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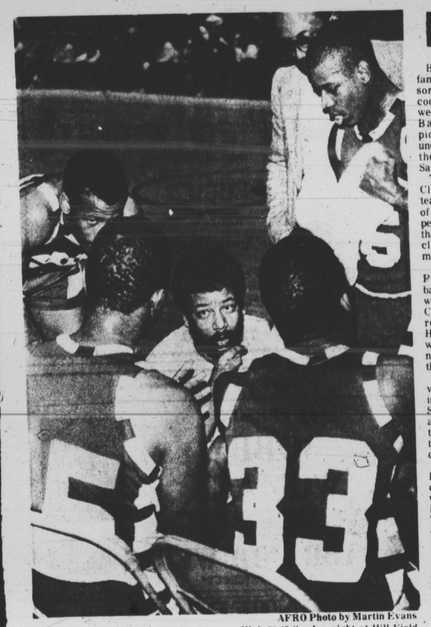

LAKERS' HUDDLE — Woodrow Wilson, the Lake Clifton coach, goes over strategy with his charges in the final minutes of the MSA tournament's final game, won by Dunbar High 63-47 Sunday night at Hill Field House. Wilson and the Lakers could not solve the Dunbar defense and staffed in the fourth quarter, scoring only four points.

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Poets, Lakers to collide again

Baltimore basketball fans will be treated to some good, home cooking again this weekend when the MSA Basketball Championship playoffs get underway downtown at the Civic Center Saturday morning.

The Dunbar and Lake Clifton boys' varsity teams will give an encore of last week's sizzling performance, a contest that was razor-sharp and close until the final minutes.

The Baltimore City Public Schools girls' basketball championship will share the card at the Civic Center, featuring a rematch of Walbrook High, winners of last weekend's MSA tournament, with Western, the runner-up.

The city's junior varsity boys also will be in the spotlight when Southwestern, holders of a 15-1 season's record take on a tough Walbrook team that has gone 33-0 over the last two seasons.

The upcoming Dunbar-Lake Clifton contest continues a hot rivalry which dates from the Ernie Graham - Skip Wise - Pop Wright 1970s, continued brightly in last year's tight Lakers victories and, after two 30-plus Poet blowouts earlier this season, glowed brilliantly again in the past weekend's intense duel at Hill Field House.

The Lakers and Poets have fed their legendary status on a steady diet of talent, spawned at Eastside recreational centers and playgrounds year after year.

But other schools benefit from the same talent, and the difference between these and other teams probably can be traced to their respective coaches.

Wade, a former football player, is large and in-position, mean looking without being so.

"I like order," he said, examining his approach to the game.

"I don't think adequate learning can take place without order and I treat the gymnasium like a classroom."

Warming up to the philosophical exploration, he continued pensively.

"The basic problem I face is to simplify a situation for the players," he said, summarizing the essence of coaching.

Woodrow Williams tries to get his players to reach for all they are capable of, noting individuals are often suprised by what they are capable of.

"Our team is not as talented as ones we have had in the past," he said last weekend after a heart-stopping, one point squeaker over Walbrook in the MSA semi - final.

He noted the winning basket was scored by reserve forward James Robinson, a player who lost his starting position earlier in the season but who continues to contribute coming off the bench.

"We preach to them to always be ready," Williams said. "I just try to get them to play within themselves," he said.

The jv contest could provide some fireworks. Southwestern is a quick, pressing team while the Warriors are large and rebound and shoot well from inside.

TOURNAMENT GALLERY APPRECIATIVE — A large crowd greeted the MSA Tournament contestants for last weekend's boys and girls semi-final and final games. Many came out onto the court after the contest and applauded as awards were given to the champion teams and outstanding players.

AFRO Photo by Martin Evans

Spring sports to start March 1

The spring athletic season begins for Baltimore City public schools March 1, bringing a fresh variety of sporting events to fans of public school competition.

Baseball, lacross, track and field, and tennis are the boys' varsity spring events.

Girls' varsity teams will compete in softball, badminton and track and field.

Although the first league contests are not scheduled to begin until March 21, "spring training" will preceed the season's interscholastic competition.

The practice period, at least 21 calendar days long as required by school board regulation, allows players to get in shape and practice at an easy pace to avoid injuries and to sharpen skills necessary for competition.

The training period is, number one, to condition athletes, to develop discipline and to involve them in the sport they wish to participate in." David White, Carver High's jv baseball coach said.

All public school students are allowed to participate in the practice period, but coaches eventually pare the numbers down until a team is formed.

Spring weather can be unpredictable and frequently forces outdoor sports' practices indoors, distorting their training value.

"You can't depend on what the weather will be like, and it is hard to assess what someone can do on a baseball diamond by watching him on a basketball court," White said, adding he hopes bad weather will not force him to try to teach baseball skills on a hardwood floor.

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Register is 155-lb champ

Robert Register, Dunbar's top wrestler in the 155 pound class, put his 16-0 record on the line Saturday, Feb. 2 against St. Joe's highly-touted Scott Flannery in the Maryland Scholastic Association Wrestling Tournament.

Flannery, 25-2 before the Saturday afternoon bout at St. Joe's, is a sophomore sensation. His only losses this season have come at the hands of out-of-state opponents he faced in holiday tournaments in New York and Pennsylvania.

The second year student at St. Joe's had bathed in media attention in the days which preceded the tournament, and Register, a senior with an impressive four year record, felt he had been slighted.

The media oversight may have pumped up the Poet grappler. Register dominated his less experienced opponent, yielding but four points on a reversal and a takedown, and winning, 14 - 4.

The flamboyant Poet got so excited that, with his opponent virtually pinned Register flashed a single digit in the air, proclaiming himself number one, a gesture which may have cost him the pin.

Despite Register's victory the MSA tournament was dominated by private and parochial schools.

Mt. St. Joe's finished first in a field of 26 teams, amassing 206 team points. Mervo was the top public school, finishing seventh with 117 points, followed by Southwestern, Poly and Dunbar, with 95 and-one-half, 78 and-one-half and 55 points, respectively.

Register was a bit more considered after the match. Referring to his "number one" gesture he said he may have been overly-enthusiastic.

"They said I was styling, which I did a little," he said Tuesday night, reflecting on the weekend's match.

"They gave him (Flannery) a big write-up. I shouldn't have done it but I just wanted to show him how I felt."

The Poet grappler's apparent confidence seems justified. The Eastside youth has wrestled since he was five years old, cutting teeth at the Mckim recreation center on E. Baltimore St.

He is one of the area's most experienced athletes at the scholastic level, winning his first wrestling award at age six and battling in the Maryland Junior Championships and the Junior Olympics.

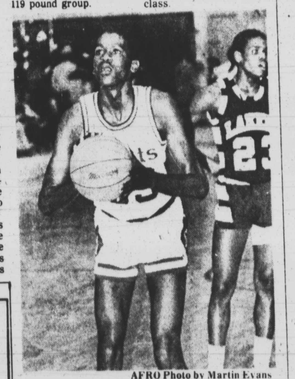
The Poets grappler has gained the respect of other coaches in the area.

"He is one of the better wrestlers in the city, but he doesn't get any publicity," Larry McCoy, the Walbrook coach said when contacted by the AFRO.

Then a light bulb of recognition switched on over McCoy's head.

"That's right," he said, his memory glowing vividly. "He beat Flannery and Flannery is one of the best wrestlers in the city."

Register garnered 26 team points for Dunbar in winning the 155 pound championship. The Poets' Everett Minor placed third in the 126 pound class, and Rodney Bryant was fifth in the 119 pound group.



SCORING LEADER — Poet Russ Williams concentrates on the rim as he prepares for a foul shot in Sunday's MSA tournament final. He sank the free throw, adding the shot to his game-high 23 points.

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Cage Polls

BOYS

1 Calvert Hall	29-0
2 Dunbar	26-0
3 Cardinal Gibbons	24-5
4 Lake Clifton	19-6
5 Walbrook	17-8
6 Aberdeen	15-3
7 Southern (H)	14-3
8 Andover	17-3
9 Annapolis	17-2
10 Glen Burnie	16-3

GIRLS

1 Towson Catholic	33-1
2 Walbrook	19-1
3 Mount Hebron	17-2
4 Western	16-1
5 Archbishop Keough	12-4
6 Andover	12-4
7 Southern (H)	14-5
8 Brooklyn Park	15-2
9 Old Mill	17-2
10 Dulaney	13-3

Other champions from the public schools include Southwestern's Ricky Westmoreland at 98 pounds, Darryl Brown of Poly at 145 pounds, Alvin Street of Mervo at 167 pounds and Dennis Bullock of Carver battling in the unlimited class.

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If you have a problem you feel our founder Jan might be able to help you with, why not write to her. All letters will be answered in this column.

Write: Tell it to Jan, AFRO-AMERICAN, P.O. Box 1837, Baltimore, Md. 21201.

Dear Jan:

I have been married a year and a half. During this time my husband visits his friends on weekends we would also do a lot of visiting. Now that he has stopped drinking, I can't get him to go anywhere.

All he wants to do on Sundays is go to a movie on Saturdays. My mother tells me that is not wise to allow a husband to do everything he wants, people are drinking, so he'd rather not go out.

Please advise me what I should do. E

Dear E:

As long as your husband enjoys your company, don't would do all things besides just going to the movies. Why not try bowling, or going to sporting events, concerts, plays, or just going to the movies. Why not try bowling, or going to sporting events, concerts, plays, or just going to the movies. Why not try bowling, or going to sporting events, concerts, plays, or just going to the movies. Why not try bowling, or going to sporting events, concerts, plays, or just going to the movies. Why not try bowling, or going to sporting events, concerts, plays, or just going to the movies. Why not try bowling, or going to sporting events, concerts, plays, or just going to the movies. Why not try bowling, or going to sporting events, concerts, plays, or just going to the movies. Why not try bowling, or going to sporting events, concerts, plays, or just going to the movies. Why not try bowling, or going to sporting events, concerts, plays, or just going to the movies. Why not try bowling, or going to sporting events, concerts, plays, or just going to the movies. Why not try bowling, or going to sporting events, concerts, plays, or just going to the movies. Why not try bowling, or going to sporting events, concerts, plays, or just going to the movies. Why not try bowling, or going to sporting events, concerts, plays, or just going to the movies. Why not try bowling, or going to sporting events, concerts, plays, or just going to the movies. Why not try bowling, or going to sporting events, concerts, plays, or just going to the movies. Why not try bowling, or going to sporting events, concerts, plays, or just go

Dear Jan:

I am 28 and in love with a married man, 24. He treats me just fine. Sometimes I need money he always gives me. He says he will always telling me stories on him, but I don't believe them because they want us to break up. He says he is going to the baby's father is coming home soon. I don't know what I am going to do because he says we are going to get married. Should I stay with him? He loves me and he will be free one of these days.

I am confused. Please help me.

Pauline

Dear Pauline:

I'll say you're confused, in fact, I'll add mixed-up. Have you no morals at all? How can you be in love with a man that you don't interest me at all. I don't think my money is the reason he is trying to break us up.

Please give me some advice.

S.M.

Dear S.M.:

Dear Jan:

I am 17 and have been going steady for two years. My boyfriend is 18. The trouble is, I think he should meet a lot of boys and not stick to just one boy.

But I love this boy very much and want to get married some day. I do meet other boys, but they just don't interest me at all. I don't think my mother is right. She is trying to break us up.

Please give me some advice.

Love to Marry

Dear Love to Marry:

Dear Jan:

I go with her. I was just playing, but she took it serious.

I have told my girlfriend the truth, but she still doesn't believe me. What shall I do? Tom

Dear Tom:

Nothing you can do, except to realize that you can't kid around - if you were kidding, why didn't you tell your girlfriend so? If your girlfriend is for you, she'll get over it.

Dear Jan:

I am 15 and the boy I talk to is 18. We have been going together about a month and a half. I have been out with him twice.

Do I want to know is, am I too young to go out on dates and what time do you think I should be back home? W

Dear W:

Depends on what kind of dates you are talking about. Naturally, on school nights, 9:00 should be the limit.

Weekends, if you are going to some specified place, such as a party or dance, then you are expected to be home after the event closes.

Dear Jan:

I am 18 and my boyfriend is 20. We have been going steady off and on for five years. He has asked me to marry him but I told him I was going to finish school first. I am in the 12th grade.

Next year, I want to go to college. I plan on working my way through. He has been begging me to marry him and let him send me to school. He works in another state. Should I marry him? Do you think he will send me to college? Marlene

Dear Marlene:

Don't let anything interfere with your resolve to get yourself a college education. Marriage would definitely be a hindrance.

After all, there is the possibility that you might become a mother - you would have a husband to take care of.

Best you keep planning to send yourself. This way you won't have to wonder whether or not your boyfriend-husband will keep his word.

Dear Jan:

I am 14 and in love with a boy, 15. We are supposed to get married, but we think we are too young. I love him very much and he loves me. If we don't get married, I will kill myself.

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Dear Jan:

I am 15 and in love with a boy, 15. We are supposed to get married, but we think we are too young. I love him very much and he loves me. If we don't get married, I will kill myself.

LITTLE JACK, IF YOU WANTS TO KEEP ON SEEING YOUR GIRLFRIEND, YOU'D BETTER STOP TALKING TO THE PARROT. WHAT KIND OF GIRL DO YOU THINK I AM, ANYWAY? OF COURSE I WON'T MARRY YOU!

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IN THE STARS!

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Expect a quiet, uneventful week. You will take responsibility for crew members who you feel need to prove your right to upcoming financial rewards, including tax benefits later on.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Taureans are likely to outdo themselves in party preparations. It's wise for the Bull to watch the red flag of caution. Investments need careful scrutiny, especially money, stop at Processor.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Stop broadcasting every move you plan to make. Do not let anyone know your business secrets even to a best buddy.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Stop insisting on always having your way. Some people have feelings of others. When someone is down, don't kick them. Help pick them up. You are likely to find a lot more than usual. Attitude changes can alter situations.

LEO (July 23-August 22): You may feel you'd rather let pass what with all the demands people are going to make on your energy. Be careful not to indulge your own needs; give a helping hand to those in need. Roll with the punches. Changes are important step you are planning to make is the right one.

VIRGO (August 23-September 22): An expected week can be expected. The prestige you want is within your fulfillment. Don't tip the balance by pushing too much trust in your associates. Neptune's children can reap a net profit in personal relationships this week.

with more energy than usual. Be completely honest with employers or employer. Gather information you need to improve your right to upcoming financial rewards, including tax benefits later on.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21): Pluto puts some stress on your finances. Be careful which Scorpian is likely to trip later on. Answer all of the demands people are going to make on your energy. Be careful not to indulge your own needs; give a helping hand to those in need. Roll with the punches. Changes are important step you are planning to make is the right one.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21): Stop insisting on always having your way. Some people have feelings of others. When someone is down, don't kick them. Help pick them up. You are likely to find a lot more than usual. Attitude changes can alter situations.

CAPRICORN (December 22 - January 19): Fear personal failure. Be more aggressive than usual. Update your wardrobe and your hairstyle. Reserve time for projects you truly enjoy. Do not let fear of these restless times. Strike off deadbeats now!

AQUARIUS (January 20-February 18): Force yourself to be more social. Watch carefully that you don't hurt someone's feelings with your light, but enjoyable sarcasm. Be truthful and honest as you can use your energies. In personal matters, contact old friends and renew old acquaintances.

PISCES (February 19-March 20): Face facts and see things as they really are. Unfortunately, will continue to pay too much trust in your associates. Neptune's children can reap a net profit in personal relationships this week.

Searching

Looking for whereabouts of Milton Lee Smith, middle-age, 5'11", 190 pounds, last seen in Baltimore, MD 1978. Baltimore, MD. Contact: Mrs. Dorothy McKinley, 3814 Cottage Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215 or call (301) 542-1298.

Mother looking for grandson, Michael Lee Bull born Jan. 15, 1970, racially mixed, placed for adoption Sept. 1973 in Baltimore. Contact: Ms. Mariane Bull, 407 Dudley Ave., Pocomoke, MD 21851 or call (301) 957-1164 or 957-3819.

Lonesome Hearts

Youthful, 56-year-old employed, light drinking, good traits, well-rounded interests, attends church, seeks companionship or marriage. Can relocate. J. D. Willis, Northgate I, Apt. 8-H, Camden, NJ 08102.

32-year-old black male, currently incarcerated, without family or friends in search of female friend. Nathan Jones, Box 153-071, P. O. Box 69, London, OH 43140-0069.

26-year-old inmate who has no family or friends would like to receive a letter from someone who cares. James F. Taylor, 159-628, P. O. Box 5699, Lucasville, OH 45699.

I would like to correspond with all brothers and sisters who wish to write to me. Box 153608, P. O. Box 787, Lucasville, OH 45699.

Handsome Taurus, 24, seeks correspondence with sincere and understanding people. Reginald Frierson, 161-109, P. O. Box 45699, Lucasville, OH 45699.

24-year-old man would love to hear from anyone who cares to write someone who is confined. Anthony Swain, 364-664, P. O. Box 69, London, OH 43140-0069.

Black male interested in corresponding with 30-55 year-old female. Chris P. A. Mitchell, 195-38-830, Box 45699, Lucasville, OH 45699.

35-year-old black inmate, 5'8", 160 pounds, would like to correspond with women who wants something out of life. I will answer all letters. Charles Wesley O. Bo-SN, Jessup, MD.

35-year-old blue eyes man, 6', 180 pounds would like to meet females from 18-48 for correspondence. Will answer all letters. Daniel B. Peterson, 164-130, P. O. Box 69, London, OH 43140-0069.

43-year-old black inmate, 5'8", 170 pounds, seeks to correspond with women who wants something out of life. I will answer all letters. Isaiah Andrews, 141-345, P. O. Box 45699, Lucasville, OH 45699.

I find lonely days extremely harsh and almost unbearable. Interested in corresponding with sincere person. Will answer all letters. Daniel B. Peterson, 164-130, P. O. Box 69, London, OH 43140-0069.

I am interested in writing to anyone who is tired of playing games and who is sincere. Harris, 152-032, P. O. Box 45699, Lucasville, OH 45699.

Former fashion model and photographer, 35-year-old male who is interested in music, horseback riding, would like to write to anyone willing to correspond with me. I have no racial hang ups. Chris P. A. Mitchell, 195-38-830, Box 45699, Lucasville, OH 45699.

Pen Pals

51-year-old man, divorced, 5'8", 170 pounds, brown eyes, black hair, seeks attractive ladies 30-51, 125-150 pounds, sincere, kind, loving, with a sense of humor. Write Edward Jameson, 1706 N. Fulton Ave., Baltimore, MD 21217.

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