Africans own distance in U.S. indoor events

Something started by Kipchoge Keino back in the middle sixties, has burgeoned into a virtual monopoly in the world of track and field.

African runners have come on, one-at-a-time, to establish ownership of the various titles in distance races.

Earlier this week, at the same time that the AFRO was carrying a feature story on Filbert Bayi, of Tanzania, the American press otherwise was forecasting that previous'y-unbeaten Rick Wohlhuter would set a new world record in the San Diego Games.

Wohlhuter, winner of 27 consecutive 1500-meter races and the 1974 Sullivan Award, was conceded victory and a probable new mark.

However in the race on Saturday night, he' could finish no better than third to Bayi, beaten by two full seconds by the slender Tanzanian.

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Some 3,000 miles away, at Greensboro, N.C., Mike Bolt of Kenya meanwhile, was taking the 880-yard (half-mile)- title and an hour later the mile event in the NAIA championships.

He was cited as the meet's outstanding athlete.

Bolt, a junior at Eastern New Mexico, who won a bronze medal for Kenya in the 800-meter run in the 1972 Olympics, took the 880-yard event in 1:55.4 and the mile run in 4:17 to become the only double winner at the meet.

The six-foot, 145-pound Bolt, ranked second in the world in the 800-meter run, tied a meet record with a time of 1:54.6 in qualifying for the 880 Friday night.

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Since the arrival of Keino on the American scene, other brilliant runners have come along from the dark continent, the newest being Bayi.

Ben Jipcho, who repeatedly won the doubles in distance events on the professional track circuit last year, was the International Track Association's (ITA) top money winner.

North Carolina Central's fortunes skyrocketed with the recruitment of Robert Ouku and Julius Sang of Kenya. And John Aku-bua became a beloved figure following his electrifying triumph in the 400-meter hurdles of the Olympic Games at Munich in 1972. . . LACY.

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AFRO Sports

O.J. Simpson enroute to title 250-pound lift lifted winning points

Bears nipped, close with Hawks, Bisons

Morgan State College, still showing signs of a disaster-wracked season, closes out its regular schedule with weekend games against two traditional basketball rivals.

Having never regained the form of their championship campaign last year largely because of a midseason clash between their coach and the administration, the Bears dropped a 78-77 decision to S.C. State at Orangeburg, Wednesday.

A controversial goaltending call on guard Pat Edwards is the closing seconds enabled the Bulldogs to erase a 77-76 Morgan lead and win the contest.

The Bears play host to Maryland-Eastern Shore tomorrow (Saturday) night, then wrap up the season at the Hill Field House against Howard on Monday.

All three of these teams — each a one-time powerhouse — are coming off rough years. And all are anxiously awaiting the MEAC tournament which gets under way Thursday at the Civic Center, hoping for redemption.

MSA Scoreboard

FRIDAY SCHEDULE

Varsity Basketball
Lake Clifton at Walbrook
Northern at Dunbar
Northwestern at City

JV Basketball
Walbrook at Lake Clifton
Dunbar at Northern
Northwestern at City

Wrestling Tournament
City, Northern, Northwestern, Lake Clifton, Walbrook, Patterson, Southwestern, Edmondson, Carver, Douglass and Southern at Poly

O. J. wins Superstar show 'so kids can get new bikes'

Defeating two former champions — Bob Seagren and Kyle Rote Jr. — in a fast finish, O. J. Simpson captured the 1975 Superstars competition last week in Rotunda, Fla.

Pole vaulter Seagren, who won the inaugural event in 1973, was bettered by seven and a half points, 47½ to 40, and soccer star Rote, the 1974 winner, was 16½ points behind the Buffalo Bills luminary.

Three other black entries collected portions of the prize money. Franco Harris and Lawrence McCutcheon, like Simpson pro football running backs, finished fourth and fifth in the final standings, and baseball outfielder Lou Brock was eleventh.

Harris of the Steelers, won $8,100; McCutcheon of the Rams got $6,000, and Brock of the St. Louis Cardinals, earned $1,200.

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Simpson collected $39,250, not counting his earnings in the Superstars preliminaries, and said, "Let's face it, financially it's a lot easier than six months of football."

But Seagren, who lost the chance to pocket the first place money himself when he fell off his bike, said, "O. J. needs this like a hole in the head."

Rote, the youthful soccer star who like Seagren has almost made a career out of the Superstars competition, won $19,300.

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Orenthal James Simpson, accustomed to hoarding football trophies, added: "I'll tell you it's a great feeling.

"I came down here as one of the favorites last year and didn't even finish in the top three," he said.

The 26-year-old running back garnered his winning points in the unusual competition, which tests the strengths and skills of professional athletes outside their own specialties, thanks to an unexpected bowling victory, a predictable win in the 100-yard dash, and a creditable performance in tennis, rowing, weight-lifting and baseball hitting.

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Does the money mean anything to Simpson, a man accustomed to six-digit incomes?

"Of course," he said. "My wife is remodeling our home and the kids want new bikes."

Basketball

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

COLLEGE GAMES

Friday
Hampton at Howard
Md. Juco tourney at Hagerstown
Bowie State at Lincoln
A and T at N.C. Central

Saturday
Md. E. Shore at Morgan
UMBC at George Mason
Md. Juco tourney at Hagerstown
Spring Garden at Delaware St.
Coppin State at Gallaudet
Salisbury at U. of Balto.
Va. State at Elizabeth City
Fayetteville at Norfolk St.
Ala. State at Albany State
Tenn. State at Ky. Wesleyan
Ala. A and M at Fla. A and M
Xavier at Dillard
Texas Southern at Austin

Monday
Howard at Morgan
Bishop at Texas Southern

NBA GAMES

Friday
Portland at Buffalo
Philadelphia at Houston
Phoenix at New Orleans
Milwaukee at Chicago
Washington at Detroit
Golden State at Los Angeles
Atlanta at Seattle

Saturday
Buffalo at New York
Boston at Golden State

Sunday
Portland at Washington
Atlanta at Cleveland
Houston at New Orleans
Phoe. vs. Milw. at Madison
Boston at Los Angeles
Phildelphia at Seattle

Little League registration set

The Edmondson Village Little League will register applicants for its summer program tomorrow (Saturday) from noon to 2 p.m.

Youngsters may sign up at the Rognel Heights Center, Wicklow and Seminole Ave. Further information may be obtained by phoning 947-9057.

Martial arts meet slated at Loyola

The first annual Loyola College karate and kung-fu tournament will be held next Saturday (March 1), on the school's Charles Street campus. The public is invited to attend the intercollegiate and invitational competition and demonstrations in the Loyola gymnasium, beginning at 10 a.m.

Some 100 participants from area colleges and the Baltimore community are expected to be vying for trophies in three belt classifications.

Participants from Canada, Pennsylvania, New York and Virginia have been invited to the Loyola meet, and local colleges such as Hopkins, Towson, Morgan, and the Naval Academy will be represented in the elimination rounds.

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Ali may adopt 'Ben Hur' pose in rematch with Foreman

PHILADELPHIA (UPI) — Muhammad Ali, heavyweight boxing champion, said Wednesday he will face former champion George Foreman in the ring in about four months.

Ali defeated Foreman for the championship last Oct. 30 in Zaire, Africa.

"I can't say where I will fight him," Ali said. "You'll know soon but it won't be in this country."

Ali, who faces Chuck Wepner in a title bout March 24 in Cleveland, made the announcement during a taping session for the nationally-syndicated "Mike Douglas Show." The program, on which Wepner also appeard, will be aired Feb. 27.

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According to Douglas, Ali told him before the show that he would fight Foreman in four months. Douglas asked Ali to repeat the statement during the taping and the heavyweight champion agreed.

"Anyway, we almost had the fight in the Coliseum in Rome," Ali said. "The Italian government was going to rebuild the Coliseum and I was going to enter the ring in a chariot — seriously — one of thos Ben Hur things.

"Four big, white horses and trumpets blowing and me coming in and that fella putting his thumb down. We had it going but the next fight will be in that type of set up — in an ancient setting. I can't say no more."

Ali said he will soon make an official announcement on the location of the fight.

Russell remains firm in nixing Hall of Fame

SEATTLE, Wash. (UPI) — Bill Russell's refusal to become a member of the National Basketball Hall of Fame is consistent with an attitude he has maintained for years, coach Tommy Heinsohn of the champion Boston Celtics says.

Heinsohn, who knows Russell well since their years of Celtic teammates, told the Puget Sound Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association Tuesday that Russell always has felt that it wasn't important what others thought of him.

"It's what he thinks of himself (that counts)," the Boston coach said.

He said that, although it is difficult for many persons in basketball to understand why Russell would turn his back on the game's greatest honor, "what he elects to do about it is his business."

Offering no explanation for his refusing induction, Russell has said: "For my own personal reasons, which I don't want to discuss, I don't want to be a part of it."

The Seattle Supersonics coach has rejected questions from reporters asking him to clarify or elaborate on his statement.

Ed Williams, executive director of the Hall of Fame, has tried without success to discuss the issue with Russell by telephone and said he would come to Seattle to see the former Celtic star, described by some as the game's all-time greatest defensive player.

Asked if he would see Williams if he came to Seattle, Russell replied, "No, I would not."

College Scores

MIDWEEK BASKETBALL

S.C. State 78, Morgan 77
Howard 85, Delaware State 78
Federal City 76, D.C. Teachers 74
Norfolk State 103, St. Paul's 87
Barber-Scotia 87, Coppin St. 76
Salisbury State 77, Lincoln 61
Va. State 117, Fayetteville 95
St. Paul's 96, Johnson C. Smith 89
S.C. State 99, Armstrong St. 96
St. Aug. 94, Livingstone 92
Elizabeth City 76, Va. Union 71
Ala. A and M 53, Livingstone 44
Pethuse 87, Fla. Southern 77
Voorhees 96, Coastal Carolina 93
Mo. Lincoln 105, J. F. Kennedy 83
Texas College 89, Trinity

Ali Avenue idea is abandoned

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (UPI) — The Louisville Urban League said Tuesday that the organization has given up its efforts to get a local street re-named in honor of world heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali, a native of Louisville.

The Urban League said a survey conducted in Ali's home neighborhood showed that most felt the champion deserved something better in the way of an honor — such as naming a building after him.

TEEN SPORTS

By Greg Logan

The MSA individual wrestling championships that opened yesterday will continue today (Friday) and tomorrow with separate Friday sessions at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., winding up Saturday with consolations at 10 a.m., and championship finals at 2 p.m.

Student admission Friday is 50 cents for each session. Consolation action is free and the championship round costs $1. Adult tickets for all three sessions will be at the door. Some of the top contenders for each weight classification include:

100 POUNDS-West, City, 9-0; Allison, Lake Clifton, 9-0; and Bakersfield, Forest Park, 8-2. Look for City's Mike West to win big.

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114 POUNDS-Terry, City, 7-1-1.

121 POUNDS-6. Reid, Forest Park, 7-3.

128 POUNDS - Nation, Dunbar, 7-2.

134 POUNDS. Adams, Southwestern, 9-1; Robeson, Edmondson (record unavailable)

141 POUNDS Holt, Northwestern, 8-0-1; Whitte, Poly, 7-2.

147 POUNDS. Schuler, City, 8-1-4. Parker, Dunbar, 6-1. 5. Moore, Northwestern (record unavailable)

167 POUNDS-McKinney, City, 9-0; Eaton, Northwestern, 7-2; and Watson, Southwestern, 10-0.

185 POUNDS-Massey, Northwestern, 9-0; Alexander, City, 7-1-1.

UNLIMITED-Walker, City, 9-0; Lecompte, Northwestern, 8-1; Johnson, Southwestern, 10-0; and Trusty, Forest Park, 7-1.

Address all news and suggestions for this column to Greg Logan, care of TEENSPORTS, AFRO-AMERICAN, P.O. Box 1357, Baltimore, Md. 21203. . . or call 523-3018.

Bullets play HU hospital benefit

The Advisory Board of Freedmen's Hospital is sponsoring a benefit game between the Washington Bullets and the Detroit Pistons on Friday, February 23 at the Capital Center in Largo, Maryland.

Proceeds from the contest will go to the Howard University Hospital which will be formally opened March 2.

Tickets may be purchased for $5, $10, $25 at the Gift Shop on the first floor of Freedmen's, or in Room 103, Freedmen's annex Building No. 2, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Kidney Foundation to cite Bill Myers

One of the many people helping the Kidney Foundation of Maryland this year is Bill Myers, a gifted young composer generous with his time and talent.

Recently, Bill became deeply concerned with the plight of the kidney patient awaiting a kidney transplant. His desire to help led him to compose a song entitled "The Gift" which he recorded with his "Younger Americans."

Since the song began to be used, the Kidney Foundation estimates that over 1,000 donor cards have been distributed.

As chairman of the Performing Arts Department of Dulaney Senior High School, Bill has gained respect from his peers in the educational system.

Internationally known for his musical abilities, Bill has taken care to develop each of his talents and performs with particular ease.

In the Bahama Islands he won an "International World Choral Festival" award in 1973. In Europe he has performed in exclusive night clubs and in the United States he has done commercial recordings, television appearances, has directed Broadway theatre in summer stock and has worked extensively in community theatre.

Bill Myers will receive a Certificate of Appreciation at the Kidney Foundation's "Gift of Life" Luncheon this Friday, February 21 at 12 noon.

BILL MYERS

He and "The Younger Americans" will also provide the entertainment for this event which honors the outstanding volunteers who have done exceptional work in the fight against kidney disease, the nation's fourth largest killer.

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Our pages in Annapolis

By Angela Chatman
(AFRO BUREAU)

ANNAPOLIS — Last week's young pages in Annapolis were Miss Denise Gwendolyn Christopher, Miss Vernonette Marguerite Gaddy, Ernest Franklin Dorsey and Cameron Turdon Bryan.

Miss Christopher, 17, is a senior at Douglass High School, is one of two pages from that school. She is the daughter of Mrs. Eldora Christopher and has three sisters, Diane, 16; Deborah, 14 and Amy, 13 and one brother, Elroy, 20.

Her interest is math, and she plans on going into the field of computer engineering. She got her chance to become a page when her Modern Problems teacher, Mr. Jacobson, chose her for the program.

She said of the General Assembly, "It's wider than I thought it was. It's interesting. I like the people. The people are friendly. I've learned a lot about how the legislature works — I've been to the committee hearings. It's interesting."

Of the pages, she said, "I think they're nice."

Miss Vernonette Marguerite Gaddy, 18, is a senior at Patterson High School. She lives with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Fuller, 1704 N. Bradford St. She has three sisters, Sabrina, 19; Ramona, 16 and Kim, 11 and one brother, Tony, 17.

Her academic interests are music and English. Outside of school, she enjoys working with children, community groups and places like the library. She plans to major in early childhood education. She is one of two pages from Douglass who got their chance to come to Annapolis after writing essays and passing an interview. The principal made the final decision.

"It's very fast paced and it's very confusing but the delegates are like normal people. You just have to be very attentive," she says of the General Assembly. "I saw the human side of the delegates this week."

Her experience with her fellow pages was just a nice one. "Everybody was great. It was nice to get to know new people."

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Ernest Franklin Dorsey, 18, is senior class president at Dunbar Community High School. He lives with his mother, Mrs. Annie Dorsey, 1808 E. Chase St. and has one sister, Mrs. Deborah Davis, 23.

Ernest had to write an essay and fill out a resume in order to be chosen as a page. He is one of two from Dunbar.

"It's interesting, a learning experience to see how they act," he said of the assembly.

Of the pages, he said, "I loved meeting them."

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Cameron Turdon Bryan, 18, is a senior at Meade Senior Vocational-Technical High School. He lives with his mother, Mrs. Marian Armstrong and his four brothers, Kevin, 22; Gary, 24; Carlton, 27 and Dwayne, 15 and a sister, Charlenta, 24.

He is interested in math, is a member of the school's tennis team, the senior club's advisory board and likes working with a lot of clubs. He is one of two pages from Meade and was chosen to the Student Advisory Council.

Of the General Assembly, he said, "It's very interesting. We really learn how to get along. It may not seem like they work, but when they go into the committees, they work hard."

"All of the pages were really wonderful." He noted that one person had commented that last week's group of pages were the first to really get out and see Annapolis.

His advice is "Come down here with an attitude to learn. It's a lot to learn in a short time."

HCC to offer course in horticulture

Beginning Thursday, Feb. 27, Howard Community College will offer a special five-week program entitled "Basic Horticulture." The program provides practical instruction to the home gardener who is interested in improving or developing a garden or attractive lawn.

Among the topics to be discussed during the short course will be lawn care, pruning, disease and insect control and propagation of garden and flowering plants. Practical demonstrations will provide each person in attendance with detailed knowledge of the proper procedures to be followed for a variety of gardening efforts.

The "Basic Horticulture" program will be held on five consecutive Thursday evenings from 7-9:30 p.m. at the Howard Vocational-Technical Center on Route 108 in Ellicott City. Cost for the program is $5.

For additional information or to register for the program, contact the Office of Community Services at Howard Community College by calling 730-8000, ext. 40.

HARRY J. ANDERSON, son of Mrs. Leola Johnson of Baltimore, has been graduated from recruit training at the Naval Training Center in San Diego. The training included instruction in seamanship, military regulations, fire fighting, close order drill, first aid and naval history.

Rev. Coffin on world hunger

The Rev. William Sloane Coffin Jr. will address Western Maryland College students and the Westminster community on Monday, Feb. 24.

The Rev. Coffin has received considerable publicity for his stands on equal opportunity for blacks and against the Vietnam war. He is currently heading the Yale Hunger Project; a group of students, faculty and staff, which confronts the world food crisis. The project organized a fast day at Yale University in November and drew over 2,500 participants.

His talk, "World Hunger and the Emerging World Community," will begin at 7 p.m. in McDaniel Lounge. It is sponsored by the college's student-directed Religious Life Council.

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