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HAPPY AND HARD—The Milford Mills High School sprint medley relay team smiles after victory in the Towson Relays at Towson State University. Left to right are: Lori Yerrell, Patty Hill, Nancy Brown and Phyllis White. Beneath them, straining for her score in the shotput is Patricia Short of Woodlawn.

Leonard-Duran purse 'biggest'

NEW YORK (UPI) — The WBC welterweight title bout between Sugar Ray Leonard and Roberto Duran should gross more than $30 million, according to the co-promoters, making it the biggest gate in boxing history.

The first major closed circuit television bout since Muhammad Ali-Ken Norton at Yankee Stadium in 1976 is set for June 20 at one of four sites — the Olympic Stadium in Montreal, the Super Dome in New Orleans, the Astrodome in Houston or Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas. Co-promoters Bob Arum and Don King say the decision on the site will be made next week.

"We believe this will be the highest grossing boxing match in history," said Arum Wednesday when the boxing bunch, including the two fighters, gathered at the Posh Waldorf-Astoria to begin the hype for what the promoters are calling, "the greatest fight of all time...well, okay, "the greatest fight of our generation.

"If Leonard doesn't get more than the $6.5 million which Ali got from his first fight with Joe Frazier (March 8, 1971), then King and I won't have done our jobs," said Arum.

"It's a super, super fight," said King, who has formed a truce with his promotional rival in order to co-promote the bout. "It is truly a championship fight with international flavor."

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Two Ravens are named wheelchair all-stars

Two players for the Baltimore Ravens wheelchair basketball team have been selected to the 1979-80 Capital Conference all-star team.

Rodney Allen, a Class III player, was selected for his overall play. Sam "Doc" Dent, A Class II player, was selected for the strong defensive role he plays. (Players are assigned classes with Class III being the least disabled and Class I being the most disabled.)

Allen, who has had a total hop replacement, led the Ravens, and finished as the nation's fourth leading scorer with an average of 23.3 points per game. The 6-2 Allen has played for the Ravens the last nine years. He plays both guard and center depending on the Raven's offense.

TV-radio cage benefit

The "Instant Eyes" of WJZ-TV will challenge the "WWINNERS" of WWIN Radio in a benefit basketball game in memory of the late Wiley Daniels, veteran news reporter at Channel 13. Sponsored by the Baltimore Urban League, the game will be played at the Poly gymnasium, today (Friday) at 8 p.m.

All proceeds from the game will be donated to the special Wiley Daniels Scholarship Fund, established for a Baltimore City high school student who aspires to a broadcasting career.

Half-time activities will feature the Dunbar High School Jazz Ensemble. Richard Sher of WJZ-TV and Mary Clayburn of WWIN will act as co-hosts, and personalities from both stations will be on hand to greet fans.

Concessions sold during the game will be donated by Polock Johnny's and Coca-Cola. All proceeds from the sale of refreshments will also be donated to the scholarship fund.

Tickets for the benefit can be purchased at the door: admission price is $1.

Scholastic Sports Schedules

FRIDAY

Girls Track
Eastern vs. Forest Pk., Kirk Fld.
Carver at Penn Relays

Varsity Track
Edmondson at Phila Pa. (Relays)
Northwestern at Phila. Pa. (Relays)
Lake Clifton at Northern
Mt. St. Joe at Poly
Patterson at Gilman
Walbrook at Phila. Pa. (Relays)
Wilde Lake at Southwestern
Southern at Dunbar
Douglass at Phila. Pa. (Relays)
Carver at Phila. Pa. (Relays)

JV Track
Lake Clifton at Northern
Mt. St. Joe at Poly
Patterson at Gilman
Walkersville at Southwestern
Southern at Dunbar
City at Curley

Varsity Lacrosse
Edmondson at Lake Clifton
Southern vs. N.W., Swann Park
John Carroll at Poly
Mt. St. Joe at Patterson
City College at Walbrook
Southwestern at Severn

Baseball
Walbrook at Poly
Calvert Hall at Patterson
Poly JV at Walbrook JV

SATURDAY

Varsity Track
Southern at Franklin Relays
Mervo at Franklin Relays
Edmondson at Phila Pa. (Relays)
Northwestern at Phila Pa. (Relays)
Walbrook at Phila Pa. (Relays)
Douglass at Phila Pa. (Relays)
Carver at Phila Pa. (Relays)

Girls Track
Carver at Penn Relays

MONDAY

Varsity Baseball
Walbrook at Curley
Loyola at Poly
Gilman at Patterson

JV Baseball
Poly at Loyola
Patterson at Gilman
Walbrook at Curley

Varsity Lacrosse
Lake Clifton at NW

Girls Softball
Edmondson vs. L. Clifton, Greenspring Jr. City vs. Dunbar, Harford Hgts.
Forest Park at Northwestern
Mervo vs. Northern, N. Harford
Carver at Eastern
Southern at Patterson
Southwestern at Western
Clifton
Western at Northern
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Premier hurdler Nehemiah quits Terps in rift with track coach

A long simmering rift between Renald "Skeets" Nehemiah and Maryland track coach Frank Costello has resulted in the world's leading hurdler quitting the Terrapins, it was revealed in Monday's edition of the university's student publication, The Diamondback.

Because of the quarrel, Nehemiah has relinquished the senior year of his track scholarship and will pay his own way until he receives his degree in May, 1981.

Indications are that the rift which had been simmering between the two for three years, reached boiling point Monday when Costello closed Maryland facilities to members of the D.C. International Track Club.

Nehemiah has been running for D.C. International recently, since Costello declared that he would not run his ace hurdler because the latter had suffered an ankle injury.

The Washington club is coached by Fred Sowerby, himself an outstanding middle-distance runner and an assistant track coach at Maryland.

Nehemiah ran for D.C. International last weekend in the Kansas Relays. This was at the same time that the Terps were losing their first Atlantic Coast Conference track championship in 25 years, at Raleigh.

According to the school paper, Sowerby and his athletes found a note posted at the track office door when they arrived Monday for the usual workout. The note read:-

"The University of Maryland track equipment, including the weight room, are off limits to all members of the D.C. International track team immediately. If you have any questions about this, please contact Carl James, athletic director .... This includes the track at Byrd Stadium."

It is reported that James, when confronted by Sowerby, declared that he "didn't put the sign there." James is said to have added: "Somebody wanted an authority figure and maybe I'm the guy in the black hat."

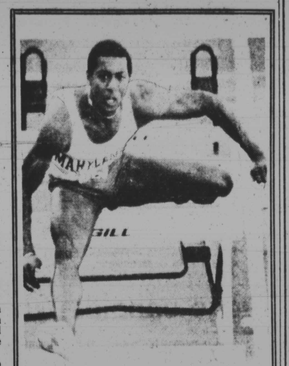
Sowerby said James assured him that D.C. International could continue to use the track at any time it wasn't being used for Maryland practices.

Nehemiah bristled: "I am a student here at the university and have a right to use the track in Byrd. This is a personal vendetta "directed at me by Costello."

The hurdler also revealed that he and his coach have been at odds since his enrollment as a freshman from New Jersey three years ago.

Costello was accused by Nehemiah of "exploiting "him," of entering him in too many meets and too many different events. He rebelled and the coach resented his "lack of cooperation."

Costello announced several weeks ago that he is resigning his position at Maryland in the near future.



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The six-week tournament was launched last Saturday in Baltimore with a game between the Cutty Gang, representing the sponsor, and a team from WBAL-TV.

A mile-long parade which includes enthusiastic high school and neighborhood bands and marching units, a motorcycle club, colorful vehicles from the Antique Motor Club of Greater Baltimore and a firefighting unit, made its way to Druid Hill Diamond 5, where the first game of the tourney was played. In it, the Cutty Gang defeated the telecasters, 12-5.

Tomorrow (Saturday), the second game of the series will feature a softball team from Morgan State. Gametime is 1 p.m., at Druid Hill Diamond 5.

Md. Lottery

The winning numbers in the Maryland lottery at Wednesday's drawing were as follows: six digit, 896546; five digit, 94940; four digit, 9177; three digit, 781 and two digit, 75.

Baseball

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