AFRO Sports

Grid star Herschel Walker is voted Tanqueray Award

Herschel Walker, of the University of Georgia, the freshman football player of the century, was honored recently as the winner of the 1981 Tanqueray Achievement Award for excellence in amateur sports at a luncheon held in New York City.

Walker, who earned his distinction as the best first year player ever to compete in college football, was the only freshman ever to become a unanimous selection on each of the All-America teams selected for 1980.

John Heilmann, president of Somerset Importers, Ltd., the sponsors of the Tanqueray Achievement Award, said that "Herschel is another fine example of the youth factor in these annual selections.

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This is the 14th annual presentation of the Tanqueray Achievement Award. Included among the previous winners are gymnast Kurt Thomas, boxers Sugar Ray Leonard and Howard Davis, high jumper Franklin Jacobs, basketball player David Thompson, and gymnast Olga Korbut.

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Herschel Walker in elite company

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Rival camps begin serious training for Sept. 16

Hearns works lightly as manager berates foe

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. — Emanuel Steward continued his verbal assault on Sugar Ray Leonard Monday, claiming the World Boxing Council welterweight champion has lost his desire to fight.

Steward, who manages World Boxing Association champion Thomas Hearns, Leonard's opponent in a welterweight title showdown Sept. 16 in Las Vegas, says Leonard is not the fighter he once was.

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"His desire isn't what it used to be," Steward said at Hearns' training headquarters. "The first Duran fight took something out of him and he hasn't been the same since. He hasn't had a super performance in the last couple of years. He's getting hit too much. He's not working as hard as he used to.

Emanuel Steward '. . I'm getting to him. . '

"I think desire's going to be a factor and Leonard doesn't have the desire Thomas has. He never wanted to be a professional fighter. Deep down, Leonard does not want to fight. Thomas, on the other hand, is very hungry. He wants to be a four-time champion."

Leonard lost his title to Duran in a 15-round unanimous decision in Montreal in June, 1980, but regained it in November when Duran suddenly quit in the eighth round of their rematch at New Orleans.

Since regaining his title, Leonard has defended it once, stopping unheralded Larry Bonds in 11 rounds. He also won the WBA Junior Middleweight title on June 25 by stopping previously unbeaten Ayub Kalule.

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"I think I'm getting to him," said Stewart. "He's a very sensitive person. He's spending time trying to retaliate against me and it's taking time away from his training."

Hearns worked lightly in training Monday and is expected to pick up the pace this weekend.

Large crowds on hand for Sugar Ray opening

LOS ANGELES — Sugar Ray Leonard began sparring Monday in preparation for his $30 million showdown with Thomas Hearns in the welterweight unification bout Sept. 16 in Las Vegas, Nev.

Leonard, the World Boxing Council welterweight champion, sparred four rounds of five minutes each. The first two were against Ray Kates of New Jersey and the second two rounds were against Victor Abraham of Los Angeles. There was brisk action in all four rounds, with Leonard flashing combinations and landing dozens of solid right hands.

Leonard's workout lasted only 35 minutes. He skipped rope and worked briefly on the light bag before leaving Slayton's gym. More than 300 people jammed the small hall to watch the workout.

Sugar Ray Leonard 'whenever he cooperates'

Leonard, who also holds the World Boxing Association's Junior Middleweight crown, said he would knock out Hearns — the WBA Welterweight Champion — "Whenever he decides to cooperate with me."

The workouts will take place daily for the next two weeks before Leonard departs for Las Vegas, where he will train for two more weeks.

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Leonard has been guaranteed $8 million for the fight with Hearns guaranteed $6 million. But the purses could go as high as $13 million for Leonard and more than $10 million for Hearns in what will be the richest fight in the history of boxing, with the total take from closed circuit television and the live gate approaching $40 million.

Has Ali lost touch?

The question before the house asks whether Muhammad Ali has lost the magic touch he possessed for so long - before, during and after his tenure as world heavyweight champion.

Apparently, he doesn't think he has since he is promising another "comeback" despite an unusual letdown in Denver this week.

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The promoter of a hastily arranged dinner show featuring Ali lost nearly all of the $35,000 he invested in the event, selling only 55 tickets despite a full - house audience of 900 people.

Steve D. Washington, in a letter to the Colorado Special Olympics which had been promised 25 percent of any profit from the event, said only $2,950 was raised through the sale of tickets priced from $50 to $150.

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In a letter to the Special Olympics, Washington said 10 tickets were sold through select - a - seat outlets, 41 were sold through his office and four were sold at the door. Other tickets were given away.

Washington said costs for the event, which included entertainment, chicken dinners and the chance to hear Ali speak on prayer, were $38,879.

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Meanwhile, in Columbia, S.C., the three -time world heavyweight champion says he plans a comeback bout Nov. 1 at Carolina Coliseum to "show the world I'm not finished."

Muhammad Ali only 55 tickets sold

"Everybody thought I was finished," Ali said. "I'm going to show the world that I'm not finished. I can't quit. It's too easy to quit."

Ali said a physical examination "went well" for a license to fight in South Carolina.

"Everything was 100 percent," Ali said. "The physical went well and I'm going to be in shape to fight."

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Raymond Barrett of Charleston, an associate of Ali, said no opponent has been chosen for the comeback fight.

"It'll definitely be somebody big - a leading contender. He's not going to be fighting some John Doe."

Ali said he wants "to fight somebody young - maybe 24 or 25."

WINNER AND RUNNER-UP — Billy Knight (L) of the Indiana Pacers and Gus Williams of the Seattle Supersonics were finalists in the NBA Players Tennis Tournament last week at Kutsher's. Knight won, 3-6, 6-2, 7-6. Kyle Macy, Phoenix, was third and Kevin Grevey, Washington finished fourth.

Colt search for first win faces obstacle in Skins

By Sam Lacy

Baltimore football fans will get the first hometown look at their 1981 Colts Saturday night at Memorial Stadium.

But, whether their cheering can help to achieve the team's first victory is a matter of conjecture.

The visiting foe will be the Washington Redskins, and these traditional rivals in the Baltimore scheme appear to be stronger than at any time in the past decades.

The Skins under first year coach Joe Gibbs are 2 - 0 with victories over Kansas City and Minnesota, neither of which is expected to cut much of a figure in the NFL this year.

But, on the other hand, the Colts show a pre - season record that is the exact opposite at 0 - 2. And the discouraging aspect here is that the two teams which beat them - New Orleans and the Giants — are also barely short of mediocre.

It must be admitted, however, that in their losses coach Mike McCormack's charges have shown great offensive potential. This is certainly true when Curtis Dickey and Bert Jones are healthy, when Roger Carr is happy, and when they are in harness along with talented rookie Randy McMillan.

Washington's answer, and an awesome one it is, takes shape in a back field that can show Joe Washington, Terry Metcalf and John Riggins.

With McCormack having lost linebackers Sanders Shriver and Ed Simonini to injuries, the task of containing the Skin scatbacks could be extremely difficult.

Allen, Blount bow at Canadian nets

TORONTO - Leslie Allen and Renee Blount won first - round matches but bowed out in the second round of the Canadian Tennis Championships early this week.

Allen of New York and Los Angeles, and Blount of St. Louis and Carolton, Texas, are the leading two black women on the professional tour.

Leslie, who is scheduled to compete in the Junior Tennis League benefit in Baltimore in October, turned back Hana Strachonova of Switzerland, 5 - 7, 7 - 5, 6 - 1, on Tuesday.

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On Wednesday, however, she was ousted by Glynis Coles of Great Britain.

Renee eliminated Angela Walker, a Toronto native in her opening match, 6 - 2, 7 - 6. But was beaten the following day by Sylvia Hanika, a West German veteran, 6 - 0, 6 - 3. Hanika was seeded sixth in the tournament.

BRONCO BOSS — William K. Head, former assistant at Morris Brown College, has been named head football coach at Fayetteville (NC) State. He succeeds Tom Morris who resigned to accept the Morgan State University post.

Historians believe the phrase "bring home the bacon" was coined by the mother of 1910 heavyweight champion Joe Johnson who defeated the "Great White Hope", Jim Jeffries in 15 rounds at Reno, Nevada. Mrs. Johnson said of her son: "He said he'd bring home the bacon, and the honey boy has gone and done it."

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Bits o' brief

Colts vs. Skins

Good seats are still available for Saturday night's traditional clash between the Colts and the Washington Redskins at Memorial Stadium.

Tickets may be purchased at the stadium box office and at the Colt Complex in Owings Mills. Information on availability may be had by phoning 356 - 6800

Li'l Anthony

Saturday night's only pre - season home game for the Colts will have the Washington Redskins, Little Anthony and the Belmonts as guests at the stadium.

The Skins, of course, will face the Colts in the game. But, prior to that, Little Anthony, former lead singer with the Imperials, and the Belmonts will perform at 7 p.m.

Home to haunt?

There will be some familiar faces on the other side of the field Saturday night when Washington and Baltimore collide in an NFL pre - season contest at the stadium.

Running back Joe Washington, wide receiver Ricky Thompson, defensive end Fred Cook and punter Mike Kirkland are former Colts now wearing Redskin livery.

The chance

Local fans who have frequently asked about the paucity of blacks in the Baltimore Colts Marching Band, have an opportunity to do something about correcting the situation.

The band is now taking applications from musicians. Prospects may obtain more information by calling 685-0962.

FORMER WOODSON PLAYER

Former Woodson player Wilbert James will help anchor the defensive backfield for Eastern Illinois University this year. "Wilbert had a great spring practice...we expect him to really come into his own this fall," said EIU's defensive coordinator Rick Schachner.

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Celebrity softball

A Celebrity Benefit Softball Tournament, sponsored by the Dan Daniels Printing Company, will kick off National Cystic Fibrosis Month at the Friendship Recreation Center, 45th and Van Ness Sts., NW, on Sunday, Aug. 23, at 11 a.m. Cathy Pulupa is event chairman.

Softball teams, formed by the celebrities and technicians of television stations WJLA, WRC and WTTG, will play the Dan Daniels team to promote the fact that Sept. 20-26 will be National Cystic Fibrosis Week.

The purpose of National Cystic Fibrosis Week, Cathy Pulupa explained, is to raise public awareness of cystic fibrosis, a fatal genetic disease that affects thousands of children and young adults in the country.

47th AFRO Clean Block

Mrs. Ida Peters, director
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Round-up of blocks

By Kathy Parrott

Ah, what a pleasure it is to ride around the streets of Baltimore and look at the beautiful job that AFRO Clean Blockers have done this year. The day was cool and pleasant. The sun was shining brightly on freshly swept steps and sidewalks, newly painted porches, and neat lawns. It was a fine day for giving orchids.

Our final plan of tours took us to Northwest Baltimore, West Baltimore and Cherry Hill.

The first stop we made showed us the power of the pen.

Last week, we wrote about an 11 year old captain who was having problems making her neighbors realize the importance of her efforts. In the 5100 blk of Chalgrove Avenue there was a flurry of activity as neighbors helped Traci Johnson ready her street for Inspection Sunday. There was a man trimming his hedges, a lady sweeping the sidewalk with the help of a tiny tot in diapers, Traci's dad, Earl Johnson, Sr. was taking grass out of the sidewalk cracks, a group (of young men) was sweeping up debris. They have made a lot of progress since we made a spot check two weeks ago. Our hats are off to them.

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Working our way down the Park Heights-Reisterstown corridor, we saw more lovely blocks who were hard at work or resting after having worked hard. To them we are giving a bouquet of orchids.

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The 3900 blk of Sumter Avenue is green and white. They have green and white planters for their flowers. The sidewalks and gutters were free of trash. The captain, Eugene Carroll, Co-Captain, Tyrone Johnson Jr., and Advisor, Mrs. Ernestine Johnson and their workers have done a fine job.

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Ted Ellis, Co-Captain and Mrs. Mary Snowden, Advisor and their workers have made the 500 blk Beaufort Avenue red and white. They have white planters for their flowers on the sidewalk and hanging pots on the porches. Their steps are painted red.

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The 3900 blk of Towanda Avenue is a block of few houses; but those few were very attractive. The workers there have painted their block predominately red and black. The porches are red and black, and the planters are red and gray. The captain is Ms Margaret Smith, Co-Captain, Ms Kathleen Quarles and Advisor Wayne McCaskill.

The 2800 blk of Waldorf Avenue was in full bloom. They have flowers everywhere. Their color scheme is green and white. The block was extremely clean; despite some serious problems with a neighbor who has no indoor plumbing or bathroom. Their captain is Mrs. Jewel Wallace; Co-Captain, Ms Dottie Bettis and Advisor Mrs. Gracie Marks.

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The 3600 blk of W. Garrison Avenue is another block that has flower power. They were very clean and every porch had a profusion of beautiful flowers. Their Captain is Ms. Marvae Hughes; Co-Captain Ms Evette Murray and Advisor Mrs. Margaret Woodson.

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The 1800 blk of Braddish Avenue was working hard when we got there. Their block is red and white, and is receiving final touches of fresh paint. The Captain and Advisor is Mrs. Mary Sawyer; and Co-Captain is Ms Mable Hamilton.

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Other blocks that were looking good are: 1900 blk Bentalou Street, all white; 1700 blk Braddish Avenue; 3000 blk Grayson Street, which is using AFRO Clean Block colors, red, green and white; 2800 blk Harlem Avenue, green and white; 2700 & 2800 blk of Parkwood Avenue, a beautiful green and white display that covers both blocks; 2900 blk Parkwood Avenue, which is all white in its color scheme; and the 2800 blk Woodbrook Avenue, where every house has flower urn, and a window box, and many houses have green indoor-outdoor carpeting going up the steps.

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The final leg of our tour took us to Round Road in Cherry Hill. For the last week or so, they have called us on a regular basis to ask us to come see the work they have done. (If you recall, we reported that they needed some help and made some suggestions to them in a previous column. However, when we made an earlier tour, we mistook their court for another). On yesterday, houses numbered 3532-3546 Round Road were a beautiful sight to behold. The residents have painted their screen doors, planted their porches red, purchased aluminum paint to repaint their screen doors, planted an array of beautiful, beautiful flowers, cleaned their court-front and back, and they have even cleaned the railroad tracks that run alongside their court.

To the Captain, Ms Wanda Grimes; Co-Captain, Ms Carolyn Tabron; Advisor, Ms Debbie Johnson and all of their workers we give two bouquets of orchids and our sincere apology for the mistaken identity.

To the block captain, Ms Grimes we say "Thanks" for her splendid attitude and philosophy. She said, "...No matter what the outcome of the final judging on Sunday, we are already winners. We are very proud of the way our court looks. It doesn't even look like it belongs in Cherry Hill. We intend to keep it that way".

Councilman Michael Bowen Mitchell extends greetings and reminded AFRO Clean Blockers of his grandmother Mrs. Lillie Jackson and the NAACP and the need to register to vote.

Miss Sharon Wharton, Miss Black Baltimore Maryland added her charming presence to AFRO Birthday festivities.

How to have a block party

AFRO Clean Blocks planning to have block parties should start making arrangements now. Here's what to do:

1. Call the Police Department Public Relations Officer in your district to have your street blocked off.

2. Go to the Bureau of Permits, 222 E. Saratoga St., Room 100 for an application to have a party in your block. Cost is $4.00.

3. After filling out permit go to 111 N. Calvert St. (The Old Post Office) for a food permit. Cost is $10.

AFRO's Best Clean Block will be picked Sunday

By Ida Peters

It's been a long hard, hot summer. Since June 26, thousands of AFRO Clean Blockers have been sweeping, painting and complaining. They have attended regular weekly meetings and discussed their problems with sympathetic city and state officials.

Last Thursday, 150 blocks won the coveted AFRO-KOOL Honor Flags, now flying proudly all over Baltimore.

As Sunday approaches, AFRO Captains and Advisors are excited and proud. As they have done for the past 47 years they are planning block parties and trips over Labor Day to reward their workers for a job well done.

AFRO judges will leave the AFRO office at 628 N. Eutaw St. at 10 a.m. Sunday and will travel out Center Street to East Baltimore to Perkins Homes and Latrobe Homes to Cherry Hill. Back to East Baltimore ending at North and Montford.

From their to Sinclair Lane, E. North Ave., Rutland, E. Lafayette to Holbrook.

After a break for lunch, judges will tour above Greenmount to Aisquith and Abbottson. From there to Lakeview to Chalgrove, Beaufort, W. Garrison, Sumter.

From there to Parkwood and Woodbrook to Madison Avenue. Hitting West Baltimore, judges will tour W. North Ave., Monroe, Baker. From there to Payson, Appleton, Brice, Pulaski and all the blocks in between on Monroe, Edmondson, Gilmor, Fulton then Edmondson Village. Then judges will view the remaining blocks in Murphy Homes and do McCulloh and Druid Hill Avenues.

Up until AFRO press time, Captains were still trying to get reluctant city officials to move trash after they have swept their fronts, lots and alleys.

The AFRO Clean Block Campaign feels that many city agencies are so busy with Festivals at the Inner Harbor that they continuously neglect to give basic services to tax paying, voting citizens.

For instance. After complaining for a year the 500 blk of Gilmor Street were able to have eight truck loads of trash moved from their Tot Lot. Every department of Recreation and Parks cleared the lot.

The rat population is still rising thanks to insensitive merchants who continue to put out trash in inner city neighborhoods in plastic bags. With all the fuss about trash payola this summer, the real problem remains. Many merchants put out more trash than city sanitation workers can take legally and, many clutter the alleys after Clean Block workers have cleaned.

AFRO Clean Blockers can only do so much and they have made a beautiful start. Today, a lot of blocks are safer because the young and old people have worked hard together, gone to the movies together and have learned to respect each other.

Just knowing each other and learning to respect each other is the start of a neighborhood. That neighborhood can go on to vote together and elect city officials who respond to the rich and powerful but who appoints people to city jobs who respond to poor voters too, also and as well as.

Onions to the church secretary who called. She wanted to know why Clean Block inspections had to be held on Sunday. We advised our inspections would not interfere with her church services. However, we asked did the church work with the block? Did she know the block captain? Did the church members go to church and litter the block on Sunday, cleaning out ashtrays, leaving litter?

My advice to the secretary was to get to know her neighbors and we'll all have a happy place to live and work.

In next Tuesday's and Friday's AFRO we will be running pictures of some of Baltimore's most beautiful blocks.

Announcement of top winners and pictures in the 47th Annual AFRO-KOOL Clean Block Campaign will be run in Tuesday's September 1 issue.

AFRO Clean Blockers from the 900 blk. Bennett Place with their flowers, broom and flag are Captain, Ms. Marian Little; Co-captain, Ms. Sandy Walker, and Advisor, Mrs. Angela Fitzhugh.

Photo by Mark Gail

Elrod Hindricks, coach for the Baltimore Orioles gave greetings at War Memorial Plaza at AFRO Birthday. He drew smiles from AFRO

Chairman John Murphy and Clean Block Director Ida Peters when he promised continued work with this newspaper's programs.

On a stage banked with live plants, Mrs. Ida Peters AFRO Clean Block Director presents live plants to long-time workers. They are flanked on each end by Miss Kimberly Ann Brooks and Miss Sharon Wharton, queens. From (L), Mrs. Elizabeth Farmer, 10 years; Mrs. Maggie Quille, 10; Mrs. Louise Flood, 10; Mrs. Esther Middleton, 13; Mrs. Annie Thomas, 15; Mrs. Helen Foot, 18; Rev. Eleanor Powell, 22; Mrs. Mary Sue Johnson, 18; Mrs. Eva Burgess, 25 and George Dozier, 47.

(Photo by Mark Gail)

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