AFRO Mrs. Santa Softball Marathon

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DOTSON'S LOUNGE, Jesse Bennett, manager, Joshua Bessicks, Ray Gaines, Roy Davis, Lundall Parker, James Williamson, Barry West, Bill Matthews, Ken Nicholson, Thomas Martin, Joel Acree, Lindwood Rogers, Pete Dotson, (coach), Eli Lyles, James Mills and Lloyd Johnson.

DOERS, Walt Wilhams, manager, Ronald Brown, Charles Carruth, Victor Moody, Rayner Banks, Oliver Stern, Donald Banks, Ralph Stewart, Bradford Chester and Carl Boyd.

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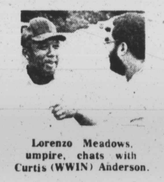
Rayner T. Banks, MTA employee and Mrs. Santa helper whose brain child it was to have Christmas in August — the AFRO Mrs. Santa Softball game last weekend.

FINNEGAN'S BAR, William Johnson, manager, Sigerlod Terrain, Donald Hughes, Lazarus Lassiter, Leon Wilson, Wayne Jones, Andre Graves, Michael Carter, Charles Carrington, Leonard Wilson and Tommie Alford.



Lorenzo Meadows, umpire, chats with Curtis (WWIN) Anderson.

Ed Claih (L) and Herb Hare volunteered two full days to umpire the AFRO's Mrs. Santa softball games. Others were Ed Clark, John Barton Jr., Thomas Lucas, Leo Bullis, Julius Wynn, Alexander Jones, John Staten, and Kerry Stevenson.

ALL WORLD, Ike Harlee, manager, had the following members Bill Baker, Calvin Shropshire, Donnie Hurpen, Larry Harlee, Ivan Harlee, Sharon Shopshire, Lee Davis, Michael Collier, Albert Shopshire, Marion DeVaux, Irvin Durant and Clifton Durant, Sr.

Helping AFRO Mrs. Santa keep track of pledges and cash were Ms. Sheila Smith (C) From (L) Mrs. Ida Peters and Mrs. Virginia Bowens. Others supporting were Tanya Smith, Rose Boyd, Valerie Jones, Victor Moody, Donald Banks and Morris Vaughn.

HAWKS, managed by Dave Hamman, had the following team Ralph Cummings, Harry Alascio, Ray Banks, Bruce Shiloh, David Hammock, Donald Outlaw, Michael Moore, Ty Blount, Samuel Carter, Dan Witt, and Robert Bayne.

Marathon Scores

Saturday

Doers 12- Vulcan Blazers 3 Hawks 15- WWIN 3 Slammers 14- Poets 5 Panthers 8- Roots 4 All World 2- Poets 1 Road Runners 4- Steps 2 Doers 10- Balto. Blades 2 Road Runners 14- MTA Retreat 3 All World 9- Dotson's 5 Operation Champ 13- Finnegan's Bar 6 Jolly Jacks 5- Otlaws 3 Dotson 8- Doers 4 Finnegan's Bar 10- Blazers 6 Steps 12- All Stars 9

Sunday

Steps 9- Panthers 3 Road Runners 12- Fantastic Ten 0 AFRO Newspapers 4- We are Family 3 Players 4- Hawks 3 Ramblers AC 12- Adventist Falcons 11 Finnegan's Bar 14- Outlaws 4 Players 6- Rambler's AC-4 Operation Champ 7- Hustler's 5 Steps 11- Sabers 9 Finnegans 9- Outlaws 8

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Bits o' briefs

C'mon, fellahs!

Upon hearing that the Yankees' Graig Nettles had broken his career record for homeruns by a third baseman, former Oriole Brooks Robinson cracked:

"I wish someone would hit into five triple plays. I wouldn't mind getting rid of that record, too."

Baltimore's first

Baltimore (Md.) will host the Women's International Bowling Congress championship tournament for the first time in history when the largest sports event in the world for women opens there April 2.

Between 7,000 and 8,000 five-woman teams — up to 40,000 women bowlers — are expected to enter the 62nd event, with the possibility that the count could go higher.

Three blacks — Marie Fouche, Kathy Alexander, of Los Angeles, and Carole Lee of Hempstead, N.Y. — are among the defending class champions.

Strike!

Mother Nature rolled a gigantic strike in Dublin, Calif., last January when the third in a series of substantial earth quakes rattled the Livermore Valley in Northern California. When the quake struck, all 400 pins on all 40 lanes at Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl went down at once.

Former Terp stars play Cole Sept. 6

Some of finest basketball talent in University of Maryland history will return to Cole Field House Sept. 6, to lend a hand to their alma mater's scholarship fund.

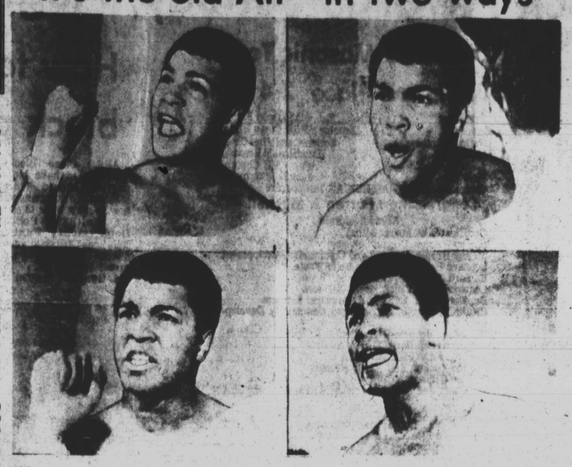
All-Americans John Lucas, Tom McMillen and Len Elmore are to be joined by ex-Terps Steve Sheppard, Mo Howard, Jim O'Brien and Brad Dalis in the second annual Chancellor's up game at 4:30 p.m., after the Maryland-Villanova football game.

Also slated to participate are Moses Malone, Jack Trimble, Kevin Greavey, Adrian Dantley and Darryl Brown.

The proceeds from the game will help finance the Chancellor's Scholars Program.

Based entirely on academic achievement and without regard to financial need, the program offers scholarships and other incentives to the State's brightest and best students, attracting them to the university and keeping them in Maryland.

It's the old Ali—in two ways



Muhammad Ali he's back to ranting — and predicting

DEER LAKE, Pa. — Completing his next - to - last week of training here before moving his conditioning program west, Muhammad Ali reverted to an old self.

He promised that Larry Holmes "will fall in eight" when they meet Oct. 2 in Las Vegas for Holmes' heavyweight title.

It marked the first time in seven years that the 38 - year - old ex - champion has predicted the round in which he will knock out his 30 - year - old rival, winner of all 35 of his pro fights.

In an entertaining performance, Ali had the capacity crowd cheering every move as he built to the climax of his "round eight" proclamation.

For openers, he did three rounds of shadow boxing in the ring. Then he taped his hand, put on lightweight gloves and went to work on the heavy bag.

His words to Holmes were as staccato as his punches.

"I'm going to talk to him," he told the fans. "I'm going to stick him with the left — stick, stick, stick. Holmes, I'm gonna make you work. I'll block and stick, block and stick. No running — those days are over.

"I'm the master now, I'm gonna work you over. I'll get you in round eight."

Colts seeking to reverse trend in Falcon tilt

The Colts are in Atlanta this (Friday) evening to meet the Falcons in the final pre-season game for both clubs.

And the situation between the two teams is unique, to say the least.

Although Atlanta is winless in three pre-season games and has never beaten Baltimore in the regular schedule, the Falcons have never lost to the Colts on the exhibition beat.

The clubs met four times in early games in 1973-74-75-76, and eight times in the regular season.

To date, Baltimore is 2-1, and Atlanta is 0-3.

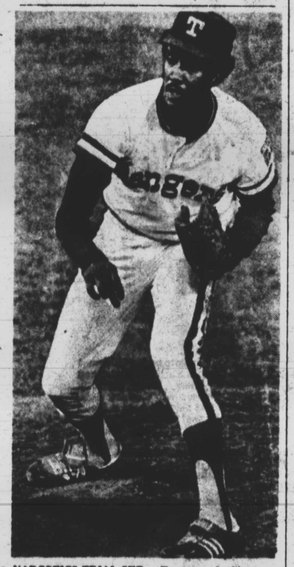
Monday win

Trotters guarantee

LAUREL, Md. — Contrary to previous years, Freestate Raceway will be open on Monday (Labor Day evening) with a special early post time for the first race of 6:30 p.m.

Freestate owner Frank De Francis has announced that Labor Day will be "Guaranteed Win Night." Every patron paying full admission that night will receive a free trip to Atlantic City, which includes round trip transportation and a free buffet luncheon at Ceasar's Boardwalk Regency Hotel Casino.

"No gimmicks, no contests, no drawings are necessary to be a winner, stated De Francis. "We are saying farewell to summer in a big way, and we want to show our appreciation to our Freestale fans."



NARCOTICS TRIAL SET — Ferguson Jenkins, ace righthander of the Texas Rangers entered no plea when arraigned Wednesday in Toronto. Jenkins faces a Dec. 18 trial, charged with possession of cocaine, marijuana and hashish which Canadian police say they found in his bag when he arrived with the team last Sunday night for a series with the Toronto Blue Jays.

Black stars on Civic mat bill

Tomorrow (Saturday) night's wrestling card at the Civic Center may be one of the best all-round attractions of the local mat season.

The main event features a one-fall rematch between Bob Backlund and Larry Zbyszko for the former's World Wrestling Federation championship. But there are seven other matches on the bill.

Topping these supporting events are a pair of face-offs involving two hard-hitting black gladiators.

In the semi-windup, Tony Atlas will battle bad-guy Ken Patera. And in a clash just prior, veteran former pro footballer Ernie Ladd will take on the Polish giant Ivan Putski.

Both these events — Atlas' and Ladd's — will be one-fall tests with a 60-minute limit.

Amateur ring

An all-star amateur boxing show featuring 15 bouts and an intercity team match will be held Aug. 30, at St. Ann's Catholic Church.

The team match will pit Baltimore against Richmond, Va.

Lydell Mitchell released by San Diego

Ex-Colt Mitchell cut by Chargers

The combination of personal injury and a change in team concept has served to victimize former Baltimore Colt running back star Lydell Mitchell.

Mitchell, who skyrocketed to No. 11 among all-time National Football League rushers in nine years, was cut by the San Diego Chargers, Tuesday.

Head coach Don Coryell said it was with reluctance that the Chargers released Mitchell.

"It was a tough thing to do," Coryell said. "I really liked the man."

Mitchell went to San Diego in 1978 for running back Joe Washington and a fifth-round draft choice in 1979.

Mitchell, from Penn State, spent the first six years of his career with the Baltimore Colts, but saw lean times with the pass-oriented Chargers compounded by a 1979 off-season staph infection in his left knee that limited his playing time last season.

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