W. Series batting star reacts

Otis: 'Yeah, but we didn't win'

By Sam Lacy

At first thought, it may have been rejection for being summoned in his Philadelphia hotel room at 7:30 on a morning after his team had lost a 4-1 deciding game of the World Series.

But, after being assured it was only because the caller was afraid he would miss him later, Amos Otis talked about his Kansas City team's defeat at the hands of the Philadelphia Phillies Tuesday night.

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Amos was reminded that he was the leading hitter among all the players in the 6-game series, and was badly edged for most-valuable-player honors by Philadelphia's Mike Schmidt.

In many eyes, the veteran K.C. centerfielder was the individual star of the classic, having hit .478, which is 66 percentage points higher than his closest rival for the honor, catcher Bob Boone (.412) of the Phils.

"Yeah," he replied, "but we didn't win."

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While there was a small degree of satisfaction reflected in his all-around performance, it was easy to detect the genuine disappointment felt in the team's loss.

"I've been playing major league ball 12 years and I have never been greatly concerned about personal achievements unless they meant something to the team.

"Certainly, I like being successful; I like being a leading contributor to the overall effort. But, if the overall effort falls short of its goal, it means little to me."

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The 33-year-old native of Mobile Ala. (Hank Aaron's and Willie McCovey's hometown) collected 11 hits in 23 at bats, with two doubles and four home runs. The four homers were second only to the five hit by teammate Willie Mays Aikens.

Additionally, the smooth-striding fly chad 21 putouts, most of any outfielder in the title playoff, clear indication that he was "all out" for a Royals' win.

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After a relative collapse by the red-hot Aikens in the closing stages of the series, the battle for MVP narrowed to Otis and Schmidt.

And there is small doubt that the third baseman got the nod because he was on the winning team. Otis most likely would have been selected had Kansas City been the victor.

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According to United Press International, several of the Royals players were more vocal in their disappointment, especially leftfielder Willie Wilson, who gained the dubious distinction of setting a series record (12) for strikeouts.

Wilson batted .336 in the regular season, led the American League with 230 hits, stole 79 bases and is a leading candidate for the AL most valuable player award.

But in the series, Wilson was a study in futility. He managed only four hits in 26 at-bats.

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Wilson struck out three times in Tuesday night's 4-1 loss that clinched the series for the Phillies. And his last one came with two out and the bases loaded in the ninth.

"I was flat the whole series," said Wilson, with his head hanging. "I just couldn't get anything. I'm down, I'm depressed. I haven't really seen the ball since this thing started. I had no confidence at the plate. Even bunting didn't work."

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Teammate Hal McRae, standing nearby, said he knew how Wilson felt.

"I was that way the first half of the year," said McRae. "It's something everyone goes through once in a while. It's unfortunate that Willie had to hit that period right now. We all know he's a much better player than he showed in the series."

THEY GOT IN ACT, TOO — Wives of the Philadelphia Phillies players got into the champagne act, celebrating their Friday victory over Kansas City Royal wives in a tug-of-war. Sandra (Garry) Maddox (left), Julie (Ron) Reed (42) and Celeste Mc(Bake) McBride (bottom) are visible.

REMEMBERING THE PAST — James R. Webb, retired educator and one-time varsity athlete, was saluted at the Morgan State homecoming football game. He acknowledges crowd applause after being introduced by Al Cottman (left), president of the Varsity M Club. Webb, now 90 years old, played in the 20s and later served as president of the Morgan State Alumni Association.

At last: black to start as Chicago Bears' QB

By Randy Minkoff

CHICAGO (UPI) — Vince Evans, like every other second - string quarterback in the National Football League, has faced a dilemma as he sat on the sidelines week after week.

You want your team to win and for that to happen, the man who beat you out at quarterback has to succeed. But the competitive fires make you covet the starting assignment and, to get it, the man playing ahead of you has to be moved down.

Such was the case for Evans as he walked along the sidelines this season, watching Mike Phipps play quarterback for Chicago.

"I wanted us to win, of course. But it was frustrating. I knew I could do the job, given the chance. Yet you don't root for the other guy to fail," Evans said.

Finally, after the Bears' fourth loss in six games, Evans got the call from Chicago coach Neill Armstrong. Phipps, who had thrown nine interceptions and just two touchdowns, was benched in favor of Evans.

Vince Evans
'a dream come true'

"I couldn't believe it. I was actually going to be the starting quarterback for the Chicago Bears. It was what I have been shooting for since I graduated from Southern Cal and here it was," Evans said.

Evans responded with a victory in his first start. He completed only five of eight passes, but they were good for 172 yards and one touchdown, a 64 - yarder to James Scott. He also scored on a 1 - yard touchdown run in the first quarter.

He will start again Sunday in Philadelphia.

Is rest in Cards for Colts Sunday?

After seven games in which they have managed a 4 - 3 record on the toughest schedule in the National Football League, the Colts are looking for some form of respite Sunday when the St. Louis Cardinals invade Memorial Stadium.

But will the Cards offer an opportunity for rest? To think so would be dangerous, says coach Mike McCormack.

"Every team in the league is capable of knocking off any other team. We can't afford complacency."

Baltimore's victories have been at the expense of the Jets (twice), the Dolphins and Bills. Close losses were suffered at the hands of the Steelers, Oilers and Patriots, perhaps the finest teams in the NFL.

The Cards, on the other hand, have lost five of seven, the latest being a 23 - 0 humiliation by the Redskins.

As for the future, the Colts' next game will be in Kansas City visiting the chiefs. This will be the first of two games these AFC rivals will play this season. Game time will be 12 Central Time.

Following their visit to Kansas City, the Colts will return home the following week to host the Cleveland Browns on Nov. 9. Kick - off for the Colts - Browns game will be 2.

Wheelchair cagers play

The Baltimore Ravens wheelchair basketball team will play its second game of the exhibition season against the New Jersey Blue Devils at 7:30 p.m., tomorrow (Saturday) at the University of Baltimore, 1401 N. Charles Street.

Tickets for the game can be purchased in advance at the League for the Handicapped, 1111 East Cold Spring Lane at reduced prices.

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Ravens coach Dick Doran said this game will be a real test for the club. "The Blue Devils were ranked in the top twenty of the nation last year, and we finished no where near that mark, said Doran.

Last season the Ravens finished with a 3-9 record, one of the worst seasons ever.

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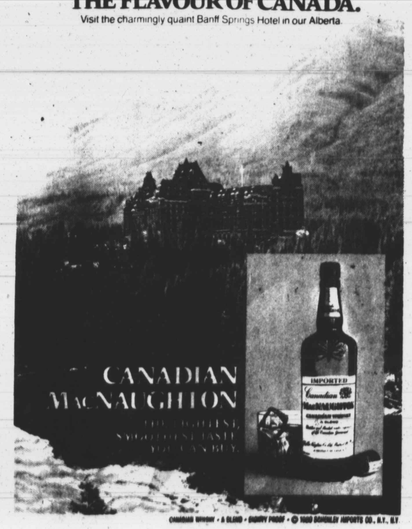

Tennis anyone?

A sanctioned United States Tennis Association tournament will be held Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 1-2 at the Old Court Junior High School gym.

There is an event for everyone regardless of age or level of playing skill. Those who wish to test their skills in open competition should have their application in no later than Oct. 27.

For applications and information, contact Fred Tepper 521-2465 after 5:30 p.m. daily, or anytime on weekends.

Kids to benefit

The Eastside A.C. will hold its annual sports banquet to benefit abused children at Eudowood Gardens, Dec. 10.

The banquet will be MC'd by radio personality Joe Knight of WCBM. Colt players, past and present will be honored.

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Soprano with mysterious voice stuns throng at first recital

Beauteous hairdresser who can't read a note sings classics as if by magic, charms 1,500

6 standing ovations

By Elizabeth M. Oliver
City Editor

You've heard that Marian Anderson has a voice "heard once in 1,000 years."

Now you may hear a Baltimorean whose voice we insist you may hear only once in a lifetime and she tops Miss Anderson in that this singer we speak of, sings with perfection even though she can not read a note. Her projection is like something magic and the result is simply enchanting.

According to her coaches, the singer, Mrs. Hattie R. Smith, has an astounding gift.

New Shiloh Baptist Church pastor, Dr. Harold A. Carter and his wife, Dr. Weptanomah Carter discovered Mrs. Smith and along with members of their church sponsored Mrs. Smith in a recital Sunday evening, Oct. 19.

Mrs. Carter told the throng which kept applauding "We thought Mrs. Smith ought to be heard."

And heard she was.

The soprano who has not had years of training by foreign and USA masters as Miss Anderson, executed such classics as Schubert's Ave Maria and Die Allmacht; Mozart's Alleluia and Gounod's O Divine Redeemer with fantastic ease and not one error.

In fact, her calm and soulful rendition brought more profound appreciation from the audience than this writer has ever witnessed coming from any highly trained singer.

The applause was neither cautious nor hesitant but spontaneous and with a thundering stamp of approval which said, "You are the greatest."

Mrs. Smith was accorded six standing ovations and most of her songs like Michael Costa's Revitative (Open Unto Me the Gates of Righteousness) and the Aria from Eli, I will Extol Thee, O Lord, were interrupted with applause time and again.

The audience of many accomplished musicians, music lovers and concert goers, could not hold back its praise until the end of George Gershwin's Bess You Is My Woman.

Accompanied by baritone Anthony Wood, the guest artist, Mrs. Smith and he were superb.

On and on she sang alone.

With My Man's Gone Now from Porgy and Bess came encore after encore, ovation after ovation, Mrs. Smith never faltered nor neglected the drama of each song.

Cheers and cries of amazement interrupted her Spirituals by H. T. Burleigh and Hall Johnson.

The auditorium of the High School resounded with a great A - men as Mrs. Smith sang finally Only What You Do For Christ Will Last.

The magic of her voice and natural charm brought from Rev. and Mrs. Carter: "She has a God - given gift and natural stage presence. Her butterfly voice springs mysteriously out of her very being."

Master pianist Victor Myrick, who is New Shiloh's minister of music, also received sustained applause as he accompanied Mrs. Smith.

Mrs. Smith, an award - winning beautician and business woman, is owner of Hattie's Headhunters Beauty Shop.

Her coach is the accomplished musician and soprano Margaret C. Lindsay who is head of the Forest Park High School department of music and assistant to Dr. Nathan Carter director of the Morgan University Chapel Choir.

A famed singer in her own right, Miss Lindsay coaches with the head of the Baltimore Opera Company, William Yanuzzi and is termed the foremost voice teacher in the Baltimore schools by Fred Petrich.

Miss Lindsay says she helped choose the songs Mrs. Smith sang in recital and aided in interpretation of the numbers.

She credits Mrs. Smith's exceptional ear in hearing music and in learning the songs.

She said, "She learns quickly. I use the teacher technique, singing the song through so she can hear the song entirely. Then we repeat the sections. Mrs. Smith does not read music. She depends solely on her ear and she has no difficulty."

Mrs. Smith belongs to the New Shiloh Church choir and has been "singing all her life."

The entire recital was of the highest order. The beautifully dressed guests crowded on to the campus of the high school (which is known as the largest in the nation) just before dusk.

Each person was given a program book of 40 pages bound in a cover embossed with gold.

The presentation of the magical singer was officially by the Carter Foundation of which Rev. and Mrs. Carter are president and vice president. Their children, Harold A. Carter Jr. and Weptanomah B. Carter, are secretary and treasurer of the corporation.

The son made the live recording of the recital for an album.

Proceeds go to the Mission the Carters have established in Haiti. Suffrant S. Vincent is superintendent of the Weptanomah W. Carter Center for Christian Training in Port - Au - Prince, Haiti.

President Carter, Gov. Hughes and Mayor Schafer were represented.

Present for the occasion were the two Carter children home from college; Mrs. Smith's mother, Mrs. Alice Henry; Mrs. Carter's mother, Mrs. Jacqueline Washington; Mrs. James Ola Hill, who flew in from Flint, Mich. and Rev. Russell Awkard of Louisville, Ky.

Also, Mrs Mitchko Thornton, Mrs. Vivian Washington, Rev. and Mrs. Alvin Gwynn, Mrs. Marian Patterson, Mrs. Alberta Campbell, Gaylord Hill, Mrs. Jean E. Spence, Mrs. Marita Stokes, Mrs. Jacqueline Wilmer, Dr. Nathan Carter, Del. and Mrs. Troy Brailey, Del. Larry Young, Rev. Dr. A.C.D. Vaughn;

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HERE SHE IS — With all the poise and composure of a Metropolitan Opera star Hattie R. Smith wore a soft turquoise blue designer's gown set off by a violet sash ribbon sash and caught at the waist by a delicate autumn flower in shades of amber and old rose. Tiny diamond earrings reflected her smile.

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ACCOMPANIST Victor W. Myrick, the award winning organist and minister of music at New Shiloh Baptist Church, has appeared in concert throughout the USA, Europe and Africa.

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WITH HER SPONSORS — The singer, Hattie R. Smith, and beaming Rev. Harold A. Carter and wife, Mrs. Weptanomah Carter.

ROSES were rushed to the stage by her 3-year-old granddaughter, Raquel Robinson, who was all aglow as cheers went up for Grandma Hattie R. Smith.

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CONGRATULATIONS came from relatives and sister; soprano, Hattie R. Smith; Ernest H. Young

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