Webster elated over role in NBA's Nuggets-Sonic swap

By Sam Lacy

Take the word of his mother and you can be sure that former Morgan cage great Marvin Webster is pleased with Wednesday's trade that sent him from the Denver Nuggets to the Seattle Supersonics.

"Oh, he's in Greensboro (NC) visiting his wife's family, but he'll be home this weekend," she said.

Then you don't know how he reacted to the announcement that he has been traded?

"Oh yes, Marvin called last night and we talked for quite a spell," said Mrs. Webster.

"He has mixed feelings about it, but in the overall sense he's pleased. Marvin has made a lot of friends in Denver, on the team and in the city. The idea of leaving them isn't pleasant.

"But he is elated over the prospect of playing more. He sees a real opportunity at Seattle where the center position is opened up by the departure of Burleson.

"That was the main topic of conversation last night (Wednesday), the chance for him to play," Mrs. Webster added.

In Seattle, the enthusiasm of player personnel director Lenny Wilkens and coach Bob Hopkins matched that of the young Baltimorean, who was known as "Marvelous Marv" in college.

"The sky will be the limit," was Hopkins' analysis of Webster's potential. The praise sounded much like former Seattle coach Bill Russell's comments on Burleson after he was taken from North Carolina State as the third player named in the 1974 draft.

"He can score, but we won't put any pressure on him to score," Hopkins continued. "He's a fine rebounder and he's great at closing down the middle. He's very intimidating and he's mean, although he's an outstanding person.

Webster, 25, suffered an attack of hepatitis at the start of his rookie year after Denver drafted him out of Morgan. He played only 39 games that season. Last year he was in 80 games, averaging 6.7 points and 6.1 rebounds per contest while seeing limited action behind Issel.

WELCOMES NEW CHANCE — Fomer Morgan State little All-American Marvin Webster (lower left) was one of six players involved in 3-team NBA trade on Wednesday, and says he's pleased. The 7-1 Baltimorean went to Seattle from Denver where he had been unhappy backup to Dan Issel, in exchange for Tommy Burleson. The Nuggets then sent Burleson to Kansas City for Brian Taylor and kept other player in transaction, Bob Wilkerson. Paul Silas and Willie Wise accompanied Webster to the Sonics.

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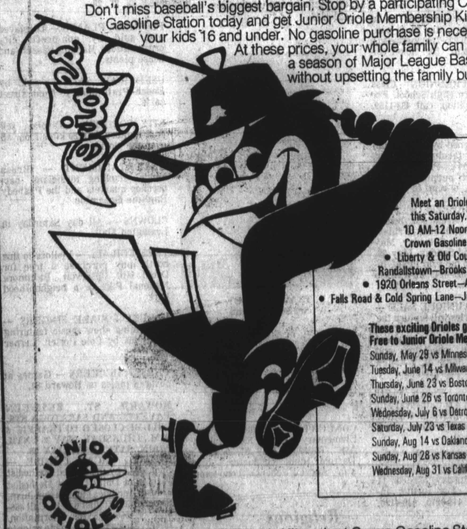

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10-mile relay event scheduled

There will be a 10-mile team relay race for the benefit of the Maryland Special Olympics, at Brooklyn Park High School tomorrow (Saturday).

Each team will consist of 10 members, each running a mile. The teams are made up from Military Service Clubs at Ft. George G. Meade, local schools and service clubs from the Baltimore area.

There will be awards for the first, second and third place winners in all divisions, special trophies for the military service team and best over-all team award.

This year's run is being sponsored by the Chesapeake Chapter Military Intelligence, Mora Caravan No. 105 and Herez Caravan No. 183 of the Alhambras, and the D.A.V. Omaha Beach Chapter No. 7.

Competition will begin at 11 a.m. and continue till 5 p.m. at the high school on Hammonds Ferry Lane. This event is open to the public free of charge and there is adequate parking in the school parking lot.

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BOWIE, Md. — The third combined Maryland summer thoroughbred race meeting under the sponsorship of Bowie, Laurel and Pimlico gets under way here on Tuesday.

The 47-day session continues through July 23. Post time has been set at 1 p.m.

Two years ago Bowie inaugurated summer racing after air-conditioning the entire plant. The attendance and wagering for that 47-day meeting is likely to be exceeded this year due to the lack of competition from Delaware Park for patrons and horses. The '75 season was a head-and-head conflict between the two tracks.

Director of racing Lawrence J. Abbundi will have 2,503 horses to make up his daily programs. Four tracks — Bowie, Laurel, Pimlico and Timonium will accommodate trainers.

Colts coaches, players at clinic

Colts' head coach Ted Marchibroda and his staff of assistants along with a number of professional athletes including quarterback Bert Jones, linebacker Stan White and return specialist Howard Stevens will participate in a "Day of Champions" clinic June 4 at Towson State University.

The program is sponsored by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and will also involve athletes from Towson State, Salisbury State and the University of Maryland.

NBA playoff dates

Herewith are dates for the remaining games of the National Basketball Association's best-of-seven championship series:

May 29 — Philadelphia at Portland, 3:30 p.m.
May 31 — Philadelphia at Portland, 9 p.m.
June 2 — Portland at Philadelphia, 9 p.m. (if needed)
June 5 — Philadelphia at Portland, 3 p.m. (if needed)
June 8 — Portland at Philadelphia, 9 p.m. (if needed).

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Irked Sammartino seeks to regain mat title

Two-timer former World Wide Wrestling Federation heavyweight champion Bruno Sammartino, now No. 1 contender, will make an effort to regain his title from new champion, Super-Star Billy Graham, in the one-fall finish feature at Civic Center tomorrow (Saturday) night.

Sammartino lost his championship belt to Graham in a stunning upset at the Civic Center on April 30, and was overruled in his claim that Graham scored on an illegal maneuver by projecting his legs from the ropes in order to generate leverage.

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The Maryland State Athletic Commission upheld referee Jack Davis' count-out of Bruno, but ordered a rematch May 28 and stressed, in so doing, that no time limit will be imposed and no holds barred.

Graham, multi-muscled 6-4, 285-pound bruiser from Pleasant Valley, Arizona has been one of Sammartino's top-rated challengers for the past two years, and says he is bigger, younger and stronger than is Sammartino, who has held the title twice previously.

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George "The Animal" Steele, a composite of roughness and toughness, returns after a lengthy absence, to oppose Billy White Wolf in a one-fall finish co-feature carrying a one-hour time limit.

Other bouts list: Nicolai Volkoff vs. Jay Strongbow, Ken Patera vs S.D. Jones, Gas House Gilbert vs. Peter Maivia, Rocky Tamayo vs. Larry Zbyszko, Johnny Ridz vs. Tony Garea and Jan Nelson vs. Carlos Roche.

Net tourney to aid youth

At Tuesday deadline it is scheduled for the first Alpha Phi Alpha tennis tournament benefit.

The fraternity will sponsor the meet at the Druid Hill Park courts, June 10-12.

Former pro-football star Willie Richardson and former running back Lydell Mitchell are among celebrities extended invitations to participate.

Entries are being accepted (until Tuesday) for men's and women's singles, senior singles, and men's doubles and mixed double.

Beneficiaries will be various inner-city youth agencies, including Red Shield, Operation Champ and Police Boys Clubs.

Baltimore lad wins at NY net

SCHENECTADY, N.Y. — Rodney Young of Baltimore, Md., captured the singles title in the Mohawk Stationery Tennis Open here last weekend.

The young Hampton Institute star defeated No. 1 seed John Gorsky of Ithaca, N.Y., 6-1, 6-1, in the final to gain the $300 first prize.

Enroute to the title at the fashionable Schenectady Racquet Club, Young didn't lose a set.

He disposed of area favorites, George Falinski and Scottie Beckers, both quarter-final, and semi- or Utica, N.Y., 6-1, 6-3, in final matches.

Southern track coach joins Bay

Bay College is expanding its athletic department. As part of this expansion, Shelley Rambeau Jr. has been hired to develop and coach the new track and field program.

Rambeau, who has taught physical education in Baltimore City schools since 1969 is presently working on his Master's at Morgan State University.

"There were many qualified applicants for the job," commented George Milby, Bay's athletic director. "But what finally decided us on Shelley was his development of Southern High's excellent track program from scratch. Track is a new sport here, and Shelley's a man who has proven himself at creating a top flight track program from the bottom up."

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