USING GOLD FOR GOLD — Two 1984 boxing gold medalists launched their quest for gold of the spending kind last week at New York's Madison Square Garden. Regarded as youngsters with outstanding promise are Pernell Whitaker of Norfolk (far left) shown scoring a second - round TKO of Farrain Comeaux of Nederland, Texas, and Mark Breland (right panel) landing long left on fellow - New Yorker Dwight Williams. Winning bouts on the same card were Evander Holyfield, Meldrick Taylor, Virgil Hill and Tyrell Biggs.

Moon shines on birthday, blasts Jets

Warren Moon celebrates birthday

HOUSTON (UPI) — Instead of blowing out candles for his 28th birthday, Warren Moon blew out the New York Jets.

"I'm just happy to play well," said the first - year NFL quarterback, who celebrated his birthday Sunday by throwing a career - high three touchdown passes to lead the Houston Oilers to a 31 - 20 victory over the Jets.

"I'll be celebrating that (birthday) and also this sweet victory of ours. I feel more in control every week. As long as we're winning, I'm happy with any system."

He connected with Tim Smith on TD throws of 9 and 14 yards and a 16-yard strike to Herkie Walls as the Oilers erased a 13 - 0 deficit by scoring 31 consecutive points, the most Oiler points in a game this season.

"We've hit pretty hard in other games, but when you see some rewards coming, it's easier to keep going," said Coach Hugh Campbell, whose Oilers won their second straight game under Moon after losing their first 10.

Bowie picks new coach

LaDon E. Nelson has been named head coach of the men's basketball team at Bowie State College, says the school's athletic director, Dr. John M. Organ, Jr.

Nelson takes over for Frank Silva, who recorded a 3 - 51 record in two seasons as the Bulldog mentor.

Nelson served as an assistant coach last season for the men's basketball team. Along with being head basketball coach this season, his other responsibilities will be to head the recruiting program as the athletic recruiting coordinator for all of Bowie's intercollegiate sports programs.

Before arriving at Bowie, Nelson compiled a 32 - 30 record in two seasons as head coach at Southern Ohio Junior College in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Coppin 5 loses

Coppin State lost its opening basketball game Monday night, bowing to Hampton Institute by a score of 76-72.

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Basketball

NBA SCHEDULE

Friday

Washington at Boston
Golden State at Cleveland
New York at Detroit
Kansas City at Indiana
Houston at Utah
Philadelphia at Phoenix
Chicago at Seattle

Saturday

Indiana at New York
Detroit at Washington
New Jersey at Atlanta
Golden State at Milwaukee
Houston at Dallas
Utah at San Antonio
Boston at Kansas City
Philadelphia at Denver
L.A. Lakers at L. A. Clippers
Chicago at Portland

Sunday

Atlanta at Cleveland
Phoenix at L.A. Clippers
Seattle at L.A. Lakers

WOMEN'S ABA

Nov. 20 — Chicago at Columbus
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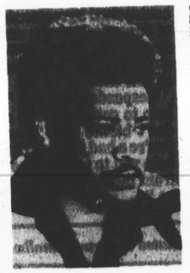


UNDER FIRE — Promoter Don King has been blistered by the Artists and Athletes Against Apartheid for allowing fighter Greg Page to go to South Africa to box WBA heavyweight champion Gerrie Coetzee. King, who was a member of the AAAA executive committee, resigned after being accused of accepting money to release Page for the bout.

Football injuries cause college coaches alarm

IOWA CITY, (UPI) — Injuries to college football players are reaching epidemic proportions because protective equipment has not kept up with the increased size and strength of today's athletes, Iowa Coach Hayden Fry said.

NCAA officials said Monday Fry's observations are correct in part, but said the use of artificial turf and the switch to two-platoon football 19 years ago also has contributed to the injury problem.

"From a human, standpoints, I really question the game of football," said Fry, who has been coaching major college football teams since 1962 ad says he might retire early because of the injury situation.

"It didn't used to be this bad," he said. "It's just gotten worse and worse with the size and strength of the fellows and the aritficial turf giving them better traction to hit."

Fry said the improved body condition techniques, weight lifting programs and diets "have far surpassed the protective equipment that players wear."

David Nelson, a University of Delaware physical education professor who serves on both the NCAA Football Rules Committee and NCAA Competitive Safeguards Committee, said much of the increase in injury is due to change from one-platooon football in 1975.

"With the change, we have a specialty team for kicking, receiving, punting and receiving punts," Nelson said. "That means the rate of exposure for injuries also went up.

"With that change, you also changed the intensity in which the name is played. When someone only covers a kick four or five times a day, he plays with intensity reserved for just five plays.

"When the level of intensity increases, the velocity increases. Add that to the size of the people and obviously you're going to have collisions at greater force," Nelson said.

Skins odds-on against Bills

Oddsmakers have made the Redskins heavy favorites over the Buffalo Bills in their NFL Sunday game at Washington. The home club is given a 13 - point edge in the pre - game view.

Meanwhile, the Indianapolis (nee Baltimore) Colts are held to be 14 - point underdogs in the matchup with the Raiders at Los Angeles.

NFL's top rusher may become quarterback

CHICAGO (UPI) — Walter Payton, the NFL's career rushing leader, has an outside chance to play quarterback in Sunday's game with the Detroit Lions at Soldier Field.

Payton may be called on if starter Steve Fuller is injured, Bears coach Mike Ditka said Saturday.

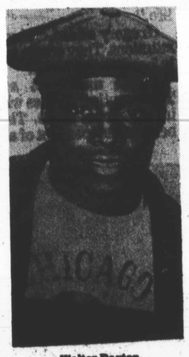
Payton, known to throw from behind the line of scrimmage on option plays, is being considered as a possible substitute since backup quarterback Rusty Lisch is injured.

Lisch suffered a slight contusion on the forearm of his throwing arm during Thursday's practice. He threw four short passes Friday and also took snaps on running plays.

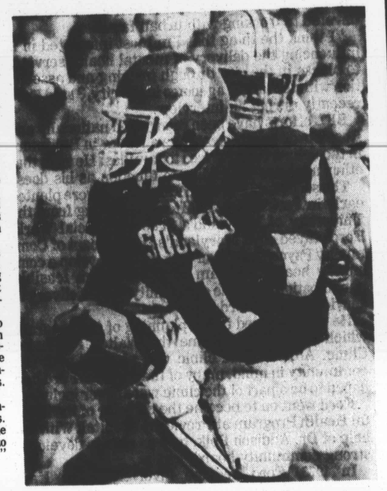
But Payton was the main practice backup, leading running and passing plays. Punter Dave Finzer also could get the call in Sunday's game, Ditka said.

"It's about a toss-up between Finzer and Payton over who is throwing best," Ditka said, adding the backup "probably wouldn't" be Finzer.

The Bears have been in a quarterback jam since starter Jim McMahon suffered a kidney laceration against the Raiders two weeks ago. McMahon is expected to be sidelined for the rest of the season.



Walter Payton
What's that? Quarterback!



OKLAHOMA'S GIANT KILLER — Quarterback Danny Bradley scored the games' first touchdown and the last to lead Oklahoma to a 17 - 7 upset of No. 1 Nebraska Saturday. His first period TD was from one yard out, the last quarter score was a 29 - yard thrust. A win over Oklahoma State tomorrow (Saturday) will put the Sooners in the Orange Bowl New Year's Day.

Debut set for Olympian

HOUSTON (UPI) — U.S. Olympic heavyweight gold medalist Henry Tillman will make his professional boxing debut in a twin - medalist card Dec. 7, the Houston Boxing Association said Friday.

Tillman, who defeated Canadian World Amateur Champion Willie Dewit for the gold medal in Los Angeles last summer, will fight a four - rounder against an opponent to be named later.

Tillman replaces Yugoslav gold medalist Anton Josopovic on the card since arrangements for Josopovic's appearance in Houston could not be finalized in time for the December date.

Also on the card at The Summit in Houston is gold winner Frank Tate, who will battle Mike Puccirelli of Pittsburgh in a six - round middleweight fight. Puccirelli has a 13-3-1 record.

At the Olympics, Tate defeated Shawn O'Sullivan of Canada to win the 156 - pound division.

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AFRO Mrs. Santa 5th Annual Softball Awards Banquet

The 5th Annual AFRO Mrs. Santa Softball Marathon held recently at the 20 Grand honored the memory of Jesse Bennett long-time manager of Dotson's softball team.

Rayner Banks was host with AFRO's Mrs. Santa Ida Peters and her assistant Vanessa Johnson. Other hosts were Bill Taylor and Shirley Moore, assistant coordinators; Clarence "Pappy" Brooks, Shelton Stewart.

Honored were Don Woods, Steps Softball Team and Host Team 1984, 2nd place, Maryland State C Tournament. Also, Milton Parks and Frank Thomas, Manager, coach, Cedar Hill Softball Team. Host team, Anne Arundel County Softball Division Champs, 1984.

The Morans, 1984 Maryland State B Tournament Champs, John Grob, manager was honored as well as Jiffy Lube, 1983 Maryland State B Tournament Champs, Spence Keene, manager.

Teams winning trophies were: The Emanon Ladies, winners of the "Pappy Brooks" Trophy for 1st place; Best Perfectioners, winners of the Jesse Bennett Award for 2nd place; Other teams participating: The Aces; B2 Raiders; Bulldogs; Cedar Hill, Chadwick A.C.; Columbia; Dotsons; Dr. J's All-Stars; Figgs Titans; The Generals;

The Hawks; The Jocks; M.S. All-Stars; Matador Rebels; McDonald Raiders; Outlaws; Pharoahs Knights; Pier Cotton Club; Purdies; Redwood Smokers; Renegades, Road Runners; Rosewood State Hospital;

The Sabers; Selts; Steps; Super Stars; Thriller, Pirates; Umpires, Westside All-Stars; Wild Bunch; WWIN and the Zodicas.

SPECIAL AWARDS for the Steps, Donald Gaither, Keith Gaither, Vernon Gaither, Delroy Gaither, Don Wood, Manager and Edwood Henry.

CEDAR HILL won trophies. Above, Ron Dickson, assistant coach; Ann Gray, Rosemary Hinton, Deborah Pearman, Sondra Dixon, Deborah Edwards, Marlene Carter, Trina Colbert and Milton Parks.

The folks that fried all the chicken and served at Mrs. Santa's Softball banquet were Mrs. Helen Skipper, James Skipper, Shirley Moore, Sheila Smith, Trina Sanders and Bernice Banks.

Photo by Vanessa Johnson

The Umpires who officiated the two-day marathon, Christmas in August, at Druid Hill Park not only donated their time but also played a game. Shown are Herb Hare, softball great Clarence "Pappy" Brooks, John "Sugar Hill" Bates and Danny McGuire.

Rayner Banks, coordinator of 5th Annual Softball Marathon for AFRO's Mrs. Santa honors the Morans, 1984 Maryland State B Tournament Champs, John Grob, manager.

Mrs. Santa's helpers

By Ida Peters

During this Thanksgiving season we must Thank GOD from whom all blessings flow.

Mrs. Santa Needs You:

HELP! The AFRO's Mrs. Santa needs you again this year to make sure needy families have a Christmas dinner. You won't believe there are so many families in this community who are not able to make their food stamps last through the month.

The AFRO Mrs. Santa Fund, AFRO Charities, is a non-profit organization sponsored by the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers to raise funds to make sure that no family goes hungry. Names are supplied by our readers, AFRO Clean Block Captains, City Agencies, Urban Services and the Police Department.

In 1983, Mrs. Santa's baskets went by the hundreds to housing projects and upper Park Heights. We were able to give a Christmas party for children of inmates in City Jail. In addition we were able to run a store at the AFRO stocked with warm clothes and nearly new toys where families in need could come and select items for their families without charge.

Here's how you can help. Please make a generous cash donation so that food baskets may be purchased wholesale. Every little bit helps to make our goal of $25,000. We will be glad to arrange a picture with Mrs. Santa for all contributions over $100. When it is published in the AFRO it will encourage others to give and we desperately need all the help we can get.

Will you start a drive for good, clean used clothes and toys at your business, club, organization, fraternity, sorority? It is better to bring the clothes and toys to our store. We will contact the families and they will be able to fit the clothes and toys to their needs.

Please make checks or money orders payable to Mrs. Santa, AFRO Charities, 628 N. Eutaw Street, Baltimore, Md. 21201. All contributions are tax deductible.

Ida Murphy Peters
AFRO Mrs. Santa Director

Mrs. Santa

Despite the fact that our building is undergoing renovation, kind, good folks found us and through their efforts we were able to deliver more than 150 baskets to Mrs. Santa's families.

Thirty families were adopted by Operation Needy, Mrs. Carolyn Moore, president. They delivered the baskets before Thanksgiving and will help the same families for Christmas.

The Rev. Henry A. Tindal, pastor of First Church of Faith, Power and Deliverance, 1300 E. Eager St., collected 60 of Mrs. Santa's families to invite them to Thanksgiving dinner from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at their church.

Thanks to the Gamma Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority of Morgan State University who donated a Thanksgiving Basket for a needy family.

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Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. William Blackmon of Sheffield Road who donated clothes and $50 to the program. Carl Easley, of the Accounting Club of Morgan State University collected canned goods for Mrs. Santa. Ms. Rhonda Lyles is president. Easley also is donating a Christmas tree for a family in need.

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Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. John Hester who delivered dinner to eight senior citizens at the Fremont House in Murphy Homes.

NOTE: Mrs. Santa is working to collect funds to give a Christmas dinner for 20 senior citiens submitted by the Tenant Council of Fremont Homes. Their note says they will appreciate anything we can do to help these senior citizens have an enjoyable Christmas.

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The Senior Teens of Jack and Jill of America Inc. collected a huge beautiful basket complete with turkey for one of Mrs. Santa's families with seven children.

Doris Patterson is president; Ronald Selby, vice-president; Shandra Apers, secretary; Kim Coleman, treasurer; Cluey Hargrove, parliamentarian and John Hubbard, corresponding secretary.

Mrs. Arnetta Hargrove and Mrs. Marion Patterson helped bring food to AFRO.

The family wrote the AFRO:

Lord bless Jack and Jill on behalf of my family and myself. They have made our Thanksgiving Day a happy one. I hope they keep up the good work because it is a beautiful thing they are doing to help people in need who cannot help themselves.

THANKS to Chi Delta Mu Wives, Mrs. Lorraine Brown, president. These ladies collected 22 pairs of brand new children's gloves for Mrs. Santa's needy children.

Will you help? Mrs. Santa is selling $1.00 chances to win a Cabbage Patch doll. Stop in our office and take some tickets to help us raise funds to feed hungry families at Christmas.

Mrs. Santa fund

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Softball Marathon	$2,027.85
Singer Travel	300.00
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Hazel & Mildred West	5.00
Mrs. Evelyn M. Williams	5.00
Ms. Carol Harper	1.00

Mrs. Santa's cases

Blind Widow

Case 56: I am a blind widow with a small income. My gas and electric is cut-off. I will be thankful for a basket or anything that you can send. I worked at the Maryland Work for Blind for 35 years but I got in a little trouble. Please help me if you can.

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Case 57: I am in need of help for my four kids and myself for Christmas. I am unemployed right now. I am paying high rent, gas and electric, water and a lot of other bills. I do not get very much a month to live on. Any help such as food, clothes, or toys would be appreciated. My kids are 10, 8, 6 and 8 months.

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Case 58: I have 3 kids and I would like for you to help me with them this Christmas. I have a lot of bills that have to be paid out this time and by being on social service and trying to pay my bills, times have been kind of hard this year. I would like some help with food, not toys. Food is what is important. I am not worried about the toys, I would like some food to put in their mouths. Please help me if possible.

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Case 59: I am in need of a basket for Christmas. I have five kids, they will not have a Christmas this year so if you can spare me a basket and some clothes I would be more than grateful. I receive a social service check and by the time I pay my bills and buy food while waiting on my food stamps, I am broke. I get tired of begging my family because they are hardly making it themselves. I have three girls, 9, 11 and 6 and two boys 1 and 2. Please try and help us because I am in need and I know it would make my children very happy.

If you know of a needy family

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