AFRO Sports

Surprised City 10th grader was 'there' in AFRO focus

"I hope one day I will be able to play basball, if the condition of my eyes improve."

Seventeen-year-old Larry Blackwell, 10th grade student at City College, was smilingly talking about his plans for the future.

He visited the AFRO office on Tuesday before the noon deadline to claim his $5 prize, won in the "Were You There" feature of April 25.

Mr. Blackwell's photo was taken at an Oriole game.

The AFRO is currently having a money game, "Were You There?"

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In each issue the face of a spectator is circled who was spotted at a sports event by AFRO staff photographer Ben Phillips.

That person is eligible to win $5, provided he calls at the AFRO office before the deadline, which is Tuesday noon after the Friday issue and Friday noon after the Tuesday issue.

"My teacher, Harry Dubit, told me first and then my fellow students, so I ran out and bought the AFRO.

"I was some surprised because I have never won anything before."

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Larry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis (Annie) Blackwell. His dad is a steel worker and mom is a bank employee.

He has two sisters, Edith, 15, 10th grade, Western, and Rosalyn, 12, 6th, Chinquapin.

Larry is a second baritone in the Young Adult Choir at the Long Memorial Baptist Church. The Rev. Lewis Campbell is minister.

There is another "Were You There?" picture in this issue. Look for it. You may be a winner.

Were you there?

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, and claim $5 for being in the right place at the right time. Deadline for claiming is Tuesday NOON.

TO TRY NO. 6 — Tenth-ranked Larry Middleton of Baltimore, will fight Howard Smith, rated No. 6 in the heavyweight ranks and the California state champion, on May 14 in Anaheim, Calif. Middleton is 23-4 with 15 KO's, while Smith has the same number of knockouts among his 29 victories and one loss. Winner is promised match with Ken Norton.

4 MEAC championships at stake this weekend

Four Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference championships will be decided today (Friday) and tomorrow at two different sites. The tennis and golf championships will be contested in Durham, N.C., while the track and baseball titles will be determined at Dover, Delaware.

North Carolina Central will host the tennis championships, where six schools will battle for individual and team titles. North Carolina Central, the defending champion, has won all three previous tennis championships. Dr. J. W. Younge's netters swept the six singles and the three double titles last year at Orangeburg, S.C.

Three teams will battle for golf honors at the Duke University course. South Carolina State is the defending team champion while S.C. State's Raymond Grier is the defending medalist for the 36-hole tournament.

North Carolina Central also won its third straight MEAC track championship at Orangeburg, last year.

All seven MEAC institutions will compete in the track championships.

This will mark the first year a baseball playoff has been held.

The format for the two-day double elimination tourney will match the four top teams in the regular season conference race. The top-seeded team will play the fourth place team while the second place team will play the third place team.

North Carolina A and T and Howard tied for the visitation title last year. Howard is the league leader in the conference race this season with an 8-1 record.

Some of the top track and field stars are expected to be on hand for the two-day meet. North Carolina Central's Charles Foster rated as the premier hurdler in the United States this season. Foster has run 13.4 this year in the high hurdles and is expected to eclipse his own conference mark of 13.7 in his speciality.

Mike Wilson of Delaware State is regarded the top distance man in the conference. Wilson is expected to compete in the mile and two mile runs.

Howard University has run a 3:09 mile relay this year.

Morgan won both the 440 and 880 relays among IC4A schools at the Penn Relays last weekend.

Playoff picture

Following is the picture in the National Basketball Association playoffs as of Friday:

EASTERN CONFERENCE

BOSTON VS. WASHINGTON
(Washington leads) series, 3-0

April 27 — Washington 100, Boston 95
April 30 — Washington 117, Boston 92
May 3 — at Boston, 3:10 p.m.
May 7 — at Washington, 8:05 p.m.
May 9 — at Boston, 7:30 p.m. (if needed)
May 11 — at Washington, 3:10 p.m. (if)
May 13 — at Boston, 9:00 p.m. (if)

WESTERN CONFERENCE
GOLDEN STATE VS. CHICAGO
(series tied, 1-1)

April 27 —Golden State 107, Chicago 89
April 30 — Chicago 90, Golden State 89
May 4 — at Chicago, 1:10 p.m.
May 6 — at Golden State, 11:00 p.m.
May 8 or May 9 — at Golden State, 11:00 p.m.
May 11 — at Chicago, 3:10 p.m. (if needed)
May 13 — at Golden State, 9:00 p.m. (if)

All segments of racing join salute to 'Skeets'

Raymond "Skeets" Holland was the center of attention on Monday afternoon at the Pimlico Race Course—and he loved every minute of it.

"Skeets," one of the best-known figures in Maryland racing circles, was saluted on "Skeets Holland Day" at the track, and representatives of every segment of the sport joined in the tribute.

Following a lavish buffet luncheon in the Preakness Dining Room, Holland and his family were ushered to the winner's circle where he congratulated jockey Eric Walsh for his ride on Rose Quartz which won the fourth race, titled "The Raymond 'Skeets' Holland" event.

Walsh and the other riders in the race—George Cusimana, Carlos Jiminez, Sam Feliciano, Richard Stone, Leroy Moyers and Anthony Marone — presented Holland a sales slip for an easy chair the jockey colony ordered and had delivered to his home.

Pimlico general manager Chick Lang gave Skeels a sterling silver plate and presented a clock to Mrs. Clara Holland, the 64-year-old ex-jockey's wife.

Presents came from the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (HBPA) from the Cohen family, directors of the Maryland Jockey Club and from the Baltimore Orioles.

Centerfielder Paul Blair and third baseman Brooks Robinson presented the Holland family a box for the O's series next week with the New York Yankees, plus a season pass for Skeets' personal use.

It is generally known that Holland is a rabid Birds fan.

Ron Lyle in Vegas to await Ali bout

DENVER UPI — Seventh-ranked heavyweigh Ron Lyle left here this morning for Las Vegas for the final two weeks of training for his heavyweight title fight with champion Muhammad Ali May 16.

Joining Lyle were sparring partners Randy Stevens of New York; Denver heavyweight Leroy Jones, 13-0 as a pro; Houston heavyweight Johnny Boudreaux, who is 16-0; and New York Heavyweight Wendell Newton.

Lyle has been training at his hometown here for nearly four weeks under the guidance of trainers Chickie Ferrara and Bobby Lewis.

Don't try nailing coffin but Celtics near burial

It may be too early to write the Boston Celtics' eulogy but the Washington Bullets seem on the verge of burying the defending National Basketball Association champions.

With a balanced attack from the pivot, backcourt and bench, Washington completely outplayed the Celtics Wednesday night to score a 117-92 victory and grab a 2-0 lead in the Eastern Conference finals.

Elvin Hayes once again dominated Boston center Dave Cowens, outscoring him 29-18, while guard Phil Chenier poured in 25 points for the Bullets. Nick Weatherspoon came off the bench to hit 18 for Washington.

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Both coaches, however, said they thought the game was turned on Boston's poor shooting.

"We were hot but they helped us by missing a lot of their shots," said Washington coach K. C. Jones.

Boston coach Tom Heinsohn agreed that the 37.3 shooting percentage by his players was the major factor in the loss that puts the Celtics in trouble for the third playoff game in Boston tomorrow (Saturday). The Bullets' first victory was in Boston while Wednesday night's game was before a sellout crowd 19,059 at Landover, Md.

Hayes had a curious regard for boston's double-teaming tactics on him.

"I concentrate better when I'm double teamed," he said. "It also allows a teammate to get open and it helps us play our game as a team a little better."

Boxing classes set at Druid Hill Y

Youngsters desiring to learn the rudiments of boxing are being given an opportunity to do so five evenings a week at the Druid Hill YMCA.

Elmore Hughes, veteran boxing instructor, is conducting classes Monday through Friday each week from 6-8 p.m.

The courses are open to boys and young men 13 to 25 years of age.

MSA Scoreboard

TUESDAY SCHEDULE

Varsity Baseball

Gibvons at Patterson
Edmondson vs. Forest Pk., Sloman Field
Northern at Curley
Loyola at Poly
Northwestern vs. Dunbar
Clifton Park
Southern at City
Carver vs. Mervo, Herring Run
Walbrook at Douglass
Southwestern at Gilman
Lake Clifton at John Carroll

JV Baseball

Dunbar vs. NW., at Pimlico Jr.
Mervo at Carver
Carroll at Lake Clifton
Curley at Northern
City at Southern
Forest Park at Edmondson
Poly at Loyola

Varsity Track

Walbrook at Edmondson
Gilman at Southwestern
Forest Park at lake Clifton
Curley vs. Mervo at Kirk Field
Gibbons at Patterson
Northern at Poly
Carver at St. Joe
Dunbar at McDonogh

JV Track

Curley vs. Mervo at Kirk Field
Walbrook at Edmondson
Northern at Poly
Gilman at Southwestern
Gibbons at Patterson
Carver at St. Joe

Varsity Lacrosse

St. Joe at Poly
Curley at Northern
Patterson at Northwestern
City vs. Southern, Swann Park
Forest Park at Lake Clifton
Edmondson at Southwestern

MONDAY SCHEDULE

Varsity Baseball

Patterson at Calvert Hall
Forest Park at Walbrook
Dunbar at Edmondson
Mervo at Douglass
Carver at McDonogh
City at Gibbons
Lutheran at Southwestern
Poly at Lake Clifton
Carroll vs Southern, Carroll Park
Gilman vs. N.W., at Pimlico Jr. H.
Mt. St Joe at Northern

JV Baseball

Lake Clifton at Poly
Northern at Mt St. Joe
Southern at J. Carroll
Walbrook vs. Forest Pk., Conlon Field
Southwestern at Lutheran
Calvert Hall at Patterson
Gibbons at City
Northwestern at Gilman

Track

Douglass at Walbrook
Douglass JV at Walbrook

Lacrosse

Lake Clifton at Walbrook
Walbrook JV as Lake Clifton JV
Patterson JV at Edmondson
Southern at Southwestern
Northern at Park
Gibbons at Poly

Golf

Poly v. Severn at Crofton, Md.

MAY 25

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G78-14 (8.25x14)	49.00	34.50	52.00	36.40	$2.67
H78-14 (8.55x14)	—	—	54.00	37.80	$2.92
G78-15 (8.25x15)	50.00	35.00	53.00	37.10	$2.74
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G78-14 (8.25x14)	39.00	$2.74
G78-15 (8.25x15)	40.00	$2.81
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