'Sugar Cube' Leonard gets vicious and sparring partners pay the price

O's face 15 West foes

It is the Baltimore club's time for one of those strange quirks in the American League baseball schedule.

While the rest of the teams pursue their own respective courses, Earl Weaver and his Orioles will spend the next 17 days battling Western rivals in 15 games.

They open a weekend series in Seattle, then move to Anaheim (Calif.) Monday for two.

After two days off, they visit the A's in Oakland Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The Birds return to Memorial Stadium on the 12th and bring Seattle with them.

California follows June 14-15, and then a 3-game, weekend set with Oakland ends the home stand.

After that the O's hit the road again — this time heading north for games at Milwaukee, Boston and Toronto.

Leonard, stung by 'Sugar Cube' job, steps up drills for Rodriguez

Insisting that he isn't moved one way or another by taunts from the camp of his rival, Sugar Ray Leonard adopted a vicious mood during this week's drills for Saturday's fight against Rafael "The Riffe" Rodriguez at the Civic Center.

Rodriguez's manager, Ron Peterson, caught the ears of the local media Tuesday when he promised that his fighter will knock out the local favorite "in four rounds."

Peterson, a former professional wrestler who was wearing a cowboy hat and dark glasses, said the fight would be one of Rodriguez's easier efforts to enhance his 21-8-1 record. Rodriguez, 31, agreed but did not elaborate.

"I didn't hear any of that psyche talk," said Leonard, resting in his locker room after an hour's workout with three sparring partners. "If he thinks that helps I don't care. I've got the killer instinct."

Peterson also has called Leonard "Sugar Cube" rather than Sugar Ray.

"The sugar cube will melt like in a bowl of chili," said Peterson about the fight.

Leonard, 24 and a gold medalist at the 1976 Olympics, said he has conditioned himself by working to develop his legs to improve his mobility in the ring.

"I don't feel threatened," said Leonard. "I worked on my legs because this will be my first 10-round fight. I've only gone eight before."

Leonard said the "hype" reminded him of several of his previous opponents, including his last one, Javier Muniz, who he beat into submission in the first round.

"The picture changes when they step into the ring," said Leonard.

Leonard's trainer, David Jacobs, who began to work with the youngster at 14, said, "We know that everyone who steps in the ring can be beaten. But we are bringing Ray along one step at a time in his bouts."

Meanwhile, Holmes will continue his early morning road work and training on the heavy and light bags, skipping rope and other exercises.

"We won't spar until Thursday," Giachetti said, "because I'm worried about Larry peaking too soon. We've boxed more than 150 rounds here and at

Unseld, Howard 'humanitarians'

Four black stars are among 13 topline athletes who have been cited for special recognition for deeds off the playing field.

Each will receive a "Good Guy Award," offered by Gordon's Gin.

The four are Wes Unseld, Calvin Murphy, Rich Caster and Elston Howard.

Washington Bullet Unseld serves as a hospital volunteer and helps patients learn how to walk again.

Houston Rocker Murphy helps inner-city youngsters obtain college scholarships by teaching them to excel as baton-twirlers.

New York Jet Caster visits young hospital patients and has twice served as co-chairman of the New York March of Dimes "Walk-a-Thon."

New York Yankee Howard works year-round counseling inner-city youth and encouraging them to become good citizens.

Also chosen are: Rangers hockey star Phil Esposito, White Sox outfielder Ron Blomberg, Broncos defensive ace Lyle Alzald, Mets manager Joe Torre;

Ex-fight champion Carmen Basilio, Dodger outfielder Rick Monday, tennis pro Sandy Mayer and former Oriole Brooks Robinson.

Holmes' shape worries pilot

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (UPI) — Larry Holmes, who challenges World Boxing Council heavyweight champion Ken Norton June 9, is taking it easy for a few days.

Holmes, 28, did not spar Sunday or Monday and trainer-manager Richie Giachetti said the fighter would not box again until Thursday.

The undefeated Holmes is a 7-5 underdog in the scheduled 15-round bout against the 34-year-old ex-marine for the version of the title which the WBC took away from Leon Spinks.

Grossinger's in New York and he's in good shape now. I don't want him to get stale with the fight more than a week away."

Holmes' weight was reported at 213 pounds and he wants to come in at 210 for the title fight. Norton was expected to move from his training camp at Gilman Hot Springs, Calif., to Caesars Palace, site of the nationally televised fight, Thursday night.

He will probably box Friday.

Gals' cage camp to Towson State

Towson State University will host a women's basketball camp August 14-18 with guest clinicians daily including college and high school coaches as well as outstanding college players on hand for instruction.

Tiger head coach Rita Yerkes, camp director, announced the program will include individualized instruction, video tape analysis, league games daily, individual skill tournaments, instructional films and active drills.

Troy is tops

An unexplainable error in the daily press listed the wrong winner in last week's Maryland Scholastic Association pole vault competition.

Troy McMillion captured the event with teammate Anthony Easterling of Northwestern High in third place.

Good field slated for Alpha tennis

Although all entries have not as yet been tabulated, the 2nd annual Alpha Phi Alpha invitational tennis tournament is anticipating a classy field.

The matches, scheduled for Druid Hill Park courts, June 9-11, will be played as a benefit for inner-city youth programs.

Team competition and celebrity play are added features for this year's event.

WORLD CUP CAPTAIN — Although his team is not among the favorites, French captain Marius Tresor is optimistic on arrival in Buenos Aires for the World Cup soccer matches, largest sporting event in the world. Favored are 3-time champion Brazil (playing without Pele), West Germany, Argentina and Holland.

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Forest Park swifty joins crack Prairie View team

Raymond Smith scored a double last Friday afternoon when he captured the Maryland Scholastic Association 200-meters title.

In addition to setting an MSA record of 21.4 seconds, the young Forest Park High senior was tendered a letter-of-intent to attend Prairie View State University at Prairie View, Texas.

In so doing, Raymond hooked up with one of the fastest growing track and field programs among predominately black colleges.

Pee Vee, though surrounded by such cinder powers as Texas A and M, Abilene Christian, Rice, etc., has been a strong contender in both the prestigious Drake and Kansas relays over the past five years.

Smith 18, is the youngest of seven children of Mr. and Mrs. George Smith of 3924 Ann Ellen Road.

Forest Park track coach Doug Hice is confident his young charge will acquit himself well in college.

At the moment, Raymond is working out with coaches Ralph Durant and Doug Jones of the Ed Waters Track Club, with an eye on the junior nationals later this month.

3 Spartans NAIA baseball picks

Three players from Norfolk State College, two from Coppin and one each from Bowie and Delaware State were named this week to the NAIA District 19 baseball team.

The Spartan choices are shortstop Ron Dillard, outfielder Don Luster and pitcher Jarrell Wilkerson.

Coppin representatives are catcher Fred Stringfield and pitcher Ed Chestnut.

Designated hitter Tom Sullavin hails from Bowie.

The Delaware pick was third baseman Charlie Emerson.

Arm-wrestlers vie Saturday

Steelworkers, truck drivers, doctors, students, housewives, laborers and people from all walks of life will compete at the WPAA — Maryland Armwrestling Championships to be held at Golden Ring Mall, 6400 Rossville Boulevard, - Saturday.

This event is one in a series of "Grand Prix" of arm-wrestling tournaments that are held in major cities in the United States, Canada and Europe culminating with the World Professional Armwrestling Association championships at Worlds of Fun, Kansas City, on September 16.

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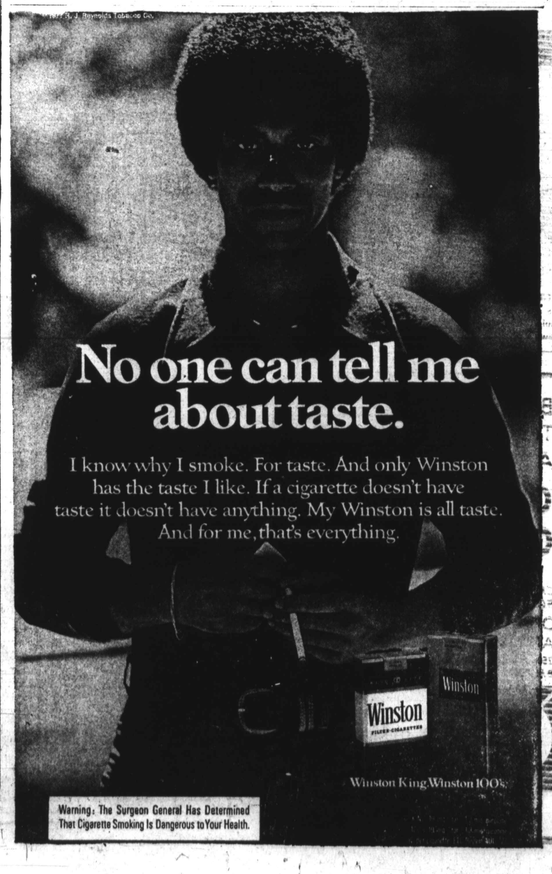


SOVIET TOUR REVEALED — Holding daughter Hana, Muhammad Ali chats with TV interviewer Barbara Walters outside ABC New York studios. During conversation, former champion revealed plans for a 12-day visit to Soviet Union commencing June 16. He will box 5-round exhibitions with leading Russian amateurs.

Morgan among schools hosting youth programs

Morgan State University is one of four area schools selected to host the 1978 National Youth Sports Program for disadvantaged youngsters.

The program will commence June 26 on the campuses of Morgan, Community College of Baltimore, Johns Hopkins University and Loyola College.

The Morgan State segment will run from June 26 to Aug. 7, from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Children between the ages of 10 and 18 will get a chance to participate in swimming, football, basketball, softball, gymnastics, volleyball, dance, tennis and track and field.

The free sports activities are sponsored and funded by a partership of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), the Community Services Administration and each of the institutions.

The program is conducted in many other cities and involves a total of 142 institutions throughout the nation. Part of the leadership comes from college and high school coaches, well-known athletes and health education experts.

Each school involved is organizing its program in accordance with the availability of its own facilities and adapted to the needs of the community involved.

Youngsters desirous of enrolling in the program should contact the college nearest his-her residence.

NBA set returns to D.C. Sunday

By heating the Super Sonics, 120-116, Tuesday night, the Bullets not only evened the NBA championship series at two game apiece, they assured their fans that the title set will return to the Capital Centre for another game.

Regardless of the outcome of Friday's contest at Seattle, the two teams will have to play here Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

The seventh game, if needed, will be contested Wednesday at Seattle.

Sonics say 4th game defeat due to lethargy, foe's gripes

There were two major faetors that accounted for Washington's 120-116 overtime defeat of Seattle Tuesday night, according to Sonic coach Lenny Wilkens.

They were a lethargic state that took over his team and the referees' reaction to the constant complaints of the Bullets' Elvin Hayes.

"We let them off the hook," moaned Wilkens.

"We had it (a 15-point lead) and lost our concentration. We got impatient."

Wilkens said playing in the strange enviroment of the cavernous Kingdome had nothing to do with his team's loss.

"It was like playing anyplace else," he said.

The Seattle coach said the team failed to go inside and work for the good shot after they had built up a comfortable margin and had put a couple of key Bullets — Elvin Hayes and Bob Dandridge — in foul trouble.

"The only thing that irritated me about the fouls," said Lenny, "was that Jack Sikma seems to get the phanton fouls that I don't see and Elvin gripes during the whole series and yet gets to manhandle people."

"I won't get into anything with Lenny," said Hayes. "I've known him since I got into the league."

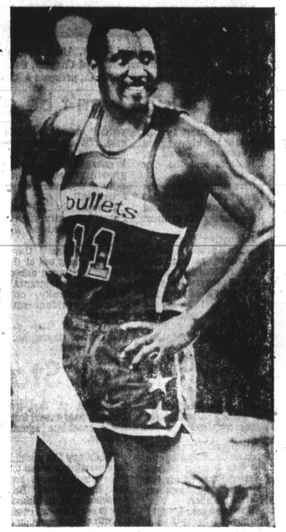
But Hayes added, "I fouled out of the game (at 1:44 in the overtime period) so I didn't get away with too much."

Seattle's Paul Silas, a 14-year NBA veteran, said it was tough to explain why the Sonics allowed themselves to lapse into sloppy play. Silas said he never put too much stock in the home court in a championship series.

"It's all a matter of how you play your game," he said. "They played their game and won."

Peacock a Ram

The Los Angeles Rams said Monday they had signed three players, including their No. 1 draft pick, Elvis Peacock, a running back from Oklahoma.



Elvin Hayes ...gripes and manhandles.

Baltimore youngster yearns for career in ice skating

If viewers were caught unaware when Atoy Wilson was featured in a recent television ice special, they have an even bigger surprise awaiting them — if.

The big "if" stands between a young Baltimorean and a chance to compete for the United States in the 1980 Winter Olympics at Lake Placid, N.Y.

Should this come about, it will mark a step further than Wilson accomplished, although Atoy now is the foremost black ice professional.

But, as always in cases where blacks are involved in sports of this kind, the "if" translates into money.

Bruno Jerry, a graduate of Lake Clifton High School, is said by ice-skating experts to have the physical tools to make a serious bid for a berth on the American team. What he lacks is the money needed to polish his skills.

His mother, Mrs. Gloria Jerry of 2934 West Coldspring Lane, has sponsored her son for more than five years. Now — at his advanced stage — the cost of the training has skyrocketed to the point that, although she remains reticent about discussing it, she questions whether she can manage it.

Ron Ludington, world and Olympic team coach, estimates that the cost of Brunos' preparation for the next year would run just under $6,500. This includes lessons, ice fees, equipment and travel.

Ludington assesses young Jerry's chances to become a world class skater as "extremely good."

He is, says the coach, "probably one of the two best black athletes in the United States in amateur skating today.

"Bruno," he continues, "needs a little more sophistication in school figures and a little work in his free-skating technique. In these areas, though, he is making remarkable progress."

Young Jerry, 5-5 and 135 pounds, has been training under Ludington for three years and he still amazes his coach.

"The real story with Bruno is incredible," says Ludington. "Most good skaters begin on the ice at the age of five or six. Bruno didn't start until he was 14 and he has been skating only five years now.

"It's amazing, but it only goes to prove what a tremendous athlete he really is. He is so strong and so flexible it's unbelievable."

BALTIMORE BOUND — Rick Bradshaw and Evans Ford (L to R) signed letters of intent last week to attend University of Baltimore on basketball scholarships. The two scoring and rebounding stars of Essex County College (Newark) are watched by their coach, Cleo Hill.

Wanted at Kingdome: telescopes

SEATTLE (UPI) — The Seattle fans who were part of the largest single-game crowd in the history of the National Basketball Association came as much to be a part of the action as to see the crucial fourth game of the championship series. And they'll be back Friday.

And it was a good thing. Because from the rarified air of the Kingdome's third deck, the players took on a lilliputian character.

"We knew we'd see a better game at home on television," said Jim Harrison of Seattle. "But we figured this was a chance to be a part of the crowd that might set a record and that made it worth coming here."

Many of the fans brought binoculars but telescopes might have been more appropriate. In fact, several smaller-power hand telescopes were in evidence in what could pass for pro basketball's outer limits.

There was no way to distinguish one face from another with the naked eye from the most distant seats, but there were no complaints from those who occupied the high places.

Seldom, if ever, have some fans been so high — literally — for a game as 39,457 packed the Kingdome to break the previous attendance mark of 35,077 for a single NBA game. The previous record for a playoff crowd was 21,564.

Some of the third-deck fans spent the latter stages of the contest near the refreshment stands where they could quaff beer while watching on the numerous color or black-and-white monitors. But most stayed glued to their seats until the final seconds when the game was finally decided in favor of Washington, 120-116, in overtime.

"Just being here is the thing, man," said Aubrey Pomerance, who, along with a friend, stopped off en route home to Calgary, Alberta, from California.

The Sonic management had made it clear when the decision was made to open up thousands of additional "distant-viewing" seats that the view would be less than spectacular. And few of those who packed the seats down the left and rightfield lines up to the third deck objected to the opportunity to be on hand.

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