(AFRO staff photo by Roman Hankewycz)

TENNIS MATCH—Eric Hill (L), third seed from Lake Clifton, smiles with satisfaction after upsetting Walbrook's top seeded Michael Sands (R) in the MSA tennis tourney held at Clifton Park Tuesday. Hill said he prepared himself mentally for the match.

USED CONFIDENCE TO DEFEAT OPPONENT

Hill blows Sands away in semis

Confidence comes in different forms for Eric Hill and Michael Sands.

Both are top flight prep tennis players in the Maryland Scholastic Association's (MSA) 'B' Conference, but it was Hill's "mental" version of confidence which propelled him to the biggest victory of his 1977 season.

Hill, a junior at Lake Clifton, was seeded third in the near - finished MSA 'B' Conference Tennis Tournament, and had to face number one seed Sands — undefeated all season — in order to get to the finals.

He did it in style.

Downed 6-4 in the first set, the spunky right-hander stormed back 6-3 in the second and capped the triumph with a dominating 6-0 third set.

Sporting a smile very close to a smirk after the win Tuesday, Hill, who lost to Sands during the season, explained the win easily: his secret weapon was reading.

"I just decided to sit under a tree and read this book," the 16-year-old said, pointing to an article about the importance of mental preparation called "Inside Inner Tennis."

Hill's 11-2 regular season record led Clifton to a three-way tie for the season championship with Cardinal Gibbons and Northern. His final match with Northern's Craig Powell (number four seed) was rained out Wednesday.

Over at Walbrook, this season coach Steve Alpein didn't have the team record, 9-4, that he would have liked, but he did have the opportunity to see the lean, and steady Sands destroy everything in shorts enroute to a 10-0 singles record.

Sands, whoo transferred from Mt. St. Joe's in the 'A' conference before this season, says that he "used my head instead of my strokes" to pile up the wins — including the three set, tie breaker he pulled out over Hill during the regular season (6-4, 2-6, 7-6).

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Despite that win, however, Sands admitted that Hill has "a better stroke than I do." After the tournament loss, Sands, with a knowing smile, reiterates: "I would have to be at the top of my game to beat him (Hill)."

A senior, who has a driving desire to be a force in contemporary jazz, Sands says he has a scholarship to Dillard University, in New Orleans. There, he says, it will be mostly "booking . . . and music."

But more than likely, when he gets there, someone will have to pay for his first loss this season.

Clifton's Hill upends top-seeded Sands in singles

The big stories in the semifinal round of the Maryland Scholastic Association's (MSA) 'B' Conference tennis tournament, held at Clifton Park this week took place in the number one spot among the top four seeds.

Lightning quick Eric Hill from Lake Clifton, seeded number three, toppled first seeded Michael Sands, Walbrook, undefeated in 10 matches this season. The hard-stroking junior fired up Sands 4-6,6-3,6-0, getting revenge for a 6-4, 2-6, 7-6 loss to Sands during the regular season.

Another upset occurred when Northern's Craig Powell, seeded fourth, crushed second seed Mike Heimbach, 6-0, 6-2. The Powell-Hill final was postponed until Thursday because of rain.

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Besides Hill's and Powell's victories; however, there were no real surprises.

At number two singles, Walbrook's Mark Goins battled past fourth seeded Paul Hube (Cardinal Gibbons) 2-6, 6-3, 7-5. Lake Clifton's Bruce Nicholson seeded number two, raced past Southwestern's Brian Peterson.

At number three singles, number two seed, Carl Collins (Southwestern), slipped past fourth seed Terry Woods, 7-6, 4-6, 6-1.

At number four singles, number one seed, from Cardinal Gibbons, Frank Tamneyhill, defeated unseeded Kevin Lee (Douglass) 6-33, 6-7, 6-4. Northern's Jerry Woods, number two seed, battled third seed Brain Evans (Lake Clifton) and downed him 6-2, 3-6, 6-1.

In number five, the big upset came when John Williams of Forest Park, unseeded in the tourney, became his schools first player to reach the finals. He beat number three seed Ron Sheppard from Mervo, 6-3, 5-7, 6-4.

In doubles semifinal action, all teams progressed without trouble except number three seeded Sands and Goins, who played a tough match before coming away winners, 6-4, 6-3, against Hube and Al Winchester from Cardinal Gibbons.

Gibbons, Lake Clifton and Northern all tied for the regular season championship with a 12-1 record.

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Three goal second quarter paces Poly in lacrosse

In the A Conference playoff for Divison I representation, Polytechnic eased by Friends 7-5 Tuesday using a three-goal second quarter to go ahead for good, in the Maryland Scholastic Association's Lacrosse Tournament.

Trailing 3-0 early in the first quarter, Poly crept to 3-1 after Tom Ellis' goal late in the first. Then, behind Ron Hiltz' two goals, sandwiching one by Mark Grockmal, Poly went ahead 4-3 and Friends never recovered.

Hiltz scored his third goal of the game in the third quarter, complimenting one each by Joe Cornely in the third, and Grochmal, in the fourth.

First 18 big for Shindeler

Mt. St. Joe's Joe Sindeler shot a four over par 75 Tuesday to lead runnerup Mike Litty by four strokes at 79, in the opening round of Maryland Scholastic Association's (MSA) Individual Golf Rournament at Mt. Pleasant Golf Course.

Bill Russel (Calvert Hall), Mike Norton (John Carroll) Thomas Vurcich (St. Paul) and Mike Wilson Clake Cliftin all filed in at 80 for a third place tie.

Six golfers tied for fourth, out of the 17 who made the first round cut for Wednesday's final round. Shooting and 81 were: Brent Birely (Boys Latin); Tyler Blue (Gilman); Tom Aiello (St. Joe); Cover McClean (Gilman); Stephen Green (Calvert Hall); and Kevin McDonough (Calvert Hall).

BY THE WAY...

by Joe Black

Alex Haley and ABC-TV gave this nation a great lesson in Black history.

And, for that matter, a great many Blacks of this nation got a lesson, too.

In spite of all the Black culture and history taught in schools today, "Roots" on television was surprisingly reveeling to many Blacks.

The inhumanities our forefathers suffered at the hands of slave traders were enormous. And sad reminders.

But, while watching it happen, did some of us over-react to the point of clouding reason and thinking? Did emotionalism replace reality?

I can understand the feelings of antagonism that were created when we viewed the kidnappings, cramping aboard boats, whippings, seductions, and other inhumanities.

We can't let the sting of the past stir us to thoughts of violent retaliation.

Our ancestors used those years of torment to increase unity among themselves. To develop inner strength. To accept and overcome the slings and slams of their adversaries. From their suffering came spirituals. "He Knows Just How Much We Can Bear," "Rock of Ages." "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot."

Today, Black Americans don't need power in song. But power in socio-economic growth.

We need visibility, and positive thinking to implement programs and practices designed to improve lifestyles of Black people and their communities.

"Roots" made our heritage highly visible. But some of us didn't see it for all it was worth.

While "Roots" was at the top of everyone's mind, we should have taken the opportunity to appeal for broadscale support of programs and practices designed to involve the lifestyle of Blacks within our society.

Next time let's make our feelings and emotions work positively.

Next time, let's be smart. Not mad.

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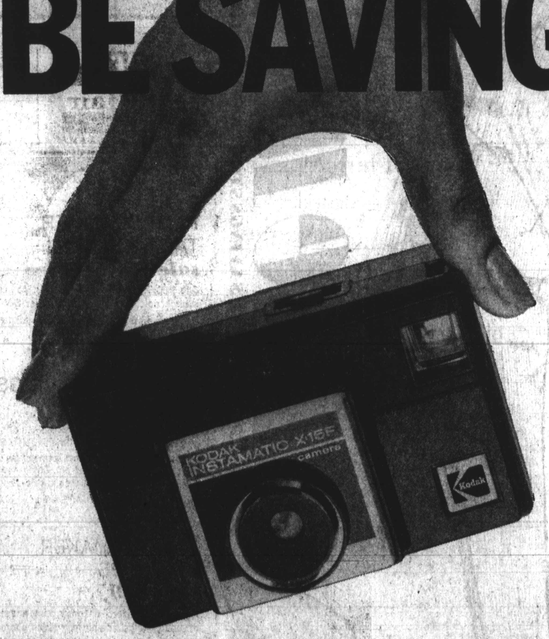

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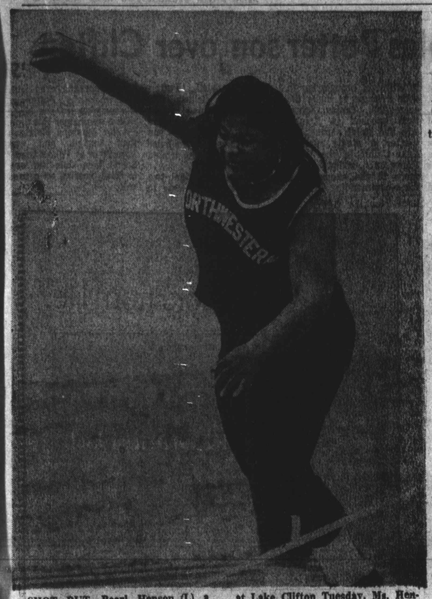

SHOT PUT—Pearl Henson (l.), a senior at Northwestern, strains to put the shot at the girls' track meet at Lake Clifton Tuesday. Ms. Henson took first place in the event. (AFRO staff photo by Roman Hankewycz)

Western grabs six firsts in girls track

Western's girls' team captured six first place spots to lead the field in the Baltimore City Girls Track and Field Preliminaries at Lake Clifton's track Tuesday.

Western failed to win a clean relay sweep only because of Carver's 440 yard team. Carver's sprinters Sharon Johnson, Marlo Parsons Mary Parsons, and Alicia McCutnis edged Lake Clifton in the 440 with a 5:00.1, the only relay in w hich Western failed to place.

In the 880 Medley Relay, however, Western's team was the class of the field. Wanda Sutton, Shelby Dickerson, Grace McClenon and Michelle Cornish defeated their teammates— Western's 'B' team—by two seconds with a 1:53.2.

Wastern's 880 yard relay 'A' team came in ahead of Edmondson with a 1:43.5 clocking. Debra Brightful, Odessa Turner, Shelby Dickerson and Michelle Cornish made up that team.

Western also captured the mile realy, running by a 4:17.4 over Edmondson. Anette Pittman, Wanda Sutton, Dristen Wecht and Pat Walker made up the A team in that race.

In individual competition, Western's Trina Cunningham won the 80 yard low hurdles at 10.5 Walker captured the 880 yard run with a 2:22.8 as well as the mile run at 5:10.3. Western's Karon Lindsey beat out second place teammate Jeannie Krajuiski in the discus throw with a toss of 85 feet 11 inches.

Other first place winners were:

100 yard dash — Sharon Johnson, Carver, 11.9; 220 yard dash—Sharon Johnson, Carver, 24.6; Shot Put—Pearl Hanson, Northwestern, 34 feet, 8 inches; Long Jump—Judy Brown, Patterson, 15 feet 1 inch; High Jump—Valerie Eaux, Dunbar; Gracelyn Stewart, Forest Park and Cynthia McCown, Lake Clifton (all three cleared 4-8).

Shindeler has easy golf final

Joe Sindeler, the leader after the first round, held on and easily won the fial round Wednesday of the Maryland Schlastic Association's (MSA) Individual Golf Tournament at Mt. Pleasant golf course.

Shindeler of Mt. St. Joe, shot one stroke over his opening round score of 75 and finished with a 151 for the 36-hole tourney. The 56 year-old MSA Tournament started Tuesday.

Kevin McDanough, of Calvert Hall, finished second, coming from his first round fourth place spot. His final 18-hole score of 77 gave him 159 for the two days. In the first round, he shot an 81 and was tied with five other golfers for fourth.

St. Joe's Tom Aiello, last year champ, could not climb out of his first round spot in fourth place, finishing with 81—162.

Mike Litty, whose 79 was good for second place in the first round 79, ballooned to 88 Wednesday, finishing in eighth place with a 167.

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BOYS' TRACK

Chisolm, Dixon best in semis

The trials on of the boys Maryland Scholastic Association (MSA) track Championships held no big surprises, according to officals.

Nevertheless, Seth Chisolm put in his best time in the Intermediate Hurdles, running a 59.9 five-100ths of a second better than the best recorded time this year.

In the varsity high jump, which concluded competion Tuesday, Billy Dixon soared to 6 feet, 5 inches to finish first. His height was th of an inch off the meet record. Kenny Walker finished seciing at 6 feet, 4 inches.

Alvin Larkins served in the Navy

Funeral services were held last Sunday for Alvin William Larkins at Madrona Community Presbyterian Church.

Born in Baltimore, Mr. Larkins died May 18. As a teenager he was an alcolyte at St. James Episcopal Church and played tuba with the Baltimore Park Band and National Guard Band.

He graduated from Douglass High School and joined the Navy and served as a musician during World War II. In 1943, he was stationed in Seattle where he decided to make his home.

After leaving the Navy, he became a social worker in Bremerton, Wash. and was noted as an entertainer at various clubs.

Mr. Larkins is a graduate of the University of Washington and taught at Woodrow Wilson Junior High School. For nine years, he was employed as a social studies teacher at Franklin High School and was a staff member at Hero Glen Children's Center where he taught music and social studies.

He was a member of the Rainy City Jazz Band, Seattle World's Fair Marching Band and a member of Alpha Kappa Psi Fraternity. Mr. Larkins, who was also known as "Al," played for private and local affairs.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ginny Larkins; four children, Emilee, Ellen, Fred and Wendy Larkins of Seattle; a sisters, Mrs. Clara Bailey; three brothers, Robert Bailey of Baltimore; Ellis and Benjamin Larkins of New York.

Teen stabbed in fair condition

A 16-year-old boy remains in "fair condition" at Lutheran Hospital, after being stabbed in the left lung.

Brooks Foster, of the 2300 block Lanvale Ave. had been fighting another teenager Tuesday in the 2400 block Laurietta Ave. Police report after the teenagers stopped fighting, the 17-year-old left and returned with a knife.

Police reveal Foster was stabbed in the left arm and puncturing his lung. The 17-year-old was arrested and released to the custody of his parents.— BARBER —

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