# Orioles' boss foresees bright '82 year

By Earl Weaver

The Orioles have the best record in the major leagues over the last 25 years, and it has been the team's trademark to perform better as the season progresses. We usually play our best baseball down the stretch in September and October, when it really counts.

The events of last season did not give us the chance to employ our usual strategy, yet we finished just two games out of first place in each half and for the overall season were just one game behind Milwaukee with the fewest losses of any team in the Eastern Division.

But it was a strange year for the Orioles. Our pitching staff, normally the club's major strength, was hampered by injuries, resulting in Baltimore's second highest team earned run average in that 25 - year span. The club's home run power fell off considerably from 1979 and 1980, and several people we had counted on for "Dr. Long Ball" had off - years.

I am confident we can avoid these problems in 1982. In addition, we have made several helpful changes, and with a full season of baseball ahead of us, I believe that the Orioles are serious contenders for the A.L. Eastern Division title.

First, a look at our pitching. In 1981 we had only two starters that were healthy for the entire season, Dennis Martinez and Scott McGregor. Those two had outstanding years, but Mike Flanagan, Jim Palmer, and Steve Stone all had physical problems which weakened our staff considerably.

As we enter spring training, we have good reports on all three, and I believe they are all capable of returning to their forms of past seasons (each is a former Cy Young Award winner). Once again our starting pitching should be among the best in baseball.

Should any of the projected five starters falter, we can turn to righthander Sammy Stewart, who had the league's second lowest era last year working mostly in long relief. He is very valuable in that role and can also pitch in short relief.

We will also be looking for long relief help from righthanders Dave Ford, who was bothered by shoulder trouble in 1981, and Paul Moskau, an off - season acquisition from Cincinnati. For the late innings, I am looking for righty Tim Stoddard to return to his 1980 form when he saved a club record 26 games.

Steady Tippy Martinez, who led the club with 11 saves in 1981, will be our lefthanded short reliefer. We will also be taking a spring training look at two former Oriole hurlers, lefty Ross Grimsley and righty Don Stanhouse, whose progress during the off - season has earned them a chance to make our ballclub.

While our infield will have a new look, the right side is one of the best in the game. First baseman Eddie Murray is coming off an outstanding year when he was the Orioles "most valuable player" while leading the league in rbi and tying for the top spot in home runs. At age 25, he is one of the top stars in the majors today.

Second baseman Rich Dauer is a fine fielder and a tough out in the batting order.

The changes will be in the left side where Mark Belanger and Doug DeCinces have both departed. Our leading candidate to open at shortstop is Lenn Sakata, who performed well and displayed surprising power as a starter in that position last September. Sakata is a second baseman by trade but spent a month in the Florida Instructional League last fall working on his shortstop play. He will be challenged by rookie Bob Bonner, an outstanding gloveman who must prove he can hit in the majors.

At third base, we are looking for Cal Ripken Jr., to be a solid performer in his first full major league season. He had another fine winter in Puerto Rico, and has the potential to be one of the top players in this league for many years to come. Although we are not deep with infield reserves, we do have some versatility.

Dauer and Bonner can play third, Sakata can play second, and Ripken can be used at short. We may also receive some help in that role from Floyd Rayford, who comes to camp as a non - roster player.

The outfield has been strengthened considerably by the addition of Dan Ford from California. Ford supplies additional power to our lineup and will improve us defensively.

One of our main tasks during spring training will be determining the outfield alignment. We are hoping that Gary Roenicke can rebound to his 1979 form when he hit 25 homers. If he comes through, we may go with Roenicke in left, dependable Al Bumbry in center, and Ford in right.

It is also possible that Bumbry will play left, with Ford in center and Ken Singleton in right. However, we do plan on using Singleton, one of the game's top hitters, more as a designated hitter in 1982.

We also will receive help from outfielders Benny Ayala, Jim Dwyer and John Lowenstein.

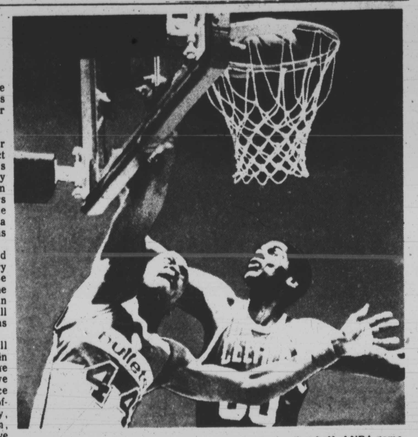
Catching is another area in which we expect improvement this season. Rick Dempsey and Dan Graham combined for 24 homers and 93 rbi in 1980, and we feel they are capable of a similar performance this time around.

Our bench should again be an asset. Terry Crowley and Jose Morales are two of the finest pinch - hitters in baseball and they will also be used some as designated hitters.

While pitching will once again be the key in the success of the Orioles, I believe we have an excellent chance to be a strong club offensively. Bumbry, Dauer, Singleton, Murray, and Ford give us a solid nucleus and with Roenicke, Ripken, Dempsey, Graham, and Sakata, we have potentially one of the top lineups in the Eastern Division.

When September rolls around, I think you'll see the Orioles contending for the Eastern Division title. And if that's the case, watch out down the stretch.

Earl Weaver
manager likes what he sees



WASHINGTON BULLETS' Rick Mahorn goes up for a slam dunk against Robert Parish of the Boston Celtics during first half of NBA game at Capital Centre, Tuesday night. Celtics edged Bullets 98 - 97.

Black American Gustavus Vassa published an autobiography in 1789 that went into eight editions within five years and represented a growing spirit of Black independence.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# THE LIVING CHURCH

## Brown's Memorial members move to new church

"We had outgrown our seating capacity and did not have space to expand our ministry. With the budget cuts taking a toll on government run programs and lack of concern for the city's needs, churches need to be more involved in out reach ministry."

Those were the words of the Rev. Dr. Douglas I. Miles, pastor of Brown's Memorial Baptist Church, 3215 W. Belvedere Ave. Rev. Miles lead a 125 car motorcade on March 7, from the former church on Fulton Avenue to the new church home on West Belvedere Avenue. The church has purchased the former Arlingtn Presbyterian Church and education center for $500,000.

Since Rev. Miles has served as pastor, the membership has increased and 70 percent of the members are between 20 and 35-years-old. Rev. Miles said the church is now making plans to have a day care center, food co-op and a job bank.

"We are thinking about having an evening learning center, where students can come and study," said Rev. Miles.

Brown's Memorial will also have recreational programs for members and citizens in the community. The church is considering opening a soup kitchen.

Brown's Memorial was founded in 1932 as the Watch Your Step Tabernacle, when the Rev. Ernest Brown was pastor. In 1951, it was incorporated under its present name and the Rev. Dr. George E. Vanderford was pastor.

The Rev. Dr. Alfred C. D. Vaughn, pastor of Grace Memorial Baptist Church was the speaker for the last worship services held at the Fulton Avenue church.

The new facility is one of the most complete church facilities in the city with a 1,000 seat capacity sanctuary, full lower auditorium, 20 classrooms, gymnasium, a suite of offices, nursery and an off street parking lot.

The church and the Presbytery of Baltimore will also conduct several joint ministries in the Park Heights area.

550 MEMBERS of Brown's Memorial Baptist Church did not let the rain stop them from attending the first services held at their new church home at 3215 W. Belvedere Ave. Members are shown entering the former Arlington Presbyterian Church that is now known as Brown's Memorial Baptist.

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THE REV. DR. DOUGLAS I. MILES has served as pastor of Brown's Memorial Baptist Church for nine years. Rev. Miles told the AFRO, "We are all excited and feeling very humble" about our new church.

BAPTIST MINISTERS who participated in the services held March 7 at Brown's Memorial Baptist new church home on Belvedere Avenue shown from left are the Reverends William C. Calhoun, Alfred C. D. Vaugh and James S. Wise.

## Pleasant Hope Baptist pastor observes his 19th anniversary

The Rev. Dr. Howard R. Queen will be celebrating his 19th anniversary as pastor of Pleasant Hope Baptist Church, 430 E. Belvedere Ave., on Sunday, March 21.

The Rev. Frank Seivers, associate minister of the church will be the 11 a.m. speaker and the Rev. Dr. William Calhoun, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church is the 4 p.m. speaker. A reception will be held at the church following the morning service for Rev. Queen.

Since he has been pastor of Pleasant Hope Baptist, the Deaconess Board was reorganized. The Queen Ensemble, Pleasant Hope Specials, Men of Pleasant Hope and the Nurses Guild was organized.

Rev. Queen also teaches at Lombard Junior High School and has managed three travel agencies for 15 years. During his 27 years as a minister, he has served as pastor of three churches.

Pleasant Hope will have revival services March 22-26, 7:30 p.m. at the church. The Rev. Dr. Harlie W. Wilson, pastor of Israel Baptist Church will be the speaker.

Pleasant Hope Baptist has five associate ministers who work with Rev. Queen. They are the Reverends William Ruffin, Kevin V. Gresham, Frank E. Seivers, McKinley C. Fontenot and Billy W. Mitchell.

Rev. Howard Queen

## Little Women's Day held at Centennial Methodist

"Young Christian Women With The Vision to See, Faith To Believe, Courage To Do," is the theme for Little Women's Day at Centennial United Methodist Church, East Monument and Stirling Streets. The Rev. Harold E. Palmer Jr. is minister.

Female members between 5 and 17-years-old will be participating in the first Little Women's Day service at Centennial United Methodist. As part of their Women's Day activities, the female youth members of the church will sponsor a bake sale at the church on March 21, 1 p.m.

Little Women's Day services will be held on April 18, with Ms. Mary Franks, from New Central Baptist Church in Philadelphia as the 11 a.m. speaker. The Young People's Choir of First Baptist Church in Merrifield, Va., will be special guest. A fashion show and dinner will also be held at the church on April 18, 2 p.m.

Little Women's Day officers are Misses Tracey Thompson, chairperson, Kimberly Harrison, co-chairperson, Connie Harrison, secretary, Shirley Dickerson, adult advisor, Adriane Craddock, treasurer, Judy Palmer and Bernetta W. Archer are adult advisors.

Mrs. Archer said the church decided to have Little Women's Day services because "We are trying to develop a stronger youth program at the church and want the youth to be active in the worship services."

The adult members of the church will observe their annual Women's Day on April 25. A state rally will be held at the church on April 4, 3 p.m. and communion breakfast is scheduled for April 25, 9 a.m. Mrs. Minnie Washington, wife of the Rev. Carl Washington of Timothy Christian Baptist Church will be the 11 a.m. speaker. Mrs. Shirley Dickerson is co - chairperson and Mrs. Bennetta W. Archer is chairperson.

## 2,500 senior citizens will attend Palm Sunday gospel show

2,500 senior citizens will receive free tickets to attend a gospel show on Sun., April 4, 4:30 p.m. at the Civic Center.

The show is being sponsored by Pearl Record Company. Lawrence A. Brunt Sr., is president of the company. A spokesman for the Pearl Record Company told the AFRO, "People often forget about our senior citizens. We will provide free transportaion to the Civic Center for the citizens. If your church, club or organization would like to make a donation for the senior citizen tickets, call 566-1362. The oldest senior citizen attending the gospel program will be honored.

Among gospel groups participating on the program will be the Dixie Hummingbirds, Douglas Miller and the Fellowship Choir, The Angelic Gospel Singers, Marva Hines and Company.

Edgar Kendricks, The Spirit of Peace Singers, The Singing Disciples, Voices of Harmony, Sensational Bells of Joy, J. D. Fowler and Company, Diane Evans and the Morning Star Youth Choir. The Swanee Quintet Singers will be observing their 43rd anniversary at the gospel show.

## Metro church briefs

The United Methodist Men of Sharp Street Memorial United Methodist Church, Dolphin and Etting Sts. will sponsor a dinner and play on March 26, at the church.

William W. Freeman is president and the Rev. John W. Coleman is pastor. For tickets call 523-1193.

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A prayer breakfast will be held at Lewin United Methodist Church, 4820 Reisterstown Rd., on Saturday, March 20, 8:30 a.m. The Rev. Miss Alfreda Wiggins will be the speaker. The Rev. Alfred Statesman is pastor of Lewin.

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The women of Timothy Baptist Church will sponsor a tea and hat show on March 20, 5 p.m. at the church, 1216 Saratoga St. Mrs. Thelma Hankes is program chairman; Mrs. Rosa McNeal is Women's Day chairman and the Rev. James L. Ball is pastor.

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The Youth Ministries of Ames Memorial United Methodist Church, Carey and Baker Street will sponsor the Choir of the Fellowship Church of Churist, 1725 Divis on St., in a recital on March 21, 3 p.m.

Mrs. Beatrice Yoes and Mrs. Jo-Ann Fellows are coordinators. The Rev. O. St. Clair Franklin is pastor.

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Members of Providence Inspirational Baptist Church, 850 Edmondson Ave., will celebrate Family and Friends night on March 21, 7 p.m. The Rev. Arthur Benn, pastor of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church will be the speaker. Mrs. Mary Leak and Mrs. Mozelle Gundy are chairpersons.

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The Rev. James Z. Alexander of Shaw University in Raleigh, N. C. will be the speaker for the eleventh anniversary celebration of St. John Baptist Church on March 28 at 11:45 a.m. The church is located at the Wilde Lake Interfaith Center in Columbia, Md. and the Rev. Herbert Eaton is pastor.

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The Dynamic Voices of Divinity will celebrate their fourth anniversary on March 20, 7 p.m. at First United Church of Jesus Christ, 5150 Baltimore National Pike. The Rev. Monroe Saunders is pastor.

The Ida M. Redd Echoes of Mt Ararat Baptist Church will celebrate their anniversary on April 4, 6 p.m.

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The women of Union Memorial United Methodist Church, 2500 Harlem Ave., will sponsor a fashion show and luncheon on April 3, 12:30 at the church. Mrs. Elle C. Johns is chairperson for Women's Day and Mrs. Kathlynn Jacobs, Michelle Fantt and Lavada Hopson are co-chairpersons. The Rev. Dr. Leonard R. Felton is pastor.

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Ernest Pretlow and members of the Pretlow Family will be in a concert on March 28, 7:30 p.m. at Christian Community Church of God, 2701 Baltimore St.

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Larry Bland and the Volunteer Choir of Second Baptist Church of Richmond, Va., will be in concert at Trinity Baptist Church, 1601 Druid Hill Ave., on March 28, 5 p.m. The Rev. William C. Calhoun is pastor.

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The Women of St. John AME Church, 810 Carrollton Ave., will celebrate their annual Women's Day on March 21.

Mrs. Laura Stevenson of Gillis Memorial Christian Community Church will be the 8 a.m. prayer breakfast speaker and the Rev. Mrs. Earlene Houston is the 11 a.m. speaker. rs. Dorothy Young, Mrs. Shelia Mason and Mrs. Saphronia Clark are co-chairpersons. The Rev. Benajmin S. Foust is pastor.

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The Rev. Dr. A. C. Harrison Sr., will be honored March 26, 7:30 p.m. at a banquet being held at the Holiday Inn. Mrs. Amelia Brattley is chairperson and Mrs. Minnie Dillard is co - chairperson.

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The senior usners of Macedonia Baptist Church, Lafayette and Fremont Avenue, will sponsor the Young Women's Chorus in recital at the church on March 21, 3 p.m. Ernest Smith is chairman, Mrs. Dorothy Camphor, co-chairman, George Clay and Mrs. Mabel Scott are presidents. The Rev. W. L. Clayton is pastor and Mrs. Frances Williams is choir director.

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Evangelist Esther Melcher was the guest speaker at St. John AME Church recently. The Rev. Tommie Jenkins is pastor of the church. Evangelist Melcher, who is well known in the churches was also the speaker at the International Evangelistic Center, 2201 Rosedale St.

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The James H. Williams Club of Israel Baptist Church, Preston and Chester Street, will celebrate its 45th anniversary on March 21, 3:30 p.m. The Rev. Grant Hammond, pastor of Alpha Baptist Church in Wilmington, Delaware will be the speaker. The Rev. Harlie W. Wilson is pastor of Israel Baptist Church.

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Members of Southern Baptist Church will be worshipping with members of Christian Community Church of God, 2701 Baltimore St., on March 21, 4 p.m. The Rev. C. Green is pastor of Christian Community Church and the Rev. Nathaniel Higgs is pastor of Southern Baptist.

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Ray of Hope Baptist Church, 3000 Parkside Drive will celebrate its second annual Women's Day on Sunday, March 21. Mrs. Bessie Mason will be the 10:45 a.m. speaker. Mrs. Mason is president of the Women's Auxiliary of the United Baptist Missionary Convention of Maryland.

The Rev. Charles M. Franklin is pastor. The Women's Day Choir will sponsor a concert at the church at 4 p.m.

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Dr. Jerome D. Frank, professor emeritus of psychiatry at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine will be the speaker at Towson Unitarian Universalist Church on March 21, 10:30 a.m.

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Trustee Day will be observed at Enon Baptist Church, Edmondson Avenue and Schroeder Street on March 28, 11 a.m. Miss Laura C. Whitfield will be the speaker. The Rev. Porter Phillips is pastor.

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Roland Joe Smith and Company will be in concert on March 21, 5 p.m. at New Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, 1907 Poplar Grove St. The Rev. Hezekiah Williams is pastor.

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Ushers Day will be celebrated at Calvary Baptist Church, 3911 Garrison Blvd., on March 28, 4 p.m. Ms. Barbara Cooper, program director for the NAACP will be the guest speaker. Mrs. Hazel Tillman is president and the Rev. Lorenzo Graves is pastor.

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