Dirty fight will get foe stomped says Ali

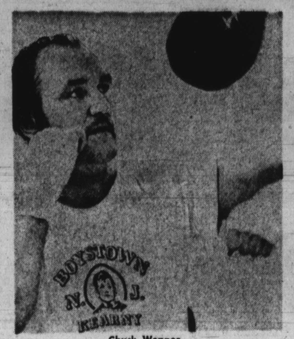
Muhammad Ali says he will "pound Chuck Wepner into the canvas and stomp on him," if the challenger takes any cheap shots during their Monday night title match at Richfield, Ohio.

Ali made the threat of Tuesday workout.

retaliation following a (The All-Wepner bout will be shown on closed-circuit television at Capital Centre, Largo, Md., and at the Baltimore Civic Center).

"I'm not tolerating any dirty fighting and I hope he feels the same way," said Ali, who sparred six rounds with Larry Holmes earlier. "He's not going to fight filthy like his manager says because you can't win a title that way.

"I don't want no dirt. He's messin' around with the prize of America. There's no reason for him to fight me dirty like he's been practicing."



Chuck Wepner
challenger warned on butting

Wepner in his practice rounds has butted a few heads and also has done some rabbit punching.

"If he ain't going to use them in the fight against Ali, why is he practicing them now?" asked Angelo Dundee, Ali's manager.

"Even Wepner's manager (Al Braverman) has encouraged his man to use rabbit punches and get away with whatever he can because he's a brawler.

"Ali has taken a lot in his bouts and when he comes back to the corner and tells me his opponent is fouling him I tell him to go back and do the same thing. He's not that kind of a fighter. But he's not going to take it this time."

Ali said the referee, yet to be named, should take points away should Wepner foul repeatedly.

"This is a heavyweight title fight and their camp is desperate to win," added Ali, who also worked out on the heavy and light bags, jumped rope and did calisthenics.

"But as far as I'm concerned he better try to win it the clean way and no low blows. If he hits me low, I'll do the same to him and stomp him into the ground right in front of everybody.

"I ain't takin' no dirt because the champion of the world don't have to take no dirt."

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AFRO Sports

Concentration and respect key to success of Bullets

"This same team with another coach wouldn't be half as good as we are. The whole thing we have here is a reflection of K. C. He is one of us. He listens to suggestions and everything. The man is great."

That is the assessment of Washington Bullets coach K. C. Jones, as given the other day by one of the NBA's stars, Elvin Hayes.

A successful team must respect its coach. That respect may be born of fear (e.g. Vince Lombardi) or admiration. A successful coach may yell or he may lead by example. He inspires respect by his mere presence. Lombardi yelled to get his players' attention. K. C. Jones is quiet. So when he talks, corrects, criticizes, suggests or teaches, its affect is multiplied.

K. C. Jones
admired by players

"These guys all know how to play the game," he says, "They're professionals. But it takes a frame of mind to deal with all the things you have to concentrate on.

"Concentration," Jones repeats. "There's so much to do out there, that it's got to command your whole attention. The whole mind has to be into the fundamentals of the game. You have to be into it way beyond your own scoring. You have to concentrate on details."

So Jones concentrates. And his team, despite occasional lapses, concentrates too. When asked why the Bullets didn't shoot well, or why their defense broke down, or why their fastbreak wasn't working well, Jones invariably responds with that word. "Concentration."

The Bullets won their first seven games of the 1974-75 season. They had winning streaks all year. But they never quite achieved that championship character until mid-February. Since then, they have been awesome. It's all part of the Jones master plan.

"I appreciate the way he treats you like a man," says captain Wes Unseld. "He doesn't say a lot, but when he does say something you want to listen. Unlike some coaches, he's not on an ego trip."

Jones realizes his players have talent and he realizes they will motivate themselves. Sometimes, though, they need a little help.

Early in the season he said the Bullets "are the best team in the league talentwise, but we're not championship yet."

An indictment of his own work? Perhaps. But, more likely, a continuing search for perfection.

Jones won eight NBA championships as a player, one as an assistant coach with the Lakers. Now he is trying for his first championship as a coach.

He knows the ingredients he must have and knows how to blend those ingredients. He wasn't happy with the results, despite apparent success, until recently.

"A coach can either bring out the best ability of his team or he can hide it," says Hayes. "There's no doubt what K. C. has done."

6-10 Californian added to schoolboy classic

The Capital Classic has added a second big man from the state of California to its United States All-Star team which will face the Metro stars on April 3 at the Capital Centre.

David Greenwood, a 6-foot 10, 212 pound center from Los Angeles will join with Bill Cartwright, of Elk Grove, to give the United States team a dream front line.

Greenwood has 21 points and 17 rebounds a game this year, while making 60 per cent of his field goal attempts and 67 per cent of his free throws.

He has already made All-America honors after gaining most valuable player awards in several tournaments which include the Covina, Central California Classic and the San Dimas tournament of champions.

Along with Greenwood and Cartwright, the United States team includes Indiana High School basketball stars Kyle Macy of Peru and Sam Drummer of Muncie and Bob Bender of Bloomington, Illinois.

At least five more players and a coach are expected to be named this week.

The Metro squad will be chosen following the Metro classic scheduled for St. John's High School on Thursday and Friday, March 27-28. Teams representing Maryland, Virginia, Washington and the preps will meet in double headers.

A coaches committee will then select the players for the Metro team and for the East vs West preliminary.

IT IS FOUR OF FIVE — Four blacks occupy spots on the 5-man All-American team picked by United Press International following completion of the 1974-75 college basketball season. David Thompson of North Carolina State, was the top vote-getter, as he was last year. Others on the mythical five are shown in this UPI montage.

EXHIBITION SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

Astros vs. Braves at West Palm Beach (N); Mets vs. Dodgers at Vero Beach; Pirates vs. Phillies at Clearwater; Red Sox vs. Cardinals at St. Petersburg; Reds vs. Tigers at Lakeland; Astros vs. Twins at Orlando; Expos vs. Rangers at Pompano Beach; Royals vs. White Sox at Sarasota; Yankees vs. Royals (split squad) at Fort Myers; Angels vs. Cubs at Palm Springs; A's vs. Padres at Mesa; Brewers vs. Giants at Phoenix (N).

SATURDAY

Dodgers vs. Astros at Reds at Tampa; Twins vs. Cocoa (DH); Phillies vs Mets at St. Petersburg; Royals vs. Reds at Tampa; White Sox vs. Phillies at Clearwater; Braves vs. Orioles at Miami (N); Pirates vs. Tigers at Lakeland; Yankees vs. Cardinals at Fort Lauderdale; Expos vs. Rangers at Pompano Beach; Twins vs. Red Sox at Winter Haven; Padres vs. Giants at Phoenix; Cubs vs. Angels at Palm Springs; Brewers vs. Indians at Sun City; A's vs. Arizona U. at Mesa.

MONDAY

Expos vs. Braves at West Palm Beach (N); Mets vs. Phillies at Clearwater; Reds vs. Cardinals at St. Pettrsburg; White Sox vs. Pirates at Bradenton (DH); Dodgers vs. Red Sox at Winter Haven; Yankees vs. Tigers at Lakeland (N); Rangers vs. Twins at Orlando; Padres vs Giants at Phoenix; Cubs vs. Brewers at Sun City; Angels vs. A's at Palm Springs.

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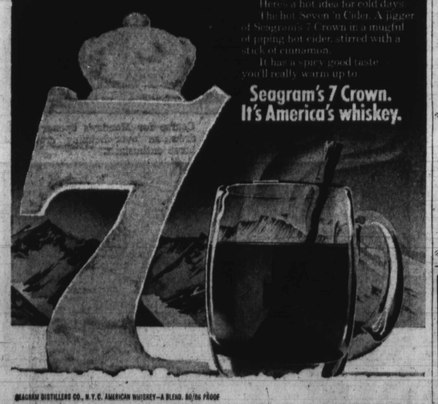

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Bears' Webster is cited again

For the second time in as many years, Marvin Webster of Morgan State College, wrapped up small-college individual honors in basketball late this week.

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The 7-foot center of the Bears was named college division "player of the year" by the Associated Press on Thursday.

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Earlier, he had been accorded similar designation by the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC), of which Morgan is a member.

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Webster won both citations last year also.

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The former Edmondson High School standout, who admitted he had what he considered an "off" year, produced an unusual set of statistics. He had more rebounds, averaging 17.4 per game, than points. He scored an average of 16.4 per contest.

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Webster, who will be graduated this spring, is certain to be an early pick when the pro leagues conduct their drafting of college players.

AFRO Sports

Delegates top Senators in Annapolis basketball

By Angela Chatman
(AFRO BUREAU)

ANNAPOLIS — The halls of the State House were filled with sore legislators last Friday following Thursday night's basketball game between the Senators and members of the House of Delegates.

The Delegates won the game 55 to 48, after battling the Senators for one and a half to two hours on the floor of the Naval Academy's Halsey Field House.

The entire group was outfitted in Naval Academy basketball jerseys.

Among those playing on the House side were Delegates Walter R. Dean Jr. and Arthur G. Murphy Sr. (D-41st) and Nathaniel Exum (D-25th) of Prince George's County.

Senators who played were Tommie Broadwater, (D-25th), of Prince George's County; Clarence M. Mitchell III (D-38th), and Robert L. Douglass, (D-45th).

Douglass scored a total of 11 points for the ill-fated Senators.

Baltimore youth

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Larry Avery of Baltimore, Md., was one of the key figures in Michigan State's winning (10-6) dual meet wrestling season this winter.

The senior heavyweight finished his most successful year as a Spartan by taking the conference title in his weight class.

The product of Brooklyn Park High took the heavyweight championship by defeating Iowa's John Bowlsby, 6-1, in the final match.

Jabbar challenges NBA on the right to beef

MILWAUKEE (UPI) — Kareem Abdul Jabbar has taken on the National Association and has asked the Wisconsin Civil Liberties Union to help him in that one-on-one contest.

Abdul-Jabbar, the star center for the Milwaukee Bucks, asked the WCLU to aid him in his claim that are NBA rule prohibiting criticism of league referees is a violation of the players' rights of freedom of speech.

He was fined $250 for criticizing referee Jerry Loeber last week after fouling out of a game. Abdul-Jabbar said Loeber sees a "standard for ineptitude for referees" and is "unqualified to be an official in this league."

When he made the comments to reporters after the game, Jabbar said if he was fined for his remarks he would fight the rule in the courts as a denial of his right to freedom of speech.

William Lynch of the WCLU, the Wisconsin branch of the American Civil Liberties Union, said Jabbar called Tuesday afternoon from Portland, Ore., where the Bucks were to play a game Tuesday night.

Lynch said Jabbar asked "if it would be possible to challenge the fine assessed by the National Basketball Association."

"The WCLU is gathering the information necessary to make a complete analysis of Jabbar's chances to challenge the rule as a denial of the right of free speech which is protected by the U.S. Constitution and federal civil rights laws," Lynch said.

Lynch said he did not know of any cases involving a challenger to sports regulations but said some recent cases involving freedom of speech on the part of workers might be relevant.

"We'll see if Jabbar's case fits in with them," he said.

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar
Bucks, center blasts gag rule

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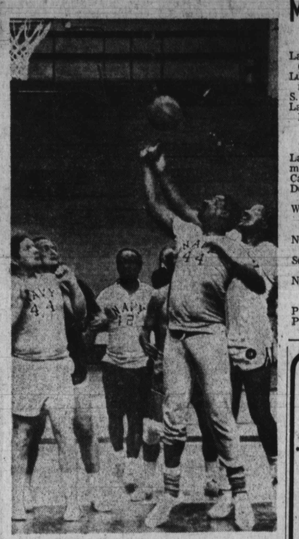

JOCKEYING FOR THE BALL — Del. Walter R. Dean and Sen. Robert Douglass battle for control of the basketball as Del. Nathaniel Exum (D-25), center of Prince Georges County looks on. Left in front is Del. William H. Cox, (D-6), Harford County. In the rear is Anne Arundel County Executive and former State Senator, Robert Pascal. Pascal seriously dislocated a cartilage in his knee during the game and may have to undergo surgery. The score was 55-48 in favor of House of Delegates.
(AFRO staff photo by Angela Chatman)

MSA Scoreboard

FRIDAY SCHEDULE

Baseball

Lake Clifton at Forest Pk (Sloman)
Lutheran at Southern (Carroll)
S. Western at Patterson
Lake Clifton JV vs. Forest Pk. JV (Conlon)

Track

Carver Relays

Forest Park, Northern, Lake Clifton, Carver, Edmondson and Douglass at Carver; also Northern, Douglass, Carver JV's.

Lacrosse

Walbrook at Poly

MONDAY SCHEDULE

Baseball

Northwestern at Northern, (Pimlico Jr.)
Southwestern at Wilde Lake
Northwestern JV at Northern JV

Lacrosse

Patterson at Park School
Patterson JV at Park School JV

Baseball clinic slated April 5

The Baltimore City Bureau of Recreation, in conjunction with the Oriole Advocates and the Maryland Professional Baseball Players Association, is conducting the first annual Baltimore City Baseball Instructional Clinic Saturday, April 5, at Utz Twardowicz Field, 1 p.m.

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In case of inclement weather, the clinic will be held on Sunday, April 6, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Utz Twardowicz Field.

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Vince Bagli will be the Master of Ceremonies for the clinic. Instruction on the basic fundamentals of baseball will be given by former Baltimore Orioles players — Ron Hansen, Curt Motton, Dick Hall and Clay Dalrymple, along with members of the Maryland Professional Baseball Players Association.

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