Heisman winner Tony Dorsett dad thought he's never make it

His pop and mom differed so mom gets Tony's trophy

The 1976 Heisman Trophy winner can be thankful that life — in America at least — is one long series of domestic spats in which husbands lose decisions to wives.

Tony Dorsett's parents did not actually quarrel about it, but they did have a difference of opinion on the prospects of their son as a football player.

Pop was positive the young 155 pounder of four years ago would never make it as a big-time college athlete. But mom insisted that he should let Tony find out himself.

And find out he did. But that's a little ahead of the chronology.

"I guess nobody thought I'd ever amount to anything," Dorsett admitted Tuesday to the huge media throng gathered for the annual Heisman presentation. "Everybody who looked at me thought I was too small. I almost quit football my freshman year, but my mother talked me out of it. She said, 'If you quit, the only person you'll hurt is yourself.'"

It was then that Dorsett said if he could give the Heisman to anyone, it would be his mother.

"She was the biggest influence in my life and the reason I'm here today," he said.

There were other reasons he was there, of course.

For instance, he is the only college football player ever to surpass 6,000 rushing yards in a career. He holds or shares 18 NCAA records. He scored 22 touchdowns this year, ran for over 100 yards in every game — four of them bettering 200.

He led the nation in rushing and was the catalyst in the University of Pittsburgh's unbeaten and No. 1 ranked season.

The 5-foot-11, 190-pound senior tailback from Aliquippa, Pa. received 701 first place votes, 2,357 total points and led all five regions in the balloting of 893 sportswriters and sportscasters across the nation.

A distant second was Southern California running back Ricky Bell with 1,346 points, while Michigan running back Rob Lytle was third with 413.

Considering Dorsett's accomplishments, his admission that it almost did not come to pass was, perhaps, the one surprise of the day.

Clemente widow wins right to sue the U.S.

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (UPI) — A federal court has found the U.S. government negligent in the 1972 crash of a DC7 cargo plane that killed Hall of Fame baseball star Roberto Clemente.

The court said authorities failed to inspect the plane before takeoff.

A suit was filed by Vera Zabala Clemente, widow of the Pittsburgh Pirates player, three months after the crash. The decision fixing responsibility for the accident now makes it possible for Mrs. Clemente to sue the government for damages.

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In a U.S. District Court Court ruling filed in San Juan and made available Tuesday, federal judge Juan R. Torruella rejected the Federal Aviation Administration's contention that regulations for inspection of aircraft on takeoff and landing were "discretionary" on the part of local FAA officials.

Noting that the plane, which crashed New Year's Eve, 1972, with the loss of Clemente, the four - man flight crew and supplies intended for victims of an earthquake in Nicaragua, did not have a qualified co - pilot or a flight engineer aboard, Torruella said:

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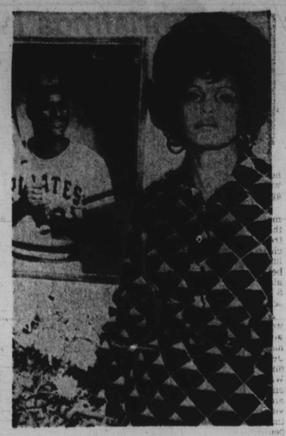
"The inadequacy of the flight crew, in particular of a trained co-pilot and the total absence of a flight engineer . . . together with a gross takeoff weight that exceeded the maximum allowable limits by more than two tons, created a situation wherein for all practical purposes the captain was flying solo in emergency conditions.

"We are of the opinion that adherence by the San Juan FAA personnel to the procedures dictated . . . would have in all probability resulted in saving of plaintiffs' decelents lives."

Reports filed following the accident showed the four-engine plane took off about 9:20 p.m. Dec. 31, 1972 with 148,943 pounds of supplies on board, more than two tons over the 144,753-pound limit.

The co-pilot and owner of the plane, Arthur S. Rivera, was not certified by the FAA as a co-pilot for a DC7. The plane took off and flew for about one and one-half miles before crashing in the Atlantic.



Mrs. Vera Clemente attractive widow with hubby's portrait

Lawyers seek Barnes' prison term option

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (UPI) — Basketball player Marvin Barnes' attorneys are studying legal options to a one-year prison term.

"We're looking at every possible option at the moment," attorney Alton W. Wiley said Wednesday. "We don't know what we're going to do. Of course the ultimate decision will be up to the judge."

Superior Court judge Anthony A. Giannini Tuesday sentenced the Detroit Pistons' 6-foot-9 forward for violating state probation by his Oct. 9 arrest for illegal handgun possession at Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

Giannini delayed commitment at the adult correctional institutions by two weeks to give Wiley time to pursue legal options.

Barnes was given a one-year suspended sentence and three years probation in 1974 after pleading guilty to assaulting former Providence College teammate Lawrence Ketvirtis with a tire iron two years earlier.

Wiley said he discussed the case with Pistons' general manager Oscar Feldman. One option, if Giannini accepts it, might be for Barnes to serve the time on work release and play basketball at the same time. Another possibility was to seek delay of the sentence until after the current NBA season.

Barnes took Tuesday's probation revocation calmly, saying he was prepared to do his time in jail and didn't want an appeal.

Ex-Bear signed by NFL Giants

Former Morgan State running back Bob Hammond was signed Tuesday by the New York Giants of the National Football League.

Nammond, who also returns kicks, tried out for the giants two summers back but was released and was cut at training camp this season by the New Orleans Saints.

He starred as a tailback at Morgan from 1970-74.

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McCormick to honor 27 'unsung' athletes tonite

The McCormick Unsung Hero of 1976 will be announced tonight (Friday), from among 27 high school athelets who will be honored at a dinner at the Hunt Valley Inn.

The student athletes will represent the 27 public, parochial and private high schools fielding football teams under the auspices of the Maryland Scholastic Association.

CROSS-COUNTRCMAN — Jos Williams of Baltimore Joe Williams of Baltimore, co-captain of the Wooster College (Ohio) cross-country team, has qualified for the NCAA Division III nationals. A junior English major, Williams lives at 2633 Puget St., this city.

The principal speaker for the 37th annual McCormick Unsung Hero Awards Banquet will be George T. Welsh, head football coach at the U.S. Naval Academy.

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More than 350 state and city officials, civic and military leaders, school administrators, coaches and others are expected to attend the dinner at the Hunt Valley Inn.

Among dignitaries expected to attend are William Donald Schaefer, Mayor of Baltimore, and Baltimore County Executive Theodore G. Venetoulis.

According to John N. Curlett, chairman, and Harry K. Wells, president of McCormick & Co., Inc., who announced the establishment of the scholarship award in 1969, the 1976 winner will be the eigth recipient of the coveted $2,000 prize. The seven previous winners have been:

Michael Kavanagh (1969-, then a student at Patterson, was the first scholarship award winner and has since been graduated from Villanova University.

Cyril O. Byron Jr. (1970), then student at Northwestern, a graduate of Howard University, is currently studying for his Master's there.

Kevin C. Healy (1971), then a student at Cardinal Gibbons High School, is studying Law Enforcement at the University of Baltimore.

Robert Mosley (1972), then a student at Douglass High School, is now attending Morgan State University.

William Rider (1973), then a student at Patterson High, attended Morgan State College and is now employed in a local brewery.

William Morant (1974) then a student at Edmondson High and now attending Cheyney State College in Cheyney, Pa., majoring in Sociology.

Michael P. Byrne (1975), then a student at John Carroll High School, is at present a freshman at Towson State University.

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Woodlawn Highlights

. . . by Marjorie Green

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Bernadette Smith immediate past president of the Woodlawn Toastmistress club, recently co-chaired a Thanksgiving Salute to Senior Citizens that began with a turkey dinner at the Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Church school in Washington, D.C.

Some 200 men and women later listened to the after dinner music furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Ford. John Bachman, district manager in a Washington Social Security office, was the first of the afternoon speakers. He reviewed some of the laws that govern social security beneficiaries.

The Honorable Luke Moore, D.C. Superior Court judge held the group's attention as he advised the senior citizens on matters concerning the criminal justice system.

Judge Moore also inquired about his Baltimore friends, Judges Robert Watts and Milton Allen. The Rev. John H. Richard, pastor of the church, also gave remarks, in spite of the distance, we can truthfully say that it was a happy way to spend a Saturday afternoon.

The VIP's have included VOSSA charities along with Mrs. Santa and the Salvation Army on their holiday project list. Checks will be sent to each of the groups so that items can be purchased for several needy families.

VIP's working in Woodlawn are Charlotte Conaway, Bernice Haynes, Ada Rhoades, and Barbara Hilliard. Juliette Wilson is club president. Other club members are Rose Lewis, Cora Glenn, Lorraine King and Mamie Mackel.

The 22-member Security Toastmistress club and the BDI Toastmaster Club will jointly sponsor an educational program at noon on Thursday, Dec. 9 as part of their new membership drive meeting.

The afternoon program has been designed to acquaint potential members with the special techniques and benefits that are derived through participation in Toastmistress and Toastmaster club activities.

Two speakers from each club are scheduled to demonstrate their speaking abilities during the lunch-time sessions.

BDI Toastmasters have choosen Cathy Riggin and John Krofka to represent their group. Brenda Washington and Debbie Gerale will represent the Security Toastmistress club.

SSA employees attending the meeting for the first time will be encouraged to join anyone of the nine Woodlawn clubs in Council 1. Eight of the nine clubs members Areas homemakers make up the membership in the ninth group.

Mrs. Terry Nowinski-Leiter, past president of Security Toastmistress club is currently serving as Council 1 president.

Charter member Gwendolyn Reid is president of the Security club, and Jerry Rose is BDI Toastmaster club president.

Mrs. Eleanor Hood, Supervisor in the Bureau of Data Processing (BDP) is recovering at home after a three week stay in the hospital.

Send news items c/o Woodlawn Highlights P.O. Box 785, Baltimore, Md., 21203.

Cerebral palsy bowling awards scheduled Sunday

United Cerebral Palsy of Central Maryland closes its fall bowling program Sunday with trophies and certificates being presented to contestants showing the highest scores.

The event, conducted by UCP at Joppa Fair Lanes, brings to conclusion a 10-week schedule in which 52 physically disabled children and young adults have been bowling each Sunday afternoon since Sept. 19.

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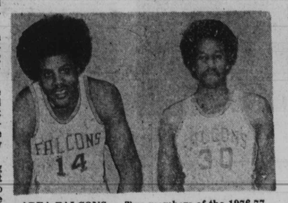
Participants in the program are from the Rosewood Center, Maryland School for the Blind and United Cerebral Palsy of Central Maryland. Also participating are several graduates of the UCP program who now attend Oakwood, Ridge and Rolling Road schools.

The series was staged on the 12 lanes at Joppa, with four teams engaged in the competition — the Owls, Doves, Eagles and Ravens.

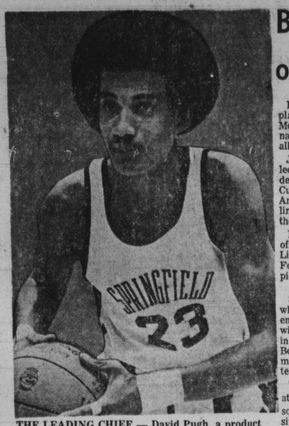
Parents and UCP volunteers pitch in to encourage the contestants. Special ramps are provided to aid children in wheelchairs.

The program this fall, as it will be in the spring of 1977, is free to parents.

Information regrading the competitions or a means of volunteering, is available by phone: 484-4540.



AREA FALCONS — Two members of the 1976-77 St. Augustine's (NC) Falcons basketball team are from the Washington area. At left, Mike Malone is a sophomore guard from D. C., and right is freshman Willie Hodges, a center from Alexandria, Va.



THE LEADING CHIEF — David Pugh, a product of Northwestern High School, has resumed his role as the catalyst for the Springfield College basketball team. The young junior from Baltimore set the scoring pace for the 1975-76 Chiefs with an 18.7 average. Pugh also was second in rebounding.

14-under kids set Friday 'super bowl'

The George Nichols Recreation Center has scheduled a 14-and under version of the "Super Bowl," for next Friday (10th).

It will be in the nature of a flag football competition for youngsters participating in the Bureau of Recreation program conducted at the George Nichols Center at Edmondson and Braddish avenues.

Kickoff time is 4 p.m.

Bison place 4, Bears 3 on '76 all-MEAC team

Four Howard University players and three from Morgan State have been named to the Mid-Eastern all-star football team.

James Breakfield, who led the MEAC in rushing; defensive tackle Kevin Cunningham, center Dan Ambrose and offensive lineman Keith Napier were the Bison choices.

Flanker Mark Durden, offensive tackle William Lighty and cornerback Joe Fowlkes were the Bear picks.

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South Carolina State, which shared the conference title with Morgan and will represent the MEAC in next week's Centennial Bowl at Richmond, had 10 men selected to the two-team, all-MEAC unit.

The Bulldogs placed two athletes on the offensive squad and six on the defensive team.

Guard Luther Dixon and running back Charles Burgess were SC's offensive representatives. On the defensive team were end Bobby Moore, tackle Robert Sims, linebackers Erone Edmonds and Rudolph Bryant and defensive backs Anthony Evans and Leonard Duncan. Malcolm Montgomery was picked as kicking specialist while Duncan also made the first team as a return specialist.

Joseph Mack of North Carolina Central won the right end position while Dexter Feaster of A and T retained his split end post by leading the league in pass reception with 49 grabs for 775 yards and four touchdowns.

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North Carolina Central's Darius Helton and Louis Breeden were named of fensive tackle and safety respectively.

A and T placed defensive end Lucien Nibbs and linebacker Jerald Holand.

Howard led balloting for the second team with seven representatives while A and T had six. South Carolina gained four positions on the second team and Morgan had three representatives. Delaware State, N.C. Central and Maryland-Eastern Shore each had two players on the second team.

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Catonsville Notes

. . . by Liz Williams

Congratulations to Mrs. Eva Burton who celebrated her 93rd birthday with family on Thanksgiving Day, Washington, D.C. Mrs. Burton is the grandmother of Earline Matthews of Catonsville.

Prayers and get well cards to Elizabeth Mayfield, sister of Mary Marrow. She is in Johns Hopkins Hospital, Osler 3. Continue to remember all of the known sick and shut-ins in your community.

I understand that Mrs. Marrow's daughter, Janice and her husband, William Gloster, are among the black families who are now living in the Westview community. They are the parents of two pre-schoolers. William is an accountant at the Social Security Health Department.

The Martha Chapter No. 25 OES-PHA is giving a dinner on Saturday, Dec. 4 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., at 164 Winters Ave. Eleanora Randall and Phyllis R. King are the chairpersons.

The Emma Williams Temple No. 358 IBPOE of W. will hold a receiving and collaring ceremony for its 1975-76 Past Grand Daughter Rulers Mattie Roberts, Mary McCormick, Rosa Lee Hall, and Carrie Scott on Sunday, Dec. 12 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Grace AME Church.

PGDR Amy Warden the chairperson assigned by Dr. Doris Coates, District Deputy, Dr. Mary Robinson and GDR Nettie B. Smith.

The Twigs, the Catonsville auxiliary to Providency Hospital, will hold a bake sale at the hospital today, Friday. Gertrude Smith is president.

Despite the bad weather last Sunday, the residents in our community really turned out for the fine concert that Lenny Bennett and his group from Union Baptist presented at Grace Ayre Church. (Catonsville still has a hold on Lenny!)

Mt. Zion United Methodist Church Ellicott City will present the Rev. Frank Robinson and the Friendship Suburban Mass Choir on Sunday, Dec. 5 at 5 p.m. The Rev. Robert Fringo, is the pastor.

Miss Carolyn Smith, accompanied by Herbert Brown, will give a concert at Grace Church on Sunday, Dec. 5 at 5 p.m.

Remember to take your canned goods to Grace Church for the Anna Shute Hunter home by Dec. 19. The young adult choir directed by Carol Hayes, will present its Christmas recital at 4 p.m. on Dec. 12.

Memorial services will be held on Dec. 12 at Grace Church for the late Robert Reed (retired) at the morning service.

The Sanctuary Choir of Zion Baptist Church invites you to attend a performance, "The Incarnate Word" by Robert L. Moore and Robert Reed. It is a pageant of Christmas Tide, with soprano and baritone soloists, chorus, narrator, organ, piano, brass, woodwind, and percussions. It is to be held on Sunday, Dec. 12 at 4:45 p.m. Charles Austin Jr., the minister of music, is the director. The Rev. Porter W. Phillips Jr. is the pastor and the Rev. Arthur J. Payne is pastor emeritus.

Get well cards to Mabel "Pinchie" Denkins at Johns Hopkins Hospital and to Gertrude Rheubottom (Raymond) who was returned to University Hospital.

Kindly inform this writer about the young people who will be returning home for the holidays. Many of our young people are away working, in school or are in some branch of the service.

Here's hoping that Gertrude Cooper (Bernard) is home when she reads this column. She was to have had eye surgery this week. Send thinking of you cards or give her a ring.

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