Capital Centre gets Sugar Ray

Sugar Ray Leonard reaffirmed his local ties Thursday when he announced that his first defense of the WBC welterweight championship will be staged at Capital Centre.

Leonard, whose home is in Palmer Park, not far from Landover, where the Capital Centre is located, will meet British contender David Greene on March 31.

Although Greene maintains that Leonard is "wasting his time" doing so, Sugar Ray is weighing future bouts with lightweight ex - champion Roberto Duran, WBA titlist. Pipino Cuevas or Wilfredo Banitez from whom he (Leonard) took the WBC crown last year.

CT updated for Feb. 22

CHARLES TOWN (Special) — The Charles Town Turf Club is preparing for its 1980 opening date of Feb. 22 with the installation of 110 new American Totalisator Tim 300 series machines.

These machines are one step in a series of changes designed to update and improve the track.

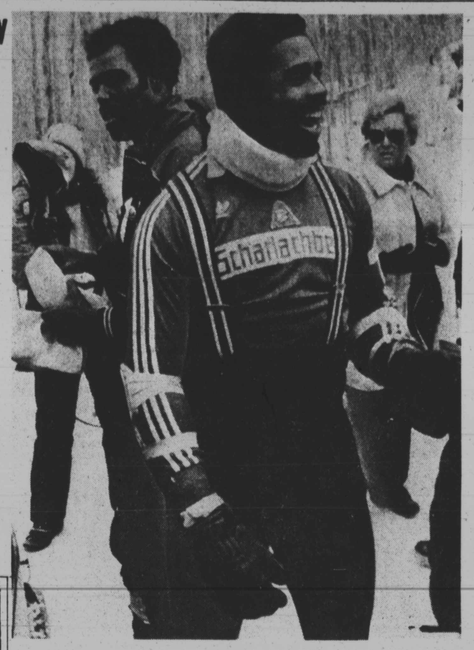
The American Totalisator terminals will allow bettors multiple bets per ticket, advanced race betting, and can accommodate different bet values and types on a single ticket. It also enables the bettor to buy and cash tickets at the same window.

NAIA ranks Bulldogs No.2

Alabama State continues as second - ranked team this week's National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics basketball ratings.

Winston - Salem State (NC), placed No. 7, gives predominately black schools two spots in the NAIA's top 10.

The ratings are led by Wisconsin - Eau Claire with a 19 - 1 record.



Willie Davenport
Olympic hurdles gold in '68

Dunbar and Northwestern eager for 3rd shot at Western girls

By Samuel Davis

Both Northwestern and Dunbar girls basketball teams had two chances to defeat unbeaten Western, and maybe ruin its chances for another Division I title. But each failed.

Both coaches, however, would like nothing better than another shot at Western in the Public Schools Tournament later this month.

"I would love to play them again," said Northwestern coach Lillian Brown. "Since they have so many girls to choose from, it's like they are the best. And that's who you need to play to see how good you are."

"I'd love to," Dunbar coach Jennifer Jones said, almost duplicating Brown's comments. "To me it is a challenge.

That's if we could get halfway decent officiating, because it has been terrible this season."

Dunbar, which defeated Walbrook Tuesday for the second time this season, breaking a tie for third place, not only lost to first place Western twice, but also dropped two contests to second place Northwestern.

The Poet ladies carry a full squad, but depend mainly on scoring from Wanda Johnson and Tonya Griffin. The two average 20 and 18 points a game respectively. For rebouding, the first year coach depends on Denise Ward and Bernadette Harris. The latter averages eight points a game, along with 12 rebounds, while Ward leads the team, pulling down 16 caroms an outing.

Antionette Warmack has also been a steady performer for the team, coming off the bench to average eight points a game.

Northwestern's secret to its success is completely the opposite of Dunbar's.

She is led by the all - around play of Cynthia Robinson, who, ironically, transferred from Western to Northwestern after playing there her freshman and sophomore years, and sitting out her junior.

At 6 - 2, the senior, who goes by the nickname of "Stretch," is averaging 16 points and nine rebounds a game.

But her 16 - point average does not lead the team. Freshman guard Grace Green is averaging 18 points an outing.

Quest for unprecedented gold spurs Davenport at Lake Placid

By Martin Lader

LAKE PLACID, N.Y. (UPI) — In a country where so many racial barriers have fallen, one continued to stand as a formidable challenge to black sportsmen.

And on Tuesday, that came crashing down with the speed of white lightning.

Willie Davenport, who earned a gold medal in the 1968 Olympics as a hurdler, and Jeff Gadley, a decathlon champion, qualified for the Winter Games when their sled driven by Bob Hickey finished first in the U.S. four-man bobsled championships.

In 12 previous Winter Olympics, dating back to 1924, no black American ever represented the United States in any sport.

"There's a myth in this country that says blacks can't make the American winter team," said the 36-year-old Davenport. "Jeff and I proved this to be wrong, that you don't have to be rich and white to make it."

It is less than two months since the day that Davenport first saw the inside of a sled, and he admits to being terrified at his first look down the icy, mile-long course.

"You think of a roller coaster ride, multiply that 75 times, and you get the feeling," he described.

Yet he says he was highly motivated to succeed.

"To become the first black was a challenge to me," he said. "I can't say why others haven't succeeded before. But that's one of the things that really inspired me, to be gung-ho about it. It's nice to be first.

"Being black, you can't touch it, you can't see it, you can't feel it. But it's there."

The sled, which had white Jeff Jordan as the fourth member, set a course record while winning the No. 1 position on the U.S. bobsled team.

The United States has not won an Olympic bobsled medal of any kind in 24 years.

Midweek results

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

AFRO - Area

Bowie St. 68, American 64 (women)
Bowie State 69, Gallaudet 52
Cheyney St. 70, Kutztown 53
Fayetteville 74, Norfolk St. 64
Geo. Mason 68, Howard 67 (OT)
Hampton 83, Eliz. City 81
J.C. Smith 99, Va. State 87
Liberty Bapt. 116, St. Paul's 101
Morgan 68, Delaware St. 67 (OT)
St. Aug. 63, Va. Union 61
S.C. State 56, Baptist 55
UDC 114, Md., E. Shore 40 (women)
Va. Union 107, Va. State 94
W. Salem 90, N.C. Central 85
W. Salem 95, Hampton 71

OTHERS

Alcorn 87, Grambling 72
Fla. A-M 74, Southern 67
Ky. State 85, Bellarmine 84
Langston 66, Ark - Pine Bluff 64
Morehouse 95, Benedict 80
Morris Brown 75, Savannah St. 71
Nicholls St.80, Dillard 78
Tenn. St. 83, Tenn-Martin 76
Tenn. State 62, Tenn. Tech 61
Texas Southern 79, Miss. Valley 70
Tuskegee 116, Morris Brown 86

Scholastic Sports Schedules

FRIDAY

Varsity Basketball

Mervo at Southern
Poly at Walbrook
Edmondson at Southwestern
Douglass at Dunbar
Patterson at Carver

JV Basketball

Northern at Edmondson
Poly at Walbrook
Edmondson at Southwestern
Douglass at Dunbar
Patterson at Carver
Northern at City
Mervo at Southern

Varsity Wrestling

Boys Latin at Northwestern
Dunbar at Poly
Walbrook at St. Paul
Edmondson at Gibbons
Douglass at Forest Park

Varsity Swimming

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

JV Swimming

Southern at Patterson
Severn at Lake Clifton
Dunbar at Northwestern
Walbrook at Mervo
Carver at Southwestern
Northern at Douglass

Girls Basketball

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

Girls JV Basketball

Walbrook at Lake Clifton
Dunbar at Patterson
Western at Forest Park
Carver at Mervo
Southern at Douglass
Eastern at City

MONDAY

Basketball

Forest Park at N. Western
Forest Park JV at N. Western JV

Girls Baksetball

Douglass at Mervo
N. Western at S. Western

Girls JV Basketball

Douglass at Mervo
N. Western at S. Western

Girls Gymnastics

Poly at Lake Clifton
Forest Park at Western

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