Morgan State to host women's cage tourney

The surging Morgan State women's basketball team, winner of 17 of 20 games, will host the annual EAIAW Small College Regional Basketball Tournament March 7-8 in Hill Fieldhouse.

The top eight teams in the EAIAW are selected and seeded by the regional selection committee. The quarterfinals rounds will be played at the home sites of the four top seeded teams. The four winners at each site will participate in the regional championship tournament.

Morgan State coach and tournament director LaRue Fields feelsthat this week could be crucial for some teams.

"The teams are not picked by overall record but by the strength of schedule and record versus regional teams," Field said. "It's conceivable that a team with a strong schedule and a poor overall record could get into the tournament over a team with a much better won-loss record."

The early favorites in the tournament include St. Peter's (N.Y.) and the host team Morgan State. However, Fields feels any of the top teams could win the tournament.

"This is a one game elimination tournament and the teams participating will have earned the right to be there," she added, "playing on our home court will certainly be to our advantage, but first we must win our quarter-final game which will also be played at Morgan.

"The selection committee will select the eight participating teams on Sunday and all quarter-final games will be held on Feb. 29.

SECOND TIME AROUND — With hours after the Dunbar High School girls won the MSA JV championship, it was recalled that this photo by Mark Gail had run last Friday. But since the young lady Poets on Tuesday were annexing their fourth straight title, it was felt they deserved a second time around here. Aiding in the 24-22 defeat of City were: 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, Kimm Holiday; Terry Morris, Johnie McClain, Carolyn Allen, Natalie Stubbs, Juanita May and (front left) coach Ann Koger.

2 straight Fritchies eyed

BOWIE, Md. — In the past 26 runnings of the $75,000 - added Barbara Fritchie Handicap there have been two back - to - back winners of Bowie's distaff special which will be renewed here tomorrow (Saturday).

John A. Grondin's Skipat will have the opportunity of joining his select group when she goes postward against a fine field of fillies and mares in the seven - furlongs event.

Skipat carried high-weight of 125 in last year's Fritchie and shapes up as the likely favorite for a repeat victory. A trip to the winner's circle would place the Connecticut - bred maro in the category of double winners - Too Bald (1968 - 69) and Twixt (1974 - 75).

Expected to oppose Skipat are Carla C. Matthews' Fine Prospect, C. Oliver Goldsmith's Silver Ice, Constantine P. Beler's Aunt Hattie, Vito Corsile's Great Daughter, Mrs. F. A. Howard's Misty Malarky, Alan S. Kline's Contrary Rose, John B. Morryman's Lady Lyndy and Pic Stable's Lady Lonsdale.

Bid seeking fortune

BOWIE, MD., — Spectacular Bid is seeking his 1980 fortune in the west, but Pole Position has come East for his, continuing with the $50,000-added Native Dancer Handicap which highlights tomorrow's (Saturday) program at Bowie.

The Native Dancer, honoring television's first equine star, is a mile and one-sixteenth

Pole Position, winner of $245,562 in 1979 and a Bowie allowance race by five lengths last month, is the early favorite to sweep through the Dancer and Campbell

WELL - DONE, GIRLS — Western High School repeated as Maryland Scholastic Association girls basketball champion on Tuesday, defeating Edmondson. Accepting the AFRO photo by Mark Gail championship trophy from Mary Stephens Harris of the school superintendent's staff are Melissa Isaac (left) and Debbie Harvin.

Muscle men are matched at Civic Center Saturday

One of the professional wrestling treats of the new year has been signed by promoter Phil Zacko to headline the six event wrestling card set for the Baltimore Civic Center (Saturday) night, first match at 8:30 o'clock.

Zacko, who now rates Baltimore and the Civic Center among the outstanding major cities of the country for box office, has outbid rival promoters elsewhere by signing Ken Patera, 1972 United States bronze medalist in weightlifting at the Munich Olympics. He will oppose two - time former World Wrestling Federation heavyweight champion Bruno Sammartino.

In a one - fall title co - feature restricted to a one hour time limit, Samoans No. 1 and 2, currently ranked as leading challengers, will attempt to dethrone the current WWWF tag - team champions, Tito Santana and Ivan Putski.

Sammartino originally a European and North American weightlifting champion, was considered pro wrestling's undisputed strongest man until Patera, a 6 - 1, 265 - pound power specialist emerged. Patera has sored impressively among the world's strongest in-nationally televised competition for the past several years.

Basketball this weekend

COLLEGE GAMES
Friday
A and T at Delaware St.
Frostburg women's tournament
Coppin St. at St. Mary's
Bowie at Mary Washington
Georgetown at Howard (women)
UDC at Longwood
UDC at Rutgers (women)
Howard at Fla. A-M
Md., E. Shore at Delaware St. (women)
Md., E. Shore at Delaware St.
Frostburg women's tournament
Lincoln at S. Eastern
S.C. State at Winthrop (women)
Alcorn at Ark-Little Rock
Prairie View at Texas Southern
Grambling at Southern
Prairie View at Texas Southern
Monday
Howard at Southern
American at Howard (women)
Lincoln at Bowie State

NBA GAMES
Friday
San Antonio at Washington
Phoenix at Atlanta
Houston at Utah
Denver at Golden State
New Jersey at Los Angeles

Midweek results

BASKETBALL
Area Colleges
Bowie 86, Delaware St. 82 (women)
Cheyney 72, Lincoln 58
Delaware St. 92, S. Eastern 56
Fayetteville 94, N.C. Central 86
Gardner-Webb 98, Shaw 78
Lincoln 79, Rutgers - Camden 74
Little Rock 76, A and T 68
Md. E. Shore 62, Coppin St. 56
Morgan 82, Navy 72 (women)
Norfolk St. 85, Livingstone 73
UDC 10h, Bowie St. 74 (women)
UDC 74, Bowie State 64

OTHER COLLEGES
Alcorn 108, S.C. State 77
Central Mo. 97, Mo. Lincoln 84
Central St. 91, Walsh 68
Clark 72, Morehouse 68
Grambling 75, Jackson St. 74
Grambling 61, N.W. La. 55
Paine 70, Augusta 69
Southern 88, T. Southern 87
Tenn.-Chattanooga 84, Tenn. St. 76
Tenn. State 91, Miss. Valley 79

Mayor pumps Colts tix sales

A special group called the "Touchdowners" has been formed by Mayor Schaefer and other civic leaders to sell season football tickets for Baltimore Colts games.

Schaefer made the announcement Wednesday at a news conference.

The Mayor said the "Touchdowners" will push season tickets in an effort to "return to the era of sellout crowds at Memorial Stadium."

The "Touchdowners," modeled after the "Designated Hitters" group that peddles Orioles season tickets, will be headed by Leslie Disharoon, chairman of Monumental Corp., and Richard Hug, president of Environmental Elements Corp. Christopher Hartman, an aide to the Mayor, will oversee the project.

Cage standings

CIAA TEAMS
(UNOFFICIAL)

Northern Division			
Va. Union	13	3	.81
Hampton	10	5	.66
Norfolk St.	9	6	.60
Eliz. City	8	8	.50
St. Paul's	6	10	.38
Va. State	2	13	.13
Southern Division			
St. Aug.	11	3	.78
W. Salem	13	4	.76
J. C. Smith	9	7	.56
Fayetteville	8	8	.50
Livingstone	2	12	.14
Shaw	0	12	.00

MEAC TEAMS
(Unofficial)

Howard	16	7	.69
Delaware St.	11	9	.55
S.C. State	9	12	.42
A and T	8	13	.38
NC Central	7	15	.31
Morgan	6	14	.30
Fla. A-M	3	18	.14

Dick promoted

CHARLES TOWN, W. Va. — William Dick has been promoted to mutuel manager for the Charles Town Turf Club. The position had been formerly held by Raymond C. Kohlhepp, retiring this year after more than four decades of being associated with the racing business.

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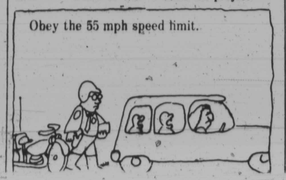

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Bits o' briefs

USSR ok's LA

VIENNA (UPI) — The Soviet Union will still participate in the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles even if the Americans boycott Moscow, Soviet sports minister Sergei Pavlov said Monday in an interview with the Austrian newspaper "Die Presse".

"If we are invited to Los Angeles, we will go no matter whether the Americans will come to Moscow or not," said Pavlov.

"We expect all nations to come (to Moscow), and we would be sad if one of our friends should stay away," said Pavlov in a reference to Austria.

Not much, but...

It didn't amount to much when the day and time are considered, but two local golfers picked up pieces of the Tucson (Ariz.) Open purse last weekend.

Lee Elder of Washington, collected $702 for his 289 finish, 19 strokes off winner Jim Colbert.

And Marylander Ron Terry pocketed $562 for his 296.

Dios mio!

The AFRO sports desk had one reaction to the announcement that Billy Martin is headed for Oakland as manager of the A's: Dios mio!

Keeper Kareem

Kareem Abdul - Jabbar became the first member of the NBA to be named "Player of the Week" twice Tuesday when the league cited the Los Angeles center for leading the Lakers to three victories in as many games.

Jabbar kept the honor by scoring 83 points in three games for the week ending Feb. 17, including 32 against Portland in a game in which he also had 11 assists.

AT CATONSVILLE — Two - time Wimbledon and Forest Hills tennis champion Althea Gibson will address the Status of Women in Sports conference tomorrow (Saturday) at 9 a.m., at Catonsville Community College. The two - day session - Saturday and Sunday - will feature 16 workshops covering all phases of women in sport competition.

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At Winter Olympics

Coach backs off switch, sled still integrated

LAKE PLACID — The coach retreated the captain stood firm and, the player explained.

All this happened Wednesday in the wake of a controversy involving the No. 1 bobsled team of the U.S. Winter Olympic's squad.

As a result, the team remains integrated with two whites — driver Bob Hickey and brakeman Jeff Jordan — riding with Willie Davenport and Jeff Gadley in the 4-man sled competitions this weekend.

In a statement released after he met with the team Tuesday, coach Gary Sheffield explained why he decided to test members of the team during training runs for the event that begins tomorrow (Saturday).

"There is just one reason why I wanted to test members of the team," the coach said. "I wanted to be certain we have the two strongest sleds possible on the line as try to achieve our goal of an Olympic medal.

"That is the only reason. Any reports that this was in any way a racial matter or based on any other considerations are wholly and completely false."

Davenport said that the reports of racial controversy on the team could have resulted from a conversation he had with a news reporter on Feb. 5, the date that he made the team.

"A girl said to me 'Bobsledding is traditionally a white rich man's sport. How come you're in it?' I said, "Well Iam not rich and I'm not white but I'm in it," said Davenport.

"That fried our minds," said Howard Siler, who will drive the second U.S. sled. "I'm white but I'm not rich."

During practice runs Sheffield tried to hold "runoffs' to determine the final alignment of sled personnel. But Hickey, driver of the first sled — which includes Davenport and Gadley — refused, saying he felt comfortable with his teammates.

Sheffield said his specific goal in making any switches was improving the push time — the time it takes the team to cover the first 50 meters of the course. His effort led to some curious results.

In both training runs, the second U.S. team — with Tyler's pushing skills evident — recorded a better push time than sled 1. In the first heat, Sled 2 was off in 5.01 compared to 5.03 for Sled 1. Yet Sled 1 finished .46 seconds ahead of Sled 2.

When asked to explain how that could happen, Davenport refused to answer, saying it was for others to interpret.

Davenport admitted there was some resentment on the team toward him because of his short bobsled career.

"Use commonsense," he said. "If you were a reporter for 30 years and some young kid came in and started doing better work than you, how would you feel?"

Willie Davenport (L) and Jeff Gadley hold positions despite controversy.

Ravens' finale set Saturday

The Baltimore Ravens wheelchair basketball team will play its last home game of the season at 7:30 p.m., tomorrow (Saturday) at Eastern Vocational Tech High School, on Mace Avenue in Essex.

The Ravens will meet the Washington U.F.O.s for the third time. The last meeting between the two teams was the most exciting game of the season, with the U.F.O.s taking a last minute shot to top the Ravens 47 - 45.

Tickets for the February 23 contest are $1 in advance and $1.25 at the door. For ticket information, call the League for the Handicapped at 323 - 0500, ext. 61.

Gregory named

NEW LONDON, Conn. — Hallie Gregory, an assistant track and basketball coach at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy since 1971, has been appointed head track coach — the first black head coach in the history of the academy.

He was appointed by athletic director Otto Graham, who said Gregory will assume his new coaching duties in full int the spring. Gregory will be assisted by Lt. Cmdr. Greg Magee and Lt. Steve Hein, who will act as head coaches during the indoor track season.

Gregory, a physical education instructor, replaces Ed Tucker, who resigned after 13 years as head track coach.

BAFFLED — And justifiably so, is Georgetown coach John Thompson. His Hoyas beat Maryland by 12 points and broke a 57 - game. Syracuse streak.. Yet both AP and UPI polls place the Terps and the Orange in the top 10 this week, while GU is not listed by them among the top 20.

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