'Olympics' set to open with full program

The Maryland Special Olympics 10th annual Summer Games, slated for today (Friday) and Saturday offer a full array of activities for 1,500 mentally - handicapped participants.

Beginning on Friday afternoon, competition in swimming, gymnastics, frisbee and distance running will be held. After dinner, participants will attend a dance at the Towson Student Center.

Saturday begins early with breakfast, the parade of athletes into the stadium, opening ceremonies, and the games themselves.

Between competitions, participants and their "huggers" can attend clinics in arts and crafts, badminton, baseball, baton, bicycle, bingo, cheerleading, dance, football, frisbee, golf, hopscotch, karate, lacrosse, puppet - making, rhythm band, basketball, soccer, table tennis, volleyball, weightlifting and wrestling.

Perennial favorites with the athletes are fishing, horseback-riding, face-painting and the trampoline.

All clinics are operated by volunteers, and coordinated by the Baltimore and Towson Jaycees.

Top area bowlers open play

"Baltimore's Best," the premier scratch bowling tournament in the Baltimore area, will begin tomorrow (Saturday) and continue through June 16 at six local bowling centers.

Open to men who have a 1977-78 yearbook average with the Greater Baltimore Bowling Association, the tournament is 30 games long and boasts a minimum first prize of $400.

The 90 bowler field begins Saturday at 7 p.m. at Brunswick Perry Hall Lanes on U.S. Route 3, north of Baltimore. Sunday, at 10 a.m., the competition moves to Fair Lanes Towson after which the field is cut to the top 32 scorers.

Monday, the tournament is at Odenton Lanes at 7 p.m. and on the 13th moves north again to Cedonia Lanes. Friday, June 15, the semi-finals are at Bowl America Odent; and the finals are at Hartford Lanes, Aberdeen, at 4 p.m.

This is an excellent opportunity to see area professionals in action including Ron Doub of Columbia who averaged 219 this season. There is no admission charge.

Bus service set for Bird games

Beginning tonight (Friday), the Mass Transit Administration will provide bus service from the Poly - Western complex at Falls Road and Cold Spring Lane to the stadium for selected special Baltimore Orioles home games.

There will be four trips for both the 7:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. games. Following is the schedule for the buses:

7:30 Games

LV Poly - Western: 5:55 p.m., 6:15 p.m., 6:35 p.m., and 6:55 p.m.

2 O'Clock Games

LV Poly - Western: 12:25 p.m., 12:45 p.m., 1:05 p.m., and 1:25 p.m.

Buses will wait approximately 15 minutes after the last inning before departing for the return trip to Poly - Western.

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Scouts see awesome power in No. 1 baseball prospect

A black high school youngster who is heralded as one who will have people "paying to watch him take batting practice," was the first selection in major league baseball's annual free - agent draft on Tuesday.

Albert Chambers, an 18 -year-old who graduated Harrisburg (Pa.) High School Wednesday, was taken, and signed, the previous day by the Seattle Mariners.

Chambers, who was contacted by every major league team and had a tryout with the Cincinnati Reds before the draft, said he didn't know what team would select him, or when.

"I didn't really know too much about it," he said. "I was aware I might get picked pretty high. But I'm very surprised. I feel like it's a dream come true for me as an individual. If the deal (from Seattle) was pretty good, I would sign. If it wasn't, I was going to play baseball and football at Arizona State. But it was pretty good."

Chambers, nicknamed "Choo Choo," batted .484 in 22 games as a senior, with seven doubles, four triples, four homers and 28 RBI.

According to Seattle scout Bill Kearns, the 6-4, 210-pound Chambers "has the most power of any of this year's free agent.

"In a few years, people will pay to see this guy take batting practice," Kearns added.

Elder, 3 others stay in top 100

Lee Elder, idle last week, nonetheless held his own among pro golf's top 100 money winners.

His year's earnings of $53,362 remained constant although he dropped from 33rd place to 36th.

Compatriots Jim Thorpe and Jim Dent moved up slightly as a result of money finishes in the Kemper Open. Calvin Peete fell two notches.

Thorpe's cash total of $42,837 after Kemper placed him 51st in the standings. He was 52nd the previous week.

Dent climbed from 95th to 93rd with $16,746 in the bank.

And Peete lost two slots from 66th to 68th, on to-date winnings of $30,754.

Pimlico stake draws eleven

Headed by Pomponio Stable's Moonlight Jig, topweighted at 124 pounds, the Pimlico racing department listed 11 probables for tomorrow's (Saturday) $25,00 - added Queen Anne Handicap for Maryland - bred fillies and mares.

Others seen contesting the six - furlong dash include Jean B. Bradley's Spot Two, 120; Red Hill Farm's Debby's Turn, 1116; Beelu Farm's Dancing Cobra, 113; Robert A. Leonard's Danger Bearing, 113; Moreton Binn's Dr. Penny Binn, 111.

Also Raymond Vogelman's Run Em Up, 109; William S. Farish III's Tie a Ribbon, 109; Buckingham Farm's Duffy Ducket, 108; Gerald C. Kazin's Praise the Lucky, 108, B. Reid Wallace's French Baffle, 105.

French Baffle, the low weight of 17 scaled by Handicapper Larry Abbundi, was claimed by Wallace, brother of trainer Roy Wallace for $6,500 in May of 1977 from owner-breeder Mrs. Ben Cohen, wife of the Maryland Jockey Club secretary-treasurer.

Brooklyn hails Lenny Wilkens

NEW YORK (UPI) — Seattle Supersonics basketball coach Lenny Wilkens, a native of Brooklyn, N.Y., was cited at a City Hall ceremony Tuesday as "a dynamic leader and an exemplary individual."

Brooklyn Borough president Howard Golden in presenting the citation of the steps of City Hall, said Wilkens is "a perfect example of the heights that can be achieved with perserverance and determination."

Wilkens, whose Sonics won the National Basketball Association championship this year, grew up in the Bedford - Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn and attended Boys High School.

He was accompanied by his wife, Marilyn.

Colossal reception for homecoming hero

'Super' Seattle guard John Johnson engulfed by sea of admirers

Supersonics return home

Seattle 'fat ladies' urged to sing welcome

With team owner Sam Schulman entreating any "fat ladies" in the crowd to break out in song, more than a quarter - million Seattle Supersonic admirers hailed the new pro league basketball champions on their return home early this week.

The ardor of the throng was not in the least dampened by leaden gray skies which looked down — and threatened any moment to rain — upon the huge parade.

The Sonics wound their way to the city's University Plaza in a motorcade pressed on all sides by shouting, waving, confetti - throwing fans. At the Plaza, coach Lenny Wilkens climbed onto a makeshift stage with the NBA Championship Trophy and accepted the key to the city.

Brushing confetti out of his hair as he stepped to a microphone, the unassuming Wilkens credited his players.

"They've made (assistant coach) Les Habegger and I look like geniuses all year long," Wilkens said.

The celebration was reminiscent of a parade and ceremony last year after the Sonics fell in seven games in the title series to the Washington Bullets. Only this time there were no cries of "wait 'til next year."

"If there are any fat ladies in the crowd," crowed Sonic owner Schulman, "Please feel free to sing. But you have to sing our song."

Schulman was referring to the Bullet's battle cry of a year ago, "The opera ain't over 'till the fat lady sings."

Schulman also was high with his praise for the Sonic fans.

"They said that the celebration inSeattle was the greatest since World War II," said Schulman, referring to the Friday night festivaties after the Sonics wrapped up the title with a 97 - 93 win in Landover, Md. "I'm forever grateful to all of you.

"You are without a doubt the greatest sports fans in America. I said it 12 years ago, I'll say it now. God bess you all."

Seattle police spokesman Le Libby said up to 100,000 persons filled University Plaza where the ceremonies were held.

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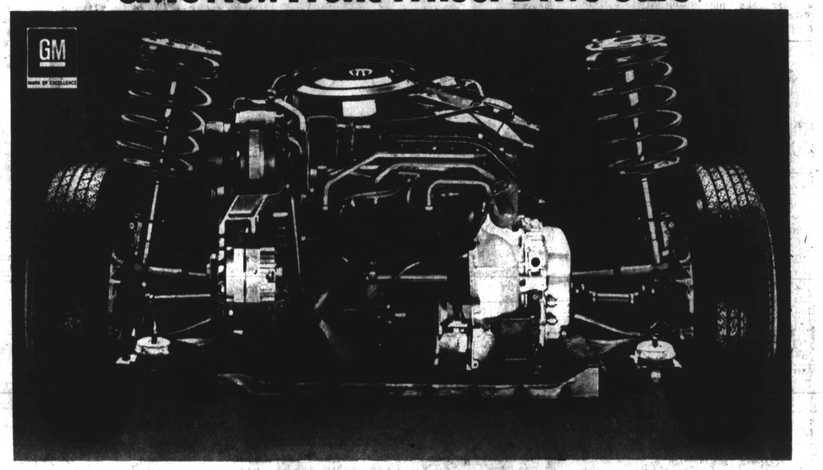

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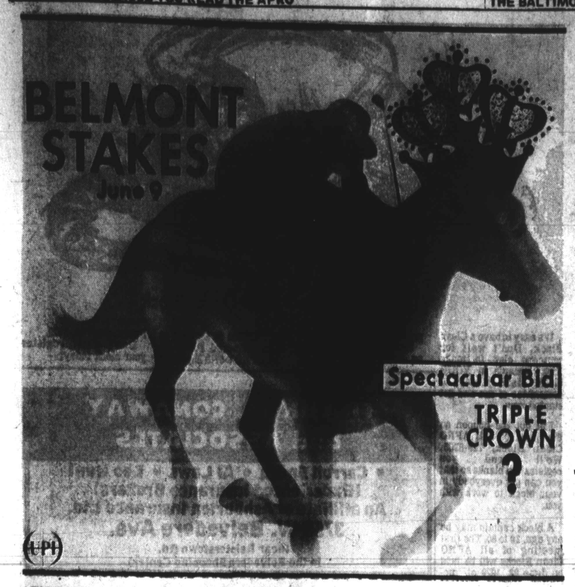

'Skin star bleeds after cop clash

Washington Redskin cornerback Joe Lavender, charged in El Cajon, Calif., with assaulting three police officers, recently survived surgery to stop what he described as life - threatening massive internal bleeding.

John Willis, Lavender's adviser and a professor of economics and law at San Diego City College, said that there is "possibility" the bleeding was cause by a police officer allegedly striking Lavender in the stomach with a baton during the altercation.

The Feb. 9 incident apparently began when Lavender and his brother, Tim, a draft choice of the Dallas Cowboys, tried to pick up Lavender's car from the repair shop. Lavender asked that the bill be sent to his nearby home but the firm refused.

An altercation developed and police were summoned. Lavender was arrested, charged with assault on the three police officers, and assault and battery.

Willis charged the El Cajon police and the district attorney's office with racism, claiming the police provoked the incident. Deputy District Attorney Hugh McManus called the charge "unfounded."

Willis said Lavender was suffering at the time from a physical ailment caused by a salt deficiency that altered his mood and caused him to become irate. He said Lavender was hospitalized for 10 days and after being released the player complained "that he could not raise his head."

Willis said Lavender lost five pints of blood. He also said the surgeon discovered and corrected Lavender's ulcer.

Lavender passed a Redskin physical Tuesday and said he plans "to be able to start training camp" on July 21 when Redskin veterans are scheduled to report.

3 vie for NFL top award

Franco Harris of the Pittsburgh Steelers, Ken Houston of the Washington Redskins, and Roger Staubach of the Dallas Cowboys, are the finalists for the Justice Byron R. "Whizzer" White Award, the most prestigious honor bestowed upon the top professional football league player voted "Outstanding Humanitarian of the Year."

The recognition was established by the National Football League Players Association to acknowledge a debt of gratitude and remembrance to "Whizzer" White, whose past accomplishments as a pro football star and present services to his country as Justice of the Supreme Court, bring pride to every man in football.

The award is presented annually to the player who serves his team, community and country with the leadership and hymanitarian spirit of White.

The winner will be announced at the 13th annual NFL Players Association Awards Banquet, on June 10, at Chicago's Conrad Hilton Hotel.

Expected to attract more than 2000 leading labor, business, sports and media personalities, this annual event is one of the nation's largest sports banquets, with 18 statistical awards and 12 non - statistical awards given to top players in the professional football leagues.

Bill Cosby will serve as master of ceremonies.

Proceeds from the banquet benefit the Better Boys Foundation, a non - profit social agency providing educational, cultural and social development services for children in Chicago's Lawndale community and their families.

Franco Harris one of 3 Finalists

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'Kegee, Hampton win Jet tennis

The Tuskegee Institute women and the Hampton Institute men won both single and double championships in the first Colleges and Universities Division of Jet Magazine and American Cancer Society Celebrity tennis tournament, in Atlanta, Ga.

Shari Ware, a junior at Tuskegee, captured the women's title as she defeated Darlene McWay of Tuskegee 6-3, 6-2 in the championship match. Shari Ware and Gloria McCray of Tuskegee scored a 6-3, 6-1 victory over Gwen Rainey of Clark College and her sister Helen Lissimore for the women's doubles championship.

The men's singles was won by Jovan Barros of Hampton over Tony Mmoh of St. Augustine College. Jovan Barros and Joe Ragland of Hampton were victorious over Arthur Drumwright and Tony Mmoh of St. Augustine 6-3, 6-4 in finals of the men's doubles.

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'Corky' George

CINCINNATI (UPI) — George Foster has a new nickname — "Corky."

Foster's teammates pinned it on him Sunday after Philadelphia Phillie manager Danny Ozark accused the Reds' slugger of swinging a bat with a cork-loaded barrel.

"Actually it's George's arms, not his bat that are loaded with cork," quipped Reds' catcher Johnny Bench.

All Ozark's accusation did was to increase the adrenalin flow in Foster's body.

"I just made me want to hit the ball hard again and create a little more controversy," said Foster Sunday after he slammed three homers, boosting his season total to 10 and his RBI total to 41.

Marvelous Marv

Unbeaten Marvis Frazier, son of former world heavyweight champion Joe Frazier, will be among a group of boxers taking part in a six-fight card June 9 at the Wheeling (W. Va.) Civic Center.

Frazier, making a strong bid to qualify for the 1980 Olympics, will meet John Alderson, a 6-foot-4, 210-pounder from Charleston, in the main event.

Frazier, a 6-foot-2, 194-pounder, won the National Golden Glove tournament in Indianapolis and has a 31-0 record.

Alderson captured the West Virginia AAU title this year as well as the Golden Glove.

Alumni notes

If you wonder, as we do quite often, what has become of former Baltimore Colts players, here are some answers:

In addition to Lenny Moore who works in the Colts' front office, and Jim Parker who is a successful businessman in Baltimore, tracers are offered on George Taliaferro, Lennie Lyles and Charlie Pittman.

George is administrative assistant to the president at Indiana University and serves on the NCAA advisory committee. Lennie is big business in Louisville where he owns an apartment building, a shopping center and an athletic plant. And Charlie is vice president of Marine Bank, Erie, Pa.

Terry, Al Green miss U.S. Open

Young PGA tour player Ron Terry of Aberdeen, Md., and Al Green, DC's Langston Golf Club pro, failed to gain qualifying spots for next week's U.S. Open.

The two fell victim in the final test Tuesday at Manor, thus will not be in the field for the prestigious event June 14 at Inverness, Toledo, Ohio.

Terry carded 150 for the 36 holes, 11 strokes off the best and seven over the qualifying 143.

Green missed by one more than his former assistant at Eisenhower, making 151.

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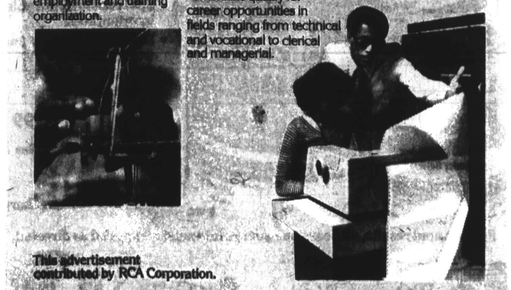

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