Dent closes in on PGA exemption

By picking up two checks in the U.S. Open and the Amana Pro-Am last week, Jim Dent moved within four spots of automatic exemption for next year's pro golf tour events.

The big thumper from August (Ga.) has climbed steadily on the top-100 list until he now is in 64th place with $26,191.

Lee Elder, already exempted, is a $38,347 and in 44th place.

Exemptions are allowed the 60 leading money winners in the tour. Otherwise, players are required to qualify for each event.

2-year hiatus ends at raceway

LAUREL — Racing returns to Laurel Raceway Thursday (30th) after a two-year break.

Maryland's pioneer harness track, out of operation in 1975-76, opens a 60-night meet that will extend through Sept. 10. During its 2-year absence, the Laurel meets were held at Rosecroft.

Many improvements are awaiting the nocturnal fans. These include a $3 million clubhouse, a new racing surface, refurbished grandstand and renovated parking facilities.

RED HOT RED SOX—Five of the reasons the Boston Red Sox have begun to make a shambles of the Eastern Division race in the American League are: left to right—first baseman George Scott, outfielders Carl Yastrzemski, and Fred Lynn, designated hitter Jim Rice and catcher Carlton Fisk. Showing off the bats which Scott calls "tools of the Lumber Company," this quintet has blasted over 100 homers in 65 games, 13 against the second place Yankees a week ago, and nine off 3-time Cy Young Award pitcher Jim Palmer of the Orioles in his last two starts against them.

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Coppin basketball attracts 3 outstanding prospects

Coppin State College announced early this week the signing of three promising young basketball players to letters-of-intent.

After successfully recruiting Thomas Parsons of local Kenwood High School, coach John Bates acquired two transfers from Southeastern Community College of Whiteville, N.C. They are Wallace Moore and Robert Miles.

Parsons, a 6-3 guard, averaged 24 points, 10 rebounds and five assists per game for Kenwood last year.

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Moore, 6-4, is expected to fill the old created by the departure of classy Mickey Heard. And Bates thinks his 16-point average with seven rebounds won't hurt.

Miles, a native of Rowland, N.C., shows a 25-point, 16-rebound and 4-blocked shots log for his '76 campaign at S.E.

Coppin has posted a 91-record since 1974 when coach Bates arrived on the scene.

Over the last two years, the Eagles have won 30 or more games with a 1975-76 record of 30-2 and a 1976-77 record of 30-2.

Wallace hails from Winchester, Ky.

with a 4-12-loss record linebacker Maurice Tyler was claimed Wednesday by the New York Jets from the Detroit Lions.

Tyler had played with the Bills and Chargers prior to his tour in Detroit.

Ex-Bear a Jet

Former Morgan State

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Back up, you chauvinists! O's meet a gal with ideas

Okay now, Baltimore, let's get something straight.

All sports fans are not masculine. All of them aren't fascinated by free hats, or by helmets or "Junior Days" or "lovers' nights" of "family outings."

The people who live and die with the Orioles and Colts and Clippers, etc., don't all wear pants.

And now comes a member of the ignored sorority to so inform the baseball residents of Memorial Stadium.

Delores Snell of Edgewood Road, gets an opportunity next Thursday (30th) to elaborate an an idea she has submitted to the Orioles.

The following letter, sent to the Birds' public relations director, Bob Brown, succeeded in obtaining the Thursday appointment:

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"Dear Mr. Brown," wrote Snell, " as a woman who loves baseball with a passion, I propose that the Orioles promote an annual Women's Night Out at the Stadium.

"Growing up in Cincinnati, I fell in love with the hotdog game at Crosley Field. I followed Frank Robinson's career at Cincinnati as well as in Baltimore. Even now, I outwit my husband in discussions of old and new superstars. It is obvious that greater number of women share this passion for diamonds (baseball), too!

"Woo the women to the stadium that night in a promotion that features:

*The first 15,000 women presented with a diamond" ring (a black and orange ring in the shape of a baseball diamond)

*A 3 inning (pre-game) competiotion between female radio and television personalities and the wives of Oriole players

*Women's organizations purchasing blocks of tickets

*A prominent local female personality throwing out the first ball.

*A prominent local female personality singing the National Anthem

*An articulate, knowledgeable woman providing radio color commentary with the play-by-play announcers

*A roll call (with members standing) of women's organizations attending

*A drawing for gifts to women attending (gifts solicited from local merchants for advertisement purposes)

*Post game interviews and pictures of the winners

"This kind of promotion should be a successful venture for the Orioles, as well as great fun for the women. Unfortunately, helmets, jackets, tee shirts, etc. don't appeal to us. But 'diamonds', do."

Delores Snell
a word to the Birds

Jim Palmer on wrong spot as traffic cop?

By Sam Lacy

At the risk of being charged with treason, one Baltimore writer is suggesting (in print) that Jim Palmer seems to have missed his call.

Who is the writer? It is I.

By his own actions, Palmer appears to be more interested in directing traffic than he is in stopping it.

The 3-time Cy Young Award winner has been moving around Oriole outfielders since last summer. But, what was an occasional gesture to his defensive mates a year ago, has become part of the routine this season.

Every pitcher checks his outfielders for placement against certain hitters because he has decided on how he is going to pitch to them. But against an average of every third batter, as in Jim's case? Ridiculous!

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The fielders, themselves, are showing signs of poohpoohing the Palmer gestures, although they go along with him.

Jim waves Pat Kelly to the left; Kelly moves over one step. He gestures Al Bumbry to come in closer; Bumbry to come in closer. He motions Ken Singleton to the right; Singleton takes one step in the desired direction.

Pacify the guy, they seem to say. It doesn't matter that all three are seasoned ball players and that they play all the games against opponents Palmer faces every fourth day.

Nor does it matter that the entire opposing batting order has been gone over in the pre-game meeting in the clubhouse.

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If they dare, they might ask Jim why he never signals them into the seats or behind the fences. For that is where his efforts have been winding up lately while he's directing traffic instead of concentrating on pitching.

Maybe Palmer, who has severely criticized Reggie Jackson, manager Earl Weaver and general manager Hank Peters for participating — or not participating — in trades this summer, should consider one by himself.

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Jim Dent adds $2G to tour cash

Considering today's cash grab-bag in sports, it doesn't amount to much. But Jim Dent will take it.

The big bettler of the pro-golf tour picked up $2,255 in two tournaments this week, and when one is trying to attain the top-60 on the money list every little bit helps.

Jim won $1,095 in the U.S. Open with a 296 finish Sunday behind champion Hubert Green, and $1,160 at the Amana Pro-Am in Iowa City Monday, where he was the defending champion.

He was in 65 place last

Billy Jones bags local pair for UMBC quint

Craig Mobley, a 6-4, 175 pound forward, and Art Rose, a 6-4, 185 pound forward, have signed national letters of intent to attend the University of Maryland Baltimore County this fall, it was announced by head basketball coach Billy Jones.

Mobley, who played for John Nash at Douglass, was the winner of the William "Sugar" Cain Scholarship as the top student-athlete in leading Douglass to a 12-7 record.

An outstanding student, Mobley played football and tennis as well as basketball at Douglass. He was a split end on the football team and was the number three player on the tennis squad.

Jones, entering his fourth season at UMBC, says that Mobley is the "sleeper of the year as far as Baltimore basketball is concerned. He gives us an added dimension as a quick, small forward who is very aggressive. We expect him to help us as a freshman with his fine defensive work and rebounding ability."

Rose, who played for Bucky Kimmet at Poly enjoyed a fine senior year for the Engineers. Possessing great leaping ability, he scored 15 points, per game as well as pulling down an average of 14 rebounds

Catskills hotel sues Muhammad

MONTICELLO, N.Y. (UPI) — A summons and complaint charging heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali with failing to pay a Concord Hotel bill of $8,859 was filed Wednesday with the Sullivan County Clerk's office.

The action named Ali, individually and doing business as Muhammad Ali Enterprises, Chicago, Ill., and was brought by Kiamesha-Concord Inc. of nearby Kiamesha Lake.

The papers, signed by State Supreme Court Justice Robert C. Williams, alleged Ali and an entourage stayed at the hotel between Sept. 6, 1976 and Sept. 26, 1976 inclusive, and that no part" of the bill has been paid.

Carty back

Frank has gone. Rico has returned.

The man who triggered the firing of Frank Robinson — Rico Carty — by the Cleveland Indians when the manager fired him for insubordination, rejoined the club Tuesday upon being reactivated from the injury list.

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