The Colt Island

The AFRO befuddlement over the Baltimore Colts' continued omission of blacks from consideration as front - office personnel or assistant coaches, was heightened over the weekend.

In the paper's lead sports column two weeks ago, it was pointed out that Baltimore is an "island among free - thinking cities" of professional football. New York, Philadelphia, Washington and Pittsburgh have blacks in decision - making positions.

Last weekend, Cleveland hired a black former playing star, Paul Warfield, as assistant director of player personnel.

The Browns already had another black, Allan Webb, heading that department.

When Mike McCormack was named head coach to succeed the fired Ted Marchibroda Jan. 15 the AFRO put the question: How many men will you pick to serve as assistants?

"Seven," answered McCormack, "three for offense, three for defense and one for special teams."

With that reply, the new coach was saying, in essence, that he has seven chances to remove what many consider a racist stigma — seven chances to get Baltimore off its football island . . . . SAM LACY.

Basketball weekend

COLLEGE GAMES

Friday

Howard at Illinois St.
Ga. State at Albany St. (women)
Tuskegee at Troy State (women)

Saturday

Morgan at Md., E. Shore
Bowie St. at Howard (women)
UDC at Lincoln (women)
UDC at Lincoln
Coppin at N.C. Central
Southeastern at Bowie St.
Loyola at Morgan (women)
Miss Valley at Delaware St.
Norfolk St. at Eliz. City
Fayetteville at St. Aug. (women)
J. C. Smith at W. Salem (women)
S.C. State at A and T
Clemson at S.C. State (women)
Ga. Tech at Albany St. (women)
Alcorn at Grambling
Southern at Dayton
Texas Southern at Pr. View

Sunday

Va. Union at Bowie St. (women)

Monday

Bowie at Salisbury St. (women)
Norfolk St. at Hampton
St. Paul's at J.C. Smith
S.C. State at UNC - Wilmington
Barber Scotia at J. C. Smith (women)
W. Salem at Fayetteville (women)
Tuskegee at Jacksonville St. (women)
Texas Southern at Fla. A - M
Alcorn at Canisius

NBA GAMES

Friday

Washington at Boston
Detroit at New Jersey
San Diego at Indiana
Seattle at San Antonio
Kansas City at Chicago
New York at Golden State
Philadelphia at Los Angeles
Milwaukee at Phoenix

Saturday

Chicago at Atlanta
Indiana at Cleveland
Seattle at Houston
Portland at Denver
Utah at Kansas City

Sunday

San Diego at Boston
Chicago at New Jersey
Golden State at Washington
New York at Detroit
Cleveland at Indiana
Atlanta at San Antonio
Milwaukee at Los Angeles
Philadelphia at Phoenix

WHAT? WITH GLASSES? — We're sure that's not the case. Anyway, retired footballer Ed "Too Tall" Jones recorded his 4th knockout in five fights Tuesday night, stopping Billie Joe Thomas of Marianna, Ark., in the 4th round at Indianapolis.

College results

BASKETBALL

AFRO - AREA TEAMS

Bowie St. 77, UDC 50 (women)
Eliz. City 76, Fayetteville 75
J.C., Smith 111, Shaw 89
Hampton 99, Va. State 82
Howard 96, Delaware St. 89
Howard 89, Delaware St. 86 (women)
Ky. State 80, Norfolk St. 73 (OT)
Livingston 92, Barber Scotia 71
Md., E. Shore 77, Coppin St. 69
St. Aug. 100, J.C. Smith 93
St. Mary's 74, Bowie St. 69
UDC 85, Bowie St. 75
W. Salem 93, St. Paul's 86

OTHER TEAMS

Alcorn 104, Prairie View 77
Claflin 99, Morris 39
Clark 78, Ft. Valley 73
Cumberland 78, Wilberforce 50
Grambling 68, N.W. Louisiana 63 (OT)
Grambling 73, Texas Southern 66
Jackson St. 89, Fla. A - M 76
Mo. Lincoln 68, SW Missouri 61
Southern 95, Miss. Valley 66
Tenn. State 88, Bethune 67
West Ga. 64, Albany St. 52

BACK AGAIN — Elvin Hayes, who has not missed an All-Star game in his NBA career, was added to the East lineup for the classic to be played Feb. 3 at Capital Centre. It will be the Bullet star's 12th straight show.

Little League meeting called

There will be a meeting for representatives of "closed" baseball little leagues at Herring Run Recreation Center, rear of 5001 Sinclair Lane, on Jan. 31, starting promptly at 7 p.m.

All "closed" little leagues operating under the jurisdiction of the Baltimore City Bureau of Recreation are requested to have a representative present.

Carver hopes to close on Dunbar today

By Samuel Davis

For coach Charlie Moore's Carver Bears, the basketball season thus far has been a come - from - behind effort.

After nine games, their overall mark stood at 5 -4 and their league record in "A" conference Division II was 11-21 just before the team turned out to be a surprise winner in the Gino's Classic, held at UMBC.

Since the tournament, the Bears have reeled off seven consecutive wins, pushing their league record to 5 - 2, which puts them in second place behind Dunbar. But even in winning' the Bears found themselves battling from behind. Against Edmondson, Southwestern, Douglass and Mt. St. Joe, the Bears came back from various deficits to win.

"Catchup is a tough game to play, because you'd like to get the lead, then you can almost dictate how your opponent plays," Moore said.

Despite his feelings about catchup type situations, Moore is in one.

The Poets lead the Bears by two games in their division, but the Bears have a chance to narrow that margin when the two meet Friday (today) at Dunbar beginning at 8 p.m.

Dunbar, which is unbeaten in league play (7-0), defeated Carver by eight points when they met earlier at Carver.

However, the Bears, who are coming off a three - point win over Douglass, are very optimistic.

Douglass has lost four league contests, which almost eliminates them from the picture. But they took the Poets to the wire playing at Douglass last Friday. The Poets barely got out with a six point victory.

Since the Ducks played the Poets tough and the Bears have defeated the Ducks twice, Carver's Martin Johnson, the MSA's leading scorer (24.1), feels the Bears cannot only dim the Poets, but also turn out the lights.

"I think if Douglass could take care of them, we can," Johnson said after the Douglass game in which he tied teammate Michael Molton for scoring honors with 18 points.

"The last time we played them, they kept fast breaking us and we weren't getting back," he continued. "So if we stop their breaks, we'll beat them."

Molton, whose 18 points were eight above his season average, pulls down a team leading 16 rebounds a game, while Johnson of course leads the team in scoring.

The latter also tops the club with six steals a game. Those statistics sort of epitomize the Moore team's overall effort. A different player leads in almost every category.

Anthony Clayton runs the offense, averaging seven assists a game, and 6-7 Michael Tate is rejecting six shots a game.

Chip off block

A Brown block, that is. The young sensational and potential high - school All-American at Lakeshore High in Atlanta is named Jimmy Brown.

He is the son of football - great - turned actor Jim Brown, born in Cleveland during the Old Man's heroics with the Cleveland Browns.

Mom Lydia, who divorced Jim Sr., in 1972, says Junior is a better football player than he is in basketball, but he prefers the latter because he doesn't want to be compared to his pop.

Dallas to NBA

A Dallas group has been endorsed by the NBA expansion committee for a franchise starting in the 1980-81 season, pending certain conditions are met over the next three weeks.

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Exxon's outlook is for steadily growing expenditures in the years ahead.

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Track star says Carter painted US into corner

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (UPI) — Distance runner Marty Liquori, American record - holder for the 5,000 - meter run, said Wednesday the possible boycott of the Olympic Games in Moscow would not affect Soviet foreign policy and suggested that President Carter "has painted himself into a corner."

"I do not feel a boycott would be that effective", Liquori told UPI. "They (the Russians) don't feel the Olympics is important enough to change their foreign policy."

Liquori criticized President Carter for "mixing politics and athletic" and said the President's threatened boycott of the Games if the Soviet Union does not withdraw its forces from Afghanistan by late next month was "very capricious."

"President Carter has painted himself into a corner by calling for a boycott five months before the Games are scheduled to start," he said. "Except for a few countries like China and Saudi Arabia, who haven't participated in past Olympic Games, the rest of the world does not support a boycott."

Liquori, who finished 12th in the 1,500 meter run at Mexico City in 1968 but did not participate in the 1972 and 1976 Olympics because of injuries, said he is continuing to train "as if we were going."

He said those calling for the boycott have "misconceptions" about moving the Games out of Moscow. The choice of an Olympic site is almost impossible to reverse under the International Olympic Committee's bylaws, especially this close to their celebration, he said.

"Personally, it's hard not to feel that Carter and the government are going against everything they've told us in the 15 years I've been competing, and that's that politics are separate from sports," he said.

"They never once lifted a finger to help the Olympic athletes because of the big cop - out, saying politics and athletics are separate," Liquori said. "Now, because Carter's foreign policy has been such a failure, he doesn't have a bullet left in his gun and he's going to try to salvage it by boycott."

D.C. DEFENSE? — Could be. Reports are being circulated in New York and London that Sugar Ray Leonard may defend his WBC welterweight title in his home area. Leonard's next bout, with British champion Dave Green, is scheduled March 31. Capital Centre is said to have a 50-50 chance with Montreal of hosting the event.

Bits o' briefs

Better late....

U.S. Olympic basketball coach Dave Gavitt picked around blacks a month ago when he named his assistants for Moscow.

Last weekend, he got around to choosing George Raveling of Washington State. But Raveling, a D.C. product and former Villanova star, was named by Gavitt to assist at the Olympic Trials, scheduled May 18 - 23 at Raleigh.

Georgetown's John Thompson was assistant cage coach at Montreal where the U.S. won gold.

L-o-n-g shot!!

Usually, the term applies to the horse which wins a race at huge odds. This time it belongs to the shot caged by Virginia Tech's black star Les Henson, who one-handed the ball into his basket from the opposite end of the Florida State gym floor Monday night.

Henson's miraculous basket with one second on the time clock gave Tech a 79-77 victory over the home team.

In horse-racing parlance, that would be truly a l-o-n-g shot, easily a 1,000 to 1 gamble.

Town Hall....America?

Washington's Channel 5 (WTTG) presented a debate Tuesday night on the subject of whether the United States should pull out of the Olympic Games, slated for Moscow in July.

The program, picked up by Baltimore's Channel 11 (WBAL), was titled: "Town Hall America."

To say that it was a misnomer is gross understatement.

"Town Hall America: Should the United States Pull out of The Moscow Olympics?" included one black among the 18 or 20 participants.

For the most part, Renaldo Nehemiah was surrounded by politicians, college coaches, former and present athletes. A junior at the University of Maryland, the record - holding hurdler opposed the pull - out advocated by President Carter at first, but later softened his statement when overwhelmed by the view opposing his position.

Some half - dozen members of Congress were polled, all supportive of the withdrawal proposal. An equal number of athletes not present in person were interviewed by phone.

Although Walter Fauntroy, Louis Stokes, Jimmy Ford, Clarence Dellums, Carliss Collins, et al, were available for comment, none was questioned.

It was the same with ex - athletes Harrison Dillard, Barney Ewell, Rod Milburn, Willie Davenport, etc.

Since blacks make up approximately 40 percent of the USA Olympic track contingent, and since many feel the American White House has failed to support black protest in the past (Africa at Montreal in 1976 and U.S. blacks at Mexico City in 1968), blacks deserved more than a "token" in the person of a 22 - year - old student in the Tuesday night production.

All the promos and TV listings in connection with the program referred to it as a "debate." One wonders how much a debate evolves when the sides are tilted an estimated nine to one . . . . SAM LACY.

Scholastic Sports Schedule

FRIDAY

Varsity Basketball

Edmondson at Southern
Patterson at Forest Park
Lake Clifton at Mervo
Southwestern at Walbrook
Carver at Dunbar
Northern at Douglass

JV Basketball

Edmondson at Southern
Patterson at Forest Park
Lake Clifton at Mervo
Southwestern at Walbrook
Carver at Dunbar
Northern at Douglass
Northwestern at City

Varsity Wrestling

Lake Clifton at Luthern
Southern at Boys Latin
Northwestern at Gibbons
Gilman at Poly
Northern at Forest Park
Carver at Southwestern
Mervo at Walbrook

Varsity Swimming

Dunbar at Lake Clifton
Edmondson at Southern
Carver at Northern
Patterson at Mervo
Severn at Walbrook
Forest Park at Southwestern

JV Swimming

Dunbar at Lake Clifton
Patterson at Mervo
Forest Park at Southwestern
City at Walbrook
Carver at Northern

Girls Varsity Basketball

Southern at Eastern
Walbrook at Patterson
Western at Lake Clifton
Forest Park at Southwestern
Carver at Edmondson
Dunbar at N. Western
Douglass at Northern

Girls JV Basketball

Western at Lake Clifton
Dunbar at Northwestern
Douglass at Northern
Southern at Eastern
Walbrook at Patterson
Western at Lake Clifton
Forest Park at Southwestern
Carver at Edmondson
Mervo at City

MONDAY

Girls Basketball

Carver at Northern
Carver JV at Northern JV

Girl Gymnastics

Walbrook at Southern
Lake Clifton at Carver

Filly standouts in Bowie stakes

Saturday's stakes at Bowie will feature the area's outstanding distaff performers. Both the Virginia Belle and Toxmah Handicap are $40,000 - added events.

The principal contenders for the Virginia Belle are Chiquita Farm's Denim Gal, Bayard Sharp's Ernestine, K.C. Firestone's Spanish Tune and Julie P. Clagett's Hail To Ambition.

Denim Gal captured a division of Laurel's Cameo and in her '80 debut here she was an easy three lengths victress only to be disqualified for "swerving in."

Hail To Ambition captured Atlantic City's Brigantine after forcing Eclipse Award winner Smart Angle to a neck decision in the Luck Penny here last summer.

Spanish Tune is untested in stakes competition but is recommended by a three - for - four record.

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Project Survival trophy winners college stars

The two most recent winners of scholarships provided by the Project Survival basketball program are doing much to justify the existence of the Baltimore Urban Services undertaking.

Dwayne Wallis, the 1978 winner of the scholarship award, named for AFRO sports editor Sam Lacy, is in his second year as a starter at the University of Pittsburgh.

And Quintin Dailey, last year's winner, was recently named Pacific Athletic Conference player of - the - week.

Young Dailey, who was honored last May 2 at Martin's West, scored 30 points last Friday to lead San Francisco to an 85 - 80 victory over Pepperdine.

The following night, he tallied 21 points to pace an 89 - 75 win over Loyola - Marymount.

Dailey is leading the Dons with a 19.1 average.

Earlier Project Survival products also are displaying superb talent.

Al Leslie recently broke the career scoring record at Bucknell.

Ernest Graham is a standout for the University of Maryland Terps. And Calvin Maddox is a mainstay of the Vikings at Elizabeth City (NC) State University.

Quintin Dailey as he received trophy last May

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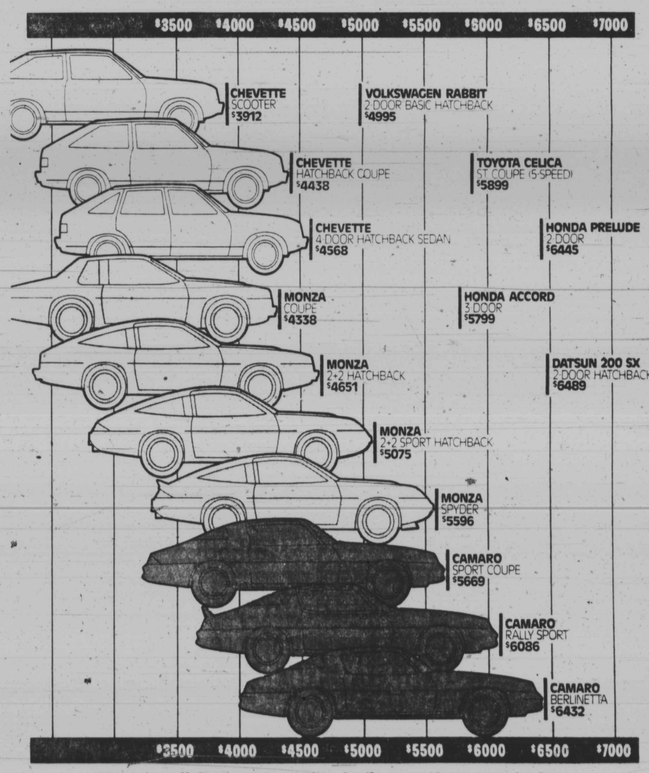

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