GU to reach final, but then...

By Sam Lacy

Forgive me, home buddies, for what I'm about to write.

It really isn't desertion; it's real fear.

Georgetown is expected to reach the final for Monday's NCAA tournament championship basketball game. But, after that . . .

As I stated in my column earlier this week, I am a dyed-in-the-flesh Hoya fan and there is nothing I'd prefer to see at the moment than being made a liar when Georgetown tangles with North Carolina in the showdown at the Superdome in New Orleans.

Of course, that means Georgetown must beat Louisville Saturday, and North Carolina will have to dispose of Houston in order that such a confrontation can be brought about.

I think that will happen.

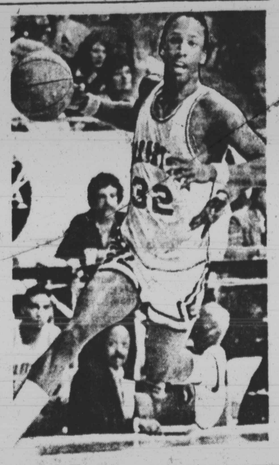
Admittedly, Louisville enjoys greater experience in these late-tournament affairs and the Cardinals may be every bit as deep as the Hoyas. But I'm convinced that Georgetown's fire and tenacity, combined with the defensive skills of Pat Ewing will be enough to prevail.

Louisville has a history of being troubled by big men.

The smooth transition work of North Carolina should have little difficulty with an enthusiastic but outclassed Cougar foe in the other Saturday semi-final.

Then, on Monday, with the talent-laden Tar Heels coming at them from so many directions, the Hoyas, I'm afraid, will finish second.

CARDINAL CATALYST — Majnstay of the Lousville five which faces Georgetown Saturday is Jerry Eaves. A superb ball handler, excellent shotmaker and brilliant handyman of the Cardinals, Eaves must be controlled by the Hoyas in their NCAA semi-final Saturday at New Orleans.



HURRYING HOYA — Eric Smith, who shares quarterback duties with Fred Brown for Georgetown, will be one of the problems facing Louisville in Saturday's NCAA semi-final between the Hoyas and Cardinals at the New Orleans Superdome.

Women's crown eyed by Cheyney

Beleaguered coach Vivian Stringer has her Cheyney State quint in Norfolk this weekend, her eyes, and theirs, focussed on the NCAA women's basketball championship, being contested at the Scope.

But the road they must travel is a rocky one, to say the least.

The Lady Wolves have won 27 of their 29 starts this season, despite the distractions suffered by their tutor. Stringer has an infant daughter who still is fighting her way through bouts with meningitis and pneumonia.

Blocking the aspirations of Stringer and her young women are the defending champions from Louisiana Tech, Tennessee and Maryland — all major colleges but all dominated talentwise by blacks.

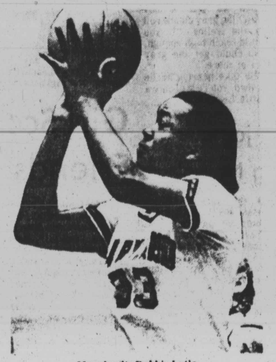
Louisiana Tech, the No. 1 ranking, is triggered by Pam Kelly, with Janice Lawrence and Angela Turner offering strong support.

Tennessee's mainstays are Paula Towns and Sheila Collins.

Area cage fans are thoroughly familiar with the manner in which Debbie Lytle, Marcia Richardson and Myra Waters key the Maryland offense.

Small and quick — but perhaps not as much so as the fiery Louisiana crew — Cheyney State counts mainly on the aggressiveness of Valerie Walker, East Regional MVP; Yolanda Laney, Rosetta Guilford and Deborah Walker.

Cheyney meets Maryland Friday night at 7 o'clock, with Louisiana and Tennessee following in an effort to qualify for Sunday's final.



Maryland's Debbie Lytle sparkplug must be cooled by Cheyney

LADY WOLVES IN ACTION — Cheyney State's Yolanda Laney (R) and Sharon Taylor battle to retrieve ball in victorious regional game against NC State's Claudia Kreicker (L)

Black coffee

The sports world has a new "Mr. Coffee" to rival Joe Dimaggio.

He's Pele, the former Santos, New York Cosmos and World Cup soccer star, who has signed a contract to promote the brazilian bean during the World Cup finals in Spain.

Pele will appear on posters in 14 World Cup sites in Spain wearing a Brazilian national team spirt, with the slogan "Brazilian Coffee, a Champion of Qulaity."

GU and UNC

According to this week's computer line, Georgetown and University of North Carolina are favored to win in the NCAA semi-finals Saturday at the Louisiana Superdome.

The Hoyas are rated 4½ points over Louisville, and the Tar Heels are given a 6½-point edge over Houston.

Here is how they got there

GEORGETOWN: beat Wyoming, Fresno State and Oregon State at Logan and Provo, Utah.

LOUISVILLE: defeated Middle Tennessee, Minnesota and Alabama - Birmingham at Nashville at Birmingham.

NORTH CAROLINA: eliminated James Madison, Alabama and Villanova at Charlotte and Raleigh.

HOUSTON: downed Alcorn, Tulsa, Missouri and Boston College at Tulsa and St. Louis.

Bits o' Briefs

Biggie bunnies

PORTLAND, OR (UPI) — Volunteers who roam the White House lawn in the Easter hunt will get some autographed eggs featuring the names of some very large bunnies.

The White House wrote the Portland Trail Blazers asking if the players would be willing to autograph some eggs which would be stashed for the annual event. The eggs — actually oval wooden ones — were sent to the club by mail and the Blazer players took time from one practice period to sign them.

But one player had to write rather small to get his name on the eggs — Petur Gudmundsson, the 7-2 center from Iceland.

Baseball bests

Baseball teams of Howard University and Norfolk State suffered severe shellackings at the hands (and bats) of Clemson and Virginia, respectively, Monday. The Bison were trounced, 14-2, by the Tigers and the Spartans were manhandled, 15-8 by the Cavaliers.

Pimlico plum

Ishkahn upset Crown and Cross by a length to trigger a $1,243.40 exacta payoff Tuesday in the $12,000 Bard Purse at Pimlico.

Ishkahn rallied between horses through the stretch under jockey Danny Wright and completed the 1 1-16 miles in 1:42 3-5. Crown and Cross finished a length before Ixatapa.

Ishkahn, who was the eighth choice in the field of nine, paid $63.20, $25.40 and $11.20. Crown and Cross returned $11.80 and $5.40, and Ixatapa showed at $9.20.

Twin towers

Hammond High School in Columbia (MD) won its county basketball title and finished second — beaten by one point — in play for the state championship.

Mainstays on the team are Terry and Perry Dozier, sophomore twins.

NBA weekend

SCHEDULE OF GAMES

Friday

Detroit at Boston
New Jersey at Washington
Philadelphia at Cleveland
Atlanta at Indiana
New York at Chicago
Kansas City at Dallas
Los Angeles at San Antonio
Milwaukee at Phoenix
Portland at Golden State
Houston at Seattle

Saturday

Detroit at New Jersey
Atlanta at Dallas
Phoenix at Denver
San Antonio at Utah
Milwaukee at San Diego

Sunday

Philadelphia at Boston
New York at New Jersey
Washington at Cleveland
Chicago at Indiana
Los Angeles at Kansas City
Houston at Golden State
Portland at Seattle

Monday

Phoenix at Utah

All-star mat card set at Capital Centre Sun

A nine-event parade of World Wrestling Federation champions and all stars comprises the spring opening of professional wrestling at the Capital Centre Sunday afternoon, beginning at 1:30 o'clock.

In a title rematch to a positive finish lumberjack style Adrian Adonis, No. 1 challenger, will attempt to dethrone WWF heavyweight champion Bob Backlund.

A definite finish is assured as 12 other wrestlers surrounding the ring outside will be prepared to promptly return either contestant who may be tossed out, or otherwise fall out of the ring.

A co-feature requiring a one-hour time limit sends aggressive Greg Valentine into competition against intercontinental heavyweight champion Pedro Morales.

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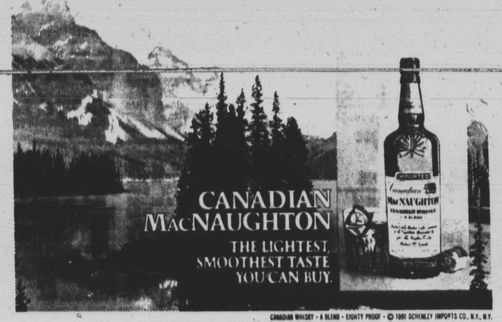

Dailey faces trial Apr. 7 in sex case

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — All-America basketball star Quintin Dailey will be prosecuted on four of the five felony counts filed against him in a sexual assault of a University of San Francisco nursing student.

Dailey, 21, has been ordered to appear in court April 7 for arraignment before Superior Court Judge Robert Dossee on charges of attempted rape, attempt to commit oral copulation, aggravated assault and false imprisonment.

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After a three-day preliminary hearing that was closed to the press, Municipal Court Judge Lucy McCable dropped a burglary charfiled against Dailey.

Dailey's attorney, George Walker, who is being paid by Dailey's friend, baseball star Reggie Jackson, said the charges stem from a case of mistaken identity.

He produced two witnesses — one who said he was with Dailey during the three hours he allegedly was in the victim's dormitory room and a second who said the victim told him she knew Dailey was not her attacker.

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The victim and a police inspector who administered a polygraph examination also testified in the preliminary hearing.

The victim charged that during the Christmas break, Dailey came into her unlocked dormitory room, sat on the bed and asked her to kiss him. When she refused, he tried to force her into sexual acts, she said.

Dailey has maintained his innocence.

Pay to play

RACINE, Wis. — An estimated 2,000 senior athletes in the Racine Public high schools will have to pay $15 a year annual fees and buy their own athletic shoes beginning next year.

Junior high school athletes will not have to pay the fee, but they will have to buy their own shoes.

The unprecedented fee was adopted Monday without discussion by the Unified School Board, which said the move would help offset the $340,000 a year cost for high school sports coaching staffs and equipment.

STRICTLY FOR CAMERA — Middleweight champion Marvin Hagler (L) and challenger Thomas Hearns square off for pub shot after announcing upcoming fight. Hagler will defend against former WBA welterweight champ, May 24 in Las Vegas.

Player explains why Thompson is coach of year and GU wins

ST. LOUIS (UPI) — The U.S. Basketball Writers Association Wednesday named Georgetown coach John Thompson its coach of the year.

Thompson, who is in his 10th year at Georgetown, has a career record of 205-90.

"I am very flattered by the award," Thompson said. "I can only be as good a coach as my players let me be. I'm very appreciative of the recognition."

Runnersup to Thompson in balloting by USBWA members were Ralph Miller of Oregon State and Tom Davis of Boston College. Others receiving votes were Gene Barton of Alabama - Birmingham, Terry Holland of Virginia and Guy Lewis of Houston.

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Thompson's success depends on blending the talents of his players into a workable combination.

Only All-American guard Eric Floyd is vapable of creating offense all alone. That happens rarely, by Thompson's design, as the Hoyas do most of their work on defense.

Sophomore Fred Brown, a 6-foot-6 guard from New York, appears to have sacrificed as little as any player. Recruited for his playmaking skills, defense, leadership and general workmanship on the court, Brown has maintained those traits at Georgetown.

But Brown knows of his sacrifices and those of his teammates.

"Everyone on this team has sacrificed something of himself to make us a better team," said Brown. "Every guy out there could score more if he played selfishly. But every guy is willing to pass up a questionable shot to get a better one.

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Brown's sacrifices have been personal as well as athletic. Ask any Hoya why he attends Georgetown and he will point to Thompson.

Playing for Thompson has been a sacrifice for Brown.

"I guess my sacrifice has been in allowing someone to yell at me and make me work as hard as coach does," said Brown. "I never thought I'd put myself in that position. His physical size (6-11, 300 pounds estimated) is just part of it.

"The big part is the respect we all have for him. Doing all the work and taking the abuse is a sacrifice for me, but it's been worth it."

John Thompson wins because of team's respect

Sugar Ray kin scores disputed victory in DC

By Anthony Powell

Rodger (The Dodger) Leonard, brother of Sugar Ray, won a controversial split-decision over Herb (The Hebrew Hitter) Wilens last Friday in the Washington Boxing Championships at the Sheraton Hotel. This was one of two co-features on the five bout card.

In the other co-feature, (Irish) Mike Baker TKO'd Jerry Hill in 2:55 of the first round. It was the 46th victory for Baker. Leonard started off the first round with a bang when he knocked down Wilens. Wilens barely survived the round and the bell saved him.

Leonard came out strong in the second round too and it seemed that Wilens would be nothing than a "punching bag" for Leonard. All of a sudden, Wilens pushed off Leonard and landed a right to the head which dropped him.

Leonard, who received advice from his brother Sugar Ray between rounds, came out strong in the third and won the round by constantly jabbing Wilens and keeping him off balance. The fourth round belonged to Wilens who was the clear aggressor and had Leonard bleeding from the nose.

Wilens stalked Leonard but couldn't catch up to him and Leonard easily won the fifth round by jabbing and keep Wilens off him. In the sixth round, Wilens appeared tired and Leonard danced, with his guards down to his sides, and constantly jabbed him.

Leonard appeared tired in the seventh round and Wilens won the round by bulling him on the ropes. Even though he didn't land a solid punch, Wilens was the aggressor during the round.

Leonard held a slight lead going into the last round, Wilens came out strong and begin to jab a little. However, Leonard lived up to his nickname "The Dodger" and slipped Wilens' punches. Both men appeared tired in the last round and there were no solid punches.

After the announcement of a split-decision victory for Leonard, Wilens and his manager Billy Ware disputed the judges' decision. "I know he won the fight," said Ware. He added that Wilens won the eighth round and scored more punches within the "strike zone."

"He (Leonard) kept moving away from him," said Ware about Wilens inability to put Leonard down again. Many in Wilens' dressing room after the fight thought that Sugar Ray, who received a plaque from Mayor Marion Barry during intermission, influenced the judges' decision.

The Leonard brothers were unavailable for comment after the fight. Wilens said about that second round knock down: "I threw the right hand. I tried to press him."

Leonard's record improved to 17-1 after the victory. Wilens' record dropped to 6-4 after the defeat. The rest of the fights lacked any kind of excitment. Lloyd (Honeyboy) Taylor of Palmer Park, trained by former Sugar Ray trainer Dave Jacobs, stopped George Scippio of South Carolina in the first round.

Thomas Baker suffered his first defeat when he was knocked out by Thomas Baysmore in the fourth round. Baker is 6-1 and Baysmore is 3-0. Kenny Lyons won his second bout easily defeating Robert (Big Mac Attack) McConnell in a lt-heavyweight bout.

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What's that Skeets?

PHILADELPHIA (UPI) — Track star Renaldo Nehemiah says he would give up the high hurdles and the 1984 Olympics to be a wide receiver in the NFL.

Nehemiah, who holds the world outdoor record in the 110-meter hurdles, worked out last week with Philadelphia Eagles' quarterback Ron Jaworski at John F. Kennedy Stadium and has been in touch with NFL clubs in Oakland, Dallas, San Diego and San Francisco.

Pro-am karate special scheduled April 10

Arnold Mitchell's Okinawan Karate School will sponsor its 6th annual Baltimore pro-am karate championship tournament, Saturday, April 10, at Poly High School Gym, Falls Road and Cold Spring Lane.

The event is expected to be the largest karate happening in the area, featuring some of the toughest karate & Kung Fu fighters around.

There will be a special demonstration by master Dennis Brown, Kung Fu expert from Washington, DC.

The tournament will host region 10 which consists of six east coast states.

NBA NOTES

Asked why his team didn't just concede 50 points to San Antonio scoring machine George Gervin and concentrate on stopping the rest of the Spurs, Portland Coach Jack Ramsay replied, "You give him 50 and he's going to get 70." Gervin, incidentally, sent a congratulatory telegram to Doug Moe when he was named Denver coach last season. Gervin credits Moe's freewheeling style when he was the coach at San Antonio with helping him develop into an NBA superstar.

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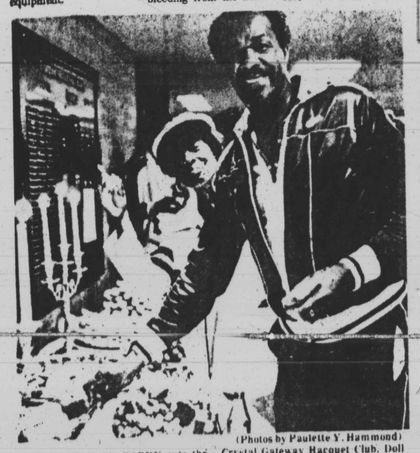
Sam Lacey and Adrian Dantley both scored the 10,000th point of their NBA careers on the same night, February 5. Lacey, now with New Jersey did it against Philadelphia while Dantley, of Utah, did it against Portland. It took Lacey twice as long as Dantley to reach the milestone — Lacey is in his 12th NBA season, Dantley his sixth.

Bison blown

Howard University's baseball team dropped its seventh game in eight outings Sunday, blown out, 21-0, by Georgia at Athens, Ga.



MAYOR MARION BARRY cuts the tennis shaped cake at the Celebrity Tennis Tournament in his honor at the Crystal Gateway Racquet Club. Doll Gordon, chairman of the affair, is shown in the background.

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