Bears cling to slim hope in weekend draw

As far as the regular season is concerned, Morgan State basketball reaches the point of no return tonight (Friday) at the Hill Field House.

The Bears entertain Maryland, Eastern Shore at 7:30 p.m. in her next-to-last contest of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference schedule.

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They must win tonight and again in Monday night's finale with South Carolina State if they have visions of tying for first place in the MEAC standings.

Currently lodged in second place as a result of their 77-75 victory over Howard Tuesday night, the Bears cannot afford a loss in either of these weekend tilts. Moreover, they must count on Howard to upend S.C. in Washington tonight.

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A combination of two wins by the Bears and two defeats for the Bulldogs provide the slim shred of hope to which coach Nat Frazier and his young men are clinging this (Friday) morning.

Morgan has next week's conference tournament as a season salvation, say their supporters. But that is mere conjecture — and another story ... SAM LACY.

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Jimmy Young, Don King, George Foreman
Promoter signs foes for March 17th

One way or another Foreman vows to 'break Young's neck'

By Martin Lader

NEW YORK (UPI) — Self-assured in style, yet subdued in tone, George Foreman, heir apparent to the heavyweight crown he once held, quietly promises to destroy Jimmy Young when they meet in a scheduled 12-round fight in Puerto Rico March 17.

The center of attention in more ways than one as he wore a three-piece shocking pink suit, Foreman professed that he was a far better fighter now than in his days as champ, and that he was ready to fight "anyone, anywhere".

In discussing his pans for the nationally televised bout (ABC), Foreman said, "If he comes in, I'll break his neck. If he breaks and runs, I'l break and run and catch him and break his neck . . . I'll have 12 rounds in which to do my best, and my best is destruction of the foe."

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Don King, the ebullient promoter, referred to this fight as being for the world championship. Even though he is trying to make a match for Muhammad Al in Seoul, Korea, he referred to Ali as "champion in Absentia" and to Foreman as the active champion.

Foreman, who has only a loss to Ali in Zaire to mark a 45-fight career, including 40 knockouts, was buying none of this, however.

"Don King and George Foreman are two different people. The fight is what it is. The promoters promote it the way they want. I'll just go in and fight 12 rounds."

Young, who lost a highly controversial decision to Ali last April 30, was more reserved than Foreman, but made it clear he didn't intend to be a punching bag for his powerful opponent.

"I don't intend to stand in front of him and be hit with everything he throws," said Young, much more conservatively dressed in a dark, pinstripe suit. "His camp knows, and he knows, that I'll give him trouble."

In response to a question, Young said, "I have enough power to knock him out but I'l go in with the idea of winning over 12 rounds. My plan is to outsmart him, outpoint him and hurt him. I made no plans for losing."

Foreman says he isn't concerned about the lack of opportunity to avenge his loss to Ali

"I'm not a frustrated man at all. I'm very optimistic about the future of George Foreman. My future doesn't lie in anyone else's hands but in my hands alone."

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MSA championships pit old foes for 2 titles

If old rivalries are the stimulant needed to make the adrenalin flow for a sports team, coach Bob Wade and his Dunbar High basketball camp have just what the doctor ordered.

The immediate future of the Poets is clogged with foes that are both traditional and competitive.

Tomorrow (Saturday), Dunbar seeks to wrap up a pair of Maryland Scholastic Association basketball titles. And on next Friday, she hopes to make them stick in the Baltimore Public Schools tournament.

But, let's take 'em one at a time.

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The impending date tomorrow at the Civic Center pits the Poets against their most persistent tormentors, the Lakers of Lake Clifton High. They have not beaten the defending champions since 1973, and the Lakers feel they are geared to end the unbeaten skein of their "cousins" from East Baltimore.

It would be particularly satisfying for Clifton to stop Dunbar, and somewhat embarrassing for the latter to be stopped. The reason is that the Poets already have been accorded champion's prestige in the invitation which placed them in the 4-team March doubleheader along with DeMatha against Philadelphia at the Civic Center.

But the 3 p.m. Dunbar-Lake Clifton faceoff is not the only test that matches old adversaries. The Poets' junior varsity engages crosstown rival Walbrook at 1:30 for the JV championship. They, too, have been bitter foes for the past six years.

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On next Friday (25th) Wade's youngsters oppose the oldest of their school's longtime rivals in the opening round of the public schools tournament.

Douglass, by defeating Southwestern for the last qualifying spot in the Division II regular season, moved into the 8:30 p.m. contest (on the 25th) against Dunbar.

In other games that day, city meets Walbrook at 3 p.m.; Northern plays Carver at 4:30, and Southern tackles Lake Clifton at 6:40 o'clock .... LACY.

Ex-Colt here for NFL group

Former all-pro tight end John Mackey returns to Baltimore today (Friday) in conjunction with a seminar on "Proper Representation of the Professional Athlete," sponsored by the National Football League Players Association and the University of Baltimore School of Law.

Mackey will speak at a noon luncheon in the ballroom of the Belvedere Hotel.

Baltimoreans will remember the former Syracuse All-American as a member of three championship Colt teams (1964-68-71), and as the receiver of a 75-yard touchdown pass that helped defeat the Dallas Cowboys in Super Bowl V in 1971.

The two-day seminar on the University of Baltimore campus is one of a series being held this year throughout the United States to assist the athlete's legal representative in confronting the fast-changing legal aspects of professional sports.

John Mackey
Luncheon Speaker

AAU swim set at Bowie

Over 200 nationally ranked swimmers will compete in the East Coast Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) swim meet at Bowie State College Saturday through Monday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The swimmers range in age from 10 to 18 years, and hail from New York to Florida. The Silver Spring YMCA, which boasts a surprising ninth place finish in a recent national meet, is expected to be a strong contender.

These young Olympic hopeful are ranked in the top ten per cent of the country, and are out to qualify for the YMCA finals coming up in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, which open another door to the 1980 Moscow Olympics.

Bowie State's pool is equipped with electronic timing devices, P.A. system, radio broadcasting booth, underwater observation windows and a 400-seat spectator balcony.

MSA Scoreboard

FRIDAY SCHEDULE

Wrestling

Forest Park at Friends

City at Poly
Northwestern at Loyola
Dunbar at Mt St Joe
Wreste Off at Southwestern

Swimming

Southern at Northern
Forest Park at Edmondson
Northwestern at Poly
Southwestern at Mervo
Dunbar at Lake Clifton
Walbrook at City
Patterson at Gilman

Basketball

Playoffs at Southwestern

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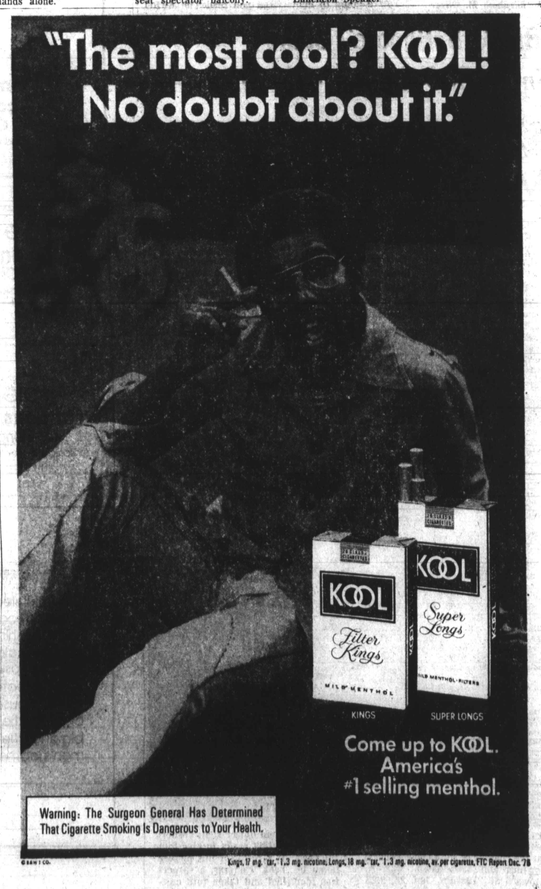

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FINALISTS AND WINNER—Regional winners and the top award recipient at the Scholar-Athlete Dinner held Wednesday night at Martin's West are shown in these AFRO photos by Ben Phillips. At far left is Elroy Cartwright, who survived competition in the Central Region to qualify for the final consideration; Bruce Brick, the Western Region finalist; Bob Kraybill is presented his trophy as finalist in the Eastern Region by Bill Bauerfeld Jr., secretary-treasurer of the National Football Hall of Fame Foundation, and, at far right is Jeff Styron of Annapolis High voted the 1977 scholar-athlete of the year. The 14th annual dinner drew a capacity crowd to pay tribute to 79 candidates nominated by high schools throughout the Greater Baltimore area. The honor is designed to single out the young man who best exemplifies the model student while excelling on the athletic field.

Do you want to be an umpire?

The Baltimore City Bureau of Recreation will be conducting instructional classes for baseball umpires each Wednesday evening for 11 consecutive weeks beginning in February. Classes will be held in the cafeteria of the Abbelbo Elementary School 32nd St. and Harford Rd at 7 p.m.

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Frank Schwarzman Mason-Dixon Umpires Association approved instructor, announced each interested person must attend at least six of the classes. Qualifications for umpiring baseball are an interest in baseball, age 16 years or older and attendance at the classes which will emphasize rules of the game and proper interpretations. Classes are free.

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Approve applicants at the classes will receive umpiring assignments in the Baltimore Metropolitan area. Umpires are reimbursed fees ranging from $11.50 to $14.50 per game.

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If you are interested in umpiring this summer as an enjoyable part-time job and desire to help the youth of the Baltimore Metropolitan area, make plans to attend the umpire classes or contact the Bureau of Recreation office at 396-5660.

Basketball weekend

College Games
Friday
Md., E. Shore at Morgan St.
C. State at Howard
Va. State at W. Salem
Benedict at Allen
Saturday
S.C. State at Morgan
Deloware St., at Md., E. Shore
Lincoln at Coppin St.
Va. College at Bay College
CC of Balto., at Hagerstown
Salisbury St., at U. of Balto.
A and T at Oral Roberts
Federal City at Hampton
S. Eastern at Bowie St
J.C. Smith at N.C. Central
Shaw at Fayetteville
Cheyney at Kutztown
Ft. Valley at Svannah St.
Ala. State at Albany St.
Tenn. State of Ky. Wesleyan
Tuskegee at Benedict
Alcorn at Grambling
Monday
Howard at St. John's
Federal City at Coppin St.
Barber-Scotia at Livingstone
Savannah St., at Gardner-Webb
Baptist College at S.C. State
Knoxville at Tenn. State
Women's Games
Friday
Bowie State at Howard
Voorhees at S.C. State
Saturday
W. Maryland at Salisbury St.
Va. State at Averett College
Cheyney St. at Edinboro
Albany St. at West Ga.
Sunday
Cheyney at Slippery Rock
Monday
Norfolk St., at Va. State
NBA Games
Friday
Seattle at N.Y. Nets
Phoenix at Philadelphia
Portland at Chicago
Washington at Detoit
N. Y. Knicks at Milwaukee
Golden State at Indiana
Atlanta at Los Angeles
Saturday
Seattle at Buffalo
N. Y. Nets at N. Y. Knicks
Phoenix at Cleveland
Detroit at Washington
Houston at Kansas City
Portland at Denver
Sunday
N.Y. Knicks at N.Y. Nets
Cleveland at Philadelphia
New Orleans at San Antonio
Los Angeles at Washington
Phoenix at Detroit
Seattle at Indiana
Atlanta at Denver
Boston at Golden State
Midweek Results
Morvan 77, Howard 75
Coppin St 106, St. Mary's 85
Va. State 87, Hampton 77
Norfolk St., 108, St. Pauls' 99
D.C. Teachers 97, Bowie St. 89
St. Augustine's 83, J.C. Smith 81
N.C. Central 83, A and T 79
Baptist College 105, S.C. State 104
Delaware St. 80, Bowie 79
Shaw 95, Livingstone 66
Pembroke 47, Fayetteville 46
Tenn. State 72, Central St. 69
Stillman 66, Tuskegee, 57
Ky. State 81, Bellarmine 80
Ashland 92, Wilberforce 56
Newberry 102, Allen 67
Voorhees 81, Benedict 64
Tougaloo 63, Phil Smith 57
Fla. A and M 116, Ala. State 100
Morehouse 63, Miles 62
Wilberforce 74, Thomas More 73
Barber-Scotia 77, Shaw 57
Albany St. 84, Ala. A and M 83
Clark 87, Fort Valley 77
Prairie View 137, Paul Quinn 110
Bishop 105, Wiley 89
Mo. Lincoln 79, Central Mo. 59
Texas Southern 81, Miss. Valley 75
Alcorn 100, Southern 84
Jackson St. 77, Grambling 75

MEAC Standings

S.C. State	9	1	.900
Morgan	7	3	.700
N.C. Central	8	4	.667
Howard	7	4	.636
Md. E. Shore	4	6	4.00
A and T	3	9	.250
Delaware St.	0	11	.000

CIAA STANDINGS
(unofficial)

Northern Division			
Va. Union	14	2	.875
Norfolk St.	11	4	.733
Va. Sate	11	4	.733
Hampton	8	8	.500
Eliz. City	7	8	.467
S. Paul's	5	10	.333
Southern Division			
S. Augustine's	11	4	.733
Winston-Salem	9	6	.600
J.C. Smith	8	8	.500
Shaw	4	11	.267
Livingstone	2	13	.133
Fayetteville	1	13	.071

Thomas R. Morris

Morgan coach to Va. State

PETERSBURG — Thomas R. Morris, assistant football coach at Morgan State University in Baltimore since 1971, has been named head football coach at Virginia State College, it was announced this week.

Morris, a native of Newport News, succeeds John D. Marshall and served as head coach for both basketball and football at his alma mater, St. Paul's College. Morris was among three finalists gleaned from a field of 62 applicants.

Morgan State tied for first last fall in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.

Dewees sets 2 LL registrations

Dewees Little League will hold registration for its 1977 season on two separate days in two locations.

The first registration will be held tomorrow (Saturday, with the second taking place one week later on Saturday, March 5. On both days registrations will be held at St. Mary's Church, York Road and Tunbridge, and Dewees Playfield, Alhambra and Tunbridge, from 10 a.m. o 2 p.m.

Now over 20 years old, Dewees Little League is open to all youngsters in the Greater Govans Area between the ages of 8 and 13. The league, which is operated under the auspices of the Bureau of Recreation, is divided into three age divisions: 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13.

Games are played on the three diamonds at Dewees Playfield on week nights at 6 p.m. and Saturdays at 12 noon.

Scoring system blamed by Boudreaux fight ref

By Sam Lacy

It was not the officials but the system, that created the controversy following last Sunday's quarter-finals of the U.S. Boxing Championships at the Naval Academy.

At least that is the view of Joe Bunsa of Washington, D.C.

Chaos reigned in the ring and outside as loser Scott Ladoux sought to attack Johnny Boudreaux in the aftermath of the unanimous decision awarded Boudreaux.

The ABC-TV switchboard, according to reports, was swamped with callers protesting the verdict. And the AFRO scoring also questioned the fairness of the judging.

Bunsa, a longtime official and himself an outstanding boxer while in college at Catholic University, was the referee of the bout. He was keenly sensitive to the boos directed at him and his tw associates — judges Harold Valan and Cal Polis.

On Monday, he was ready to explain the reason for his 3-2-3 vote in favor of Boudreaux.

"It is the system of scoring we had to use," Bunsa told the AFRO.

"We were required to score the fight by rounds, not by points when Ladoux knocked Boudreau down, as convincing as it was, meant only that Ladoux had clearly won one round.

"Had the fight been scored under the point system, there is no doubt in my mind that Ladoux would have been declared the winner.

"Actually continued Bunsa, an apartment neighbor of the writer," I had scored a draw (3-3-2), but I was advised that a winner had to be designated because this is a tournament. Under the tournament concept, no draw verdicts are acceptable.

"It was then that I reviewed my card and felt Boudreaux had held the slight edge in one of my 'even' rounds."

Elder retains top 12 rating

Lee Elder continued in the top-12 listing of pro golf money winners this week despite a so-so finish in the Bob Hope Desert Classic at Palm Springs, Calif., last weekend

The diminutive Washingtonian is 11th on the list led by two-time tournament winner Bruce Lietzke. Elder has won $19,785 in the first six weeks of the year.

Lee, who returned home Wednesday after receiving treatment to his ailing back, said he will pass up this weekend's Glen Campbell Los Angeles Open. He plans to rest before making a decision on entering next week's Jackie Gleason Inverarry Classic in Florida.

While he did not say so, it seemed obvious that Elder fell out of contention with a 79 on the third round of the Bob Hope. The Hope is a 90-hole tournament, 18 more than the usual tour event. It also includes three rounds of play with amateurs and derstandable distractions.

A painful back and his 42 years suffer under such conditions .... LACY.

APG hosts black history observance

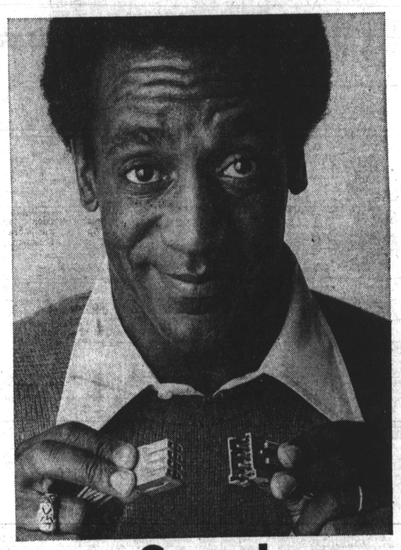
Aberdeen Proving Ground has scheduled a month-long program of events which began Feb. 1 highlighting the annual observance of black history and culture.

The celebration was initiated in 1926 by Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson, the late director of the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History.

Black History Month was established to provide a period of time each year devoted to public exercises emphasizing the significant facts of history influenced by blacks — mainly facts brought to light by the researches and publications of the association.

This step was regarded as timely and the enlightened public warmly responded to the proclamation of the observance

The effort was widely-supported by schools, churches and clubs among blacks and the movement gradually gained acceptance among institutions of other races in America and abroad. Today, the celebration enjoys widespread participation.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