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Cash saw joke Monday night but it was in ABC booth

By Sam Lacy

Norm Cash says he did not call Baltimore a "bush" town, but one feels safe in saying that his performance was definitely "bush" on Monday night's telecast of the Baltimore Orioles-Texas Rangers baseball game.

Cash is the No. 3 man in the booth for the weekly ABC TV coverage of Monday night's backup baseball game.

He works along with play-by-play announcer Al Michaels and color man Bob Gibson, the former pitching ace of the St. Louis Cardinals.

The crew worked the Birds-Rangers game for Channel 7 viewers in the Baltimore-Washington area while the "game of the week" between Pittsburgh and Cincinnati was shown on Channel 13.

Sportscaster Nick Charles (WJZ-13) reported on his show after the game that the former Detroit Tiger first baseman had implied that Baltimore is a "bush" town.

He took umbrage at numerous off-color remarks directed at the team, the team's players, the team's management and the city itself, by Cash.

At one point, play-by-play man Michaels called attention to a list of 11 names shown on the screen, identified them as names of players whom the Orioles have been unable to sign, and asserted that any general manager in baseball would like to have them.

Cash expressed the thought that it was ridiculous that a club would mistreat so many fine athletes — "but that's Baltimore and the Orioles organization," he piped.

At another point, the big ex-slugger who was no mental wizard when he was an active player with the Tigers, declared: "Reggie (Jackson) wishes he were back with the Athletics."

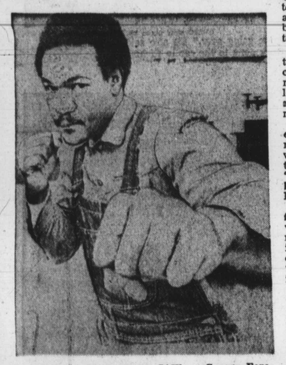
Norm rapped the fans for booing Jackson, who was in the midst of an horrendous slump at bat and in the field, but was shot down by Gibson's remark: "Reggie shouldn't mind; It's what he's paid for."

Justifying his mouthings, Cash told critics Tuesday the Orioles are playing badly, the game was boring and he was kidding.

One does not have to guess whether the compilation of the list of unsigned players' names for the TV crawl was done before the game, thus making its use editorial in nature.

And Cash could certainly not have considered the game "boring" before it started.

If what transpired in the ABC booth Monday night was meant to be a joke, the joke was Norm Cash.



DRAWING BEAD ON A JAW — George Foreman, shown wrapping up his training for Tuesday night's "must" fight with Joe Frazier, is considered the betting choice to repeat his Jamaica (BWI) victory in 1973. The two former heavyweight champions clash at Nassau (N.Y.) Coliseum, aware that the loser will probably never get another title shot. In that earlier bout, Foreman caught Frazier flush on the jaw and scored a second round kayo.

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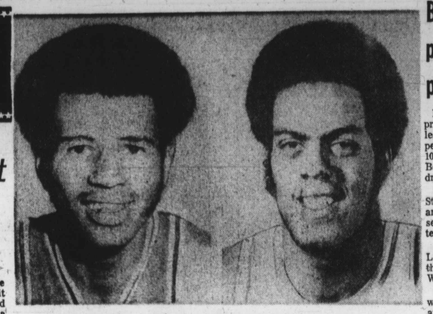

John Lucas (left) and Scott May
Terp and Hoosier first two choices with Pros

Six blacks among first 7 selections in NBA draft

The continuing demand for topflight black talent in pro basketball was reflected in the National Basketball Association's drafting of 1976 collegiate prospects.

Six of the first seven choices by NBA teams were black players — led by John Lucas of Maryland, and Scott May of Indiana. Of the first 15 selections, 11 were black.

The Houston Rockets, who had completed a trade with the Atlanta Hawks on Monday for rights to the league's top choice, immediately took the 6-foot-3½ inch Lucas, a 19.9 scorer and All-America whom the Rockets hope will become their "quarterback."

The Chicago Bulls, with the second selection, took player-of-the-year May. Two of May's teammates from the Hoosier's 32-0 NCAA champions followed soon after, Milwaukee selecting guard Quinn Buckner and forward Bob Wilkerson going to Seattle.

Richard Washington of UCLA, a junior, was the third player chosen, after Lucas and May. He went to Kansas City. All-America Adrian Dantley of Notre Dame, also a junior, was chosen sixth in the first round by Buffalo.

Lucas, who hopes to combine pro careers in basketball and World Team Tennis, said he would "have to learn to move without the ball" to become the leader the Rockets want. "I will have to work also on my defense, no doubt, and to become quick."

Lucas will team with Calvin Murphy and Mike Newlin in the backcourt at Houston.

May, a strong, 6-foot-7 forward, averaged 23.8 points a game and grabbed 245 rebounds in leading Indiana to an undefeated season and the NCAA championship. Buckner averaged only 8.9 points but had 133 assists, and Wilkerson averaged 7.8 with 156 rebounds.

Washington, who averaged 20.1 points a game and had 274 rebounds for UCLA, and Dantley, a 59 per cent shooter who averaged 28.6 points for Notre Dame, were two of four juniors selected in the first round. The others were Larry Wright of Grambling, by Washington, and Norman Cook of Kansas, by the champion Boston Celtics.

Other first round selections were:

Detroit — **Leon Douglas**, Alabama; **Portland**, Wally Walker, Virginia; **Golden State** which had two picks, **Robert Parrish**, 7-foot center from Centenary, and Sonny Parker, Texas A and M; **ATLANTA**, Armond Hill, Princeton; **PHOENIX**, **Ron Lee**, Oregon; **PHILADELPHIA**, Terry Furlow Michigan State: **WASHINGTON**, which had two picks, took Mitch Kupchak North Carolina and Wright; and **CLEVELAND**, **Chuckie Williams**, **Kansas** State.

Phil Sellers of Rutgers, which was undefeated during the regular season, was picked in the third round by Detroit.

Baseball bureau sets area trials

Joe Consoli, area supervisor of the Major League Scouting Bureau, has announced dates for youngsters 17, to try out for baseball berths over the next two weeks.

Camps will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today (Friday) and Saturday at the U.S. Naval Academy.

The monday session will be held at Essex Community College and on Tuesday, it will move to Eder Park at Elkton, Md.

Thereafter tryouts will be held at Maryland University (10th) Waldorf Md. (17th), Delaware State College (22nd) and Wheaton, Md., June 25.

Black schools produce early picks for NBA

Fourteen players from predominately black colleges were among the prospects selected in the first 10 rounds of the National Basketball Association draft.

Grambling and Alcorn State produced two each and 10 other institutions sent one apiece to pro rosters.

The Louisiana schools's Larry Wright was taken in the first round by the Washington Bullets.

Others and the order in which they were drafted are as follow:

Major Jones, Albany State (Portland, 2nd); Joe Pace, Coppin State (Washington, 2nd) John McGill, Alcorn (Knicks, 3rd); Lewis Linden, Kentucky State (Boston 4th) L.C. Mason, Alabama State (Washington, 5th);

Tom Paulin, Winston-Salem (Chicago, 6th); Joe Jones, Grambling (Knicks, 6 th); Harry Davis, Morris Brown (Cleveland, 6th); Gene Cunningham, Norfolk State (Golden State, 6th);

Ron Barrow, Southern (Milwaukee, 7th); Calvin Robinson, Mississippi Valley (New Orleans, 9th); Ron Johnson, A and T (Seattle, 9th), and Ricky Lewis, Alcon (Seattle, 10th).

Ben's the best

Detroit outfielder Ben Oglivie, who hit .500 and had three home runs last week, is the American League player of the week, AL president Lee MacPhail has announced.

Oglivie went 8-for-16 and two of the homers were game-winners. He also slugged the winning run in another game.

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Pimlico stake seen a wide open race

Racing secretary Lawrence J. Abbundi has listed a probable field of 11 Maryland-bred fillies and mares, headed by Fourbros Stable's Crackerfax and Dr. Herman J. Kossow's War Exchange, to run in the $25,000-added Queen Anne Handicap at Pimlico Race Course tomorrow (Saturday).

The highweighted Gala Lil, who ran in the Eugene Mori Handicap at Garden State Park last Saturday, is not expected to start. With the absence of Gala Lil, the six-furlong race becomes wide-open with Crackerfax and War Exchange the expected starting highweights at 118 pounds.

Rec tennis meet set at Druid Hill courts

An all-ages tennis tournament will be held next weekend (17-18-19) at Druid Hill Park under sponsorship of the James D. Gross Center of the Bureau of Recreation.

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In and around The New Town

With Danese L. Moore

DANESE L. MOORE

Bouquets again go to Mrs. Ruteena Blake, director of The Little Theatre Movement in Columbia. The latest LTM production performed in the main theatre of Slayton House, Wilde Lake, Columbia was acclaimed a tremendous success, with over 100 people in attendance.

The play "No Crystal Stairs" written by Mrs. Julia D. Hill was a Bicentennial play commemorating the contributions of Afro-Americans to America. The play according to Mrs. Hill was based on a true story once told to her.

A grant from the Howard County Bicentennial Commission made the production possible. The plan was video taped and the students from The Little Theatre Movement will be able to see themselves performing on T.V.

This Saturday Mrs. Blake will have a closing of the season party for LTM at her home and a showing of the video tape.

The real accolades for the evening go to Mrs. Julia D. Hill, author and director of the play. Mrs. Hill is a real enigma. How this beautiful woman who only admits to being over 60 has so much vitality, enthusiasm and energy is a mystery to me. A former principal in the Washington D.C. school system, Mrs. Hill became interested in drama when she studied under Peter Slade in Birmingham, England.

She taught drama at the Georgetown Day School in Washington, D.C. for five years. She now teaches a drama course at Trinity College in Washington, D.C. She has a genuine love for children and really enjoys working with the little actors in The Little Theatre Movement. Mrs. Hill calls Washington, D.C. home, but visits Columbia often to see her son, Dr. Dulaney Hill and her adorable grandchildren.

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"No Crystal Stairs" really brought out the best acting imaginable in these talented Thespians. Several interested persons have asked Mrs. Blake to put on another performance of the play. If she does, don't miss seeing it.

Among those appearing in "No Crystal Stairs" were Wanda Carter, Faith Warner, Sonia Blake, Kim Wright, Kelly Price, Donna Patrick, Kay Washington, Ricardo Lacey, Lisa Carr, Janet Peterson, Dulaney Hill, Kirk Blake, Angela Billingsley, Kline Price, Christopher Kelly, Crystal Kelly, Kim Thompson, Simone Blake, Andrea Moore, Benita Billingsley, Ricardo Lacey, H. E. Fleming, George Johnson and the Choral group directed by Mrs. Dorothy Marshall.

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A testimonial dinner and dance in honor of the Fifth Dimension will be held Saturday, July 10th, 7:30 p.m., at the Sheraton Park Hotel, Washington, D.C. The dinner dance is being sponsored by the District of Columbia Alumni Chapter of Lincoln University of Missouri. The proceeds from this event will support the University Bicentennial Scholarship Fund.

Ron Townson, an alumnus of Lincoln University and a member of the Fifth Dimension was awarded a "Distinguished Alumni Award."

The public is probably not aware of the many contributions this fantastic group has made to many colleges and worthy organizations. They have also served as official State Department musical ambassadors abroad.

Among the outstanding personalities participating in the testimonial will be California Congresswoman Yvonne Brathwaite Burke. Mrs. Burke is now serving as chairperson of the Congressional Black Caucus and is a columnist for the AFRO. She will be the featured speaker of the evening.

For dinner dance reservations call (301) 596-6069. The deadline for reservations is June 20th.

Mrs. Lucille J. Gayle is chairman of the event and Columbian Dr. Leo Pickett is co-chairman along with Dr. John Harvey. Sounds like a great evening.

The June 1951 graduating class of Douglass High School will be holding their 25th class reunion this month. (Has it been thatlong?) For additional information call 669-6421.

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Any news items for this column call, 730-4764. More next week!

'Hurricane' Carter denies he beat woman supporter

(UPI Telephoto)

CHARGES "HURRICANE" — Ms. Carolyn Kelley, Newark civic leader, spoke to press from her hospital bed at the Crippled Children's Hospital in Newark, N.J., Monday. Ms. Kelley who helped coordinate the national defense effort for Rubin (Hurricane) Carter, has accused the former middleweight contender of beating and kicking her into unconsciousness and trying to kill her. Carter has denied the charge.

"HURRICANE" CARTER

NEWARK, N.J. (UPI) — A 41-year-old woman who headed the campaign to free Rubin "Hurricane" Carter from prison says the former boxer beat her up in a Maryland motel. Carter denies the charge.

Mrs. Carolyn Kelly, a bail bondswoman who was a member of the Carter Defense Committee, held a news conference at her hospital bedside in Newark Monday to describe the alleged assault.

Mrs. Kelly was admitted to United Hospitals on May 16 for treatment for back, head and internal injuries.

She said Carter struck her on the face and kicked her in the back when she visited him in his motel room on April 29.

"I still believe in Rubin Carter. He still deserves a fair trial," said Mrs. Kelly, who has not filed charges against Carter.

In a statement released through his attorney, Carter said Mrs. Kelly had been demanding money from him and threatened to go to the press with the "false story she told today."

"In April, an irreconcilable dispute arose between us," Carter said. "She became angry and depressed. She claimed substantial personal and business losses, mostly as a result of assuming her responsibilities as executive director and national coordinator (of the Carter Defense Committee).

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Va. State lures 6 Baltimoreans

Six Baltimore youngsters are headed for Virginia State College on scholarships, according to football coach John D. Marshall.

The six are among 28 prospects whose signatures were obtained in the Trojans recruiting program.

The youngsters are Reginald Best, a Douglass High linebacker; Henry Brickus, linebacker from Southern; Leonard Miley and Sam Murdock, tackles from City; Arthur Waddell and Kenneth Wyatt, tackles from Edmondson and Poly, respectively.

Coppin 5 signs blue-chip center

Within hours after learning that their department star Joe Pace had been drafted high for the pros, Coppin State College basketball officials were announcing his replacement.

The youngster on whom head coach John Bates is pinning major hopes is young Mike Kenslowe, a 6-11 center from Bridgeton (NJ) High School.

Mike's scholastic coach, Felton Lingo Jr., says Kenslowe was one of the most sought-after seniors on the east coast this winter.

Top pacers listed in Rosecroft stake

OXON HILL, Md. — Many of the nation's top 3-year olds are expected to see action at Rosecroft Raceway tonight (Friday) in the $30,000 guaranteed William E. Miller Memorial pace.

Forty top pacers are eligible and race secretary Ted Leonard expects at least two divisions of the Miller, named for Rosecroft's founder.

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Tennis classes slated for adults

Adult tennis classes will be available this summer through the D.C. Department of Recreation adult sports program.

Classes are held at the Carter Baron tennis courts, located at 16th and Kennedy Streets NW for adults 16 years of age or older. Each session includes 10 lessons.

Lessons are given Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 7 p.m. and from 7 to 8 p.m. Classes are also held Saturday afternoon from 3 to 4 p.m. and from 4 to 5 p.m.

Registration information may be obtained by calling the D.C. Department of Recreation adult sports division at 629-7314.

BY THE WAY...

by Joe Black

Ever so often, I think it's wise to take a fresh look at some of the values, some of the areas we all have to deal with today. If we all really have our eye on tomorrow.

So, in this column today, I'd like to restate some of the comments, some of the concepts I keep weaving into the fabric of all the By The Ways.

Some things that have to do with the overall idea that Black is beautiful.

And how beauty can fade to ugly.

Simple things, for instance, like our Black neighborhoods and communities. Black isn't beautiful when our home grounds get all junked up with trash, bottles, and empty beer cans. That's an ugliness we, too often, do to ourselves. And, as they say when it happens, "There goes the neighborhood."

More important, there goes a sense of pride. And if we lose that, we've lost it all.

Another thing I lay on a lot is education. Good, complete education. The kind that helps prepare our young people to take a better place in the work world. And a stronger position in the Black community.

If we flunk out on education opportunities that are vastly more available today, then we flunk out on tomorrow's opportunities for all of us.

Then there's the insidiousness of Black-on-Black crime. Blacks ripping off other Blacks. Because of envy. Apathy. And false values—if any—that too often stem from a cancerous lack of caring.

If this kind of crime continues to destroy our faith and trust in ourselves, then what are we?

Last, but not least, is the strength of the home unit. The responsibility of both Mother and Father to work together, one as the other, to provide the best starting ground for our children as possible.

If home isn't where the heart is, then we're raising future generations with no heart.

Of course many of our problems still stem from discrimination. I don't deny that. But we're all going to be hard put to handle that problem if we don't take care of a few of our own first.

If we all believe that Black is beautiful, how can any one of us help make it ugly?

I don't believe we have the right.

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