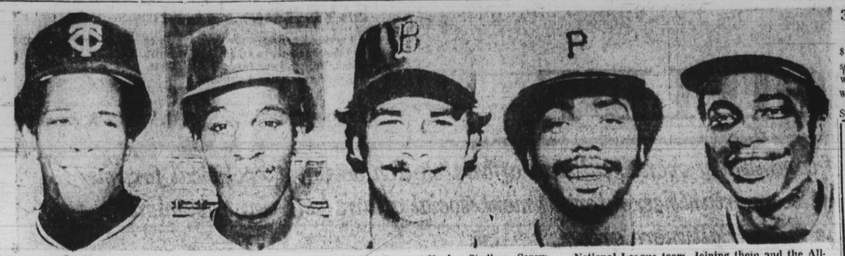

THE BEST AND NEWEST—Rod Carew (left) of the Minnesota Twins, and Joe Morgan (far right) of the Cincinnati Reds, were first and second, respectively, in vote-getting for Tuesday's Major League All-Star Game at Yankee Stadium. Carew, who set an all-time record for attracting fan votes, led both leagues. Morgan, two-time MVP winner, was second to Steve Garvey in balloting for the National League team. Joining them and the All-Star scene for the first time are the Yankees' Willie Randolph (second left) Boston's Rick Burleson (center) and Pittsburgh's Dave Parker (second right).

3 new faces among All-Star Game's starters

NEW YORK (UPI) — much of the season for the Rod Carew, who has been Minnesota Twins, became hitting more than .400 the top vote-getter of all time in fan balloting for baseball's All-Star game, scheduled Tuesday nigh at Yankee Stadium.

Carew received 4,292,740 votes as the starting first baseman for the American League. Carew's total surpassed his National League counterpart Steve Garvey by a 15,005-vote margin.

Joining Carew in he American League's starting lineup are catcher Carlton Fisk of Boston; New York's Willie Randolph at second; Boston's Rick Burleson a shortstop; Kansas City's George Bertt a third; and New York's Reggie Jackson; Boston's Carl Yazzemski and Chicago's Richie Zisk in the outfield.

On the National League side, two-time MVP Joe Morgan was one of four world champion Cincinnati Reds, and Steve Garvey and Ron Cey of the Los Angeles Dodgers named to the 48th midsummer classic.

Morgan, second only to Garvey in NL balloting, was joined by teammates Johnny Bench at catcher, Dave Concepcion at shortstop and George Foster in the outfield. All the players, with the exception of Parker, were repeaters from the 1976 National League stars.

Garvey led the overall voting with 4,277,735 votes followed by Morgan at 3,309,754.

The only representatives from the National League's Eastern Division who won starting roles were outfielders Greg Luzinski of the Philadelphia Phillies and Dave Parker of the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Other black players who receive widespread fan attention in additin to the six starters for the American League were: Chris Chamblias, George Scott, Lee May and Cecil Cooper, second, third and fourth at first base; Frank White, eighth at second base, and Bert Campaneris, third at shortstop;

Also Larry Hisle, Bobby Bonds, Mickey Rivers and Lyman Bostock, sixth seventh, eighth and ninth in the outfield.

Exacta not exactly a Bowie bonanza

The payoff for the exacta in the sixth race at Bowie Race course set a new Maryland record Tuesday but the holders of winning tickets weren't going on a spending spree.

The 2-5 combination paid $3.80 on the winner, Chief Target, and the second place finisher, Mr. Holtsinger, for the lowest exacta in the state's racing history. The highest exacta at Bowie was $3,688.40 paid out in 1971.

For regular bettors Chief Target paid $2.20, 2.10, $2.10; Mr. Holtsinger, $2.10, $2.10 and French Chef, $2.10.

3 rich events lure pacers to Laurel

Three rich events of the $100,000 added stakes series at Laurel Raceway will be featured over the weekend.

The $12,500 Laurel Stakes for 3-year-old filly pacers tops the program tonight (Friday), and 3-year-old filly pacers compete for $20,000 in the feature on Saturday. The Monday program puts 2-year-old trotters in the spotlight, going for $10,000.

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$5 million bid to Ali for Ron Lyle defense

The camp of heavyweight contender Ron Lyle said in Denver, (Colo.) Tuesday, that Muhammad Ali has been offered $5.2 million for a championship rematch next fall.

Sam Boardman, Lyle's trainer and adviser, said the offer was made by promoter Ben Thompson of the Los Angeles area.

Lyle said he was seeking a rematch of his September 1975 bout with Ali because he had been unsuccessful in attempts to get a match with No. 1 contender Ken Norton.

"I've defeated No. 4 and No. 5 heavyweight contenders Ernie Shavers and Joe Bugner," Lyle said. "And Norton seems to be ducking him, so a match with Ali is the most logical answer."

Boardman said he believed Ali owed Lyle a rematch because in the past he has been "courageous enough to meet top contenders a second time.

"All has had rematches against Leonard, Frazier, Quarry, Chuvalo, Henry Cooper, Sonny Liston, Floyd Patterson and Jerry Quarry," Boardman said. "He even fought Joe Frazier and Norton three times. Ken deserves a second chance."

Lyle lost his first match to Ali on a TKO decision in the 11th round.

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TITLE SHOT AT LAST — Baltimore all-time wrestling favorite Bobo Brazil gets a long awaited, long-deserved shot at the World Wide Federation heavyweight championship tomorrow (Saturday) night at the Civic Center. Bobo battles Superstar Billy Graham, a man he claims "talks tougher than he wrestles," in a one-fall clash that features a star-studded card, including a tag-teamer that involves the colorful Japanese duo of Taro Tanak an Mr. Fugi.

Colts at Goucher camp, aim to bolster defense

The Colts, whose offense was the most productive in the National Football League in 1976, will open training camp for the 1977 season tomorrow (Saturday) at Goucher College with a more impressive defense as the first priority of the session.

The reporting date is for rookies and first-year players while the veteran contingent, which will swell the training camp roster to more than 70 players, will be checking in next Saturday (23rd).

"We're going to be looking for improvement in the defense," said head coach Ted Marchibroda. "Our defense and special teams performances could be better.

"That is not to say that the defense and special teams did not do a good job last season because they did. You don't get to be 11 and 3 as we were if those two units let you down. You have to have good performances by all units to have that kind of year.

"But we feel that we can become better in those areas this year and we feel we have the people who can make us bitter.

Fifty-three veterans, including such newcomers as cornerback Norm Thompson and Delles Howell, and 26 rookies and free agents will report for opening sessions.

The first opportunity for the public to see the new crop of Colt rookies and free agents in action will come next Saturday when the Colts face the young Redskins in a scrimmage game at the Naval Academy.

Kickoff time will be 2 p.m. with the $2 admission charge going to the benefit of Buddies, Inc., the Baltimore Police Department's charity for area youth activity.

Ali to box DJ in Muslim event

A local disc jockey says he has accepted a challenge from Muhammad Ali to an exhibition boxing match July 30 when the heavyweight champion makes a guest appearance at a Bazaar sponsored by the Black Muslims.

Kweise M'Fume, the 140-pound program director of WEAA-FM, claims he will box the champion in the afternoon at the Baltimore Civic Center, where the festival will be held.

Proceeds will go for the construction of the Sister Clara Muhammad Elementary School.

All challenged M'Fume a week ago during a visit to Baltimore.

MTA announces contest winners

The Mass Transit Administration (MTA) of Maryland, Department of Transportation, announced the June winners in the Driver of the Month compaign.

Based on points received for commendations, overall attitude, safety, attendance, general appearance and complaints, one driver was chosen from each of the five MTA bus divisions.

An engraved trophy and a $100 gift certificate were awarded to the winning drivers for June.

They are: John F. Perry, Badge 48, Bush Division; Raymond Linear, Badge 297, Eastern Division; Benjamin Manning, Badge 432, Harford Division; Earl W. Crizer, Badge 26, Retreat Division and Wenzo Thompson, Badge 476, Kirk Division.

Under the guidelines of the program, all monthly winners become eligible for selection as "MTA Driver of the Year."

Recognition also goes to Fred White, manager of Eastern Division, and to all the MTA operators at Eastern for winning the "Division of the Month." Eastern Division has received a plaque for having the lowest frequency rate miles for the month of of accidents per 100,000 June.

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