Mighty 'Magic'

Bubba Slavin "Magic" Johnson was named National basketball Association player of the week Monday for scoring 89 points in four games for the Los Angeles Lakers.

The 6 - foot - 8 guard also pulled down 35 rebounds in the four - game span and dished off 34 assists. Johnson hit on 66 percent of his shots.

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Final weekend may clear muddled picture in MSA

By Samuel Davis

The MSA "B" Conference situation is seems ready to be cleared up this weekend.

Of the three games slated, two are of great importance. This is due to the unusual (last) weekend of upsets.

Dunbar suprised Mervo 13-12 behind a brilliant performanece by southpaw quarterback Rodney Coffield, who passed for 23 yards and two crucial touchdowns. The win gave Dunbar a total of 11 points which currently ties for first place with Edmondson.

With Mervo, losing, all Edmondson had to do was beat Douglass, a team that had won only one league game all season. The Redskins fell behind however, and couldn't catch up, losing 22-20. The loss dropped Edmonson into a tie with Dunbar.

It all worked well for Northern, which was pulling for Mervo and Edmonson to lose. She will play Forest Park thisis weekend and a victory can mean the title.

The Vikings know better than to underestimate the Foresters, just because they are out of the title picture. That could be the mistake Edmonson made against Douglass.Northern plans to go with what has carried them all season and what being the running game, led by DeVane Trent and Kevin Benn. Trent has rushed for 1025 yards and a conference-leading nine touchdowns, while Benn has added seven touchdowns and 61 yards.

"We're not going to change anything," said Viking coach Joe Voshkul "We got a break with Edmonson losing and we're ready to play."

Although Mervo lost to Dunbar, it was only theor first league loss, so they remain in the picture with 10 points and a possibility of getting 12, if they can handle Walbrook at Mervo.

Walbrook is a scrappy team, that has suffered this year with a 2-5 league mark. But she did turn back Forest Park last week 18-14 in a stunning upset. The warriors would like to ruin Mervo's chances, but they know it won't be easy.

"We know Mervo is a pretty good and tough team, and they'll be going all out to win," said Walbrook coach Gerald Boyd. "W'd love to improve on our record and go out on a winning note, so we're up for this one too."

The Warriors have gotten tremendous performances of late from Ronnie Johnson; who has had touchdown runs of 60, 45, and 55 yards respectively in the last three contest.

THE STRING CONTINUES — Although he was compelled to share this year's honor with Keith Hernandez of St. Louis, Pittsburgh's Willie Stargell made it five years in a row that a black player has been voted MVP in the National League on Wednesday. Joe Morgan won in 1975-76, George Foster in 1977, and Dave Parker in 1978. The American League MVP will be announced next Wednesday. Rod Carew (77) and Jim Rice (78) are the last winners there.

Bits o' briefs

Too Tall too big

Ed "Too Tall Jones, who was 51 pounds heavier and six inches taller than Jesus Meneses when he beat him in Las Cruces, N.M., two weeks ago, scored a 6th round TKO in Phoenix, Ariz., Tuesday night.

This time the victim, Abdullah Muhammad, was just 34 pounds lighter and five inches shorter than the former Cowboy defensive end.

Basket break

Outfielder Oscar Gamble of the New York Yankees broke his collar bone playing basketball in a pickup game with his brother at his home in Montgomery, Ala.

Yankees' team physician, Dr. John Bonamo, said there should be no complications and that Gamble should be okay by spring training.

Happy Bobday

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Ravens open wheelchair cage campaign Saturday

The Baltimore Ravens launch their 1979-80 wheelchair basketball home season tomorrow (Saturday) night at Franklin Senior High School, 12000 Reisterstown Rd., at 7:30 o'clock.

It will be the first of four games scheduled against the Capital Smokers by the Capital wheelchair Basketball Conference.

The game also marks the opening of the Ravens' ninth year of wheelchair competition sponsored by the Maryland League for the Handicapped.

The team was formed in 1971 after several years of intermural wheelchair basketball.

The Ravens are members of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association, which is comprised of 140 teams, and is Maryland's only entry in the Capital Conference.

In 1973 the Maryland Rehabilitation Center combined resources with the league to co-sponsor the Ravens.

The Raven record shows they are winners. In 1975-76 the Ravens were conference champions. In past-season play the Ravens captured the Eastern Sectional title and finished third in the National Wheelchair Tournament.

During the last several years the Ravens have finished in second place. In 1978 they defeated the Carolina Tarwheels during the regional playoffs and finished second in the Eastern Sectional Tournament.

Rodney Allen is the outstanding player on the team. In the 1973-74 national tournament Rodney was selected to the all-tournament team.

TWO MORE WEEKS — The time Sugar Ray Leonard has been waiting for draws ever closer. The Palmer Park, Md., flash is in heavy training for his Nov. 30 shot at the World Boxing Council welterweight title held by Wilfredo Benitez.

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Redskins sign

The Washington Redskins Tuesday signed running back-kick returner Bobby Hammond, a recent cut by the New York Giants, and waived wide receiver-kick returner Dennis Law.

Hammond, 27 and a four-year NFL veteran, is a 5-foot-10, 170 pounder from Morgan State. He gained 554 yards on 131 carries with the Gaints last year.

Law, whom the Redskins acquired as a free agent when he was cut by the Cincinnati Bengals stayed with the Redskins one week.

Bears eye playoffs as school eyes Bears

By Sam Lacy

The Morgan State football team is awaiting Sunday morning and watching NCAA officials and their manner of pairings in the 8-team Division II playoffs.

At the same time, Morgan State officials are watching the football team. School authorities, in fact, are taking a look at the entire Bear athletic program.

Morgan, ranked fourth among NCAA Division II teams, has one game remaining in the regular schedule, that against Howard University tomorrow (Saturday) at Hughes Stadium.

The Bears and their followers are aware Morgan is to be a participant in the playoffs, regardless of the outcome of Saturday's contest. It is only the team's final ranking that concerns them.

Currently No. 4, Morgan will remain in that position if she defeats Howard. She cannot improve her position because the three teams above in the standings have finished their seasons.

Moreover, should the Bison win Saturday's finale, the Bears can d- p so lower than sixth or seventh.

Virginia Union, which also seems certain of a playoff bid, cannot climb higher because Morgan beat the Panthers early this month.

Morgan athletic director Earl Banks and head football coach Clarence Thomas, meanwhile, are watching the watchers.

With them, the primary concern is not the playoff situation. Instead, it is Morgan's athletic future.

If competing in the playoffs enhances the chance of high-level participation by the Bears in years to come, that is fine with Banks and Thomas. But both recognize that the study currently under way by a special task force implies jeopardy for their program.

Being looked at by this force are the scales which weigh the cost of conducting even a curtailed varsity program against the benefits derived.

As pointed out in previous Afro reports, although the university is state supported, no state funds can be used for athletics. That program must be self-sustaining.

Except for the homecoming game, the best football gate of the 1979 season was the traditional contest with Virginia State College.

That gate netted less than $900.

NBA weekend

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San Antonio at Philadelphia
New York at Houston
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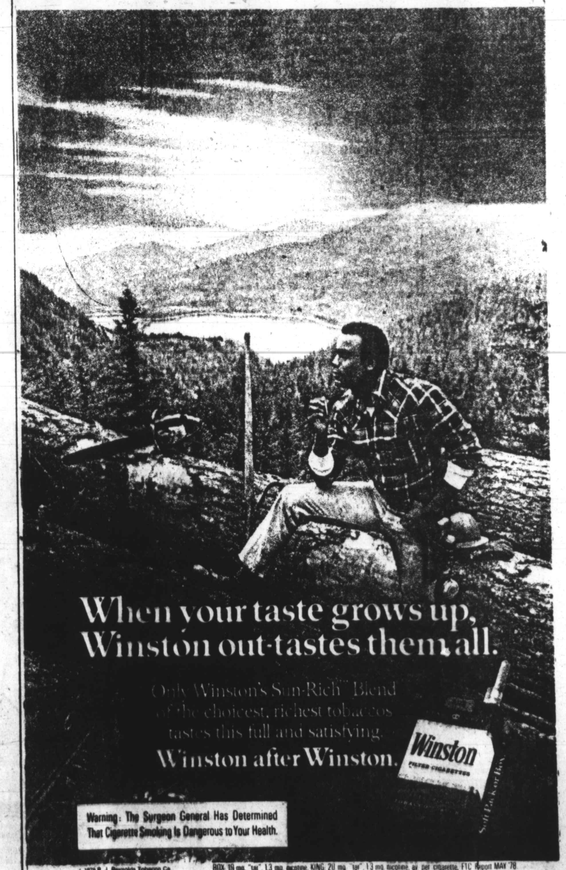

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