AFRO SPORTS

Would victimize Bears

Bison anticipating sixth straight win

The Howard University eleven has reason to be anticipating a sixth consecutive win and third straight in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Saturday afternoon at Howard Stadium.

The reason for pleasant expectancy, of course, is that Morgan State will offer the competition, and the Bears have been decidedly impotent over the past three years.

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Yet, Bison coach Willie Jeffries admits that he is cautiously optimistic.

He understands the disappointment that can materialize in overconfidence. And he accepts the fact also that his players may feel they have a right to be confident. But not beyond reason, Jeffries hopes.

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The Bison have dominated the Bears in recent years, the latter having won only once since a one-touchdown (27-20) victory in 1979.

That one Morgan win was a one-point (15-14) decision in 1983, the Bears' only previous victory until they gained a 21-16 verdict over UDC last week.

So, fighting complacency in this next-to-last game on the MEAC schedule will be Howard's and Jeffries' chief concern. They close next Saturday at home against 1985 conference champion Delaware State.

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Jeffries asserts that he was undismayed by Howard's early season record, during which his Bison lost three of the first four games -- to University of Maine, Bethune-Cookman and South Carolina State.

He felt assured that the kinks would be smoothed out of his offense and that the team defense would come together.

Vindication came for him when the Bison ran up a string of victories over the likes of CIAA Southern Division champion Winston-Salem, Virginia State, MEAC champion North Carolina A&T, perennial CIAA contender Norfolk State and Morehouse University of the SIAC on successive Saturdays.

Football weekend

COLLEGE GAMES

SATURDAY

Central Intercollegiate

Va. Union at Elizabeth City
Hampton at Virginia State
Johnson C. Smith at Fayetteville
Livingstone at Winston-Salem

Mid-Eastern A.C.

Morgan State at Howard

Southwestern A.C.

Ala. State at Miss. Valley
Alcorn St. at Prairie View (N)
Fla. A and M at Southern (N)
Texas Southern at Bishop

Other Schedules

Bowie State at U of DC
Bloomsburg at Norfolk State
North Carolina A&T at N.C. Central
Northeastern at Delaware State
Grambling at S. Carolina State
Morris Brown at Bethune-Cookman (N)
Towson State at Indiana (Pa.)

COLLEGE RESULTS

Central Intercollegiate

Livingstone 10, Bowie State 0
Va. State 23, Norfolk St. 14
Hampton 21, St. Paul's 0
N.C. Central 20, J.C. Smith 10

Mid-Eastern A.C.

N.C. A&T 20, Delaware St. 17

Southwestern A.C.

Grambling 16, Ala. State 7
Jackson St. 37, Texas Southern 7

Other Games

Howard 49, Morehouse 14
U of DC 13, Fayetteville 0
Fla. A and M 26, S.C. State 3
Ala. A and M 10, Central St. 10
Lock Haven 29, Cheyney St. 14
Albany St. 23, Morris Brown 3
Fort Valley 18, Savannah St. 6
Tenn. State 13, Bethune 10
Tuskegee 35, Miles 6
N.W. Missouri 28, Mo. Lincoln 7

CIAA STANDINGS

Northern Division			
* Virginia Union	6	0	0
Virginia State	4	2	0
Elizabeth City	3	2	1
Norfolk State	3	4	0
Hampton Univ.	2	3	1
Saint Paul's	0	7	0
Southern Division			
* Winston-Salem	6	0	0
N.C. Central	6	1	0
Johnson C. Smith	3	3	0
Livingstone	2	3	0
Fayetteville	1	4	1
Bowie State	0	7	0

MEAC STANDINGS

* N.C. A and T	4	1	0
Delaware St.	3	1	0
S. Carolina St.	3	2	0
Bethune-Cookman	2	3	0
Howard Univ.	1	2	0
Morgan State	0	4	0

SWAC STANDINGS

* Jackson State	6	0	0
Alcorn State	3	1	0
Southern Univ.	4	2	0
Grambling	3	3	0
Miss. Valley	2	2	0
Ala. State	2	4	0
Texas Southern	1	5	0
Prairie View	1	5	0

(* Clinched title)

NFL SCHEDULE

Sunday

Chicago at Atlanta
Cleveland at Los Angeles Raiders
Dallas at San Diego
Detroit at Philadelphia
Houston at Pittsburgh
Indianapolis at New York Jets
Kansas City at Denver
New England at Los Angeles Rams
Miami at Buffalo
New York Giants at Minnesota
New Orleans at St. Louis
Seattle at Cincinnati

Monday Night

San Francisco at Washington

Jabbar sued

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Los Angeles Lakers center Kareem Abdul-Jabbar was sued Thursday by his landlady, who claims Abdul-Jabbar removed fixtures, painted floors green and shutters blue, and broke windows and doors in his rented home.

In her Superior Court suit, Barbara Bergen charged Jabbar and his former girlfriend, Cheryl Pistono, refused to repair the damage to the Brentwood-area house after moving.

Abdul-Jabbar's lawyer, Jonathan Bader, said the NBA's all-time scoring leader "hasn't lived there for years.

"Seeing how he hasn't lived there for several years, I can't conecive of how he caused those damages," Bader said.

Va. Union 4th on NCCA list

Division II ratings by the NCAA this week placed the Virginia Union football team fourth on its list of 20 college elevens.

North Dakota State, with an identical 9-0 won-lost record, is ranked No. 1.

Virginia Union won the Northern Division of the CIAA race, but Winston-Salem State which is the Southern Division champion, is unranked.

Also listed by the NCAA board are Central (Ohio) State, Albany State and Fort Valley State, both of Georgia.

Sparrowvon with jockey Wayne Barnett heads to winner's circle; trainer Hank Allen (right)

Allen-trained Sparrowvon nears $300,000

When Sparrowvon captured the prestigious Walter Haight Handicap Saturday afternoon at Laurel, it raised the stakes winnings of trainer Harold "Hank" Allen to $298,826 with this horse alone.

The 4-year-old gelded son of John Alden, owned by Mrs. Jacques Scott and her daughter Scotty Lawyer, turned back a field of eight including Castelets, Warm Season and Along came Jones, a West Coast invader that finished a close second.

Ridden by jockey Wayne Barnett, Sparrowvon paid $6.60 as the slight favorite and deposited $36,595 in the stable account.

Recounting the race, Barnett said Sparrowvon had to be pressured all the way "to keep his mind on his business."

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Once he caught the pacesetting Along Came Jones which led by three lengths at the stretch turn, "he wanted to loaf. And I had to get into him to keep going," declared Barnett.

Allen and Barnett became the first all-black trainer-jockey in the long history of the Preakness at Pimlico last May. Sparrowvon managed no better than eighth.

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Sparrowvon was running only his second race after a six-week rest prescribed by his trainer.

Allen also has in his stable a classic distaff runner in Sheltered Princess. She also has been rested most of the summer and is awaiting such late fall stakes as the Thanksgiving Day First Lady at Laurel.

D.C. International Saturday

14 vie in $600-G race

LAUREL, Md. (UPI) — A record pre-entry field of 14 horses, including horse-of-the-year candidate Broad Brush, is shaping up for the richest-ever running of the Washington, D.C. International.

The $600,000 purse for the 14 mile turf classic at Laurel Race Course is also the largest in the race's 35-year history.

Broad Brush, third in the Kentucky Derby, and Palace Music, who was second by a head to longshot Last Tycoon in the Breeder's Cup mile, are two of the early favorites for which this year has horses representing six nations.

Also contending will be the noted English horse Teleprompter and Korab, the first horse from Poland ever to run in the International.

Storm on the Loose and Royal Treasurer, invited at the last minute by Laurel owner Frank DeFrancis, will represent Canada. Double Bed and Apeldoorn are the two entries from France and Premier Mister will come in from Morocco.

The other U.S. horses are Southjet, Dance of Life, Wollaston, Derby Wish and Lieutenant's Lark.

Gus Johnson gravely ill

Former Baltimore Bullets basketball captain Gus Johnson is reported in critical condition in Akron, Ohio.

A cyst on his neck which was found malignant, penetrated his liver and produced a cancerous condition.

Johnson, affectionately called "Honeycomb," starred for the Bullets when they were in Baltimore in the sixties.

Fans or friends wishing to drop cards, may address him at Akron City Hospital, 523 East Market St., Akron, Ohio, 44309.

Weekend Gooden wedding off

NEW YORK (UPI) — New York Mets star pitcher Dwight Gooden, who made off-the-field headlines several times this past season, became the center of a controversy again Tuesday when it was learned his weekend wedding plans have been canceled and he is the father of an 8-month-old son.

Gooden's father, Dan, told United Press International by telephone from his Tampa, Fla., home that his son does not plan to marry Carlene Pearson this weekend, and that, contrary to what was generally acknowledged, never planned to do so.

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The elder Gooden also said the baby - Dwight, Jr. - does not belong to Pearson, who has known the pitcher since their high school days in Tampa. Dan Gooden did not reveal the mother's name.

"I really don't know anything about (the wedding plans)," Dan Gooden said. "It was kind of a shock to read the stories. He never told me he was getting married. I never knew."

He called the whole situation "weird."

Dwight Gooden, questioned while watching the New York Knicks play the Phoenix Suns in Madison Square Garden, said, "If it's not about baseball, I don't want to talk about it."

Odds favor Skins despite Montana

Las Vegas oddsmakers have given the Washington Redskins a 2-point edge in a pre-game evaluation of their Monday night clash at RFK Stadium.

This was somewhat surprising at Redskins Park Tuesday, since the visiting San Francisco 49ers have taken a distinct upward turn since regaining the services of quarterback Joe Montana.

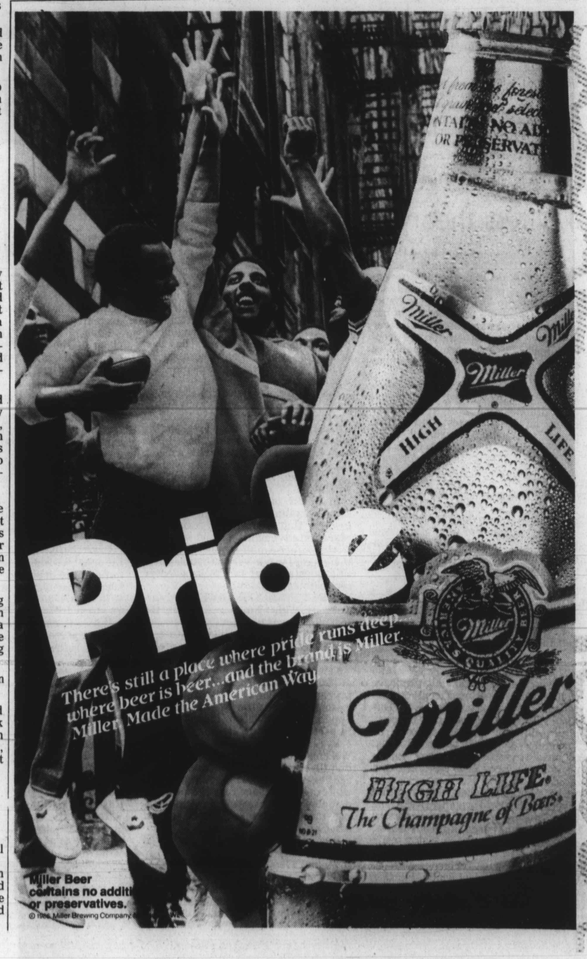
Montana, in his return after serious back surgery, led the 49ers to a smashing, 43-17, rout of the St. Louis Cardinals last Sunday at Candlestick.

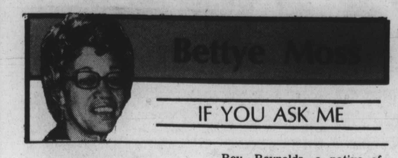
UDC gets Sease, ex-Howard coach

The University of the District of Columbia early this week named Tillman Sease as acting director of athletics.

Sease formerly served as athletic director at Howard University, and for 11 years (1962-73) was the Bison football coach.

A knowledgeable sportsman with a reputation as a good organizer, Sease hopes to revive the deteriorating Firebird program.





IF YOU ASK ME

Love note

Wedding bells will ring on Nov. 28, at Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall on Pimlico Rd., for Bernadette Renise Simms and George Chester Lottier.

The bride-to-be is a personnel officer with the Md. State Human Relations Commission. The bridegroom-to-be retired last month as purchasing agent and treasurer of the AFRO-AMERICAN Co.

It will be a second marriage for both. Mrs. Simms is a divorcee, and Mr. Lottier a widower. His first wife was Arnetta Murphy Lottier, the longtime AFRO public relations coordinator.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Mrs. Lucille Chamberlain and the late George Chamberlain. She grew up in West Baltimore, is a graduate of Eastern High.

The bridegroom-to-be, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George V. Lottier, (Lillian), also grew up in west Baltimore.

He is a minister in Jehovah's Witness and his bride-to-be serves as a church publisher. She has two children, Marcia and Maurice Blow, who will give his mother away.

The bridegroom-to-be has six grown children. His youngest son, David, will be his father's best man. Mrs. Simms' chum, Mrs. Joyce Ward, the Hopkins nurse, will be her matron of honor.

New pastor

Historic Grace Presbyterian Church has a new pastor. He is the Rev. Arthur Reynolds, who comes to Baltimore from Flint, Mich., where he was minister of Christ the Liberator Church.

Rev. Reynolds who met his new church members last Sunday, officially assumes his duties here on December 1. He succeeds the Rev. William G. Peters, who retired in June 1985.

Rev. Reynolds, a native of Jamaica, is a graduate of Union Theological Seminary, has had extensive experience, pastoring churches in N.Y.

The new church family includes his wife, Valerie Howell Reynolds, and their three children, Rhone, 15; Tania, 13; and Janine, 6.

Glorious

Orchids to members of Sharon Baptist Church. They staged a glorious week-long installation service for new pastor, Rev. Alfred C.D. Vaughn. He's the fourth minister of the 101-year-old church at Stricker and Presstman Sts., in west Baltimore.

Details of the celebration are included in news story in this issue.

Installation celebration began Nov. 2, concluded with banquet Sunday, Nov. 10 at the Forum.

Congrats are due co-chairs, Trustees Elaine B. Paige and Dr. Darrell M. Gray; deacon chair, Alfred E. Cheek and trustee chair, Mrs. Geraldine M. Grier, and Trustee Clara Lancaster, who chaired the banquet committee; and Dr. Ruth Pratt, chair of the Installation Sunday Committee.

About people

People doing nice things for others: When members of the Westminster Guild of United Presbyterian Women of Grace Church hold their annual benefit luncheon and fashion show on Nov. 22, at the Forum, youth models will be featured.

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They are, Cassandra Burnette, Trinity Church; Eria Hollis, Grace; Nikkie Banks, Madison Ave., Lynn Parsons of Knox.

For ticket information, call 664-6106.

When Dr. Michael Hooker was installed as the fourth chancellor of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC), a week back, he credited many for his success.

Among them, Baltimore's Joseph (Jakie) Hall, assistant vice president at Johns Hopkins. Dr. Hooker said that when he was on the Hopkins faculty, it was Hall who developed in him a rich sense for how the world works.

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And, at the recent women's day celebration at St. James Episcopal Church, when the Women's Council presented $1,000 Golden Life NAACP membership to NAACP exec, Mrs. Enolia P. McMillan, there was this lovely tribute by Mrs. Cleo Diggs:

"Thank God, the NAACP, for 77 years, has continued to fight our battles...but its continued power depends on us...those who have made the membership commitment to stand up and be counted...may you continue as national president to lead us in the battle for equal rights for all God's children."

Cuff note: Mrs. Diggs credited other church workers --Mrs. Robbie Chissell, "our dynamic parish council president," and Mrs. Lillian Wise and Mrs. Agnes Brown, "for your fine leadership in this parish."

On the mend! Continue get well cards, please, to Mrs. Eloise Richardson, the retired Crownsville State Hospital librarian. She's out of the hospital, address cards to her at 904 Spa Rd., Annapolis, Md.

James E. Thomas, the retired principal and businessman, is doing well after surgery. His wife, the former Dr. Dolly Walker, advises he is doing fine now, and that they are enjoying their new home in Guilford Towers (they deserted Morgan Park several weeks ago).

Also improved, Royal Weaver, the golf pro, resting at home after a hospital stay following that heart attack.

His club member, Charles G. Hillen, the retired Social Security CPA, was home last week after 10 months in the hospital, is back in Stella Maris.

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Baltimore's Dwayne Wickham, a U. of Md School of Journalism grad, won first place in the commentary category when the National Association of Black Journalists gathered in Dallas this summer. He was cited for his editorials in the Gannett News Service.

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When Ohio State University in Columbus held a three-day recognition celebration (Nov. 2-4), a former Baltimorean was among those to receive Distinguished Alumni Awards. He is Dr. Virgil A. Clift, who earned his doctorate there in 1944.

A distinguished scholar, author and teacher, Dr. Clift has held positions on a number of campuses. Baltimoreans may remember when he was professor and head of the department of education at Morgan State University for 14 years.

Cuff note: Dr. Clift is editor of the "Encyclopedia of Black America," and has received a number of honorary degrees including one from the U. of Md.

Speaker at the honors convocation was Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III, executive minister of N.Y.'s 14,000-member Abysinnia Baptist Church.

Remember

Wayland Baptist Church members joined family and friends for the impressive Friday rites honoring the memory of Mrs. Luvenia Simpson, who was known as "the mother" of the church.

Mrs. Simpson, 75, was active in numerous church organizations and beloved for her thoughtfulness.

She was beloved as a caring neighbor in the Rutland Ave. section of East Baltimore where she lived for over 50 years.

Survivors, a daughter Mrs. Bernice S. Morgan, and a brother, William (Little Willie) Adams, the Baltimore businessman.

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Providence Baptist Church lost a charter member with the recent death of Mrs. Sarah Anthony, 92, a longtime resident of Frederick Ave.

Providence pastor, Rev. Marcus G. Wood, presided at the rites.

Mrs. Anthony is survived by son, Albert Green.

Cuff note: Providence was founded in April 6, 1928, presently occupies the handsome solar-heated edifice on Pennsylvania Ave., in west Baltimore.

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Osborne Dixon, Sr., eulogized on Saturday, Oct. 25, at St. James Episcopal Church, will be remembered by many for his devotion to causes to help his fellow citizens.

We remember him through the years, calling to publicize the work of others in the Morgan State College Varsity M Club, (he loved his alma mater), and worked hard with fellow members of the Douglass High Class of 1926.

When he retired as social worker with the City Health Department, he enjoyed his hobby of home-decorating. He and his late wife, Helen Branch Dixon, made their west Baltimore home a place of beauty, especially at Christmas. AFRO files show frequent reference to the work they created in their neighborhood.

Mr. Dixon, 77, is survived by a son, Osborne, Jr., a sister, Sister Mary France, P.C.P.A., granddaughter, Carol V. Dixon, and godson, O'Neill Hammond.

BRIDE TO BE is Mrs. Bernadette R. Simms who weds George C. Lottier at Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall on Nov. 28.

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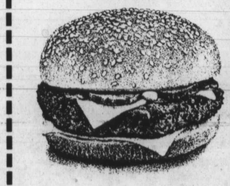

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