Everything falls in place

O's couldn't pick better time

By Sam Lacy

The Orioles couldn't have picked a more fitting time to return home.

The 12 - game stadium stand which begins tonight (Friday) is clogged tight with fan affection bordering on hysteria, status in the standings that commands attention throughout baseball, surprise, excitement and nostalgia.

A more appealing script could not have been written even under the guidance of the prophet Jeremiah.

Everything has fallen into place for manager Earl Weaver.

The feisty, cagey pilot leads his troops home a 9 - game road trip that capped off the best won - lost record in both leagues.

If the two loops — American and National — were brought together for a look at over - all standings, no club would be closer than three games to the high - flying Birds.

That would be California, sitting astride the Western Division standings in the American League. In their own (Eastern) division the O's returned 3½ games ahead of the Red Sox and 7 games out on third place Milwaukee.

In the National League, Montreal at 37 - 24, show a mark that would be 4½ games behind, and Houston, topping the NL West, would be trailing Baltimore by 5 games.

And it all has come to pass as a result of some of the most exciting play in the history of the local game.

On no fewer than four occasions in the last 10 days, the Birds have snatched victory from the brink with timely hits and brilliant defensive play.

Weaver couldn't be happier, what with his every move turning out as a stroke of genius.

And Frank Robinson, returned from his managerial job at Rochester to correct the flaws in an horrendous 1978 outfield, is savoring the welcome sight of hitters who can field and fielders who have been hitting.

Frank, incidentally, will be joined by several teammates of the O's pennant - winning days for "Silver Sunday," one of the well - timed highlights of the current stand.

Among these will be diminutive Don Buford, generally regarded the best lead - off batter in Bird annals, the spark-plug of O's clubs from 1968 - 72.

Also voted by fans to the all - time team for the 25th anniversary showcase were Frank and Brooks Robinson, Boog Powell, Dave McNally, Hoyt Wilhelm, Mike Cuellar and Elrod Hendricks, among others.

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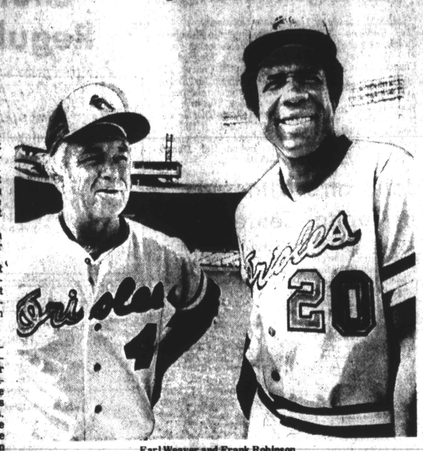

Earl Weaver and Frank Robinson
manager, coach survey their handiwork

Don Buford
Sparkplug's return

Pimlico track honors 7 scholastic artists

Seven junior high school and elementary school students have been named winners in the eighth annual Pimlico Area Schools Art Contest sponsored by the Maryland Jockey Club, operator of Pimlico Race Course.

The first place winners were Brian Woodson, Pimlico Junior High School, and Seteria Feldner, Park Heights 14, tied with Melanie Schatter, Mount Washington 221, in the elementary school division.

Other awards in the junior high division went to William Johnson, second place, and Alfonso Guster, third place, both from Pimlico Junior High.

In the elementary division, Kenneth Williams, Park Heights 14, and Warren Powell, Pimlico Elementary 223, were judged third and fourth best, respectively.

The youngsters received their awards in the winner's circle at Pimlico Race Course Tuesday, after a race that was named in their honor. The prizes were donated by the Maryland Jockey Club.

Judges for the contest were George Horn, coordinator of art for Baltimore City Public Schools; Virginia Timmons, art specialist for City School Region 5, and Sam Siciliano, director of public relations and publicity for Pimlico Race Course.

Thesart works of the youngsters, done in crayon, chalk, tempera or water color, are on display on the third floor of the Pimlico grandstand. The pictures reflect some aspect of racing at Pimlico and were drawn after a morning visit of the track's stable area. Thirty-eight exhibits were entered in the contest.

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BY THE WAY...

By Joe Black

My daughter's school was closed for "spring break", so she and my wife took a week's vacation. Since this left me home alone, I decided to play some of my old records. One of the songs that entertained me was James Brown singing "I'm Black and I'm Proud."

Remember the line: "Say it loud: I'm Black and I'm proud?" It seems like only yesterday when Black Americans were shouting about our pride. Was it all a put-on? Did and do we believe that we are Black and proud? If so, then why are we so silent while an element of hoodlumism is destroying our community? In too many towns, Black women and children are afraid to walk the streets once the sun goes down. Senior citizens suffer because their Social Security checks are stolen. The Black Community is deprived of convenience and economic growth because businesses hesitate to locate in the inner-city because of high insurance rates and the risk of robbery or extortion. It is time for Black Americans to speak out against Black on Black crime. We've got to make the courts understand that we want the same penalties applied for crimes against a Black as the court imposes when a White citizen is a victim.

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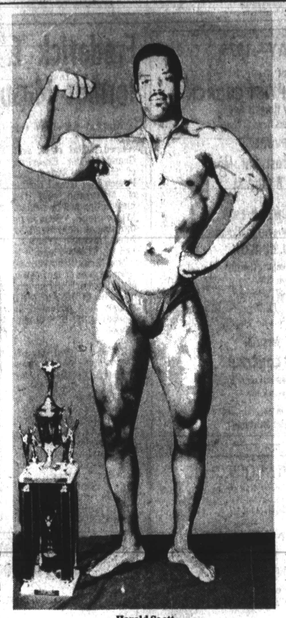

Harold Scott
he didn't mean to do it

An accident changed his hobby for better

By Samuel Davis

Years ago a weightlifter named Harold Scott found himself knocking on the door of tragedy.

While lifting 500 pounds, his homemade rack malfunctioned and he found himself squatting and bearing the full load.

"I sat there for about 15 seconds," Scott told the AFRO. "Then finally I hoisted the weights behind me. When I got up, my knees were in pain."

After the incident, Scott felt it would be better idea if he would take up body-building, which wouldn't put as much pressure on his weakened knees.

A few years later, he entered his first body-building contest. In the contest, which was called, Mr. Greater Baltimore, Scott took fifth place.

Since then, he has been Baltimore's ace in body-building competition. Especially in 1979.

This year he has won the Mr. Maryland, Mr. South Atlantic, Mr. Free State, Mr. Chesapeake Bay, and Mr. Southern Maryland contests.

In 1978, the 25-year-old Baltimorean won the Mr. Greater Baltimore title.

The irony of Scott's success is that he never intended to go into competition.

"I was skinny and weighed about 130 pounds when my father taught me a little about weight lifting. I never wanted to be a Mr. America or anything. I just wanted to be built well physically."

And built he is. Scott who stands 6 feet tall, weighs about 200 pounds. His waist is a 30. He has a 48½ inch chest and biceps 18 inches. Scott's thighs are a firm 28 inches around, and his calves are taped at 16 inches.

Like most body builders, when Scott shops for clothes, it's no picnic. As a matter of fact, it usually turns into a hunt.

"I've got a wardrobe of clothes that don't fit. When I finally find something that does, I'll buy it and about six months later I can't wear it," declared Scott whose neck is an amazing 18¼ inches.

Unlike the star of the Hulk, (Lou Ferrigno), Scott's wife of five and a half years, Isabelle, does not alter or make any of his clothes. But according to him, she has helped in other ways.

"She has really been great through all of this. If she wants to, a woman you love can hurt you when you're into sports. But Isabelle has done just the opposite, she has encouraged me."

The Scott's have two daughters, Lavell who is six years old, and Teresa, six months.

Currently Harold Scott is in training to compete for the Mr. America title for 1980.

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Lee and three

Lee Elder's 11th place tie in the U.S. Open kept him well within the top 40 money winners on the pro golf list. He's 37th with earning of $88,425.

Three other blacks are among the leading 100. Jim Thorpe is 55th with $42,837; Calvin Peete is 65th with $36,654, and Jim Dent is 95th at $18,306.

Wimbledon's 7th

Arthur Ashe, not completely back but highly respectable nonetheless, is seeded No. 7 for the prestigious All - England tennis championships beginning Monday at Wimbledon.

Top seed is Bjorn Borg, Sweden, with John McEnroe, USA, second; Jimmy Connors, USA, third; Vitas Gerulaitis, USA, fourth; Roscoe Tanner, USA, fifth; Guillermo Vilas, Argentina, sixth; Ashe, then Victor Pecci, Paraguay, Brian Gottfried, USA, and Wojtek Fibak, Poland.

Arthur long shot

Shortly after learning that his first - round opponent at Wimbledon will be Chris Kachel of Australia, Arthur Ashe learned that British bookmakers have tabbed him a 33 - 1 shot to win the crown.

In 1975, when he won Wimbledon, Arthur was rated a 23-5 pick to beat Jimmy Connors.

Last week, in the Queen's Classic at London, Ashe defeated Kachel, 6-[illegible] in the first round.

Jes jetlag

HELSINKI, Finland (UPI) — World record holder Renaldo Nehemiah of Scotch Plains, N.J., shrugged off the effects of a trans - Atlantic flight Tuesday to win the 110 - meter hurdles in 13.36 at the 13th World Games at the Olympic Stadium.

The American lacked the sparkle that won him the AAU title at Walnut, Calif., last week and which pushed him to a world record 13.00 in May, but still had enough in reserve to cruise home more than a half - second ahead of Russian Victor Miasnikov who clocked 13.96.

Earl for John?

Houston Oiler running back Earl Campbell says he agreed to sign a letter supporting the Republican presidential campaign of former Gov. John B. Connally at the request of University of Texas athletic director Darrell Royal.

But Campbell conceded, "Personally, I don't even vote. I wouldn't know John Connally if he walked in my front door. I'm not into politics."

Unity bouts set

The monthly boxing matches held at Dundalk's Unity hall will be held on Wednesdays during the summer months, with the first bouts scheduled for June 27 at 8 p.m.

These fights are sponsored by Tremaine Catering and are held for the benefit of the South Atlantic A.A.U.

With ten fights usually scheduled, the bouts are designed to provide training and experience for the fighters.

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Youngsters in NJ marbles tourney

Boys and girls between ages eight and 14, representing 12 states, will converge on Wildwood, N.J. Monday for the beginning of the 56th annual national marbles tournament.

Included among the entries are youngsters from the District of Columbia, Vermont, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia.

At Wildwood, in the special "Ringer Bowl," playing rings are built along the seashore, giving spectators easy access to the events.

The elimination games for boys and girls will be played during the first few days. Each contestant will play some 80 games before the finalists are determined.

Both boys and girls league champions will receive $500 cash scholarships. Special trophies will also be awarded to champions and runners-up in each category.

From football to boxing

Mixed reaction greets 'Too Tall' Jones switch

The announcement Tuesday by Ed "Too Tall" Jones that he is retiring from professional football to enter a new career in boxing, has been met with mixed reactions.

Football and boxing people apparently are undecided about whether the Dallas Cowboys' all - pro defensive end is wise in making the switch.

Among those commenting on the big guy's election were Cowboys coach Tom Landry, fight trainer Murphy Griffith and veteran boxing manager Gil Clancy.

Said Landry: "We were very surprised to find out Ed's alternative, which is boxing, which he didn't know anything about. We're disappointed obviously that he's leaving us. He's given us five years of excellent defensive play. We're going to miss him. All we can do is wish him the best in his new field."

Griffith, uncle of former welter and welterweight champion Emile Griffith, has worked with such well-known fighters as Joe Frazier, Ron Lyle, Willie Monroe and Hedgeman Lewis.

"He has the mental attitude to be a great fighter," he said. "But we have to get him into training and teach him techniques. He has great athletic ability and a great attitude and it's now simply a matter of learning the fundamentals. We've had a few sessions with him and I like what I see. He has tremendous discipline — he's not a youngster — he's a mature person.

"I wouldn't want him to go in before four months. Anytime after that I think he'll be ready. We don't want to match him up with any one. We'll put him in with somebody he can learn from. Every fight should be a learning experience for him."

Clancy, veteran manager and trainer and now director of boxing at Madison Square Garden, was a bit skeptical.

"I know he's a great athlete but it would take tremendous dedication on his part," said Clancy. "It's a long learning process and he'll have to be patient. He's 28 and that's a bit old. Rocky Marciano was considered old when he turned pro at 24 but he had a long history of amateur fighting. This guy has four years on rocky roads and not much experience.

"I just don't know. He has a good trainer. He'll be 30 when he's ready but that's not old for a heavyweight. He hasn't fought a lot and hasn't been banged around a lot," Clancy concluded.

Same ol' Howard?

He is the fellow who served as head coach of the Colts after John Sandusky was fired in 1972.

In his two years at the helm, Schnellenberger was under constant fire by blacks for his refusal to use black players of acknowledged talent — Lydell Mitchell, Raymond Chester, Ollie Smith, Glenn Doughty, etc.

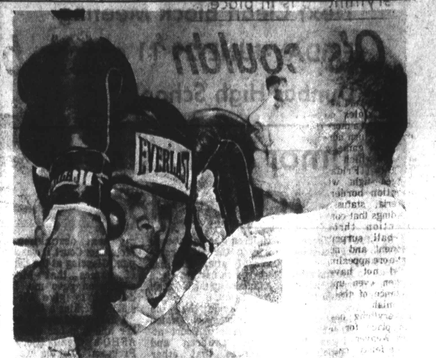
Well, good ol' Howard is now head coach a the University of Miami, and one of his first official acts was to remove Kenny McMillian as the starting quarterback.

Schnellenberger announced Wednesday McMillian's scholarship was not being renewed. He did not give a specific reason.

"I'm not saying it was because I'm black, but as soon as he (Schnellenberger) came here (in January), it was open season on me," McMillian said Wednesday.

Schnellenberger vigorously denied McMillian's charge — made when he was dropped to fifth string quarterback during spring practice — that he wanted to replace him with a white quarterback.

McMillian had led the Hurricanes to a 6-5 record last year, their first winning season since 1974.



PRIMING FOR VEGAS — Trainer Dave Chiaverini, Palmer Park (Md.) welter-Jacobs (R) sets headgear for Sugar Ray Leonard as they prepare in Las Vegas for Sunday's fight against Tony Jacobs. Chiaverini, from Kansas City, has a 30-3-1 weight is unbeaten in 22 pro fights. Leonard is the defending champion with 21 knockouts.

Temple coach speaks at Tuskegee

PHILADELPHIA

Temple University field hockey and lacrosse coach Tina Sloan - Green spoke on the status of black females in collegiate athletics at a meeting of the National Advisory Committee on Black Higher Education and Black Colleges and Universities.

The June 4 and 5 meeting at Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Ala., was designed to inform the National Advisory Committee so that it, in turn, may better formulate recommendations to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare on issues concerning black higher education.

Ms. Sloan - Green, who is also the chairperson of the Commission on the Status of Minority Women for the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women, recommends that black colleges encourage greater female participation in intercollegiate athletics, and greater staff involvement in regional and national organizational sport structures.

"At the current time there is very little research available on the black female athlete," said Ms. Sloan - Green. "[illegible] colleges recognize the importance of black females in administrative, coaching and official positions as a positive role model for black female athletes."

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Colts 'Family Day' July 21

Buddies Inc., through board chairman Ed Vinnicombe, announced early this week that the annual 'Colts' Family Day' will be held July 21, at the Naval Academy.

Over the past 22 years, Baltimore Police Youth Clubs and Scout Troops have shared in receipts of over three-quarters of a million dollars — $750,789 to be exact.

From these funds, Buddies provided a day camp in Harford County, an 8-week summer camp program at Fort Ritchie and numerous youth clubs in Baltimore accommodating 1,500 inner-city youngsters.

The game, which features NFL rookies and drafters serves as introduction of these fresh new faces to Colt coaches and their fans.

Red Devil basketers continue active as members of BNBL

By Samuel Davis

Though the Community College of Baltimore, basketball team ended its season almost three months ago, members of the team still play together.

The team, which consists of last season's freshmen and some of next year's possibles, play in the Baltimore Neighborhood Basketball League, unlimited double A conference.

As of Tuesday, it has a 3-2 record which ties for second place with Camp Concern. The Concern team is lead by former Bullet Joe Pace.

The two squads trail Cecil which has a 4-1 record. Featured are such stars as former Towson cager Roger Dickens, Wake Forest center Larry Harrison, and the brothers of Ernest Graham (Kevin) and Rodney Wright (Fred).

The Red Devils are coached by CCB assistant coach, Dickey Kelly who has had his BNBL days also.

Kelly finds that the team's biggest problem is turnover, the same one that plagued it throughout the regular season.

"They're doing very well, but things could be better. The only serious problem we have is the turn-overs. The least we've committed in the five games, was 11. Other than that, we've had 17, 19, 24 and 27."

Other than the misguided passes and sloppy ball handling, the Devils are proving to be a very aggressive, tough and smart squad.

The two losses, which were registered by Cecil and West Baltimore, were by margins of just six and two points, respectively.

Individual performances have improved considerably.

Twin 6-6 forwards, Wayne Flemming and Nathaniel Eades who started almost every game in the second half of the regular season, lead the team in average points, 8.8 and 6.6 respectively.

Center Gerald Bussie has responded well, averaging 5.4 points a game while battling with such tough customers as Pace and Pat McKinnley.

Kenny Lewis, who served as a reserve point guard throughout the 78-79 campaign, has a very good chance of starting at that spot next season. Lewis does most of the ball handling during BNBL games, along with newcomer Anthony Williams.

At 6-1, Williams has the ability to work low with the bigger guys. On Tuesday, when the Devils played West Baltimore, he lead them with 10 points. Six were layups in heavy traffic.

The only newcomer to the squad is Timmy Lyles, brother of last season's CCB star Michael Lyles, who signed a letter of intent to attend Towson this fall.

The Devils' next game will be against Cecil on Tuesday at Madison Recreation Center, beginning at 7 o'clock.

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