Morgan accepts edict naming SC bowl team

"I suppose it was the logical decision, so we won't contest it."

That was athletic director Earl Banks' way of confirming Morgan's acceptance of what some observers had felt was a premature designation of South Carolina State as the opponent for Norfolk State in the Centennial Bowl game next month.

The Centnnial, which makes its initial appearance in the post-season football schedule, is to be played Dec. 11 in Richmond (Va.) City Stadium. Set as an annual event, it is designed to pit the winner of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference title against the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association champion.

S.C. State has finished her MEAC campaign with a 5-1 record. Morgan needs only to turn back underdog Maryland, Eastern Shore at Hughes Stadium tomorrow (Saturday) to post an identical 5-1 mark.

Should that happen as expected, the MEAC would be required to declare co-champions.

Morgan followers believed, therefore, that the Bears could receive the conference assignment just as legitimately as the Bulldogs. They were disappointed when the commissioner's office delegated SC two weeks ago.

"We thought it was premature," said Banks," and I questioned Jimmy (commissioner James Youngs) about it.

"He explained that it was a case where the conference felt South Carolina would be the best representative of the MEAC, and I am inclined to agree."

Although they may finish with matching 5-1 records, the Bulldogs defeated the Bears, 17-0, when they met in mid-season . . . LACY.

SURVIVAL WINNERS—Awards Night at Northpoint Gardens found youngsters receiving trophies for outstanding performance in the Project Survival summer basketball league. In left panel, kneeling from left to right are: Merrille Roberts, David Dunston, Vernon Johnson and Darryl Stewart; standing — Herman Johnson, coach; David Sumter, Thomas Owings, Randy Robertson and Frederick McCoy. They were cited for their

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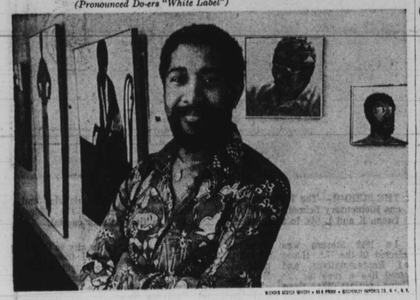

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Four are named to the American League squad, and five are chosen as the National League's top stars.

New York's Chris Chambliss is at first base and Mickey Rivers is the centerfielder on the AL squad that also includes Baltimore's Reggie Jackson and Kansas City's Hal McRae.

The NL selections include Willie Montanez, Atlanta; Joe Morgan, George Frost, Cesar Cedono and Ken Griffey, all of Cincinnati.

Local colleges open cage play

Coppin and Morgan State get a jump on the basketball season with weekend games as preps for the Metro Classic scheduled next week at UMBC.

The defending small-college Champion Eagles oppose Rutgers at Rutgers tomorrow (Saturday) then return home to entertain Hampton Monday night.

Morgan commences on the road, journeying to Virginia State Monday night and Elizabeth City (NC) State Tuesday.

Joining the Eagles and Bears in the Metro Dec. 2-4 are Baltimore U., Johns Hopkins, Loyola, Towson State and UMBC.

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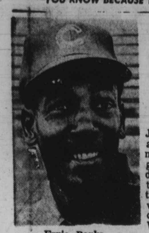
Morgan joins Ernie Banks as only consecutive MVP's



Ernie Banks topped 58-59 voting

NEW YORK (UPI) — Joe Morgan, who ranked among the leaders in almost every offensive category and continued to excel defensively, became only the second player to win the National League's most valuable player award in consecutive seasons Wednesday.

Following an incredible 1975 season, Morgan managed to improve in most hitting categories to lead the Cincinnati Reds to their second straight world championship.

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Only two players — both of them black — have won back-to-back MVP awards in National League history. Ernie Banks of the Chicago Cubs, turned the double in 1958 and 1959.

The 33-year-old second baseman had a .320 average, hit 27 home runs, scored 113 runs and drove in 111. In winning the award for the second time, Morgan totalled 19 of the 24 first-place votes cast and easily outdistanced teammate George Foster, who had five.

"A thing like that is always tougher to win a second time and especially two in a row," said Morgan when informed of the award. "The first time was wonderful. As a kid I knew about men like Berra, Dimaggio and Jackie Robinson and dreamed maybe I could win it some day.

"When you win the first one, people expect more and that's the way it should be. I think I appreciate this one a little more but the first time is always the bigger thrill."

Asked whether the fact that he played for the Reds was a major factor in the voting, Morgan replied: "Obviously, without the help of your teammates, you can't be the MVP. Without my teammates I'm nothing. These guys bring out the best in Joe Morgan.

"They push me to the outer limits. What do I think the Reds' chance are to win another pennant in 1977? I think they have a better chance to repeat than I do."

Although only 5-foot-7 and 155 pounds, Morgan led the league with a .576 slugging percentage. In 1973, Morgan became the only major league player to steal at least 60 bases and hit at least 25 home runs in a single season and he accomplished the feat again last season.

Rounding the top in the voting were Mike Schmidt of the Philadelphia Phillies, Pete Rose of the Reds, Garry Maddox the Phillies, Bill Madlock of the Chicago Cubs, Steve Garvey of the Los Angeles Dodgers, Greg Luzinski of the Phillies, Ken Griffey of the Reds and Randy Jones of the San Diego Padres.

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Springfield taps Baltimore

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Pugh will share duties with Andy Rice, a senior from Halifax, Mass. The 6-5 junior comes off an impressive sophomore year. He was tops on the 1975-76 squad in scoring with 18.3 points per game and field goal percentage at .548 in addition, the 180 pounder posted a 9.2 rebounding average, slightly behind SC record holder Bruce Frazier's 9.4

Springfield opens the '76-77 campaign on December 1 with a game against Harvard.

Joe Morgan second straight National

Baltimore Egales seek title in Vegas bowl

Despite the fact that "some financing" is still needed, president Jim Sears plans to send his Baltimore Eagles to Las Vegas for the Dec. 18th national semi-pro football championship game.

The Eagles won their third straight Interstate Football League title last week and qualified for a berth in the bowl tilt in Nevada's "fun city."

Sears says he is determined to find a means to get his team to Vegas, "because they deserve it."

The Eagles, quarter-backed by former Maryland star Al Neville, completed their 1976 season with a 21-3 win over the Hanover Rhinos, and a 12-0 record.

Neville, who played in the shadow of Bob Avellini as a Terrapin, completed 139 passes in 219 attempts for a total of 2,075 yards, 20 touchdowns and a 63.4 average.

The Eagles are tentatively scheduled to fly to Vegas on Dec. 16, play the Southern California Rhinos on Dec. 18, and return to Baltimore on Dec. 19.

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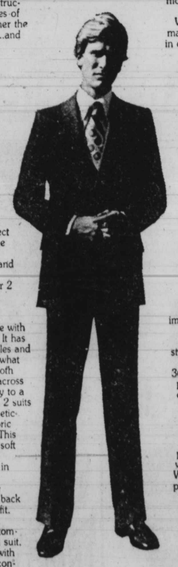

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