SUMMER SPORTS

The AFRO's weekly view of community athletics

UP ON HIS TOES (L), stooping (R) but always concentrating, Calvin Page is determined to make a behind - the - back catch.

MIA CHILD has trouble catching this frisbee, which landed near the one on the ground behind her.

Fun flipping frisbees

Tossed about, caught, skipped, flipped through hula hoops, and best of all, held onto after everything was all over, best describes the action in last week's city-wide frisbee contest held at Harford Playfield Recreation Center.

With 18 kids competing—far short of a total city turnout—action took place on three levels: 11-and-under, 12 to 15 and 15-and-over.

Each contestant competed in seven different events: skip, catches (behind the back), right and left curve, caught through the legs, accuracy, straight catch, accuracy and distance.

Boy and girl winners from each age category were selected to compete in the state frisbee championships next week at Rash Field at the Inner Harbor.

The appealing thing about the championships at the Playfield was watching each contestant do very well or bomb completely, according to where his or her personal strength lay.

Almost no one did well in the behind-the-back catch, for example. Out of each participant's three chances, only two got more than one catch. The frisbee would usually go past the catcher, in a rush, as the youngster twisted, spun around in vain.

Many of the kids in the 11-and-under group had to be given on-the-spot instruction on how to coordinate the other hand, when one was behind the back trying to catch the gliding, hard-plastic blue frisbee.

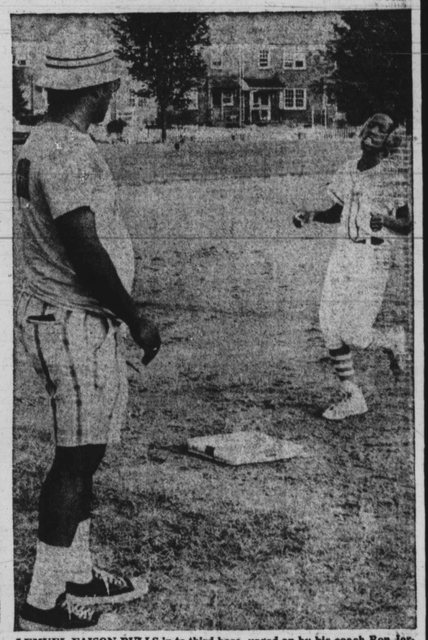
And in the makings of macho, the young boys, in all age groups, got their biggest kicks taking part in the accuracy and distance action.

Cranking up, taking a running start or even (for those who considered themselves strong) simple wrist flipping were used to whip the disc out into the expanse of the grassy playfield.

Stanley Fonce, 14 years old, had the longest toss, 122 feet. The youngster gritted his teeth, took a deep breath and flung the frisbee with all of his body behind the toy, beating the day's other longest toss—of 117 feet—by Kevin Carberry (14).

Except for Carberry, who represented the Play Field, all of the day's other winners were from the Easterwood Center. They were:

Mia Childs, Tanya Wingate, 11 and under; Talib Davis, Calvin Page, 12 to 15 and Stanley Force, 15-and-under.



LEMUEL FAISON PULLS in to third base, urged on by his coach Ron Jordan.

Hustling, even commuting to play baseball

There's something funny going on, in the eyes of a coach, when his players stay away just because there's an early thunder storm on the day of a game.

Even though it's a break in the team rules, Rick Barker, coach of the Dewees White Sox, 12-13 didn't sound too angry when he explained why some of his players failed to make a recent game with the Yankees.

"I guess they figured since it stormed today, there was no game," Barker said during a break in the game at which only 10 of his 15 players attended. "They're supposed to call up."

Oh well, the game must go on.

Even when the official umpire failed to show up as well. He too was supposed to call, according to the league's president, but must have gotten all wet.

So, barker decided his team wouldn't suffer much from the extra practice, and sent the White Sox into a practice game.

He nevertheless maintained a personal air of competitiveness, often shouting out to his players to keep hustling. When his catcher fired an almost perfect strike to second on a stolen base, Barker was a big cheerleader.

"Even though it's just a practice game, he's had troubles throwing," Barker explained. The vocal support keeps up the catcher's morale, he said.

That method has apparently worked very well with one of his pitchers, Garnell Bagby.

The bespectacled usually smiling Bagby, whose uniform is so baggy it seems to get in his way during his pitching windup, commutes from Columbia, Maryland for every game.

"He enjoys this league," Barker said. "His parents bring him out every year."

That same kind of dedication must be what drives Barker, now in his fourth year.

"Losing doesn't bother me in the least," he said from his spot in the first base box, scorebook in hand. "I've come in last, next to last, and I still come back for more.

"Everybody wants to win," Barker says smiling. "But it's not the important thing."

Yet his loud call urges the players to play heads - up - ball, to call for pop ups and to hustle on and off the field must go for something.

It sure does, Barker says.

"The biggest thing to me is when a boy doesn't try 100 per cent."

And the White Sox reflect Barker's need for giving everything for the team.

Late in the practice game, for example, down by one run, Lemuel Faison reached base with a single to left. After diving back to first twice, both times just in front of the pitcher's pickoff throws he stole second easily.

The youngster then hustled over to third on a ground out which set the stage for his dash home on a grounder to second base.

Sliding in just a tad too late, Faison was out at the plate. He got up grumbling, of course.

But Barker wasn't too disappointed. At least Faison had tried every step around the diamond.

ARE YOU KIDDING ME?—Garnell Bagby: a strikeout victim.

THE HUMAN SIDE

From Easterwood to Hollywood

Movie stars are born early. Just point a camera their direction and, for those destined to shine, the show begins. Smiles—really wide grins—bounce off the lens, filling the frame, and the air, with the smell of 'ham.'

For future Hollywood, the nine, 10 and 11-year-old boys and girls of the Easterwood Recreation Center, at Baker and Bentalou, should prove a fertile recruiting ground for the movie industry.

At last week's City Wide contest, jostling, poking each other and cajoling just to be quoted or photographed.

How's that for the making of stars?

"Where is this going?" James Mabry, a stocky short-haired 10-year-old asked of the notebook- and - camera - holding reporter.

And since it was one o'clock in the afternoon, and because the reporter, in jeans and a Montgomery Wards permanent press shirt, hard to really give him a straight answer.

Of course, anybody, from Easterwood could talk trash last Thursday afternoon. Of the final six winners of the frisbee contest, held at North Harford Playfield, the west Baltimore Recreation center had five winners.

Add to that the fact they will compete in the state frisbee finals at the Inner Harbor (Rush Field) and you've got some to them at the contest.

At their first glimpse of the reporter's note pad, they clustered around, choking off whatever air the 96 degree heat hadn't already burnt off.

And they almost stepped on each other as the camera was pointed towards the bunch.

Only after the shutter was pressed, did anyone think to ask where the picture might be used, or to what purpose. "It's for the FBI files," was the answer to one of the tardy inquisitors' questions.

He shuddered. "No it's not," he said, half in fear, half in hope. Afterall, the FBI would be the big time, wouldn't it?

In the meantime, one of the group calmed down enough to explain, briefly (it's hard trying to be a star and serious at the same time), how Easterwood became involved in the contest.

"The director just gave us a note (announcing the contest)," he said officially, "giving us a free trip."

But leave it up to the rest to break the mood when some real information was finally being offered.

Somebody had thrown some grass into the hair of a boy in the group—giggles sprang up like bush-fire.

"Why you throw that in my head?" grassy head said angrily. "Whoever threw that, they mother ain't no good."

Well what do you know, feed for the Hollywood gossipers already.

HAMMING IT UP after the frisbee finals, members of the Easterwood center crowd around each other.

Frisbee contest, where the center's members dominated the winners' circle, 10 members crowded around a reporter, covering the wasn't dressed too differently from them, Mabry added: "You must don't work, do you? What do you do?"

At that point, it was homegrown stars.

In other words, the Baker and Bentalou area will never be the same.

But you could tell that anyway just from talking

Future Games

JULY 22

Madison Square Unlimited Basketball (Women): Sophisticated Ladies vs. Madison Square, 6 p.m.; Prep All Stars vs. P.S. 85, 7 p.m. and Towanda's Tigers vs. Lyndhurst, 8 p.m. (All games at Madison Square Recreation Center).

Junior Cub: Braves vs. Pirates, Carroll Park, 6 p.m. and Twins vs. Orioles, Dewees No 1, 6 p.m.

Cub: Dodgers vs. Yankees, Dewees, 6 p.m., and Cardinals vs. Braves, James Mosher, 6 p.m.

Midget: Indians vs. White Sox, Dawees, 6 p.m.; Harford Park vs. Putty Hill, Kratz, 6 p.m.; Bel Air BC vs. Gardenville, Burdick, 6 p.m.; Salvation Army vs. Highland Federal, Patterson No. 1, 6 p.m. and Mike's Auto vs. Kelly Post, Sixth St., 6 p.m. and Royals vs. Padres, Towanda, 6 p.m.

Asthmatic athletes

An asthmatic youngster running, swimming, jumping? Impossible?

Not according to a doctor at the recent American Medical Association convention held in San Francisco.

Most asthmatics can and should be active, according to Dr. Roger M. Katz, in his speech to the association.

Being asthmatic may force a person in to "foregoing the pleasure of golf, swimming, tennis or handball," Katz a Los Angeles physician said.

"These self-imposed restrictions are usually unnecessary."

Katz pointed out that not all asthmatics can be physically active. For some asthmatics, "exercise is just one of the many things that can trigger, exaggerate or aggravate on attack," Katz said.

The official policies at schools and other institutions that sponsor sports often prohibit kids with asthma from playing, Katz said. Such exclusion is often unnecessary, Katz added.

Too, Katz said, with careful screening by both parents and school administrators, asthmatic kids can compete without difficulty.

Katz said "both contact and non-contact sports should be encouraged "for most children with asthma."

Steuart Hill wins 1st

HIGHLIGHTS

July 5:

At Bentalou, Steuart Hill wins its first game of the season with a two point victory over the Whatnauts. Alonzo McDonald had 15 for Steuart Hill.

Buckner, Hightower and Clark gave first round champ, Cecil an 11 point win over their closest rival, Madison at Cecil.

Undefeated and impressive L.A. Courts whipped Guilford at Chick Webb.

At Mora Crossman, Tench Tilghman had an easy win over the home team.

13 and Under Girls

Annette James with 13 points led undefeated Lyndhurst to victory over P.S. No. 22. Minnie Maddox had 12 of Robert Marshall's 16 pts. to defeat Bentalou by 6.

15 and Under Boys

Todd McClendon led Lillian Jones over Rosemont to remain undefeated at Easterwood.

At James McHenry the home team scored 79 pts. to roll over Steuart Hill.

Ken Missouri with 13, led L.A. Courts in scoring and keeps the first round champ undefeated with a win over Madison.

Coachers' Helper

THE COACHES' HELPER is a weekly AFRO Summer Sports page column designed to help coaches, players and fans better understand sports as they relate to younger athletes. Please send your questions at least one week before publication to: Coaches' Helper, AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper, care of Peter Harris, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, Md., 21201.

Q: How can outfielders best help infielders?

A: Generally by staying on their toes and being alert. First off, on all ground balls to infielders, each outfielder should go in toward the direction of the hit ball.

For example, say a ball is hit toward the shortstop. Without question the left fielder should sprint in to back-up his teammate; being stationed, of course, right behind the shortstop.

And at the same time, the center fielder and left fielder should both run in the direction of the ball. If they are moving in one or the other can easily retrieve a misplayed throw, often holding the baserunner to one base.

By having the outfielders moving in to back up, a coach has the advantage of always having a play fully covered. At no time should an outfielder be standing still on a hit ball. If he's caught flat-footed, there is a big chance, in the long run, it could cost a run.

Q: What should an outfielder do when a ball is hit to a fellow outfielder?

A: The same principle applies here.

When a ball goes to the right fielder, for example, both the center fielder — especially the center fielder — and the left fielder should run in his direction for possible assistance.

Of course, realistically, the center fielder has the easiest and most important job to do: get over and back up the right fielder. In fact, the center fielder often ends up as just that: a watch dog in the outfield, roaming to both fields.

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'Greased Lightning' hero seeks justice for son

'Mr. Fro' coloring contest winners (See Page 6)

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Muhammad Ali and local school (See Page 4)

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'Jo Jo' held in murder of 'China Doll'

COLLEGE RECORDS SHOW NO FUN NY MONEY

Daily press after Morgan prexy again

By Clarence W. Hunter
AFRO Staff Writer

A reporter for a local daily resumed his investigation of Dr. Andrew Billingsley, president of Morgan State University, charging he used $15,000 given to him by the Morgan State University Foundation Inc. for his personal use.

The writer, DeWayne Wickham, is president of the local Association of Black Media Workers (ABMW). The group is hosting the National Association of Black Journalists national conference here this weekend.

When asked by The AFRO why he is concentrating on Dr. Billingsley and Morgan and not on all colleges within the state, Wickham explained that he is a minority affairs reporter and not an education reporter. He added that he would only be interested in other institutions if someone told him of something abnormal occurring there.

Billingsley is out of the country and unavailable for comment. MSU officials have been reluctant to respond to Wickham's reports, saying that all comments should come from Billingsley.

The AFRO did, however, compare Wickham's findings with MSU official records.

Wickham has reported that Billingsley earns $40,018 and lives rent-free in a state-supplied house.

Dr. Wright Lassiter,

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No media running dogs! (See Editorial, Page 4)

DR. ANDREW BILLINGSLEY
MSU president

As alert concerned citizen who saw Joseph Pratt's picture on the news called homicide detective and reported where he was staying.

Police report after receiving the tip that Pratt was arrested around 1 p.m. Thursday in

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Son, 14, tried to save mom Kevin's future

Kevin, 14, came in the kitchen quietly. No one looked up. Everyone's eyes and ears—relatives, friends—were focused on his grandmother.

She was speaking loudly. On the table in front of her were two

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READY TO PERFORM — Vinnie Burrows will open a women writer's retreat at Goucher College Sunday July 31 at 7:30 p.m. in her performance of "Sister, Sister." Her act is a salute to women of all ages, races, classes and beliefs, drawn from the writings of Carl Sandberg, James Baldwin, Erica J. Long, among others. She has also been invited to meet and talk with a children's theatre group at Arena Players.

Mrs. Vivian Cook, educator, dies

Mrs. Vivian Elma Johnson Cook, pioneer educator, noted civic leader, and first of her race and sex to hold a high administrative post with the Baltimore public school system died July 28.

Funeral arrangements were not completed at AFRO presstime.

Her teaching career began in 1913 after the completion of her first year at Columbia University.

After teaching English and being called to sub-

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Oil firm charged with denying us fuel

The owner of a black oil firm says a local supply company did not furnish him fuel oil for his customers last winter because his firm is black.

As a result of what he feels is racial discrimination, William Reed Jr., owner of the Save On Fuel Co., 2801 Allendale Rd., has asked the U.S. government to rule in his favor under the U.S. Civil Rights Act and award him damages of $350 million.

The severe cold of last winter brought a fuel crisis and many inner city Baltimore families were hard pressed for heating oil.

The suit which stems from Reed's supply cutoff was filed in U.S. court in Baltimore this week and is directed against C. Hoffberger Co., a division of Gulf Oil, 5101 Erdman Ave.

In pleadings placed before the court July 27, Reed claims Hoffberger failed to sell him the No. 2 Gulf Oil as per the agreement the two firms had in a signed contract of June, 1973.

Reed said in documents filed in Federal court by

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MANY MARRIAGES ENDING IN COURT

Couple seeking divorce will divide pet fish

MRS. VIVIAN E. J. COOK

Divorce court is busy with an overflow of cases so far this summer. This week was no exception in Circuit Court No. 2.

A local couple in a divorce case filed this week in Circuit Court No. 2, has come to agreement on division of their pet fish and fish tanks.

The signed statement was placed before the court by the wife, Mrs. Di Ann Louise Dungee, 3500 block Grantley Rd., who is asking for the divorce.

Married April 28, 1973 in a religious ceremony in Baltimore, Mrs. Dungee says she and her husband, Kirk Lee Dungee, 1800 block Snowmeadow Lane, separated voluntarily on April 11, 1976.

They have no children, according to documents filed by her attorneys Savage, Jones, Tingle and Swartzman.

Other matters listed in an agreement signed by the husband and wife include his agreement to pay the cost of a Vivitar camera at a sum of $300 or

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'Mr. Fro' gives $50, gets love note

READY, AIM, FIRE for the $100 Lucky 796 number in the AFRO-in-Your-Home Contest. Miss Pricilla Melton, 2811 Quantico Ave., who won $10, also hit 697, the combination of her lucky number, and won an additional $10.

The humidity and temperature were finally down Wednesday, but, of course, 'Mr. Fro's' money remained high—at $50 as he toured west Baltimore and spread it around on top of some goodwill and good times for everyone.

'Mr. Fro's' magnetism also got a big boost when Mary Cobbs came out of the blue to win her $10.

'Mr. Fro' had knocked on her door at 3026 Mosher St. only to be greeted by a note that said, "I'll be home, 'Mr. Fro' at 5 p.m." She knew the

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AFRO readers are loyal

Mr. Fro:

My AFRO is on the porch and the stickers are gone because I had the porch painted and the men destroyed them. I don't get home until 5 p.m., come back then. (See story this page for full details.)

I read the AFRO
Peel it & Paste it
Mr. Fro will be looking for AFRO Lucky Stickers as he gives away 3 Dollars $ in the AFRO-in-Your-Home Contest.

CRIMINAL RENT-A-GUN RACKET LUCRATIVE

Will Judge Allen's guns end on underworld market

The seven-gun collection stolen July 19 from the home of Supreme Bench Judge Milton B. Allen has now led police to an intense check of the local underworld gun market, the AFRO learned Thursday.

The search is also fast leading to a nationwide probe.

Thieves broke into the Talbot Rd. residence in broad daylight around noon and made away with a 357 Colt Python, a 45 automatic and other guns and police have now placed the incident in the big time crime league.

Diamonds, watches and furs are part of the probe too, but an authority told the AFRO, "It's the guns we're hanging on to to solve the thing. The ones like the 45 and 357 magnum are the kind the bad guys like to get hold of."

An authority said there are underground Rent-A-Gun kings who are set up to let criminals pay them a price to borrow a gun for a day or part of a day. A gangster may also make a deal to pay part of the proceeds of a bank holdup for the loan of a gun.

Further, since the news about thieves getting the big package of guns from the judge's house has long since traveled the in-

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HIT MOVIE CAN'T EASE SCOTT'S PAIN

Famed racing driver wants son freed

By Bill Worrell
AFRO Staff Writer

"Greased Lightning" has changed Wendell Scott's life for the better in many ways.

Since the movie biography of Scott, the nation's first black stock-car racer, hit the screen a few weeks ago, he has been touched by all of the glory that goes along with being associated with a hit movie.

How has the 55-year-old Danville mechanic's life changed since it has been re-created on the screen by Richard Pryor?

Well, he's now being treated like a celebrity. People drive by his house in hopes of getting a glimpse of him. Reporters from across the country want to talk

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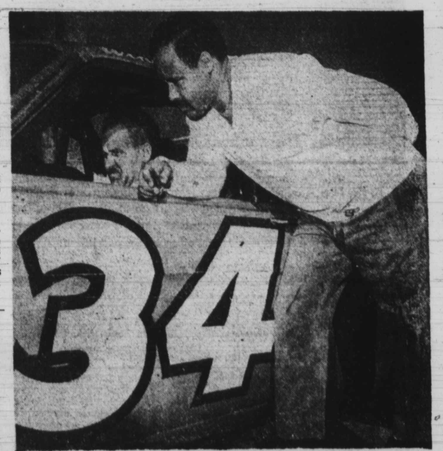

IN HAPPIER TIMES — Danville stock-car racer Wendell O. Scott Sr. checks out a car as his son Wendell Jr. looks on in this picture taken before the younger Scott was sent to prison for a crime both men say he didn't commit. Scott, the subject of the hit movie "Greased Lightning," has been fighting for the past several years to see that justice is done in his son's case.