Heisman hero Rogers mobbed in hometown

By Jack Kneece

COLUMBIA, S.C. (UPI) — George Rogers, the University of South Carolina's Heisman Trophy winner, was given a hero's welcome on his return to Columbia late Monday night.

"This is one of the most emotional moments of my life," Rogers said at the Columbia Metropolitan Airport shortly after stepping off a plane from New York, where he received the trophy Monday.

Rogers, a soft-spoken, 220-pound running back from Duluth, Ga., was met by more than 10,000 fans screaming, "We love you, George."

But the 6-foot-2 Rogers, who rose from poverty to claim the nation's top collegiate football honor, characteristically downplayed his own achievements. "If anyone deserves it more than I do, it is my offensive line and defensive line," he said.

Security guards whisked Rogers dressed in a down vest to a bus where he returned to his dormitory with his teammates.

Rogers said he declined invitations to appear on national television programs in New York opting instead to return to school because he needed to catch up on his studies.

The news that Rogers had won the Heisman Monday reverberated through the state where thousands of happy fans talked about little else.

"George wins it," read a sign posted on a store in downtown Columbia.

At a popular restaurant the announcement was made over a loudspeaker. Diners cheered and clapped.

And at several elementary and middle schools, news of the award was broadcast over the intercom system.

Gov. Dick Riley, who said he was absolutely delighted that Rogers had won, learned of the award while hosting a group of freshmen legislators for lunch. The group broke out in a cheer in aide to the governor said.

University of South Carolina students erected "King George" banners and held parties to celebrate.

Rogers winning the Heisman Trophy is the best thing that ever happened to South Carolina, said Bobby McClain, 20, a sponomore from Pawley's Island.

"Rogers is the best back in the nation," said Patt Rawlings, 20, a sophomore from Greenville. "Rogers is just great."

Chuck Brooks, a 19-year old sophomore from Columbia, perhaps summed up the student sentiment best when he said, "I just want to say, 'Thank you, George.'"

Al, Frank offer reminders at dinner honoring them

Two members of the Orioles — Al Bumbry and Frank Robinson — were honored Tuesday night at the annual Sports Boosters of Maryland banquet.

An estimated 1,000 persons were on hand at Martin's West to salute Bumbry as the team's most valuable player and Robinson in recognition of his work as a coach.

Gary Roenicke and Rick Dempsey often spoke of Frank as the reason for their improvement since joining the Birds.

Both the centerfielder and the coach expressed gratification for being selected by the group, then offered reminders that they were not always so well thought-of here.

Al Bumby panned by writers

Frank Robinson barred by theatre

Bumbry remembered being criticized by several downtown writers as being "too small" for the big leagues, and again as recently as three years ago being panned for his throwing arm.

There was nothing much he could do about his size except to prove to his critics that it was no hindrance, Al said.

As for his arm, he worked with weights and "virtually lived" with strength exercises until he knocked down that theory.

Frank also had a memory of rejection.

"When I first came to Baltimore," he recalled, "a theatre cashier refused to sell me a ticket and persisted that the house didn't serve "my kind."

Baltimore to be site of Big women's bowl

From April 2, 1981, through the last of May, the Baltimore Women's Bowling Association will hostess the 62nd annual championship tournament of the Women's International Bowling Congress. This national tournament of the Women's International Bowling Congress. This national tournament is the largest competitive sports event for women in the world, with a prize fund of over $600,000.

Over 40,000 women will be visiting Maryland, and they come from every state. Last year in Seattle, teams from Canada, Bermuda, Japan and the Philippines participated.

The grand opening of the event will be held at Bowl America Odenton, Thursday, April 2. Team squads are 9 a.m., 12 (noon), 3 p.m., and 6 p.m. every day from April 4 til the last of May. This is over 600 bowlers each day — twelve hours per day.

The doubles and singles events will be at Brunswick Perry Hall, starting on Friday, April 3, and squad times are 8 a.m., 10:15 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:45 p.m., 5 p.m., 8:15 p.m., and 10:30 p.m. every day til the last of May. Some 650 bowlers each day — sixteen hours each day will be seeing action.

The 64th meeting will be held at the Baltimore Civic Center, April 27-29.

Bears primed to open home basketball season

Morgan State opens the home basketball season tomorrow (Saturday) night with Cheyney State as the guest.

Except for an intra-squad contest on Nov. 18, the 1980 - 81 Bears have played on the road since Nov. 24, meeting Bowie State, City College of New York, Norfolk State and Virginia State.

At Norfolk, the Spartans, led by David Pope's 21 points, nipped coach Gus Guydon's charges, 64 - 62, Tuesday night.

It was Pope's bucket with 47 seconds left that decided the contest.

Mike Warren led the Bears with 18 points. Yahartbrough Roberts hit 16 and Kevin Preston had 13.

Pope, a freshman, had 10 rebounds and made 8 of 11 attempts from the field. He scored 15 of his 21 points in the second half.

Morgan, which trailed 33 - 28 at the half, stayed in the game by making 73.9 percent of its shots from the field in the second half.

Special Olympics bowling set Sunday at Eastpoint

Approximately 500 mentally retarded athletes from throughout the state will participate in the Maryland Special Olympics annual bowling tournament, Sunday at the Eastpoint Fair Lanes.

The Towson Jaycees will sponsor the event and provide most of the necessary volunteers.

Competition will be held in two sessions. The morning group will begin bowling at 9 a.m. and awards will be given from 11:30 to 12 noon. The afternoon session begins at 1 p.m. with awards from 3 to 3:30 p.m.

The day's activites will be attended by many well known personalities such as the Orioles Bird, Lenny Moore, Harry Martin, Ron Matz and Ellen Beth Levitt. Entertainment will be provided by the Showcase Players and the Jest-A-Minute Clown Troup.

The tournament is free and open to the public.

Top fillies eye title at Laurel

LAUREL, Md., — The Maryland-bred distaff title will be on the line Saturday at Laurel Race Course as this season's filly-mare contenders vie.

Joseph Allen's recently acquired Weber City, Miss., Beatrice Gonzalez Denim Gal and Mrs. Richard Worthington's Jameela are probable starters in the $30,000-added All Brandy Handicap.

Weber City Miss, winner of over $200,000 this year and the Maryland bred pro-tem leader for 3-year-old filly honors, recently finished second for her new owner in the Honey Bee Handicap at the Meadowlands.

Carrying the colors of James Resnick earlier in the season, Weber City Miss compiled a record of five victories from 14 starts. Among her major scores came Preakness eve in the Black Eyed Susan Stakes at Pimlico.

Lady Bears score

Morgan State women racked up their third win in four starts Wednesday night, defeating the Lady Trojans of Virginia State College, 58 - 53, at Petersburg, Va.

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Knight might

Just think what would happen if Billy Knight didn't have to tape his shooting hand because his right thumb continually pops out of joint and his little finger is swollen and bruised.

The smooth, 6-foot-forward, who scored an NBA - high 52 points earlier this season, pumped in 30 Tuesday to rally the Indiana Pacers from an 18-point deficit to 113-96 victory over the Knicks.

"My shooting hand takes a beating," said Knight, who twisted for driving layups and burned the nets from 23 feet with equal ease. "My thumb sometimes jumps out of place, but it goes right back in. I just have a loose thumb."

Rookie rake

The Cleveland Indians' Joe Charboneu won the American League rookie - of - the - year nod last week, but he is as well known in baseball circles as a flake as he is a hitter.

The 6-foot-2, 200 - pound slugger astounds teammates with such feats as opening beer bottles with the socket of his eye, eating six lighted cigarettes at once, drinking beer through his nose and swallowing an entire raw egg — shell and all.

As a handyman, nobody can match the skills Charboneau has shown with a pair of pliers. He once used the tool to reset his nose — which has been broken three times — and has also extracted a bothersome tooth.

Birds for Birds

Orioles owner Edward Bennett Williams and Mayor William Donald Schaefer became proud parents Monday. Schaefer adopted a baby seal and Williams, appropriately, adopted four tropical Oriole birds.

The annual adoptions are part of a new program sponsored by the Baltimore Aquarium, scheduled to open July 1, in which participants can adopt one of the aquarium animals and name it for a price.

Williams' four birds were named for his four top Oriole pitchers: Jim Palmer, Steve Stone, Mike Flanagan and Scott McGregor.

Ludicrous Don

MEXICO CITY (UPI) Boxing promoter Don King said Monday it was ludicrous for us to condemn&& Toberto Duran for quitting in last Tuesday's World Boxing Council welterweight title rematch with Sugar Ray Leonard.

"I think Roberto Duran is one of the greatest fighters that has ever lived," King said before the opening of the WBC convention, attended by some 350 boxers, promoters, referees and doctors.

"Duran has a record that is so distinguished from any other orcinary fighte for what happened last Tuesday night," king said.

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COLUMBUS, Ohio (UPI) — The small airplane appeared over Ohio Stadium while the band was on the field at halftime.

Linda Vogt, seated in section 24-A, could hardly believe her eyes when she saw the message that streamed behind the plane.

"Linda Vogt, will you marry me? — Doug," it read.

"I was numb," Vogt said after being proposed to before 88,000 football fans at the Michigan-Ohio State game Saturday by Doug Hager, her fiance of one year. "My mouth was hanging wide open. I just couldn't believe it."

BUT TO NO AVAIL — AFRO Photo by Mark Gail
Towson State rebounder Roslyn Sellman captured this carom as Howard University's Ella Hughes and Evette Weaver try to deny her. But Sellman's efforts meant little as the Lady Bison raced to 73 - 52 win Monday at Towson.

Leonard-Duran TV Dec. 19

NEW YORK — The controversial WBC welterweight title bout between Sugar Ray Leonard and Roberto Duran will be replayed in its entirety by ABC-TV on Friday, Dec. 19, the network announced Tuesday.

Leonard regained the crown when Druan, complaining of stomach cramps, quit with 16 seconds remaining in the eighth round.

ABC said both fighters have committed themselves to appear for live interviews during the special show, which will be aired from 9-11 p.m. EST.

Radio 5, Birds to play benefit

Basketball teams representing Radio Station WWIN and the Baltimore Orioles will play a benefit game at the Civic Center next Friday (12th) evening.

Duke Johnson, Hollywood White and Lee Cross will be the nucleus of the radio five, while O's representatives will include Jim Palmer, Al Bumbry, Mike Flanagan and Brooks Robinson.

The NAACP Provident Hospital are earmarked as beneficiaries.

All-comers meet slated at Morgan

The first session of the annual All - Comers indoor track meet is scheduled Sunday at Morgan State's Hill Field House.

Events will be held Dec. 7 - 21, Jan. 4 - 18, and Feb. 8 - 22.

Competition will be among boys and girls, ages 7 to 14 and over in the following events:

50 - yard dash, 220, 440 and 880; the mile run and the 4 - lap relay. A 50 - yard hurdle race also will be contested in the 14 - and - over class.

The younger participants will begin at noon Sunday, and the older events will commence at 2:30 p.m.

Skins underdogs, Colts given edge

According to odds-makers, the frustration of the Washington Redskins should continue this NFL weekend, but the lag ditch Baltimore Colts get a slight edge.

Washington is a 7-point underdog to the San Diego Chargers at RFK Sunday.

Baltimore is held at 3 points better than the Bengals at Cincinnati.

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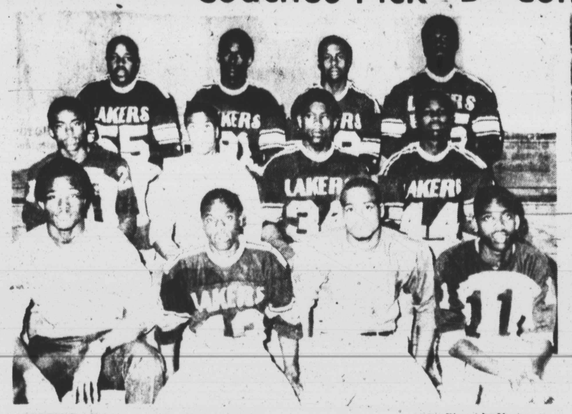

OFFENSE LINE — (L to R): William Hinton - Carver; Ricky Harris - Lake Clifton; Anthony Murdock - Edmondson; Rodney Cofield - Dunbar; Brian Maddox - Dunbar; Chauncey Adams - Douglass; William Curtis - Lake Clifton; Carl Fair - Lake Clifton; Darryl Young - Lake Clifton; and Dorain Gray - Lake Clifton. Missing is Kevin Braxton of Dunbar.

IRON MEN OF THE DEFENSE — (L to R): Dennis Street - Merve; Terry Jones - Lake Clifton; Marlin Lambirth - Lake Clifton; Derrick Walton - Lake Clifton; William Curtis - Lake Clifton; Darryl Young - Lake Clifton; Kim Brown - Lake Clifton; Carl Fair - Lake Clifton, Morris David - Lake Clifton; and Brian Maddox - Dunbar.

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The 1980 "B" Conference All Star team is dominated by the ironmen of Lake Clifton who wear the "B" conference crown after beating Dunbar for the championship.

The teams were picked with the help of the MSA conference coaches and the AFRO.

First Team Offense: Rodney Cofield, quarterback, Dunbar; William Curtis, running back, Lake Clifton; Chauncey Adams, running back, Douglass; Michael Peterson, running back, Lake Clifton; Brian Maddox wide receiver, Dunbar; Carl Fair, tight end, Lake Clifton; William Hinton, tackle, Carver; Dorian Gray, tackle, Carver; Kevin Braxton, guard, Dunbar; Darryl Young, guard, Lake Clifton; Nathaniel Colbert, center, Lake Clifton; Anthony Murdock, kicker, Edmondson.

First Team Defense: Kevin Braxton, lnebacker, Dunbar; William Curtis, linebacker, Lake Clifton; Dennis Street, linebacker, Mervo; Carl Fair, linebacker, Lake Clifton; Brian Maddox, Dunbar; Terry Jones, Lake Clifton; Derrick Walton, Lake Clifton; Dorain Gray, Lake Clifton; Kim Brown, Lake Clifton; tall line men; Morris David, defensive end, Lake Clifton; Ricky Harris, punter, Lake Clifton.

Second Team Offense: Edwin Payton, quarterback, Lake Clifton; McGlothern, running back, Dunbar; James Satterfield, running back, Northern; Micheal Hemby, running back, Edmondson; Walton, wide receiver, Lake Clifton; Reggie Faison, tight end, Northern; Harold Parker, tackle, Forest Park; Stewart, guard, Lake Clifton; Jesse Cockrewl, guard, Northern; Eugene Samuel, center, Forest Park; Maddox, kicker, Edmondson.

Second Team Defense: Gerry Jameson, linebacker, Douglass; Keith Scruggs, linebacker, Mervo; Jeff Halfeway, linebacker, Edmondson; M. Street, linebacker, Mervo; John Moon, defensive end, Mervo; Darryl Knox, defensive end, Northern; William Hinton, Carver; Sanders, Dunbar; Gary Hux, Forest Park; Kevin Motley, Walbrook; R. O'Neal, Douglass, tall line; Chase, punter, Dunbar.

AFRO Coach of the year

WOODIE WILLIAMS of Lake Clifton

By Mark Gail
AFRO Staff Writer

"I believe that 50 percent of the "Coach of the Year" title should go to Earl Lee, my assistant coach, said Woody Williams with a smile, following his selection as MSA "B" Conference top coach.

The Lee and Williams team have been together for the past ten years, since Lake Clifton High School first opened in 1971. They both served as assistant coaches under former head coach Chuck Mummger and have been in their present positions for four years.

"We are good friends on and off the field," said Williams. "We know what the other one wants as far as football, without having to ask. We are very different on the field. Earl is full of hell-fire, a typical coach, where I'm very easy-going."

Coach Williams believes that his team's best game was against Mervo, since it was the first league game of the season and Mervo was the defending conference co-champions.

"But I know the kids will say that Dunbar was the most exciting game," he conceded. "It's a great rivalry, (both schools are on the eastside), along with beating Bob Wade and putting up with the crowd.

"We set goals that are not out of our reach at the beginning of the season, goals that we should achieve, and we did it."

...and "A" Conference Outstanding Players

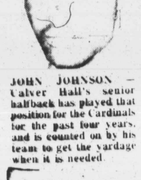
WILLIAM CAMPBELL — This Wildcat from NorthWestern has rushed for 476 yards on 23 carries while scoring 4 T.D.'s by ground and the same number by air.

LAMONT MCCREA — Southwestern's star quarterback has passed for 1141 yards and five T.D.'s.

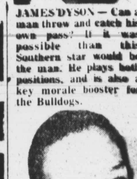
MALCOLM MASSEY — This senior running back for the Wildcats totaled over 1300 yards rushing in seven games.

JAMES DYSON — Can a man throw and catch his own pass? If it was possible than this Southern star would be the man. He plays both positions, and is also a key morale booster for the Bulldogs.

MALCOLM PITTMAN — This senior from Mc-Donogh has gained over 1500 yards in 157 carries and has also scored 20 T.D.'s on the ground.



JOHN JOHNSON — Calver Hall's senior halfback has played that position for the Cardinals for the past four years, and is counted on by his team to get the yardage when it is needed.



KEVIN CHAPMAN — This 6'1", 197 lb. fullback proved to be the workhorse for the Mt. St. Joseph Gaels as he gained over 700 yards with his bruising frame and 4.8 speed.

KEITH WHITE — This Southwestern sensation plays both split end and wide receiver. He has caught 30 aerials for 618 yards and 3 touchdowns.

GREG ROGERS — Another Cardinal standout, this tough defensive back once scored two interceptions in one game. He has 4.4 speed, and is also a hitter.

CALVIN BORDEN — This hard - charging Bulldog from Southern plays two ways. He gained 800 yards as a fullback, and led his team in tackles with 100. He also made 150 assisted tackles and snared four interceptions.

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