him to Montreal, will be missed at Memorial Stadium, but the returns may be extremely rewarding.

Not much is known at this desk about Mike Torrez, the pitcher sent here in the McNally deal, but the records show his last three years with the Expos (40-22) were more productive than McNally's (46-44) with the stronger Orioles.

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In assessing the two transactions, some observers have made point of the fact that neither May nor Singleton had one kind of outstanding season last year that he had the previous year.

Lee has not said as much but the feeling here is that he was unhappy at Houston. And if this is the case, it is not unusual.

Many black players have had unpleasant experiences in the Astros organization. And all seemed to enjoy new leases on life after leaving.

Notable among these are Joe Morgan, who has been the premier National League second baseman since arriving in Cincinnati in 1972 from Houston; Jimmy Wynn of the Dodgers, Mike Cuellar, of the Orioles, John Mayberry of the Royals and Nate Colbert of the Padres.

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Singleton, who took a pretty Canadian bride last spring, played hurt through much of the '74 season. However, he was the main firepower of the Expos in 1973, hitting .302 and knocking in 103 runs.

He included 38 doubles and 23 homers among his 169 hits. He also scored 100 runs.

Another important contribution Ken is expected to make here is an outfield arm that will command respect from rival baserunners.

In the last several years, only center-fielder Paul Blair was regarded a threat to throw out the man contemplating going for the extra base.

At one point it became obvious than enemy baserunners held no fear of the arms of Al Bumbry, Coggins and Don Baylor. So disdainful were they that more often than not they were disappointed if they didn't go from first to third on singles, even those hit to left field.

Singleton led the National League in assists, with 20, in 1973.

Ken Singleton and Billie
new O's outfielder as spring newlywed

Howard's Classic foes have big motivations

When Howard University takes the field tomorrow (Saturday) night in the Orange Blossom Classic at Miami's Orange Bowl, the Bison gridders will be facing a Florida A and M eleven that has several incentives.

Rattler coach Rudy Hubbard looks upon the contest as the difference between a winning and losing season, as well as one steeped in tradition. Florida's record to date is 5-5.

Howard is 8-1-1 and Hubbard says the Bisons excel on both offense and defense.

"They're basically a passing team, but they also run the ball well," Hubbard said.

Howard runs the Wing-T and Green Bay sweep on offense and plays sound, conservative defense, "hoping the other team will make mistakes and beat themselves."

"Although we've been losing, we've been cutting down on fumble and mental mistakes," Hubard said. "It will be a good game in a sense, not too wide open, not too much razzle-dazzle, just consistent football.

Hubbard, in his first year as FAMU coach, isn't steeped in the tradition of the classic first started under FAMU coach Jake Gaither.

"But from talking to our players this week, I know it is important to them. I can tell it means a lot more to many of our players than any game so far. They feel like it is our football game, that the Orange Blossom Classic is FAMU's football game."

Former J. C. Smith star files $500 million suit

SAN DIEGO (UPI) — Former San Diego Chargers tight end Pettis Norman Tuesday filed a $500,000 suit against team physician Dr. E. Paul Woodward and Sharp Memorial Hospital.

Norman, a graduate of Johnson C. Smith was active in the players strike and failed to report to training camp this year. He charged negligence in the treatment of injuries. He said the treatment to his injured left knee began in July, 1973, and continued through this July.

The suit, filed in Superior Court, alleges Norman suffered injuries to his health, in mind and body, because of the negligence.

The suit seeks $500,000 general damages plus payment for loss of earnings and future medical care.

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