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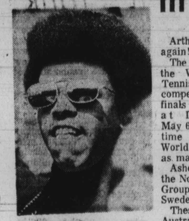

IS THIS YOU whom AFRO photographer-reporter Ben Phillips caught in focus at a recent Baltimore sports event? If so, you may bring this clipping to Mrs. Gertrude Steele, 3rd floor of the AFRO Building, identify yourself and the scene where the photo was taken, for $5 reward for being in the right place at the right time. Deadline for claiming is TUESDAY NOON.

Ashe clinches berth in tennis World Series

Arthur Ashe has made it again!

The lone black player on the World Championship Tennis (WCT) tour will compete in the eight-man finals of the pro schedule at Dallas, commencing May 6. It marks the fourth time he has reached this World Series of tennis in as many years.

Ashe finished the tour as the No. 1 man in the Green Group, with Bjorn Borg of Sweden second.

These two are joined by Australia's Rod Laver, the Blue Group champion, and John Alexander, also of Australia, of the Red Group, as certainties in the playoff.

But the final four berths in the $100,000 tournament will be decided this weekend among Roscoe Tanner, Vitas Gerulaitis, Stan Smith, Harold Solomon and Dick Stockton, all of the U.S., Raul Ramirez of Mexico and Mark Cox of Great Britain.

Ashe and Borg, who dominated the WCT Green Group this year, have piled up 640 and 610 points respectively and Laver, who set a WCT record 23 straight wins in the Blue Group, has accumulated 620 points.

Alexander is out front in the closely bunched Red Group with 550.

The WCT operation is divided into three groupings — Green, Red and Blue — for the Worldwide tour.

The top two point scorers in each grouping qualify for the Dallas "world series," plus the two players accumulating the highest number of points among the rest of the players.

The winner of a tour event earns 110 points while the runner-up receives 90. The two losing semi-finalists earn 70 points, the four losing quarterfinalists pick up 50 points, second round losers receive 30 and first round losers get 20.

Bing eyes Bullets, Braves or Bucks in facing trade

Dave Bing knows he is going to be traded by the Detroit Pistons before next season, but he will retire unless he is dealt to a team that is acceptable to him.

The 31-year-old product of Washington's (DC) Spingarn High School said Tuesday he was informed last week in a meeting with owner Bill Davidson of Detroit and Pistons' coach Ray Scott that attempts would be made to deal him away during the off-season.

"I wasn't surprised," said the 6-foot-3 guard who has been an all-star choice five of the eight years he has been in the NBA.

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"He (Davidson) said I embarrassed him and the other owners in the league with my holdout in training camp.

"And supposedly Ray and I had a problem when Sam Adams was cut. He said unless I did exactly what they wanted me to do I wouldn't be around next year.

"But I won't be less of a man just to pacify them," Bing said. "No way. They own my contract but they don't own me. I'm not going to compromise to keep a job. I don't believe in this politics game."

Bing said he "more than likely" would retire if Detroit fails to negotiate a trade with another National Basketball Association team.

Dave Bing
he won't compromise

Dave's contract gives him the power to veto any trade that is not to his liking. And he has indicated that, while he would be willing to go to any "young, contending team," his preferences would be Milwaukee, Washington or Buffalo.

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Bing said the clubs action stems from "a move to get rid of the people they can't control. It's his team. He can do what he wants with it. They feel I might be a problem—which I might.

"It's going to take more than a lead guard for us (the Pistons) to win the championship," Bing said. "There are only two or three lead guards in the league as good as I am. I don't think our problem is the lead guard.

"I think it's the other guard," he said. "I'm not knocking anyone, but Chris (Ford) and John (Mengelt) aren't the answer . . . Ray said I handled the ball 90 per cent of the time. That wasn't my idea.

"But rather than try and improve a team at the other spot," Bing said, "it's more convenient for them to let me go because I'm a "problem."

Mr. Davidson and the other owners have taken a stand. He said I'm not any good for the team. He never said anything about my playing ability."

Muny Games slated may 10

The Baltimore City Bureau of Recreation will hold the 60th annual Junior Municipal Games track and field meet on May 10 at the Lake Clifton Senior High School, located at 2801 St. Lo Drive at 11 a.m.

Boys and girls between the ages of 8 through 17 years, who live within a 10-mile radius of Baltimore City, are eligible to participate.

The meet will consist of dashes, relays, long jump, high jump, softball throw and shotput. Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place winners.

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Outstanding performers will be invited by the Track and Field Selection Committee to tryouts beginning June 4 at Edmondson High School under the supervision of coach Art Milburn, for the team representing Baltimore City in the United States Youth Games in Fort Worth, Texas, in August.

Entry blanks are available at various recreation centers and at the Bureau of Recreation, 1129 N. Calvert St.

MSA Scoreboard

FRIDAY SCHEDULE

Varsity Baseball
St. Joe at Lake Clifton
Curley vs. Southern, Carroll Park
City at Northern
Poly at Gibbons
Patterson at Loyola

JV Baseball
Lake Clifton at Mt. St. Joe
Northern at City
Southern at Curley
Gibbons at Poly
Loyola at Patterson

Varsity Track
Patterson at Lake Clifton
Dunbar vs. Mervo, Kirk Field
Poly at Walbrook
Douglass, Northern, Northwestern, Edmondson at Penn Relays.

JV Track
Patterson at Lake Clifton
Poly at Walbrook

Varsity Lacrosse
Forest Park at Columbia, Md.
Southern at Edmondson
Carroll at Northern
Poly at Towson Catholic
Patterson at Lake Clifton
Northwestern at City

SATURDAY SCHEDULE

Varsity Track
Northwestern, Douglass, Forest Park at Penn Relays.

MONDAY SCHEDULE

Varsity Baseball
Forest Park at Southwestern
Loyola at City
Lutheran at Mervo
Edmondson at Walbrook
McDonogh vs. Dunbar, Clifton Park
Northwestern at Douglass
Carver at Gilman
Lake Clifton at Patterson
Southern at Mt. St. Joe
Northern at Carroll
Calvert Hall at Poly

JV Baseball
Douglass vs. N.W., Pimlico Jr. H.
City at Loyola
Patterson at Lake Clifton
Southwestern at Conlon Field
Poly at Calvert Hall
Mt. St. Joe vs. Southern, Carroll Park
Carroll at Northern
Walbrook at Edmondson
Dunbar at McDonogh
Gilman vs. Carver, Druid Hill

JV Lacrosse
Patterson at Walbrook
City at Edmondson
Southwestern at Northwestern
Severn at Northern
Poly at Curley

Dual golf

The Monumental Golf Club will compete in a team match at Lynchburg, Va. on May 25.

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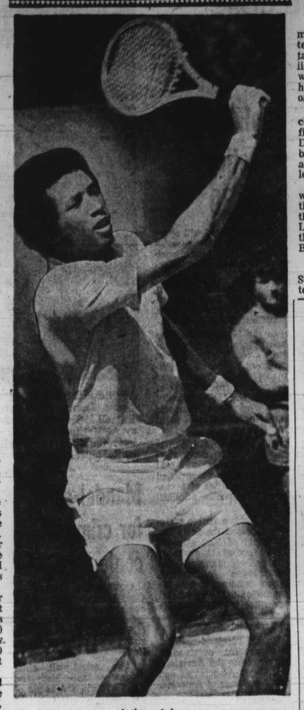

Arthur Ashe
top man in tour's Green Group

Golf clinic

Beginning Monday, May 19, the Center City YMCA located at 24 W. Franklin St. will conduct an indoor golf clinic.

The co-educational classes for beginners, 15 years of age and older, will be held every Monday evening from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. The clinic will teach a basic introduction to golf such as stance, grip and backswing.

Advanced registration will be required by phone or by mail. Phone registration will be accepted by calling the YMCA Physical Education director, Jung Suh, 539-7350.

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The fee for the course is $15 per hour and to non-members $25 per hour. The instructor is Bill Mallonee, PGA golf professional.

Baltimore teacher 4th woman in Boston race

Marilyn Bevans, a Baltimore physical education teacher who runs long distances as her hobby, finished fourth in a field of 55 women participants in the historic Boston Marathon on Monday.

In all, there were 2,168 contestants in the bulky field of the annual Patriots Day event, won this year by Will Rodgers, a graduate student at Boston College.

Until two yeartz ago, when 11 were entered for the first time, the marathon had barred women. Last year, there were 37 in the field, including Miss Bevans.

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A graduate of Morgan State College, Marilyn now teaches at the Herring Run Junior High School.

Her time for the 26-mile, 385-yard grind was two hours, 57 minutes, her first time under the 3-hour barrier imposed upon themselves by women runners in the Hub festture.

A dedicated competitor who trains by running a series of quarter and half-mile stints daily, Miss Bevans is now beginning her physical and mental preparation for the Maryland Marathon which she enters each year.

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Clemente project funds now in excess of $700G

SAN JUAN, P.R. (UPI) — Donations to build the Roberto Clemente Sports City for Puerto Rican youth have passed the $700,000 mark, with work on the project expected to begin next month, the executive director of the project, Jose Seda, said this week.

Seda made the announcement during a ceremony in which $97,395 collected in two exhibition games played here last month by the Pirates and the Yankees was turned over to the Roberto Clemente Sports City Inc.

With the funds from the two games, Seda said, the contributions to the project totaled $709,341, of which $406,059 was collected in Pittsburgh and the rest in Puerto Rico.

The sports city, a complex of facilities for the free use of the island's youth, was a long time dream of the Pirates' outfielder, who died Dec. 31, 1972, in a plane crash just off the coast of San Juan.

The project is to be located on an oceanfront farm in suburban Carolina, Clemente's home town.

Ashe honored in S. Africa

Arthur Ashe failed to make it past the quarterfinals of the World Championship Tennis classic at Johannesburg last week, but the slender Virginian who now lives in Florida, was singularly honored, anyway.

Ashe was presented a zebra skin by South African Lawn Tennis Union president Blen Franklin in acknowledging Ashe's services in promoting black tennis in the apartheid state.

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The presentation followed completion of the doubles finals, in which Arthur teamed with Tom Okker of Holland to win the title. They defeated the world's No. 1 team of Frew McMillan and Bob Hewitt of South Africa, 6-3, 6-2.

McMillan, the clever two-handed veteran, had eliminated Ashe in the singles competition two days earlier.

Judo at Meade

The Fort Meade Judo Club will sponsor an invitational judo tournament at the Murphy Field House, Fort Meade, Md. tomorrow (Saturday).

Opening ceremonies are scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. Juniors will compete in 3-minute matches and seniors in 4-minute contests. Awards will be presented to first, second and third place finishers.

Tournament director is Donald Strong. Third Degree Black Belt, P.O. Box 104, Fort Meade, Md. 20755.

Northwest LL to open Sunday

Northwest Little League will hold its opening day ceremonies for the summer program on Sunday.

The inaugural parade, beginning at 1:30 p.m., will proceed from Reisterstown Plaza north to Fallstaff Road, then east to the athletic field at Northwestern High School.

City officials and some members of the Colts football team will participate.

Opening games in the major and minor leagues will follow.

Special Olympics set at Rosewood

The habilitation department of Rosewood Center has scheduled its 2-day special Olympics program for Tuesday and Wednesday.

The Tuesday events will be swimming and volleyball competition from 6-9 p.m.

On Wednesday, an Olympic parade and opening ceremonies will commence at 12:45 p.m., at the Owings Mills grounds. Track and field events will be conducted from 1 p.m. to 3:30 o'clock.

Awards will be presented afterward by former Colt star Lenny Moore.

AFRO Sports

HIS DAY'S COMING — The Maryland Jockey Club has scheduled a "day" for former jockey Skeets Holland, one of Maryland horse racing's most familiar figures. The 64-year-old horseman, shown here exercising a thoroughbred named Close Home, will be honored on Monday at Pimlico, at which time a race will be run in his name and a winner's circle tribute will be directed to him and his family of wife and four children.

What's-in-a-name hunches for Ky. Derby office pools

By Steve Snider

NEW YORK (UPI) — It's time to sort out a few Kentucky Derby eligibles for office pool addicts and once-a-year horse players who can't resist a flier on the "Run for the Roses."

Of the 226 horses on the original eligible list, only a handful will be at Louisville, Ky., on the first Saturday of May. Some on today's list may not be running anywhere on Derby Day but there's a good chance it does include the winner of the 101st running of Classic at Churchill Downs — the one horse race that annually produces "handicapping" fever in millions of Americans who never go near a race track.

An utterly unofficial early line for hunch players, with comment that may or may not prove helpful:

Prince Thou Art — King thou couldst be.

Foolish Pleasure — Smart money looked foolish after his defeat in Florida Derby but foolish pleasures are hard to beat.

Sylvan Place — Would prefer Sylvan win

Singh — Of three I might trying to re-negotiate more than three years.

The basketball tournament committee, meeting in conjunction with the CIAA's spring season, learned of the Greensboro decision Saturday.

Since 1962, the CIAA tournament has attracted more than 250,000 fans and the league says it has been topped as a three-day college basketball show in the United States only by the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament.

CIAA Commissioner L. D. Smith of Richmond, who was re-elected for another term, said the league is now reviewing tournament site proposals from the Hampton Roads Coliseum, Norfolk's Scope and the Richmond Coliseum.

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Robert L. Vaughan of Elizabeth City State University, was re-elected president of the league.

Also elected were Samuel, E. Massenberg of Hampton Institute, vice president; James E. Cole of Virginia Union, vice president for the Northern Division; Eddy C. McGirt of Johnson C. Smith, vice president for the Southern Division; Sanford M. Perkins of Norfolk State, secretary-treasurer; and Charlie B. Hauser of Winston-Salem State, assistant secretary-treasurer.

Gallant Bob — May step aside.

Circle Home — Good on turns.

Three Crowns — Lucky to get one.

Mr. Duds — Well-groomed.

Decipher — Hard to figure

Rushing Man — For O. J. Simpson fans.

Never Never — Rigit!

Ruples Ferry — Might run aground.

Laramie Trail — Well-travelled, fast-moving.

Lefty — Not right.

Promised City — May be the best of 'em.

Bold Chapeau — Not sure it fits.

Wicked Park — Could be dangerous.

The Bagel Prince — Lox-a luck

Henry Clay — A compromise.

King Jody — Short reign.

Honey Mark — For Lovebirds.

Gatch — Probably no match.

Billy Kilmer — Pass.

Bombay Duck — Haven't cultivated the taste.

Rock Of Ages — Durable.

Valid Appeal — Verdict postponed

Harvard Man — Hard to button down.

Con May — Strictly!

Media — Seems average.

Say Can You See — Hone.

Tim Bean — Jim is smoother.

Scout's Oath — Honest sort.

Colonel Power — Outranked.

Round Stake — In square hole.

Mr. Paul — For beauty parlor crowd.

Big Decision — Sure is.

Special O'lympics meet at Dundalk

Thomas E. Carski, executive director of the Maryland Special Olympics, has announced that Baltimore County will hold its first local Special Olympics meet on Sunday from noon until 3:30 p.m. at the Dundalk Community College.

Over 125 mentally retarded boys and girls will compete in track and field events and participate in numerous clinics. The boxing clinic will be coached by professional heavyweight Larry Middleton.

Baltimore County Executive Ted Venetoulis will preside at the opening ceremonies.

Elder, Dent make top 60 in PGA cash

Lee Elder, who last week pioneered the celebrated Masters Tournament, is 58th on the PGA money list this week.

In the weekly report on pro golf's leading cash winners, Elder is credited with $11,553 as earnings for the first three-and-a-half months of the year.

The only other black among the top 60, is Jim Dent, who leads Elder by nearly $1,300, at $12,852

Dent is 55th on the list

Baltimoreans won't overdo weekend welcome to Frank

Frank Robinson once said that people "don't buy tickets to see managers," and for the most part he is right.

But maybe Frank should amend that statement because, beginning tonight (Friday), there figures to be an outpouring of fans at Memorial Stadium through the weekend. And the reason for the expected turnout: a manager, by the name of Frank Robinson.

The one-time hero of the Orioles leads the Cleveland Indians onto the 33rd Street field for games Friday and Saturday nights and Sunday afternoon. Along with Boog Powell, another popular hero of an earlier Bird day, Robbie will be given a rousing welcome, weather permitting.

Among the hordes, of course, will be the admiring and the curious, these latter fascinated by the chance to see a black manager in operation.

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The feeling at the AFRO sports desk is that the welcome will be warm but not overdone.

Local fans, naturally, want to see Frank do well. They also wish for Powell a new lease on life. But they aren't so gracious as to want Frank and his Indians to get greedy.

The Orioles are their first concern and, at the moment, Earl Weaver and his charges are just one-half game ahead of the Tribe in the division standings.

It is apparent that Robinson's first two weeks in charge have presented no problems — none, that is, which are different from those encountered by other managers.

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One of his players, pitcher Fritz Peterson, was asked how he has found playing under Frank.

This southpaw's reply: "He is the first manager I have seen sweat."

Peterson has seen a lot of them in 13 years of organized baseball . . . SAM LACY.

CIAA OKs Federal City, shifts cage tournament

The Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association voted Sunday to accept the membership application of Federal City College in Washington, D.C., and learned its basketball tournament must be moved from Greensboro, N.C., after more than a decade.

The addition of Federal City, which will become eligible for championships in 1977-78, brings to 13 the number of schools in the league of predominantly-black colleges and universities.

A membership application from Barber Scotia College of Concord, N.C., was tabled for review at a later date.

The CIAA also voted to continue its relationship with the Gate City Bowl, a postseason football game between the champions of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and CIAA.

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Regarding the basketball tournament, the league was told the Greensboro Coliseum Commission refused to renew a contract which the CIAA has been

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