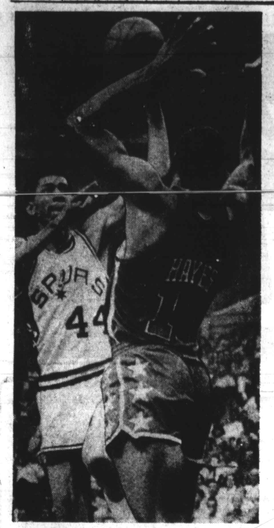

HE'S SHARPEST SPUR — George Gervin (44) of San Antonio Spurs, hits last of 46 points in Tuesday night's 121 - 117 loss to Washington Bullets. Gervin, shown shooting over Washington's Elvin Hayes (11), canned 25 pints on Sunday to total 81 tallies in first two games of NBA quarter - finals.

# Weaver wanted to stay mad but it didn't work that way

By Milton Richman

NEW YORK (UPI) — They were like two fighters waiting in the dressing room for the main event.

Both were ready to go: Billy Martin, wearing pin - striped trunks and fighting out of Oakland, Calif., and Earl Weaver, wearing longjohns and fighting out of a crouch.

Martin had set up this showdown the evening before.

He was burned up on two counts, first, because his Yankees had dropped a 6 - 1 decision to the Orioles, and second, because he felt Weaver had tried to intimidate plate unpire Joe Brinkman, and in so doing, had involved him.

Earl Weaver and umps Joe Brinkman Confrontation triggers trouble

"If that little midget so much as says one word to me when he brings his lineup out to home plate tomorrow, I'm gonna tell him he's full of prunes and knock him right on his ears," warned Martin, in language which necessarily is being dry cleaned liffle.

All this stemmed from a whistling fast ball, Yankee reliever Rich Gossage fired over Rick Dempsey's head in the seventh inning of Monday night's contest. Brinkman summoned Weaver from the dugout and warned him against any retaliation on the part of the Orioles whereupon Weaver demanded Brinkman warn Martin also. That's what incensed the Yankee manager.

Before Tuesday's game, newsmen pressed around Weaver in his private office and asked him what he planned to say to Martin at home plate.

"I'll say whatever I feel is necessary to be said," he answered, sitting at his desk smoking a cigarette.

"You and he have tangled before," said one writer. "Would you say there is 'bad blood' between you?"

"I got good blood," Weaver answered. "The doctor says I have. I have it checked regularly once a year."

The Baltimore manager could've repeated a story he sometimes tells his players, a story of how much more beilligerent he used to be than he is now, but he didn't. The story has to do with when he was managing Fitzgerald, Ga., in the Georgia - Florida League in 1957.

"We were playing Waycross and some of their guys were letting me have it real good," is the way Weaver tells it. "One of them challenged me to fight him right then and there, so I jumped into their dugout and everybody on their club beat the hell outta me. They pitched me out and told me 'Don't come back.' That taught me a lesson."

Martin then walked out to the dugout from where he saw Weaver leaning against the batting cage. He headed straight for the Orioles' manager and when he reached him, the two started talking about the previous night's episode. Mostly they talked about Brinkman and how it was all his fault.

"I told him I didn't want Gossage throwing at Dempsey," said Weaver.

"I understand that," Martin said. "You were trying to protect your player. Nothing wrong with that."

"My guy gets knocked down and I get warned," said Weaver, with a pained expression. "I'm like Rodney Dangerfield. No respect."

In three minutes, the whole thing was all over. Nobody was angry with anybody anymore. Earl Weaver got in the parting shot.

"The only thing is if we stay mad at each other," he said to Martin, "we'll have a helluva crowd in Baltimore Monday and Tuesday — and we need it."

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# Spurs' Gervin cops NBA scoring title

NEW YORK — San Antonio's George Gervin had the last chance and he made the most of it. As a result, Gervin edged Denver's David Thompson for the National Basketball Association scoring championship according to final official statistics.

Thompson appeared to win the title with a 73 - point effort at Detroit Sunday afternoon, but then Gervin came back with a 63 - point performance in New Orleans Sunday night to edge the Denver star, 27.22 to 27.15 in the closest scoring race in league history.

In the process, Gervin and Thompson both set league records. Thompson's 32 points and 13 field goals in the first quarter were both NBA marks. However, the record for points in a quarter lasted just a few hours as Gervin had 33 in the second quarter of his game.

The previous record for points in a quarter was 31 by Wilt Chamberlain against the New York Knicks at Hershey, Pa., March 2, 1962, a game in which he scored a league record 100 points. Chamberlain and Cliff Hagan had shared the record of 12 field goals in a quarter until Thompson's effort.


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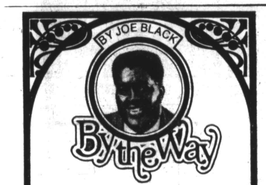


For years and years I have heard people say: "Everybody wants to go to heaven, but nobody wants to die." I sadly confess that those words reflect the attitudes of too many Black Americans.

An individual is "Right on" as long as he is praising Black folks: but woe unto him who dares to chastise, or point out weaknesses that Black people can improve upon.

The name-callers quickly appear and start yapping "Tom," "Handkerchief Head," and "Oreo." I remind the shouters that we, as a race, are doomed to second-class status as long as we refuse to admit that we are not perfect. I am the first to admit that Black Americans have made enormous social and economic progress during the past three decades, but we cannot afford the luxury of living on our victories of yesterday.

Look about you and you'll notice that the forward progress of Black Americans has been on a plateau. If we are not careful, we will begin to move backward rather than forward. Know who the enemies are; it is not me or any other Black executive who responds negatively to your proposals; it is not the Black person who dares to remind you that Black and proud is more than a slogan; no, our real enemies are Black-on-Black crime, high unemployment, slum living, unequal education opportunities, underemployment, and unequal justice.

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THE WHOLE STORY — Several daily newspapers (including one in Baltimore) carried picture at right of this sequence. It shows 76er Doug Collins with blood streaming from right eye. Caption reported Collins sustained injury in elbowing exchange with Knick Earl Monroe, leaving reader with impression it was another black-white NBA incident, Ala Jabbar-Benson or Washington-Tomjanovich. Use of entire sequence would have made clear Collins was hurt in action, not during confrontation or fight.

# Schoolboy Sports Schedules

**FRIDAY**
**Baseball**
Northern at Gibbons
Patterson at Poly
Gibbons JV at Northern JV, Harford R.C.
Poly JV at Patterson JV
**Varsity Track**
McDonogh at Lake Clifton
City at Edmondson
Northwestern at Towson State U
Walbrook at Poly
Patterson at Mt. St. Joe
Gibbons at Southwestern
Mervo at Douglass
Gilman at Carver
**JV Track**
McDonogh at Lake Clifton
City at Edmondson
Walbrook at Poly
Patterson at Mt. St. Joe
Gibbons at Southwestern
Mervo at Douglass
Gilman at Carver
**Varsity Lacrosse**
Southwestern at Rash Field
Walbrook at Northwestern
Patterson at Northern
Poly at Northern
Poly at Severn
Lake Clifton at Forest Park
Edmondson vs. City, Herring Run Park
**Varsity Badminton**
Southern at Douglass
S. Western at Douglass
**Girls Track**
Carver at Patterson
**MONDAY**
**Baseball**
John Carroll vs. Southern, Carroll Park
Loyola vs. Northern, N Harford Rec
Poly at Curley
Northern HV at Loyola JV
Curley JV at Poly JV
**JV Lacrosse**
Walbrook vs. Southern at Rash Field
Lake Clifton at Northwestern
Poly at Park
McDonogh at Patterson
Edmondson at Forest Park
**Varsity Softball**
Dunbar at Northwestern
Edmondson vs. Northern at Harford Rec.
Patterson at Western
Walbrook at Mervo
Forest Park at Southwestern
Lake Clifton at Douglass
Eastern at Carver
Eastern JV at Lake Clifton JV
Carver JV vs. Southern JV, Rash Fld.
**Girls Track**
Dunbar vs. Eastern, Kirk Fld.

## Elder 54th

Lee Elder fell three places on the PGA money list during the past week.

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# Former Bear Webster's play changes Sonic playoff tune

Former Morgan State star Marvin Webster is once again the man in the (center) hot spot Friday night as he and his Seattle teammates take on the world champion Portland Trail Blazers in the second game of the NBA Western Conference playoffs.

The elongated Baltimorean didn't seem to mind it Tuesday night when the Supersonics scored a surprising 104-95 victory in the series opener at Portland.

The Sonics, with Webster and guards Dennis Johnson and Freddie Brown in yeoman roles, rallied in the second half to deliver untold satisfaction to new coach Lenny Wilkens.

Wilkens had been fired by Portland after two seasons in a four-year contract as coach when he couldn't get the Blazers into the playoffs — mostly because of continuous injuries to Trail Blazers' center Bill Walton.

Going into the game, some basketball observers had said that Webster was one of Bill Walton's favorite patsies at center, whether the Portland center was limping or not. Webster wound up with a game-high 24 points nine rebounds and three blocked shots.

Some said Johnson couldn't match Lionel Hollins, one of the NBA's best defenders and an All-Star at guard. Johnson had 19 points, 14 in the second half, and held Hollins to 13.

Marvin Webster No Walton 'Patsy'

Johnson also blocked two Hollins' shots, one very pivotal late in the game when the Blazers were only five points behind. Johnson not only blocked the shots but stole the ball and drove for a layup to shatter any Blazers' hopes of victory.

Super sub Freddie Brown came off the bench to rally the troops. He had five of his 17 points in a row in the final minute of the third period, when Seattle rallied from a 75-72 deficit to a 79-75 lead as the period ended.

# NBA quarter-finals

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**
**WASHINGTON vs. SAN ANTONIO**
(Series Tied, 1-1)
April 16 — San Antonio 114, Washington 103
April 18 — Washington 121, San Antonio 117
April 21 — San Antonio at Washington, 9:05 p.m.
April 23 — San Antonio at Washington, 1:30 p.m.
**NEW YORK vs. PHILADELPHIA**
(Philadelphia leads, 2-0)
April 16 — Philadelphia 130, New York 90
April 18 — Philadelphia 119, New York 100
April 20 — Philadelphia at New York, 7:30 p.m.
April 23 — Philadelphia at New York, 1:30 p.m.
York, 7:30 p.m.
**WESTERN CONFERENCE**
**MILWAUKEE vs. DENVER**
(Denver leads, 1-0)
April 18 — Denver 119, Milwaukee 103
April 21 — Milwaukee at Denver, 11:30 p.m.
April 23 — Denver at Milwaukee, 3:45 p.m.
April 25 — Denver at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
**PORTLAND vs. Seattle**
(Seattle leads, 1-0)
April 18 — Seattle 104, Portland 95
April 21 — Seattle at Portland, 11:30 p.m.
April 23 — Portland at Seattle, 3:45 p.m.


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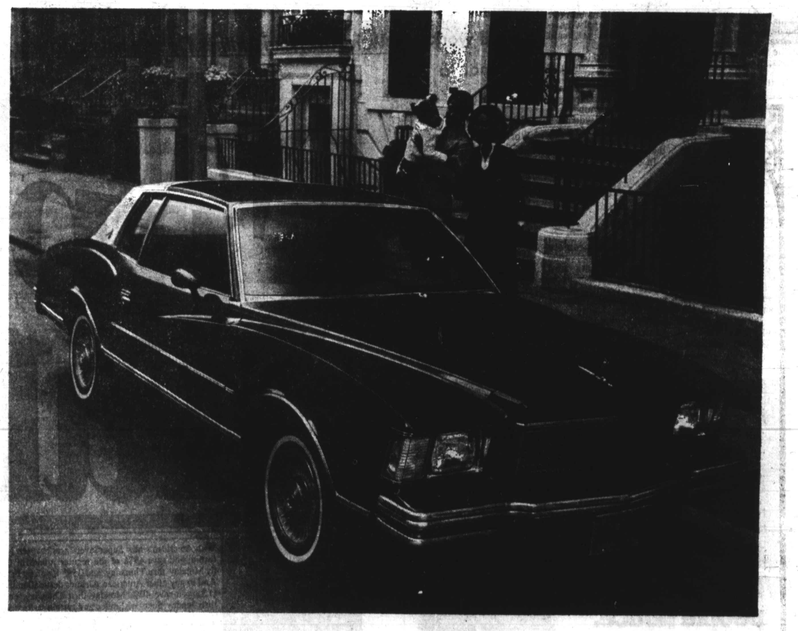


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