School Sports Scene

6-0 record

Walbrook's Warriors get off to big start

HAPPY WARRIORS — Members of the Walbrook Warriors pose after an important victory over Lake Clifton (64 - 30) last week. Also shown is Coach Peter Connally.

By Mark Gail
AFRO Staff Writer

"We are looking forward to playing Western in either the championship or the public school tournament," stated Walbrook coach Peter Connally this week.

With a 6-0 record so far this season, Coach Connally wants to play Western, something many schools wish they did not have to do. Connally believes his team has the talent to play with and possibly beat their most formidable opponent.

Players such as team captain Denise Brockington, the only senior on the team who hustles a lot and has good floor sense, have made the difference this year, says Connally. Constance Garland, a sophomore and the tallest player (5'11") on the team played on the boys team at Pimlico Junior High and is the best outside shooter on the team. Connally believes that she will develop into an excellent player.

The Warriors' Rose Willis, a junior who has scored over 100 points this season, has smooth movements and superior ball handling ability, according to Connally. She has gained quite a reputation as an outstanding offensive player.

She carried the junior varsity team last year, Connally explained. He said that he was under pressure to bring her up to varsity level, but he decided to leave her on junior varsity for a while to help her gain the experience she needed. The gamble was worth it, he says.

The Walker twins, Nadine and Nathelma, both sophomores, work well together in the back court and Gail Shepperdson, a lively player who has a "good attitude," always seems to be where she is needed at the right time, Connally says. Concetta Marshall, last year's best player, along with Pam Thomas, rounds out the Warrior team.

"We need three things to win," says Connally. "A good point guard, not to get selfish and be 'ball hawks,' and to work on getting more press."

Connally says he is looking forward to a tough game on Jan. 13 with Edmondson and its star center Lydia Carr.

She is always a scoring threat, he says.

"We will just have to play our game to win," he concluded.

Northwestern swimmers hope to sink opponents

By Mark Gail
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"As long as you give your best effort there is nothing wrong with losing," explains Northwestern swimming coach Ray Mayrovitz as the tri-champions look forward to another successful year.

Sharing the title with Lake Clifton Severn may be only a temporary situation, as the Wildcats have six returnees from last year's stellar team of swimmers.

They include Neil Snell, a senior who finished fourth in the diving category during last year's MSA championships. Coach Mayrovitz says that Snell is good college material.

Steve Rhinehart, who suffered only one loss in the backstroke last year, is developing into an excellent breastroke swimmer and Malcolm Cobbs, who is at his best in the butterfly, is an all-round fast swimmer who can be used in a variety of events.

Also back is Lorenzo Bellamy, who swam in the 100 and 200 yard relays last year. Mayrovitz said that the youth is within a fraction of a second of setting a new record in the 100 yard freestyle and may break that record this year.

Rounding out the six veterans are the Clinton brothers, Derrick and John. John swims the backstroke while Derricks' specialty is the 100 yard freestyle.

Up from the junior varsity ranks are Dandy Dunkins and Al Stevenson among others.

Mayrovitz credited the junior varsity program with developing many of the swimmers who go on to score big as varsity submariners for the school.

"Without our J.V. to develop the kids we would be dead," he said. "the J.V. swimmers, for example, have little or no experience before joining their team."

"We lack depth," he continued. "We will take a lot of first places but not seconds or thirds which you need to win. We have also lost the use of our pool for the last two weeks and the holiday vacation because of a mechanical problem. But the kids' attitude has been great about the whole thing. We're just going to take it one meet at a time."

Severn is probably the strongest team in the league, as most of the teams share a lack of depth.

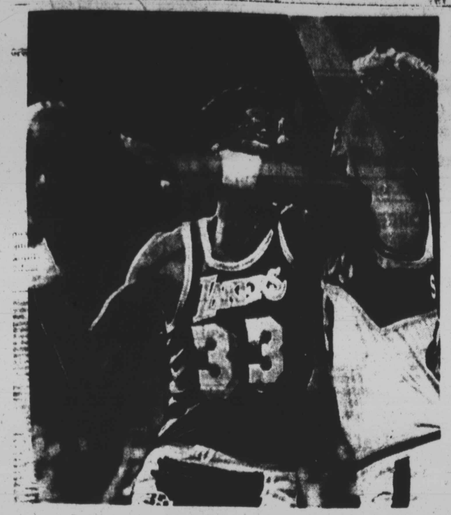
Severn has what many coaches believe to be an unfair advantage in that the school allows women to participate on the varsity team.

That situation came about because of a recent MSA ruling which states that, if a school has no girl's swim team, then girls must be allowed the opportunity to try out for the boy's team.

Severn has taken advantage of the ruling, to augment its swimming corps with enthusiastic young mermaids.

AFRO photo by Mark Gail

PATTERSON SISTERS — Mary and Darlene Branch display talent in one - on - one match during recent practice session. The girls should be a key factor in the Clippers' season record this year.



Kareem Abdul - Jabbar in action
'It's nice to do something better.'

42-point game lifts LA's Jabbar over 25,000

Kareem abdul - Jabbar has passed another milestone in his record - breaking career, and he didn't downplay the significance of it.

"If you appreciate basketball, then it's always nice to do something better than someone else," Abdul - Jabbar said Sunday night after he passed the 25,000 career - point mark with 42 points in the Los Angeles Lakers' 135 - 122 victory over the San Antonio Spurs.

"It means something to me, but the most important fact is that we won a game against a good team."

The 24-12 Lakers did just that, dropping the Spurs to 24 - 13. Abdul - Jabbar hit for 17 points in the first half and was overpowering with 18 more in the third period. That left him just four points shy of the landmark, and he made his first two shots of the final quarter to go over 25,000.

Only Wilt Chamberlain, Oscar Robertson, John Havlicek and Jerry West have more points than Abdul-Jabbar, who is in his 12th season.

"I wasn't thinking about it," said the 7-foot- Center. "It just touch up on me. I didn't realize what was happening until everybody started yelling.

Abdul - Jabbar, six times the league's most valuable player, made 15 of 25 shots from the field and 12 of 14 from the foul line for his highest total of the season.

Patera—Sammartino return match tops Civic Center bill

A one fall finish rematch made after 10 months of negotiation bring back Ken Patera against Bruno Savvartino — two of professional wrestling's strongest men — on the seven - event Yuletide card set for the Baltimore Civic Center tomorrow (Saturday) night.

Patera, a former Pan - American Games and Olympic weightlifting medalist, and Sammartino, former European and North American champion weight lifter, wrestled to a controversial finish that aroused a vigorous pegtest their last time out locally.

Equally attractive in a fine-fall finish co - feature — a duel of supergiants — sits huge Hulk Hogan, 6 - 9 and 320 pounds, against Roussimoff the Giant, a 7 - 5 460 - pound skyscraper.

A one - fall, one-hour time - limit added tag - team attraction sends Johnny Rodz and J ose Estrada against Angelo Gomez and steve King while 20 - minute time limit supporting bouts list Killer Kahn vs. Rick McCraw, Larry Sharp vs. Rick Martell, Bulldog Brower vs, Tony Garea and Mikel Sviciuna vs. Rick Steklone.

Pacemaker is installed in heart of Joe Louis

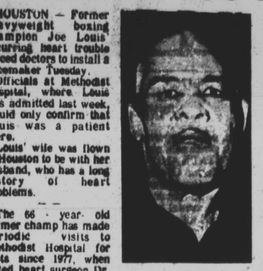
HOUSTON — Former heavyweight boxing champion Joe Louis' recurring heart trouble forced doctors to install a pacemaker Tuesday.

Officials at Methodist Hospital, where Louis was admitted last week, would only confirm that Louis was a patient there.

Louis' wife was flown to Houston to be with her husband, who has a long history of heart problems.

The 66 - year- old former champ has made periodic visits to Methodist Hospital for tests since 1977, when noted heart surgeon Dr. Michael Debakey installed an arterial graft to correct an aneurysm.

Louis emerged from a sharecropper's shack in an Alabama cotton patch to become the legendary "Brown Bomber" of the boxing ring. He held the world heavyweight championship longer than any man in history and sucessfully defended his crown 25 times in 11 years.



Joe Louis
wife at his side

Louis' greatest boxing moment came in his second fight with Germany's Max Schmeling. Schmeling, a 10-1 underdog, knocked Louis out in 12 rounds on June 19, 1936, in New York in their first meeting. They met again on June 22, 1938, in Yankee Stadium before a crowd of more than 70,000 fans who paid $1,015,012.

It was the eve of World War II and Schmeling was the pride of Nazi Germany. Louis charged from his corner in the first round and hit Schmeling with a right hand to the rib cage that staggered the German. Louis scored a knockout before the round was over and America had a hero.

Recreation associations plan ski trip to N.Y.

By Frank Lee

Ithacá, N.Y. is the destination of another LFRA (League of Federal Recreation Associations) ski trip on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Feb. 6, 7, and 8 in the Greek Peak Ski Area.

Accomodations are available at $145 per person for four in a room, $150 per person for three in a room, and $155 per person for two in a room at the Ithaca Holiday Inn.

The package with a roundtrip motorcoach for transportation includes breakfast and dinner on Saturday and Sunday, two full-day lift tickets, and a Saturday evening party.

Also available will be an optional learn-to-ski package at $35 per person including two days of rental equipment and one ski lesson a day.

This event has listed a deadline date to register on Tuesday, Jan. 6.

Those interested in registering should send a small index card listing your name, address, home and work telephone numbers, and the agency where you are employed. A check or money order for your choice of package should be made payable to LFRA and mailed to LFRA Ski Trips, Post Office Box 24144, Washington, D.C. 20024.

A self addressed, stamped envelope should also be included in your registration letter. For further information contact Wendy Draudt at 554-6910.

LIBERTY QUARTER — Phil Bradley, voted by Big 8 coaches the finest quarterback in the conference, will lead Missouri (8-3) against Purdue (8-3) in the Liberty Bowl at Memphis Saturday.

FIVE FOR SIX — Chicago Bears running back Walter Payton won the NFC rushing title for the fifth time in his 6-year career. His 130 yards against Tampa Bay Sunday lifted his season total to 1,460 yards, out of reach for pursuing Billy Sims and Otis Anderson. Payton now has 8,386 career yards.

NFL playoff schedule

NFL playoff, 21 - 36

WILD CARD PLAYOFFS

SUNDAY

Los Angeles at Dallas, 1:30 p.m.
Houston at Oakland, 5 p.m.

DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS

SATURDAY, JAN. 3

Los Angeles or Minnesota at Philadelphia, 12:30 p.m. (NFC)
Houston or Buffalo at San Diego, 4 p.m. (AFC)

SUNDAY, JAN. 4

Oakland or Buffalo at Cleveland, 12:30 p.m. (AFC)
Dallas or Minnesota at Atlanta, 4 p.m. (NFC)

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

SUNDAY, JAN. 11

AMERICAN CONFERENCE
Teams and site to be announced

NATIONAL CONFERENCE
Teams and site to be announced

SUPER BOWL

SUNDAY, JAN. 25
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High School Sports Schedule

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26
Basketball - Boys

Northern in Christmas Tournament at Essex Community College

Basketball - Girls
Patterson in the Notre Dame Tournament at Notre Dame Prep.

Wrestling
Walbrook in the Westminster Tournament - Westminster, Md.

Sunday, December 28
Basketball - Boys
Carver, Edmondson in the Md. Holiday Tournament at U.M.B.C.

Basketball - Girls
Western, Edmondson, in the Md. Holiday Tournament at U.M.B.C.

Monday, December 29
Basketball - Boys
Dunbar in the Lake Shore Holiday Tournament - Fairfax, Virginia
Lake Clifton in The Capitol Classic Tournament - Annapolis, Md.
Carver, Edmondson in The Maryland Holiday Tournament at U.M.B.C.

Basketball - Girls
Western, Edmondson in The Maryland Holiday Tournament at U.M.B.C.

Tuesday, December 30
Basketball - Boys
Dunbar in The Lake Shore Holiday Tournament - Fairfax, Virginia.
Lake Clifton in The Capitol Classic Tournament - Annapolis, Md.

BATTLE OF THE BEST — City champs of Western met Towson Catholic Monday in the Towson Catholic Kris' Kringle basketball tournament. The Owlettes beat Western, 77 - 46, but the victory was not easy. Western's Saunicirae Alexander led her team with 26 points, but it was not enough to wipe out the efforts of Towson Catholic sophomore Toni Harrison, shown here watching one of her beauties sink through the net. In the photo at the (Rt), it was anybody's ball . . . nobody seemed quite able to get hands on it. Because of this week's ice storm, the consolation game between Western and Hereford is set for Jan. 5 at 11:30 a.m., with the championship game between Towson Catholic and DuVall of Prince Georges County set for Jan. 5 at 5:00 p.m.

(AFRO Photo by Mark Gail)

Wrestling

Dunbar wins by losing

Mark Gail
AFRO Staffwriter

If one can be happy with losing it would be Dunbar's wrestling coach Irvin Locust after losing to wrestling powerhouse St. Paul's 29 to 35.

"I was very impressed with my team even through we lost it gave them more confidence than before," said Locust. "It wasn't a blowout, it shows that we are competitive in "A" conference wrestling.

Dunbar and Poly are the only public schools in the "A" conference which is made up mainly of private schools, Gilman, Mt. St Joe, Loyola, McDonogh and St. Pauls.

"I feel the "A" conference offers more competition which is better for the wrestlers," explained Dunbar's coach. We had three kids who did well in the Maryland Scholastic Association tournament last year.

The Poets Russell Leach, who placed second in the 114 lbs weight class has graduated but comes around in the evening to help out Robert Register is a junior who finished third in the 147 lbs weight class and has moved up to the 157 lbs class this year.

Also back is junior Michael Taylor who finished third in his 107 lbs weight slot.

Dunbar's wrestling program gets help from the McKim community center of Baltimore St. McKim's wrestling program gives wrestlers a head start with many beginning wrestling when they are eight years old.

With Register and Taylor leading the Poets attack coach Locust will look to standouts like Tim Downey at 134 lbs and Everett Minor 128lb. both with McKim experience. Rodney Bryant, 121 lbs., is one of the most improved members on the team and Dana Irby, slipping scale at 294 lbs in the unlimited weight class are also wrestlers to watch.

Even through Dunbar is 0-2 in the league Locust hopes his team can match or better last year's record of five and five and is looking forward to the first public school wrestling tournament to be held at Mervo in mid February.

WRESTLER RUSSELL LEACH — of Dunbar strains to win in recent MSA wrestling match finals.

Last week, we printed a picture of Western basketball player Bridget Young, but we identified her as Deneen Jones. We regret the error

Season's Greetings

Basketball standings

M.S.A.
"A" Conference
Division I

	W	L
Dunbar	2	0
Forest Park	2	0
Douglass	1	1
Carver	1	1
Patterson	0	1
Northwestern	0	1
Northern	0	2

Division II

	W	L
Lake Clinton	2	0
Walbrook	2	0
Poly	2	0
Mervo	1	1
Edmondson	1	1
Southwestern	0	2
Southern	0	2
City	0	2

Baltimore County
Class AA

	W	L
Dulaney	5	0
Woodlawn	4	1
Dundalk	4	1
Kenwood	3	1
Patapsco	3	2
Randallstown	2	2
Parkville	2	3
Towson	1	3
Lansdowne	1	3
Perry Hall	0	4
Overlea	0	5

Class ABC

	W	L
Catonsville	3	0
Loch Raven	3	0
Milford Mill	2	1
Hereford	2	1
Chesapeake	1	2
Pikesville	1	2
Owings Mill	1	2
Franklin	1	2
Eastern Vo-Tech	0	2
Sparrows Point	0	3

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FRIDAY

Atlanta at New Jersey
Chicago at Cleveland
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Denver at Dallas
Philadelphia at Kansas
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Indiana at Los Angeles
Portland at Seattle

Saturday

Kansas City at New York Houston at
ashington Boston at
Atlanta Detroit at
Chicago Dallas at
Milwaukee Utah at San
Antonio Philadelphia at
Denver Los Angeles at
Phoenix Indiana at San
Diego Seattle at Golden
State

sunday

Kansas City at New
Jersey Philadelphia at
Los Angeles

Monday

Dallas at Cleveland

College results

BASKETBALL

A and T 65, Howard 72
Delaware St. 73, W. Salem 64
Wright St. 78, UDC 63
Citadel 68, S.C. State 65
Alb. State 80, Spring Hill 79
Wisconsin 58, Texas Southern 49
Akron 72, Toledo 68
Ark.-Pine Bluff 68, Xavier 62
Pub Smith 58, Minn. Ind. 49

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