AFRO Sports

Ashe a step from $100G winner-take-all purse

Arthur Ashe moved to within one step Wednesday of the $100,000 pot of gold at the end of the World (WCTA) Challenge Cup series.

The slender Virginian earned the $50,000 winner-take-all purse of the semi-final by defeating Australian Ken Rosewall at Honolulu, to reach a Sunday showdown with Romania's Ilie Nastase, who is one of the hottest players on this professional tour at the moment.

Ashe came back after losing the first set to down Rosewall, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2, 6-2.

Following the win, he predicted a victory over the fiery Nastase in the final match which holds a reward of $100,000.

But Arthur looked like anything but a winner in the first set Wednesday night. He started off slowly and lost 6-2. Rosewall won several long rallies to hold serve and set the pattern for a baseline strategy against Ashe's serve and volley tactics.

"I felt sluggish and couldn't get started," Ashe complained. He made 23 errors while Rosewall committed only seven in the first set.

But that was to be the Australian's only moment of glory. Ashe slowly turned the match around and took the second set 6-4. In the third set, he broke Rosewall's serve twice while holding his own serve every time.

In explaining his slow start, Ashe said he wasn't mentally ready.

"I just wasn't out there on the court mentally," he said.

HEADED FOR TEXAS — Catonsville Community College sprinter Mike Merritt is in Fort Worth to compete in the National Junior College track and field championships this weekend. The former Northwestern High star qualified by winning the 440 titles in both the Maryland JUCO and Region 20 meets.

Pimlico near end of record season

Pimlico is heading toward the second best meeting in its 106-year history. The regular 60-day session of the Pimlico season winds up Saturday and the combined 53-day Pimlico-Bowie-Laurel meeting begins Monday.

For Pimlico, the betting average for the first 55 days ended Monday, May 17 was $1,245,894, compared with a final figure of $1,174,317 in 1974. Pimlico's best season came in 1975, when it observed its 100th Preakness.

The betting average last year for the first 55 days of the meeting was $1,255,542. The average to date this year is down only 0.7 per cent from an all-time record meeting in 1975.

Little League

JAMES MOSHER.... SCHEDULE

Friday
Tigers vs. Braves, 6 p.m.
Saturday
Giants vs. Cubs, 11 a.m.
Monday
Twins vs. Orioles, 6 p.m.
Tuesday
Cardinals vs. Pirates, 6 p.m.
(All games at Mosher and Wheeler).

Birds set 2-hour clinic Saturday

Coach Jim Frey and players Paul Blair, Mark Belanger, Elrod Hendricks and Jim Palmer will offer tips to Little League youngsters for two hours tomorrow (Saturday) beginning at 11 a.m.

In addition to instruction, all youngsters who attend the event will be eligible to participate in a free drawing for several baseball gloves.

The clinic, which is especially programmed for Little League teams, is free to all youngsters accompanied by proper supervision. The program will be conducted in the reserved seat section of Memorial Stadium, and all interested parties are asked to enter thru gate W-8.

Coppin star Pace bypasses Olympics

Little All-America center Joe Pace of Coppin State's CAA basketball champions, has notified the U.S. Olympic Committee that he will not be trying out for the team next month.

Pace is understood to be expecting early selection for a pro career, thus he is passing up the camp at North Carolina State University May 30-June 5.

Also declining the chance for the Montreal trip is Johnny McGill of Alcorn

SATISFIED COLT — Wide receiver Glenn Doughty has signed a series of one-year contracts with the Baltimore Colts, indicating that he is sufficiently satisfied with his situation to be uninterested in playing out his option any time soon.

Lakers acquire ex-ABA standout

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Mack Calvin, a member of the American Basketball Association's all-star team for five of the last six years, Monday signed a contract with the Los Angeles Lakers.

Calvin, a 6-0½, 175 pound guard, was drafted by the Lakers in 1969 but opted to play for the Virginia Squires. He became available to the Lakers when the Squires defaulted on his contract, enabling him to become a free agent.

What's taking place in school, on campus

By Clarence W. Hunter

The city schools continues its activities for May with the second annual May Fair at Collington Square Elementary School, 1409 Collington Ave., tomorrow Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There will be games, prizes, food, arts and crafts and a white elephant table. The public is eagerly invited.

PEER PROGRAM

When Early Childhood Education Week begins tomorrow, Saturday, and continues through May 28, one of the many programs the communities will be observing is Peer Tutoring.

Available through ESEA Title I, Peer Tutoring involves about 140 junior high school students helping approximately 800 elementary children while earning $2.30 per hour, four days a week, one hour a day.

SPRING CONFERENCE

The Maryland Corrective Remedial Reading Association will hold its annual spring conference tomorrow, Saturday, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Shaffer Hall at the Johns Hopkins University.

The program will include indepth workshop sessions and book exhibits. The guest speaker will be Dr. Jo Stanchfield of California who will speak on "Teaching To a Different Drummer."

For more details call 823-5285.

SMALL FACTS

Did you know that . . .

. . . the Bicentennial May festival held Wednesday at Canton School was a success through the combined efforts of the entire school community.

. . . Mrs. Elizabeth Edmonds, principal at Booker T. Washington Junior High School got the school staff to purchase an entire page ad in the mayor's ad-book for the upcoming Bicentennial Ball in October.

. . . the original musical drama "Sweet River" planned for last Saturday and Sunday has been pushed up to Nov. 13 and 14.

. . . 6,000 elementary and junior high Safety Patro' members were guests o the Orioles May 9. It was a part of "Safety Patrol Day."

. . James Stovall, Kirk Smith and Spencer Johnson received awards in the annual prize day at Gilman School. They were recognized for their academic excellence and outstanding service to the school.

PRESSMAN TO SPEAK

Hyman Pressman, city comptroller, will be guest speaker at a May Day tree planting ceremony at 9:30 a.m. May 27 at the Victory Elementary School, 1440 Chesapeake Avenue.

Pressman will be joined by students, staff and community for a ceremony that will feature folk dancing, athletic competition and the crowning of a May king and queen.

BICEN PROGRAM

Students of the Nathaniel Ramsey School For Exceptional Children have planned a Bicentennial program that will trace the history of Maryland from 1776 through 1976.

Entitled "Maryland My Maryland," the program, from 1 p.m. May 26, will feature a performance by the school's Drum and Bugle Corps, visual displays, commentary on historical events by students and songs by the school's Bicentennial Chorus.

DRUG WORKSHOP

A Drug Education Workshop is scheduled for May 26 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Henderson Elementary School.

Featured as resource persons are Jonathan Edges, a former addict, who currently heads a drug prevention program that has made many in-school presentations on drug abuse in region and the city and Charles Ennis, an assistant in the program.

For additional information contact Ms. Alice Harris at 396-7050.

SUMMER SCHOOLS

Registration for the 1976 Summer Session at Bowie State College will be held on June 17 and 18 in the mornings and afternoons in the science building on campus.

Early registration session is going on now until June 16 for those students who attended the college during the spring Semester and for those students who have been accepted for the 1976-77 Fall or Spring Semesters by the Office of Admissions. Registration will be in the morning and afternoon in the evening school office in the science building.

For further information, call 253-3350, ext. 235 or 461.

Drawing, Crafts, Biology, Tennis, Business, Economics, Writing, Geography, First Aid, Modern Dance, Reading, Sociology, Photography and Psychology are just a few of the many courses being offered by Dundalk Community College this summer.

The college will hold two, eight-week session of classes for area residents, students of other colleges who may be returning home for summer vacation and recent high school graduates who wish to get an early start on their college careers. For more details call 282-6700, ext. 288

The 300 different courses offered in the first summer session at the Community College of Baltimore will

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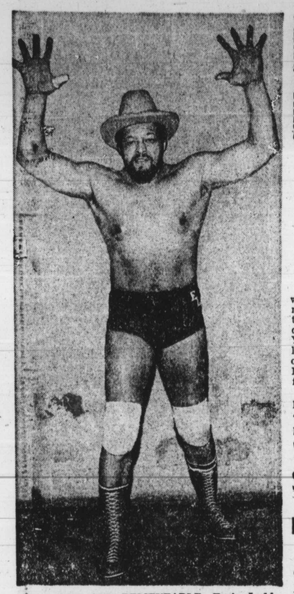


BIG, BAD AND BELIEVEABLE—Ernie Ladd, 6-9 and 312 pounds, is the big and bad guy his opponents had better believe. The former pro football tackle-linebacker meets Irish Pat Barrett in the co-feature at Capital Centre, Landover, Md., Monday night. In the other top bout, Gorilla Monsoon tangles with Superstar Billy Graham.

Shamed (?) Ali says Dunn will pay for Young debacle

(UPI) — World heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali, looking much trimmer than in his mediocre fight against Jimmy Young, says he let the public down in the last defense of his title and that Richard Dunn would have to pay for it.

"I am not training for Dunn," Ali said yesterday. "It is not the fighter I have in mind, I just want to get into good condition to clear up my image.

"I know the whole world thinks I am finished because of the way in which I fought against Jimmy Young."

Ali weighed 230 pounds, the heaviest of his entire career, when he labored to close a 15-round decision against Young at Landover, Md. on April 30.

The heavyweight champion said he planned to reach 220 pounds in time for the title fight against European heavyweight champion Dunn of Britain May 25 in te Munich Olympic Hall.

"Dunn has no chance at all," said Ali. "The fight will be a massacre because I want to defy my critics."

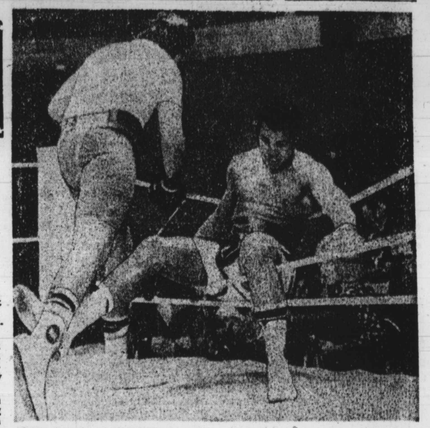
Ali said he failed to train properly for the Young fight and he ate too much apple pie and ice cream.

"But this time I will behave." Ali said, adding that he runs 14 miles a day after getting up at o'clock in the morning.

"I did eleven rounds of boxing Monday without a break and by the end of the week I will do 20," he said.

On Wednesday, Ali sparred fiercely against Rodney Bobick before taking on a heavily built blonde German housewife for a taped television show. A crowd of 2,000 in the Korne Training Hall went wild with delight when the champion twice simulated being knocked out.

But Ali struck a more serious note later in his dressing room when he discussed his future with a reporter. "I am getting into condition for Ken Norton," he said.



BUT MAYBE IT WASN'T—In order to enliven pre-fight workouts, Muhammad Ali frequently feigns knockdowns by his campmates in sparring sessions to the delight of the audience. Judging by the expression on the heavyweight champ's face, it could be that this one by Rodney Bobick during a drill at Munich was the real thing. Ali is training for his Tuesday night defense against British champion Richard Dunn.

Summer basketball league planned for handicapped

The Baltimore-Central Maryland League for Crippled Children and Adults will sponsor a summer wheelchair basketball league from June 8 until July 6.

The league, which will be called the Snevar Division, will be open to any competitor 13 years of age or over who has a lower extremity disability and who has not participated on the Baltimore Ravens wheelchair basketball team.

In announcing the summer league, Mike Naugle, manager of the Ravens, stated, "The league will be composed of 4 to 6 teams depending upon the number of participants and that officials, time-keeper and coaches would be provided."

An organizational meeting will be held at the Baltimore League's Rehabilitation Center, 1111 E. Cold Spring Lane, on Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Additional information can be obtained by phoning Naugle at 323-0500.

BNBL opening slated June 7

The Baltimore Neighborhood Basketball League commences its seventh year of summer activity on June 7, with programs planned for both sexes.

Charles Colaianni, program coordinator for the Bureau of Recreation, reveals that 216 teams will be involved in the play of 50 leagues during the summer schedule for men.

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A program for girls between the ages of 13 and 16, has grown from four to 16 teams, and will run concurrently with the male schedule.

The men and boys will be competing on the following sites: Gardenville, Herring Run, Madison Square, North Harford, Patterson, Bentalou, Carroll Park, Farring-Baybrook, James McHenry, Cahill, Crispus Attucks, Easterwood, Grove Park, John E. Howard and Fred Leidig.

The girls' game will be played at North Harford, Gardenville, Lyndhurst and Towanda.

NBA playoff dates

SUNDAY
Phoenix at Boston, 3:30 p.m.
THURSDAY (27)
Phoenix at Boston, 9 p.m.
MAY 30
Boston at Phoenix, 1:30 p.m.
JUNE 2
Boston at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
JUNE 4 (if)
Phoenix at Boston, 9 p.m.
JUNE 6 (if)
Boston at Phoenix, 3:30 p.m.
JUNE 8 (if)
Phoenix at Boston, 9 p.m.

New rule bars prospect from Olympic tryouts

CINCINNATI (UPI) — American Olympic boxing team hopeful Floyd "Jumbo" Cummings has been knocked out—by a ruling against prison inmates competing on the American Olympic team.

Cummings, a convicted murderer serving a 50-to-75 year prison term who comes up for parole next year, said he had dreamed of winning an Olympic gold medal this summer in Montreal.

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Prison inmates have been ruled ineligible for the American team," Rollie Schwartz, who will manage the U.S. Olympic boxing team, disclosed Tuesday. "I feel he should be allowed to try to make our team but he has been told to stay in prison."

Schwartz said U.S. Olympic Committee officials in New York informed him Cummings would not be elizible because of a special rule adopted by the committee in 1974.

"Inmates were permitted to try out for the team in 1972 and this was the first I had heard of the rule. It was a shock to me to find out Jumbo won't be allowed to try to make our team."

Cummings, 25, a muscular 6-foot-3, 231-pounder, has been permitted to leave a Joliet, Ill., prison several times in the past year to fight in amateur matches.

In Cincinnati last November, the soft-spoken heavyweight who somewhat resembles Sonny Liston in the ring, was one of only two Americans to defeat a group of nine touring Russian heavyweight boxers.

In that special exhibition, sanctioned by the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) Cummings was permitted to wear a "USA" boxing uniform and also participated in an official exchange of mementos with the Russians.

"It's a great honor to be a member of the United States team," Cummings said after winning his match over Michael Subbotin. "It meant a lot to me."

Cummings then said his goals were: win the Olympic gold medal in 1976, get paroled in 1977 and go after the pro heavyweight title in 1978.

The native of Ruleville, Miss., has been in prison since Oct. 1, 1968, for murder in connection with a Chicago supermarket armed robbery.

MEAC to weigh action against NCAA switch

OCEAN CITY, Md. — The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference will hold its annual spring meeting at the Fenwick Inn here Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

All seven member institutions of the conference will convene at 9 a.m., Tuesday for the opening business session. But coaches of the various MEAC major teams will jump the gun by 24 hours.

The coaching associations of the four required sports will meet Monday at 10 a.m. Among the items to be discussed are possible post-season play for MEAC football teams, and new NCAA guidelines in regard to MEAC competition.

One of the most important items on the agenda is the divisional status of MEAC institutions. Two years ago at its spring meeting all MEAC institutions decided to go Division 1 in all sports except football.

However, since that time NCAA litigation has prevented two institutions, Morgan State University and North Carolina Central University, from becoming Division 1.

Dr. J. W. Younge, interim commissioner, will make his report to the body during the Tuesday session.

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Dates for the winter and spring carnivals will be finalized during the sessions; The wrestling championship is conducted during the winter carnival while the track title is decided during the spring carnival.

Installation of new officers and the appointment of committees for the 1976-77 term will climax the three-day meeting on Wednesday.

Lee Elder in golf's top 100

Although he dropped two places again during the week, Lee Elder of Washington (DC) continues as the only black player among the 100 leading money winners in golf.

Elder, ninth in the standings after his victory at Houston, sank to 11th when he sat out the Byron Nelson, then to 13th following his 292 finish last week at Fort Worth.

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