Rising Edmondson gals eager to test Western

By Samuel Davis

When Paul Shaford started coaching the Edmondson girls basketball team in 1977, his first year, he manged to steer the team to a 9-5 record.

The next season even more than a winning record was accomplished. The team ended the season with an overall record of 18-3. Included were a Division II Title, and a tough loss to Western in the final round of the Public School Tournament.

Is it possible to top that? Sure. You go unbeaten, win the dividional title again, and win the Public School Tournament. Oh yes, one other thing: beat Western.

After all, they've been called the queens of Baltimore girls basketball, winning so many championships.

Now, considering what Edmondson has accomplished this year, she's halfway there.

The Lady Redskins ended their season las tFriday with a win over Northern that capped a perfect league record of 13-0, and boosted the overall log to 13-1. The one loss was the season opener against Northwestern. The perfect league mark was also good enough to give them the Division II title for the second consecutive year.

The chance to derail Western comes Tuesday. Tehy can wait until later for the PST.

Western won the Division I title. That sets up the Tuesday showdown at Northern, neutral grounds.

At Edmondson, the feeling is that the team's chances of upsetting Western are very good.

"I think if we are allowed to play our game, we'll be successful," said Shuford.

"We've got them this year," said Patricia Carr, who was a member of last year's team that lost to Western. "Their height is not as great as ours."

Carr, who leads the team in scoring and rebounding averages with marks of 18 and 16, respectively, joined the team the same year as Shuford, and played varsity all three seasons.

Like Carr, three more of the starters, including her sister, Lydia, are averaging in double figures.

Lynn Couser, who also is in her third season on varsity, averages 14. Clarrissa Daniels and Carr's sister Lydia score 13 and 11 respectively. Janet Fogel, the starting point guard averages eight. She like Daniels and Lydia Carr have two years of varsity experience.

"Last year they were a good team, but they're a little better this year because they've played together and they're accustomed to each other," Shuford said about his squad.

Carr also feels the experience was a determining factor, but also the team's reserves.

Linda Beasley, Lauri Quarles, Jackie Wilson, Robin Dabney and Hope Robertson, a defensive specialist, make up the reserves.

JAYVEE CAGE QUEENS — Dunbar High School's JV girls basketball team recently recorded its 13th straight (11-0 league) victory, and AFRO photographer Mark Gall was on hand to congratulate. Anticipating their fourth consecutive JV championship are: Barbara Cosby, Desiree Diggs, Sharon Thomas, Michelle Powell, Ellen Brown, Alberta Baker, Towanna Brown, Theresa Allen, Adrienne Carrington, Tammy Morris, Jenita Monk, Ella Shearin, Daphne Boone, Kim Holiday, Terry Morris, Johnie McClain, Carolyn Allen, Natalie Stubbs, Juanita Maye and (front left) coach Ann Koger. Not shown are members Azilia Matthews and Tony Powell.

Youth cage tourney set this weekend at CCB

By Samuel Davis

The Baltimore City Bureau of Recreation Sports Council will hold its second annual basketball tournament Friday (today), with the first game scheduled at 5 p.m., at the Community College of Baltimore fieldhouse.

This year the council has added girls' games to the tournment, which is for teams with players ranging from age 12 to 14.

Returning to defend their title will be the Bucaneers of Towson. Another strong contender will be last year's runner-up Lafayette.

Contests will also be held at six, seven, eight and nine on Friday, Saturday the games will begin at 10 a.m. They will also play at 11 and 12, then break until 7-9 p.m.

Sunday shows a full schedule, beginning at 1 p.m. and running until eight.

Monday, the championship games will begin at 7 o'clock, with consolation games preceding them.

Tickets which would include admittance to all of the games scheduled for one day, cost $1. A booklet may also be purchased for $1.50 that would entitled the holder to attend all of the games, including the championships.

Proceeds from the tournment will be used to purchase uniforms for children who participate in various youth games.

Participation in the tournament also provides a chance to try out for the team that will represent Baltimore in the Summer Youth Games.

Whoopee, Willie!

Retired baseball great Willie Mays will be presented the A. Philip Randolph Award at a Radio City (NY) Center dinner April 17.

Dinner organizers are anticipating a generous turnout of sports and entertainment celebrities.

Maryland gal setting pace for Slippery Rock gymnasts

Slippery Rock State (Pa.) College is ranked No. 1 in gymnastics in Division II of the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women.

And one of the main reasons for this sudden resurgence is an 18-year-old freshman from Severn, Md., named Monica Reaves.

A first-year Business major at the school, Reaves has blossomed as a complete competitor this winter.

The Old Mill High (Severn) graduate already has broken the school record with a 9.40 score in vaulting, has scored an 8.05 on the uneven parallel bars, attained a 7.3 on the balance beam in SR's most recent win, and is putting a floor exercise routine together at the present time.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Urel E. Reaves of 1739 Old Calvert Court in Severn, is described by Rock coach Cheryl Levick as "99 pounds of muscle." An excellent all-around performer, she demonstrates her explosive power best in the vault and on the bars.

Monica Reaves '99 pounds of muscle'

Slippery Rock improved its record to 7-1 recently by going over the 130-point mark for the first time this winter, tallying 130.55 in defeating Indiana, Pa. and Pitt-Johnstown.

Division I West Virginia is the only team to conquer the Green and White this winter.

On March 1, Slippery Rock will host the Pennsylvania Conference meet and coach Levick is optimistic that her team can claim the team championship.

After the state competition, it's off to regional and national competition for the team that Lvick describes as her best.

Bits O' Briefs

Moscow nyet!

ST. LOUIS (UPI) — The Sporting News says an overwhelming majority of its readers favor boycotting the Moscow Olympics.

The national weekly said Monday 1,220 readers responded to a ballot in two recent issues, and 910 voted in favor of a boycott and 310 opposed it.

Asked whether the Olympics should be moved to an alternate site, 669 said yes and 288 no.

"Our readers are hardcore sports fans and I would judge that their 75 percent vote in favor of a boycott is a pretty accurate reflection of the views of all fans," publisher J. Michael Hadley said.

Ex-Trojan a coach

Nate Shaw, southern California's All-America cornerback in 1966 and coach of the defensive secondary at Oregon State the past four seasons, has been named an assistant coach of the Trojans' football team.

Shaw, 34, was a three-year letterman at Southern Cal, earning all-coast and all-PAC-8 honors in 1965 before being named an All-America the following year.

Inks Spinks

Former heavyweight champion Leon Spinks tentatively has been scheduled to meet Eddie Lopez in a match in late February or early March at the Tucson (Ariz.) Community Center, a city official said Wednesday.

Center director Robert Thompson, in a talk to the Tucson Press Box Association, said he reached agreement Wednesday morning with boxing promoter Don King on staging the bout.

HOLD THAT LAKER — Lake Clifton's Terry White (R) battles to escape the double trap set up by Pam Qualls (14) and Beverly Laws of Dunbar in this skirmish during MSA game at Dunbar. The Lady Peets won the decision, 76-61, as AFRO photographer Mark Gall recorded the action.

Garden to get Nehemiah Feb, 29

Maryland University senior Renaldo Nehemiah, the world's leading high hurdler, will make his lone Madison Square Garden (N.Y.) appearance in the TAC-AAU indoor track championships Feb. 29.

Nehemiah, who set successive world records during last year's indoor season, competed in only two meets this year prior to sustaining an injury.

Maryland teammate Chris Person, a surprise winner of the 600-yard run in last week's Millrose Games, will also compete in the TAC-AAU meet. Person, an intermediate hurdler, was making his major invitation race debut.

CIAA TEAMS (Unofficial)

Northern Division			
Va. Union	11	3	.786
Hampton	9	5	.643
Norfolk St.	7	6	.538
Eliz. City	8	7	.533
St. Paul's	5	10	.333
Va. State	2	12	.143
Southern Division			
W. Salem	12	3	.800
St. Aug	10	3	.700
J. C. Smith	9	6	.600
Fayetteville	6	8	.429
Livingstone	2	10	.167
Shaw	0	11	.000

MEAC TEAMS (Unofficial)

Howard	15	7	.682
Delaware St.	11	9	.550
S.C. State	9	12	.429
A and T	8	12	.400
N.C. Central	7	14	.333
Morgan		14	.263
Fla. A-M	3	18	.143

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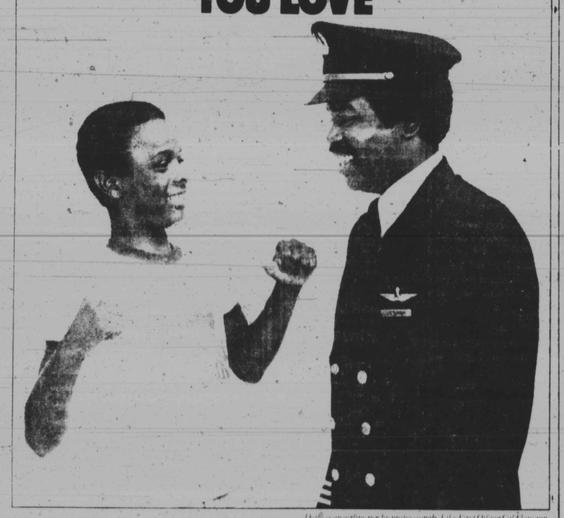

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Basketball weekend

COLLEGE GAMES

Friday
CIAA tournament, Hampton (women)
Bowie at Coppin State
Catholic U tournament (women)
N.C. Central at Md., E. Shore
Queens at Cheyney St. (women)

Saturday
N.C. Central at Morgan
Bowie at Southeastern
Delaware St. at Towson St.
A and T at Howard
Catholic U tournament (women)
CIAA tournament, Hampton (women)
Bowie at Frostburg (women)
Morgan-Towson St. at Civic Center (women)
Lincoln at Coppin St.
Eliz. City at Norfolk St.
J.C. Smith at Belmont Abbey
S.C. State at Robert Morris
Slippery Rock at Cheyney St. (women)
Ala. A-M at Tuskegee
Jackson St. at Alcorn
Miss. Valley at Grambling

Sunday
Catholic U tournament (women)
Morgan at Navy (women)

Monday
Bowie at Delaware St. (women)
St. Joe at Cheyney St. (women)
Lincoln at Cheyney St.
Norfolk St. at Livingstone
Ft. Valley at Albany St. (women)
Wiley at Prairie View
Miles at Tuskegee
Southern at Texas Southern

NBA GAMES

Friday
Philadelphia at Detroit
Milwaukee at Houston
Golden State at Indiana
San Antonio at Chicago
Atlanta at Denver
Kansas City at Los Angeles
Washington at Phoenix
Boston at Portland

Saturday
Utah at New York
Chicago at Philadelphia
Detroit at Cleveland

Sunday
Cleveland at Philadelphia
Atlanta at Detroit
Chicago at Indiana
Milwaukee at San Antonio
Houston at Denver
Washington at Los Angeles
New Jersey at Phoenix
Golden State at Portland
Kansas City at San Diego
Boston at Seattle

Midweek results

AFRO-AREA TEAMS

Campbell 72, A and T 65
E. Carolina 89, Delaware St. 79
East Ky. 84, S.C. State 72
Eliz. City 93, St. Paul's 79
Fairmont 98, Coppin St. 47
Hampton 104, J. C. Smith 89
Maine 77, A and T 76
Morgan 70, Bowie State 57
Morgan 64, Pitt-Johnstown 58 (women)
Norfolk St. 89, St. Paul's 81
Norfolk St. 86, Morris Brown 76
St. Aug 94, W. Salem 90
UDC 122, Gallaudet 82
Va. Union 73, Morgan 41

OTHER TEAMS

Ala. State 71, North Ky. 62
Ala.-Huntsville 84, Stillman 72
Alcorn 96, Prairie View 81
Albany St. 66, Fla. A-M 62
Armstrong St. 104, Edw. Waters 79
Ark.-Pine Bluff 51, Rust 50
Benedict 70, Bethune 55
Grambling 67, Texas Southern 60
Lane 67, Morehouse 65
Mo. Lincoln 78, Mo. Rolla 76
Southern 94, Miss. Valley 88

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FUTURE LADY TERP — Rachelle Willett (R) is not getting much playing time with the Maryland women's basketball team at the moment, but coach Chris Weller sees a great future for her with coming Lady Terp combinations. Here the freshman guard from Long Island drives past Wake Forest's Barbara Durham. Willette is one of five black members of the Maryland squad.

AFRO finds new soccer league bears promise

By Mark Gail

PHILADELPHIA — Baltimore Civic Center officials, with eyes focussed on the prospect of an indoor soccer franchise, introduced between the Philadelphia Fever and the Buffalo Stallions, won by the latter, 4-2.

Philadelphia and Buffalo are members of the MISL's Atlantic Division, along with New York, Pittsburgh and Hartford, Conn.

The other of the two-divisional setup is the Central, which embraces Detroit, Cleveland, Houston, St. Louis and Wichita.

Played in an area the size of an ice-hockey rink, with the normal soccer ball (orange and black), the game claims unquestionable appeal.

The Fever-Stallion battle, for example, drew 10,983 customers despite inclement weather.

For those sports fans who enjoy personal contact and all it entails, the game may have special attraction.

Several times during the Philadelphia-Buffalo contest, rival players squad off. At one point, the AFRO camera caught Fever star Dock Lawson admonishing in first - shaking fashion a member of the Stallions as Philly goalie Scott Manning watched.

Lawson is one of three blacks on the Philadelphia team. The others are Clyde Watson and Elson Seale.

League rules permit just four players of foreign extraction on the 12-man roster of each team. As a consequence, it is anticipated that more American blacks will find an incentive to play what must be considered a relatively new sport in the Baltimore area.

Doc Lawson runs 'fever' Philly star admonishes Stallion

After four weeks of hovering in second place, Alabama State wrested the No.-1 spot in NAIA basketball ratings Tuesday.

The Bulldogs, logging a 22-1 record, picked up 24 first place votes in the NAIA poll for 458 total points. Claire, which had led the first five weeks, was second with a 22-2 record and 412 points.

The only other predominately black school listed in the NAIA's top ten is Winston-Salem (NC) State, placed ninth.

Scholar-Athlete nominees raised to 88 for '80 dinner

Scholar-Athletes representing 88 football playing high schools in and around the Baltimore metropolitan area will be honored March 12 at Martin's West at the 17th annual Scholar-Athlete Awards Dinner sponsored by the Greater Baltimore Chapter of the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame.

Tickets for this year's dinner are $19 per person. For information call 484-6768.

Dinner chairman Bill Mackley announced that all of the 88 nominations have been received in addition to the Maryland College Scholar Athlete of the Year candidates.

"We have added two new schools to this year's program bringing the total number of young men that we will honor to 88," Mackley said.

The two new additions to this year's list are Fairmont High in Harford County and Owings Mills High in Baltimore County.

One of the 88 scholar-athletes will be selected grand prize winner and receive a $1,000 scholarship. Four other regional winners, representing the remaining geographical areas, will receive $400 scholarships each.

Scholastic Sports Schedule

FRIDAY

Varsity Wrestling

Poly at St. Paul
Dunbar at Walbrook

Varsity Swimming

Lake Clifton at Edmondson
Southwestern at Northwestern
Patterson at Northern
Mervo at Forest Park
Southern at Walbrook

JV Swimming

Patterson at Northern
Southwestern at Northwestern
Southern at Walbrook

Wheatley backed for Hall of Fame

David Baer, president of the Easterwood Park Boys, Inc., has recommended that Thomas "Rapp" Wheatley be considered for induction into the Maryland Athletic Hall of Fame.

In a letter to Chester O'Sullivan, executive secretary of the Hall of Fame committee, Baer details Wheatley's many contributions to civic and youth organizations after his glowing career in college (Morgan) and semi-pro basketball.

Wheatley was one of a group of outstanding players in Morgan's halcyon days on the court.

Contemporaries included the late "Lanky" Jones, Pinky Clark, "Cutey" Brown, Powell Sheffy and Jack Spencer.

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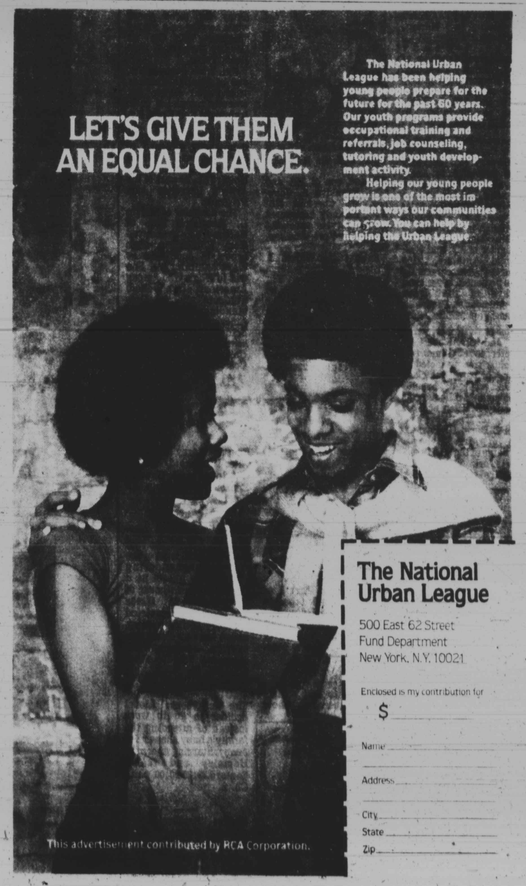

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