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CITY SPORTS

THE BIG THREE—Carver's varsity cross country leaders: Randy Howell, William Wiley and James McBride (L to R).

Carver Grabs Run Title

Running for everyone's future

As the runners crowded around its big, bright "Number One" banner, Carver High's cross country team brought to mind what could be described in retrospect as a familiar scene.

Jostling, jockeying for position in front of the photographer's lens, the young athletes seemed to be crowding out an unfortunate opposing runner as they squeezed their way to the front of the pack.

Which happened enough for Carver to finish 12-0 and win the first cross country championship in the school's history.

And things are looking up as a result.

"It's going to increase participation in track greatly next year," predicts head coach Walter Cole, himself a former long distance runner on championship teams at Dunbar and Morgan. "The kids (other Carver students) seemed pretty proud of the boys."

Cole added, "More faculty and students came out to meets this year than since I've been coaching. This helps."

Cole's "top eight to ten" runners — he started with 40 tryouts — can honestly be called the 'best ever' at carver.

Only in '62, when the junior varsity cross country team won the title, has any Carver team won a championship in what Cole calls the "lonely sport."

Besides, this year, winning was as catching as a summer cold: the JV also posted a 12-0 record, and did so, even after losing its top ranked runner, Randy Howell.

"Eighty percent of our success came from moving Randy Howell up from JV to varsity," Cole said. "He came in first twice and made the other kids work harder."

Smilingly, Cole adds in the voice of a coach looking out for himself: "I'm hoping they carry this attitude through to my outdoor track season."

They could, if Cole's personal style of coaching has had any effect. With it, he stresses skill development and love for teammate, virtuous techniques indeed, in this age of high pressure sports promotion.

"I run with them to give encouragement and to show that if I can do it they can," Cole explained. "While running I talk to the kids, tell them what they're doing wrong and observe running styles."

Too, Cole says, it is good to "watch friendship develop among team members. We had two real hard matches, Curley and Dunbar. What caused us to win is that we ran as a pack. If you can keep your top five within 30 seconds of each other, it's hard to lose."

Other rival coaches agreed all season, Cole said.

"The coach from Curley told me, 'We monitor each team every week. Every week a different kid comes in first (from Carver); we didn't know who to watch.' "

To Cole such an example shows off success more than his team's final record. And it helps to have "the principal" lend his hand, Cole adds. Carver's top administrator "announced wins over the PA system," Cole revealed.

In the long run, Cole believes, this year's success, coupled with outdoor team's "pretty good" season last spring, will give Carver's runners a chance at college competition.

"I get a lot of communication from colleges," he said. "They want good runners. I keep a running check on (my players') progress in school. I tell them 'you've got to keep your grades up.' Schools are out there willing to give financial aid."

Between the lines

Joe Charles

Football and golf, are an unlikely sports combination you might say, but not for Joseph Charles, who won this year's Pine Ridge Country Club golf championship, who lives at 837 Druid Park Lake Drive, was on leave from the local amateur football team, Baltimore Rams, in mid September, when he defeated the field in match play, becomming the first black player to score the featn and probably the first football player to do it too.

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Charles got his golf start "caddying (that's how you always start out) and watching," he says, and failed to place in last year's Pine Ridge tourney because he had his mind on football. He'll think twice from now on.

Robin Langhorn

Robin Langhorn, a 14-year-old ninth grader is Cherry Hill's contribution to the Hot Shot finale held at the Washington Bullets' home (Capital Centre) in November

A third place finisher in Washington, D.C. (Semifinals) got her there, and she'll be taking jump shots with contestants from up and down the Eastern Seaboard. Shellbanks Road (1006) is home for this Cherry Hill Jr. High Student.

From a big family — here brothers and three sisters — she says she is the only woman athlete in the Langhorn family.

Robin also competes in volleyball, baseball and would play Junior high basketeball, except that Cherry Hill "doesn't have a girls' basketball team," she says.

Bears' Johnson no newcomer

Morgan University's new head coach Aaron Johnson, himself a personal and athletic role mode comes as close to being an ideal college coach as a player could want.

For example, he graduated from Douglass High where he played successfully against the likes of Elgin Baylor at the ripe old age of 16. In touch with himself, he says now "I wasn't ready for college."

So he dropped out of Morgan and joined the Air Force, (travelling "all over the world,") play big ball and gained even more "experience." Back to Morgan, mellowed than at 19, Johnson played well enough to place regularly in the top six in the CIAA's top three offensive categories and rebounding.

Seven years a Morgan coach (Nat) Frazier and I both started the same time; had a hand in putting things where they are now," he says. Johnson was instantly tabbed this season when Frazier legged it to the NBA's N.Y. Knicks.

Secure in his talents, and drawing sustenance from those years which included a 1974 NCAA Division II championship, Johnson will hardly suffer from freshman jitters.

Instead, without hoop and holler Johnson plans to take his serious and relaxed style and compel his team toward its double goal of winning both the Mid Eastern Athletic Conference regular and tournament titles.

"You won't get any predictions" Johnson laughs (The Bears are competing in the Metro Tourney at Towson State this weekend). "But my gut feeling is that we've got a fair team. With four to six holdovers from '76 we had a nucleus for a good team."

Usually dressed in his casual coaching attire — knit pants draped over a pair of high top Keds — Johnson watches his players drill from the ground up — perched at the base of the basket.

His keen eye catches a mistake and the offending player gets quick, revealing criticism. Perhaps Johnson allows for his players new "Jet Age" sophistication.

"I think every guy who ever bounced a basketball sees himself as a superstar," Johnson offered. "He may not be, but they think they're better than anyone."

Sometimes "it's hard for a basketball player to assess his own ability," Johnson notes. That's when his job begins.

"A player's main objective is to get an education," he says simply. Even if you do make it (professionally), you cannot play forever. If you don't have the intelligence to make wise investments, hell, you'll end up in the bread line."

Similarly, though Johnson concedes a black athlete may well get his best shot at the pros by attending large schools with media access, the 6 foot five inch coach believes he'll miss out on a crucial part of his development there

"A lot of black athletes who go to white schools are left out of the social scene which is a major part of a young man's life," Johnson insists.

As a result, Johnson and his colleagues, at predominantly black schools, must use their school's off-court life as a selling point.

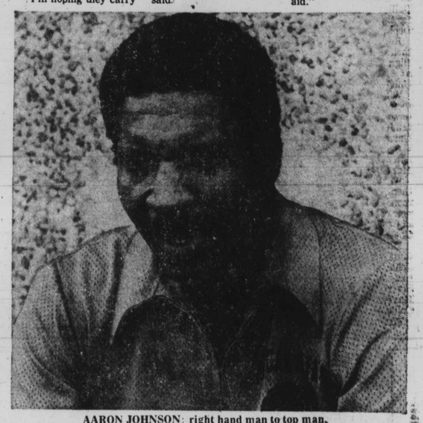
Johnson, who also coached in Venezuelan leagues, one time against Frazier, has one other underlying sales pitch: showing visitors (and recruits) whether asked or not, his '74 team's championship ring.

To him it is an example of what desire, purpose and, most of all, good coaching can do.

Of course he says the media seems to easily forget it took brains for that accomplishment."

"(John) Wooden (former basketball coach at UCLA) and all the others, the newspapers describe as great basketball coaches. A statement "I'd like to see them win with mediocre players?"

"If he does not have talent he's not going to win "I'd like to have a Jabbar or Walton, I'd love it. I could win too."



AARON JOHNSON: right hand man to top man.

Okay team, eat frogs, rah!

EAU GALLIE, Fla. — Earlier this season, high school football coach Larry Canaday, saying he had used the technique sparingly, promised not to bite the heads off any more frogs as a way of firing up his players.

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Canaday, coach of the Eau Gallie High School Commodores, said he used the technique "maybe once a year" over the last three or four years to motivate his players for games.

Canaday, when his perversity was made public, said he was "bound to get a little bit of negative reaction from this. I may get a lot."

Canaday said the practice began on the spur of the moment as he tried to motivate a player one day. He said he told the boy, " 'Son, you've got to get fired up.'

"I looked down and saw a little frog and I just reached down and grabbed it and bit its head off," Canaday said, adding the player's "eyes got big as saucers."

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He said his motivational techniques worked well last year when the team won nine games and lost only one, despite having only one player over 200 pounds.

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Eau Gallie principal Robert L. Donaldson, noting he was not directly aware of the coach's unusual techniques, said he failed to take any action about his coach's eating habits.

"Coach Canaday gives 24 hours a day for his players," he said, "And he's been good for our kids."

Boob tube and sports

TV time in Charm City

Well, it was bound to happen.

Even with Congress looking into the three TV networks' influence on college football bowls, and right after some questionable corporate dealings between those same ntworks vying for 1980 Olympics, the decision has been made to televise high school basketball games in Baltimore.

And it is slated to be done in big ways.

First, there is a four city Tournament of Champions scheduled later this month (around the 20th) at the Civic Center. Then comes the tube: from Jan. 14 to Feb. 25, local station (WJZ) will broadcast games oetween local highs, Dunbar and Lake Clifton against powers from Philly, Washington, D.C. and New York.

All games in Baltimore are scheduled for play at University of Maryland Baltimore County.

Promoter Dan Snyder, who is quick to describe all this as "big business," has apparently arranged for each school to get $1,000 from the tournament while $16,000 goes to the school system from TV coverage

A big chunk of that cash is supposed to fill the coffers of the Sugar Cain scholarship fund, named after Dunbar's great mentor.

Nobody said what the take is for Snydor and his company, Main Event Sports Inc.

Snydor's logic for this push says that regular season pro basketball is dull and college ball tube-addicts watch anyway, despite the monumental catotonie regional telecasts. So why not high school shows?

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Apparently, he's hoping that advertisers share his view that youth sells. Besides, Snydor says, kids play with the hope of going to college or eventually making pro money, and they need exposure. TV, he says, will give it to them.

Now, presumably, the college scouts who used to come to Baltimore, will now stay home and watch their sought-after players on TV.

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A good note: Sugar Cain will be honored, according to Mr. Snydor, Dec. 20, the day before the start of the tournament.

Main Event's first Baltimore promotion, in which Cain's Dunbar team knocked off D.C.'s DeMatha High, drew 8,500, at the Civic Center.

Last year, West Philadelphia High defeated Dunbar for its only loss in another of Snydor's promotions.

PAIN FOR ONLY one game it seems, but the grimace on Bay College's Leslie Thompson also sums up the grim finale to the Barracuda's first soccer season. It started like a meteor (eight straight wins) but ended in the mud, 4-4, against Prince George's CC.

$5,000 Mc Cormick scholarship awaits best-of-27 tonight

Twenty-seven young athletes from as many area high schools converge on the Hunt Valley Inn Friday night to vie for the honor of being chosen the "unsung hero" of 1977.

The citation goes to the youth voted the football player who performed with the least notice and contributed unselfishly to his team.

The McCormick Co. is presenting the winner a $5,000 scholarship to a college of his choice. This will be the ninth winner. The eight previous selectees have been:

Michael Kavanagh (1969), then a student at Patterson High School, was the first award winner and he completed his scholarship at Villanova University. He also is playing Triple A baseball for a Pittsburgh Pirates' farm team.

Cyril Byron Jr. (1970), then a student at Northwestern High School, a graduate of Howard University, where he later received a master's degree in administration and diplomatic service. He now works for the District of Columbia City Council's budget office.

Kevin C. Healy (1971), then a student at Cardinal Gibbons High School, studied law enforcement at the University of, Baltimore and is working for the Ocean City Police Department.

Robert Mosley (1972), then a student at Douglass High School, is a student at Morgan State University.

William Rider (1973), then a student at Patterson High School, attended Morgan State University, was in the U.S. Marine Corps and now works for the state of Maryland.

William Morant (1974), then a student at Edmondson High School and now a third year student at Cheyney State College, Cheyney, Pennsylvania.

Michael P. Byrne (1975), then a student at John Carroll High School, has attended Towson State University and Harford Community College.

Timothy Newton (1976), then a student at Edmondson High School, is a student at Salisbury State University, where he plays football.

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Among tonight's nominees hoping to be next in line are these youngsters and their coaches' recommendations:

CARL F. LINTON JR. (Southern) "Southern moved from the B conference to the A conference this year, a big change. Carl constantly kept encouraging his teammates to keep their heads up and play for next year, even though they did not win a single game in the A conference. Carl has played six different positions and often remained after practice and worked with the coaching staff."

ERIC HARVEY WHEELER (City) "As the defensive captain, Eric had to maintain a cohesive defensive unit at all times on the field. He did this entirely with words of encouragement to fellow players in their moments of despair, Eric's motivational desire has produced magnetic effects for team spirit. He knows the meaning of unselfishness and has demonstrated a warm personality and genuine consideration for others."

GENE WHITE (Edmondson) "Due to the very small number of players on our team this year, Gene was asked to play center-guard and tackle. He responded by becoming, in the opinion of the players and coaches, the team's best lineman. He worked extra time before and after practice developing new skills so that he could help his team. He is one young man we could count on when the going got rough."

DOUG STEVENSON (Friends) "The only practice time Doug has missed was the result of a serious knee injury. He was told he might never be able to compete again. His own fortitude proved the doctors wrong, and so he was a true inspiration to his teammates. Doug plays halfback on offense and middle linebacker on defense. He often is called on to play the whole game. His teammates know Doug does not seek personal accolades."

JAMES E. WILLIAMS (Carver Vo-Tech) "James did not brag, did not cheer, did not complain. He was never taken out of any game because of injury or poor play. He never complained to a coach or teammate about any weakness or poor play by any member. Whenever another player was praised and James was overlooked, he kept whatever feelings he might have had to himself. In every game his teammates depended on him, and still he quietly praised his teammates."

RALPH VIRGIL WILLIAMS (Patterson) "Ralph's enthusiasm and hustle are infectious. Before a game, he can be counted on to get the team up. On a team with limited depth, he has volunteered to play any position that will help. He moved from fullback to guard to center. He has received a concussion, broken hand, bruised thigh, pulled hamstring and broken nose during his career at Patterson. always been in minimum time and he has never complained of pain or hardship."

REGINALD MARK WILSON (Forest Park) "Reginald was moved from light end to offensive guard in an effort to anchor the line. He said, 'I'll do what has to be done to help the team."

Maryland racing spawns 3 likely Eclipse awardees

LAUREL, Md. — Maryland has offered its fans championship thoroughbred racing for many years and 1977 has been another banner year, particularly at Laurel Race Course where three likely divisional champions won the Selima, Laurel Futurity and Washington, D.C. International on consecutive weekends.

The ballots have not been counted yet for the Eclipse Awards but it would seem that Lakeville Miss (Selima-2 yo. filly), Affirmed (Laurel Futurity-2yo. colt or gelding) and Johnny D. (International - turf champion) have sealed their claims to the awards.

Randolph Weinsier's Lakeville Miss swept the Astarita, Matron and Frizette at Belmont Park before her impressive tally in the mile-and-a-sixteenth Selima here on Oct. 22.

Harbor View Farm's Affirmed beat Calumet Farm's Ayldar a neck in the Oct. 29 Laurel Futurity after one of the most memorable stretch duels in Maryland racing history.

Finally, Dana S. Bray Jr.'s Johnny D. with Cauthen riding a brilliant race, captured the 26th International on Nov. 5 from the best grass runners in training worldwide.

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2 newspapers sued by 6 Md. basketers

Six University of Maryland basketball players have sued the Washington Star and the campus newspaper, The Diamondback, for $72 million for articles concerning the players' academic difficulties.

The suit, filed last week in Prince George's County Circuit Court, asked for damages for "invasion of privacy" and "intentional infliction of mental distress." The players are John Bilney, Bill Bryant, Larry Gibson, Jojo Hunter, Lawrence Boston and Mike Davis.

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Their attorney, Walter H. Madden, said the academic records in question were protected by the Buckley Amendment, which specifies a student's grades cannot be released without his consent.

Madden said the six players filed the suit on their own, and that it did not involve the university or its athletic department.

The six players have filed two counts each against both newspapers, for a total of 24 counts. Each count asks for $2 million in punitive and $1 million in compensatory damages.

The suit actually named Maryland Media Inc., an umbrella coorporation that publishes The Diamondback and four other campus periodicals.

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HOW SWEET IT IS — Oklahoma coach Barry Switzer (right) plants kiss on tailback Elvis Peacock (4) after latter had led the Sooners' all - black backfield in a 38-7 rout of Nebraska. Peacock, quarterback Thomas Lott and running backs Billy Sims and Kenny King will be seen against Arkansas in the Orange Bowl.

Frozen mouse in her juice?

PORTSMOUTH, Va. — A Portsmouth woman is suing the Coca-Cola Co. for $150,000 because she says she found a dead mouse in her frozen orange juice.

Lois Ann Hollis said in a suit filed in circuit court that she prepared the juice from a frozen concentrate sold by Minute Maid, a Coca-Cola subsidiary, but didn't notice a gray mass at the bottom of the pitcher.

Mrs. Hollis said she felt ill taking a drink, then felt a lot worse when she looked in the pitcher.

She said the mouse was still frozen. (UPI)

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