Bits o' brief

Trevino on stage

Lee Trevino, one of the PGA tour's most successful players and biggest cut-ups, will hold a golf clinic at Congressional Country Club's first tee at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, during the Kemper Open.

The clinic, cosponsored by the Kemper Open and Rawlings Golf, for whom Trevino plays, is open to anyone purchasing a $5 practice day ticket to the Kemper Open.

The "Merry Mex" will put on a one-and-a-half hour display of shotmaking, accompanied by pure Trevino commentary to provide the gallery with solid golf tips as well as many laughs.

Germans back up

MUNICH, (UPI) — West German Olympic officials, unhappy about being the only major European nation in the U.S.-led boycott of the Moscow Games, appeared Wednesday to be looking for ways to backtrack their boycott vote.

German NOC sources said a changed world situation and the fact that West Germany now stands virtually alone among America's allies in Europe over the boycott may lead the NOC General Assembly to convene a new meeting.

The West German stand was seen as crucial to the success of President Carter's boycott call, but the German NOC's Duesseldorf decision not to go to Moscow failed to sway wavering Europeans behind the protest.

Olympic score

LONDON — Olympic committees of six West European countries have decided to send their athletes to the Summer Olympics in Moscow and ignore President Carter's call for a boycott to protest the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

Monday's decision was by committees in Austria, Belgium, The Netherlands, Sweden, Iceland and Ireland.

This was something of a blow to the U.S. White House because all six of these countries had been expected to follow West Germany in its decision last week to boycott.

Italian si!

The day after the six-nation rebuff to Carter, Italy's National Olympic Committee voted overwhelmingly to send athletes to the Moscow Games despite a government ruling that such a team would be unofficial.

The committee vote was 29 in favor, three against and two abstentions.

O's clinic set for Saturday

Special emphasis is being placed on invitations to inner-city youngsters to attend tomorrow's (Saturday) Oriole baseball clinic.

Coach Elrod Hendricks and outfielder Pat Kelly are joining pitching coach Ray Miller and shortstop Mark Bellanger to conduct the 2-hour session commencing at 10:30 a.m., at Memorial Stadium.

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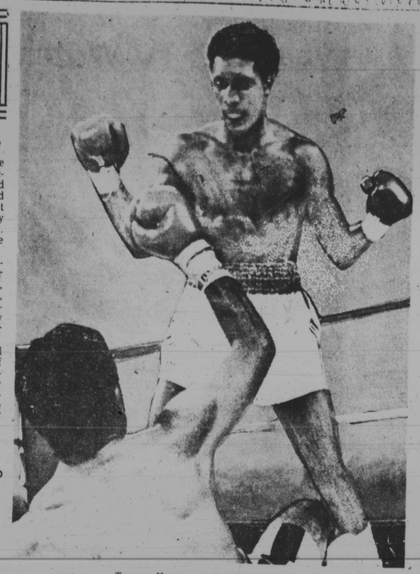

Tommy Hearns stops Eddie Gazo unbeaten (28-0) contender eyes WBA crown

And now a title shot

Virtually obscured by the tremendous popularity of Sugar Ray Leonard, Tommy "Hit Man" Hearns has been crying for attention.

His unbeaten string of 28 victories over welterweight foes failed to gain a shot at World Boxing Council Champion Leonard, but on Wednesday he apparently got the next best thing.

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Mexico's Pepino Cuevas, the World Boxing Association's welterweight champion, and Hearns of Detroit signed a contract to fight for the title in July or August.

The purse was not disclosed, but a knowledgeable source in Mexico City said Cuevas would receive $750,000.

Location of the fight and the exact date would be set later, promoters said.

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Sources close to the negotiations said talks lasted several hours Wednesday on whether the fight should be staged in Detriot or in one of several cities near the U.S.-Mexico border. At such a site, the bout could be blacked out for network television and still draw a large live gate.

Cuevas and Hearns are both undefeated in welterweight competition.

Promoters said the winner would probably face the victor of the WBC title fight next month or in June between Sugar Ray and Roberto Duran of Panama.

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Bears add Bowie State Delaware U.

Morgan State athletic director Earl Banks has announced the addition of the University of Delaware and Bowie State College to the MSU 1980 football schedule.

The Bears will travel to Newark, Delaware, on Sept. 27 and face the 1979 NCAA Division II national football champions, University of Delaware.

Morgan last faced the Blue Hens in 1977 when the teams fought to a 29-29 tie. The next week, October 4, Bowie State will host the Bears for the first time.

Towson State will open the home season on Sept. 6 in Morgan's Hughes Stadium. On September 13, the Bears travel to New York City for the annual Morgan-Grambling Football Classic in Yankee Stadium. The Bears will have an off weekend on September 20 before playing Delaware.

McKim to cite cage, mat stars

Awards to members of the championship basketball and wrestling teams will be made next Wednesday at McKim Center, 1120 E. Baltimore St.

Athletes will be feted at this annual event with 6:30 p.m. refreshments with presentations following at 7:30 o'clock.

'Huggers' being sought for Special Olympians

An estimated 1200 volunteers are being sought to act as "Huggers" for the mentally-handicapped athletes who will participate at the 11th annual Summer Games of the Maryland Special Olympics June 13-14.

"The day we need Huggers is Saturday, June 14" stated Leslie Rehbein, MSO public relations director. "On that day, each of our special athletes will be paired with a guide ... a "Hugger." That volunteer will make sure the athlete gets to his or her events, gets lunch, visits clinics in his or her free time.

The Hugger is really the best friend of a Special Olympian for the day. For many athletes, the relationship they develop with their Hugger is their lasting memory of the day."

These volunteers are called "Huggers" because, according to Rehbein, the most important thing they do is give their athletes moral support, and a hug at the end of each activity.

Volunteers are asked to register to be Huggers with the Maryland Special Olympics office, 2343 Foster Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21234. Or call the MSO at 661-4200. Arrangements can also be made for groups to serve as Huggers (youth organizations, service clubs, etc.) Huggers are asked to sign up by June 1.

New racquetball sport offered wheelchair set

Towson Court Club, with the cooperation of the League for the Handicapped, Inc., is offering membership to disabled persons who wish to play wheelchair racquetball.

"Currently we have two active players," said Sam DiCrespino, an instructor at the Towson club. "We also have two other men and two women who have expressed an interest."

DiCrespino said he hopes to get more players so that the competition will increase.

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The idea for wheelchair racquetball began in California. The program has been so successful in California that games are being played on the tournament level.

The wheelchair game is also being played in Rhode Island, and it is believed that the Towson Club is the first club in Maryland to offer this wheelchair sport.

The rules in wheelchair racquetball are slightly modified. The ball is allowed two bounces before it is hit by the player and there is a back centercourt line, much like the one used in tennis as a service guide.

To inquire about playing wheelchair racquetball, contact Sam DiCrespino, after 3:30 p.m., at the Towson Court Club, at 821-0160.

Laker cops stick award

Gary Burrell who led Lake Clifton through an unbeaten (10-0) season, was named the Maryland Scholastic Association's top lacrosse player in "C" Conference Wednesday night at Martin's Eudowood.

Other winners at the awards dinner sponsored by McCormick's, were Guy Matricciani of Boys Latin, and Chris Gaeng of John Carroll in "A" and "B" conferences, respectively.

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The 'magical' SMILE — Earvin "Magic" Johnson, the MVP in the Lakers 4-games-to-2 victory over the Philadelphia 76ers in the NBA title playoff, flashes his magical smile at the crowd which welcomed the team back home in Los Angeles with a ticker-tape parade on Monday.

Horse drug ban begins at Bowie

Strieter rules on the use of Phenylbutazone and Lasix at Maryland's thoroughbred tracks will take effect Monday when Bowie Race Course begins its season.

The Maryland Racing Commission has adopted rules that limit the use of Phenylbutazone, known as Bute. The drug can be used for training purposes but cannot exceed two micrograms per milliliter in post-race blood samples.

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The board also decided that Lasik, the common name of Furosemide, will continue to be allowed for horses observed to have bled on the racing strip at the end of a race. Horses on the bleeders list must remain at a detention barn five hours before a race.

Bute is an anti-inflammatory agent and Lasix is used to treat horses with respiratory problems. The commission adopted the rules after complaints the two drugs were being misused.

Unseld returns

Washington Bullets' center Wes Unseld has agreed to the terms of a one-year contract, the club said Tuesday, putting aside rumors of a possible retirement.

The report said that Unseld, who annually negotiates his contract with Bullets owner Abe Pollin, has agreed to play his 13th NBA season.

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Although Unseld, 34, has not signed a contract, neither he nor Bullets owner Abe Pollin consider that significant, said a club spokesman. He said Unseld "always does it this way and just shows up when training camp opens."

Rumors had been strong that Unseld might retire after the Bullets barely made the playoffs for the 12th straight year. The same rumors surfaced each of the last two years after the Bullets won the NBA title in 1978 and lost in the championship series to the Seattle Supersonics in 1979.

Wes Unseld no contract needed

What! O's back?

Yes, you can believe it: the Orioles are back home.

And in a relative sense, they'll be at Memorial Stadium for a long stay. To the 1980 Birds, seven games in a row on home soil is a long stand.

When the Detroit Tigers come in this (Friday) evening, they will help the defending American League champions launch their most extended home stop of the season. Their previous longest was the six-day session which came after the four-day road opener.

The pogo-stick schedule imposed on Earl Weaver and his road show had the Birds into Baltimore for just three games at a time (in each of the last three weeks.)

Three at home with the Yankees (April 28-30), three with the Twins (May 5-7), and three with the Rangers (May 12-14).

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Paul Silas joins Attles Wilkens

NBA Clippers make Silas league's 3rd black coach

The San Diego Clippers have named veteran backcourt star Paul Silas to succeed Gene Shue as head coach.

The action brought to three the number of black head coaches in the league, Silas joining Al Attles of Golden State and Lenny Wilkens of Seattle.

Irv Levin, owner and president of the NBA club, said Silas signed a three-year contract to coach the Clippers, and has also signed a one-year contract as a player.

"Paul has a truly remarkable record in the NBA and he comes highly recommended by everyone I consulted with around the league regarding his qualifications," Levin said.

"I also speak from personal association, since Paul and I were together for the 1975-76 championship season in Boston. He is a great person, has strong leadership qualities, is totally respected throughout the league, and I know he will make an outstanding coach," Levin said.

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Silas will begin his duties immediately and will represent the Clippers at the league meetings in Los Angeles next week.

Silas, who played two seasons with the Sonics after tours of duty with St. Louis, Atlanta, Phoenix, Boston and Denver, needs to play just 17 games next season to establish an NBA record for most games played.

BNBL play begins 11th year Monday

The 11th season of the Baltimore Neighborhood Basketball League begins on Monday.

Charles Colaianni, commissioner of the Division of Amateur Athletics for Baltimore City Bureau of Recreation, is again organizing one of the most successful basketball league programs for the citizens of Baltimore.

There will be competition for boys in the following groups:

Thirty-six teams in 13-and-under; 56 teams in 15-and-under; 54 in 18-and-under; 54 in 18-and-under; 34 in Unlimited A, and 12 in Unlimited AA.

Ten girls' teams are listed in the 13-and-under category; 12 in the 15-and-under, and 12 in the 18-and-under.

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Defending champions are: BOYS — Lafayette in 13-15-18 divisions, Colt 45 in Unlimited A, and Rockets in Unlimited AA.

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