BACK-OF-THE-HAND — What appears to be the case of the back-of-the-hand treatment has been handed black promoter Johnny "Deacon" Brown in the announcement Wednesday that Olympic champion Sugar Ray Leonard will make his professional debut at Baltimore Civic Center Feb. 5. Leonard, shown with trainer David Jacobs (left) and new manager Angelo Dundee, may have been the bail-out for Brown who reputedly lost sizeable chunks of money on two ill-fated promotions at the Center. However, representatives of the city are scheduled as promoters for the Leonard introduction, the assertion being that Brown reneged on the $25,000 guarantee. The Deacon alleges that he was not allowed to bid fairly for the bout, from which the promoter is to receive nothing from a $10,000 TV fee.

Lee Elder, Renee in unique golf

A tournament that is unique among pro golfers has lured Lee Elder and Renee Powell to Florida this weekend in quest of a $40,000 purse. . .

Elder and Powell form the only black duo in the national mixed-team tourney currently under way at the Doral Club near Miami. Favored is the pair of Ben Crenshaw and Judy Rankin.

Playing rules require partners to drive — women from the women's tees — and play alternate shots thereafter.

The total purse is $200,000, of which $40,000 goes to the team posting the lowest score . . LACY.

Teachers bow to Coppin blitz

Coppin State College, obviously racing toward its third straight Potomac Intercollegiate Conference basketball title, blitzed visiting D.C. Teachers College, 104-75, Tuesday night.

The quintet of Tony Carter, Mickey Heard, Dave Shepard, Steve Colbert and Allen Johnson shot the Eagles into an 11-point halftime lead at 49-38, and went on to post Coppin's second 100-plus game in three weeks.

Coach John Bates and his streaking Birds entertain Virginia Union of Richmond at their North Avenue gym tonight (Friday).

George Foreman good news to him

Muhammad Ali wants only George

'Never really left' says Ali announcing Foreman fight

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (UPI) — The situation was reversed two years ago, Muhammad Ali was the chalenger, George Foreman the champion.

But come next year, Ali will be the champion defending his title against No. 1 contender Foreman.

"I'm getting ready to fight George Foreman," said Ali, making his first definitive statement about who he is going to fight after some speculation that he was going to retire after a narrow victory over Ken Norton in New York.

"I was never really retired," he said. "Some people are asking when I'm coming back. I never really left."

Ali and Foreman will be meeting for only the second time in their careers.

Ali snatched the heavyweight crown from Foreman in 1974 on an eighth-round knock out win at Zaire. It was also the first tim Ali regained possession of the title since he lost it in a dispute with the U.S. Government over his refusal to be drafted.

The site and date of the Ali-Foreman rematch have not yet been established.

There had been some speculation Ali would fight warmup bouts against South African Mike Schutte and Earnie Shavers.

Jose Sulaiman, president of the World Boxing Council, confirmed Ali wants to fight Foreman.

"He requested we support a Foreman fight," Sulaiman slad. "He said he wanted Foreman. He said he would not fight anyone else because it would be treason to his people."

Promoter Don King, who set up the $10 million Ali-Foreman fight in Zaire, said he hopes to come up with $12-15 million for the second match between the two fighters.

King said Ali agreed during a telephone conversation with Dr. Elias Cordova, president of the World Boxing Association.

A joint announcement by the WBC and the WBA regarding the upcoming fight is expected today (Friday).

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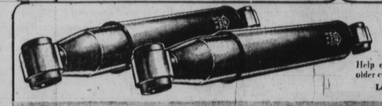

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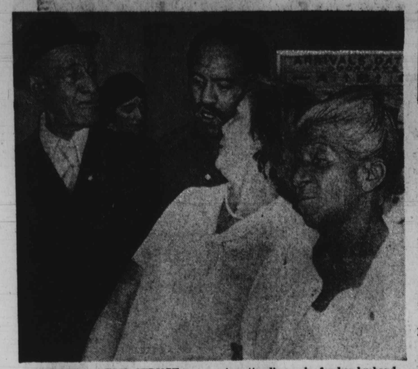

BEFORE TRAGEDY STRUCK — Boston Red Sox pitching ace Luis Tiant (mustache) is shown as he welcomed his father, Luis Sr., left, and mother Isabel, right, upon their arrival in U. S., on special dispensation from Cuba in 1975. Mrs. Tiant died Monday shortly after attending wake for her husband, who had died suddenly two days earlier. The Tiants were permitted to take up residence with their son, whom they had not seen for 15 years, following an appeal to Castro by Sen. Edward Brooke.

Former star sues Skins for estimated $100,000

Former all-pro cornerback Mike Bass, declaring himself "surprised and disappointed," has taken the Washington Redskins to court, seeking a full season's pay and any money his former teammates earn in the playoffs, according to UPI.

Attorneys for Bass, who bowed out of football in pre-season because of a neck injury, sued the Redskins Wednesday on grounds that he should have been placed on the injured reserve list rather than compelled to retire by team physicians.

If successful in the suit, Bass would be entitled to about $68,000 salary under terms of his contract, any playoff pay and medical expenses. Because he retired as a player after seven seasons, he was entitled to partial payment only for the final year of a three-year contract.

His suit filed in Superior Court claimed that he had reinjured his neck in a pre-season exhibition and was told by team doctors to announce his voluntary retirement.

"I feel that I have made a considerable contribution to the Redskins organization for the past seven years and I am surprised and disappointed at their treatment of me," he said in a statement.

"I don't want to sue the Redskins but I feel it is proper and fitting that I pursue what is due to me, not only for myself, but on behalf of every other professional athlete who might find himself in this position. I feel that my teammates deep down inside will agree with me on this action."

Mike Bass surprised by treatment

Holiday meet

The Baltimore Bureau Recreation will sponsor a holiday indoor track meet at the 5th Regiment Armory on Tuesday, Dec. 28 at 1 p.m. The meet is open to Boys and Girls, 9-17 years of age.

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Weekend basketball

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Coppin 104, D.C. Teachers 75
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Morgan 70, Cheyney St. 69
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Rutgers-Camden 81, Delaware St. 64
Tenn. State 62, N. Kentucky 57
Ala. State 97, Morris Brown 77
Morehouse 92, Ft. Valley 78
Jackson St. 112, Fla. A and M 85
Lander 107, Claflin 84
Austin 105, Prairie View 98

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

COLLEGE GAMES

FRIDAY

Va. Union at Coppin St.
Athletes in Action at Va. State
Atlanta, Ga., Classic
Livingstone at Gardner-Webb
Tougaloo at Alcorn

SATURDAY

Howard at Wisconsin (Milw.)
Bay College at Dade North (Fla.)
Hampton at Federal City
Salisbury State at St. Mary's
Christmas Tourney (Allegheny CC)
Northern Ky., at Tenn. State
Atlanta, Ga., Classic

MONDAY

Athletes in Action at Morgan
Alcorn at William Carey

NBA Games

FRIDAY

N.Y. Knicks at Boston
Washington at Buffalo
Milwaukee at N.Y. Nets
Golden State at Philadelphia
Atlanta at New Orleans
San Antonio at Chicago
Indiana at Detroit
Phoenix at Los Angeles
Denver at Portland

SATURDAY

Cleveland at N.Y. Knicks
Boston at Atlanta
New Orleans at Houston
Golden State at Washington
Philadelphia at Indiana
Chicago at Denver
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SUNDAY

Boston at N.Y. Nets
San Antonio at Cleveland
Detroit at New Orleans
Atlanta at Milwaukee
Kansas City at Los Angeles
Buffalo at Seattle

Morgan 5 awaits tough 'athletes'

Morgan State University, chalking up its third win in five days, turned back traditional rival Lincoln, 80-64, Tuesday night at the Hill Field House.

In three previous games since Dec. 10, the Bears, defeated C. W. Post and Cheyney State, and lost to Fairleigh-Dickinson.

Coach Nat Frazier and his improving young five are faced with the task of testing a perennially strong Athletes in Action club Monday night in their final home game before the holiday break.

MSA MEMO

Lake Clifton girls elected ROSE HEARD captain of their basketball team . . . Senior CHEILA COHEN, girls' swim championship finalist for Lake Clifton, is now competing in gymnastics.

Also at Clifton, ROMAINE MIMS is in her third year with the Lakers' modern dance group . . . Meanwhile at Southern, JANET SILLMAN is showing signs of returning to the form which made her the team's high scorer . . . HANET hit 18 points in a recent scrimmage.

RICKY HEDGEPATH Northwestern's 1972 class, and RICKY MASON who finished City the same year, were together as seniors on the University of Connecticut football team.

Walbrook's "big four" of last year DERWIN LILLY, WILLIAM SMITH, RAY JONES and DWIGHT MADISON Union, SMITH and JONES are at Houston - Tillotson and MADISON is at St. Paul's.

MSA coaches rate Forest Park's ROBERT YOUNG an "unsung hero" on and off the field . . . GREGORY EVANS, a mainstay in Carver football the past season, is now active as a wrestler for the Cubs . . . And FRANK KELLY is showing considerable promise for Carver's mat squad at 114 pounds.

ELLER Y QUEEN is back excelling as a swimmer at Southern as well as starring in the classroom as an honor roll student.

Because City College has the smallest home court in the MSA, officials have decreed no passes or visiting spectators for basketball games there.

MSA Scoreboard

FRIDAY SCHEDULE

Basketball

Carver at Anacostia (DC)
Douglass at Southern
Northern at Walbrook
Dunbar at Ballou (DC)
Mervo at Patterson
Edmondson at Northwestern
Southwestern at Forest Park
Poly at Loyola

Wrestling

Lutheran at Carver
Patterson at Poly
Southern at Lake Clifton
Dunbar at Walbrook
Edmondson at Northwestern
Forest Park at Southwestern

Swimming

Forest Park at Lake Clifton
Marvo at Poly
Northwestern at Calvert Hall
Southwestern at McDonough
Loyola at Patterson
Edmondson at City

Girls Basketball

southern at Douglass
Patterson at T. Catholic
Northwestern at Edmond-

Varsity Basketball

Northwestern at Loyola
D.C. Dunbar at Lake Clifton

MONDAY SCHEDULE

Basketball

Ploy at Calvert Hall Calvert Hal JV at Poly JV

SEX AND MOTHS

NEW YORK — Scientists who have been working on the development of a synthetic sexual attractant for male moths have run into a problem: the sexy moths are now following them everywhere.

However much they shower or wash their clothes, the sexy smell they have developed seems to linger on them and drive the male moths mad. One scientist was singled out of a large football crowd by two amorous male moths.

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Eagles finally get Vegas OK

The frustrations of the Baltimore Eagles were ended Wednesday, finally. The Interstate League champions will fly to Las Vegas on Jan. 8 to play for the national semi-pro football title.

A local travel agency has arranged to drop a New York-Vegas charter in Baltimore to pick up the team, then leave it off here on its return to Gotham.

That finalized plans which has progressed to the point where the needed money was raised but no travel was available.

Former Maryland QB Al Neville led the Eagles to an unbeaten 12-0 season in '76.

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