Major league baseball sets criteria

So, your town is looking for expansion?

The following outline contains a listing of criteria for use in evaluating current or prospective sites for the operation or establishment of a Major League Baseball franchise. The criteria will serve to provide guidance for those interested in pursuing an expansion franchise but will also promote discussion both within and without Baseball on issues related to current Club operations as well.

The outline is by no means an absolute listing of requirements. Any one concept can be modified or waived as may be appropriate and certainly will have to be read in light of the particular circumstances presented. In sum, the objective of this listing is to establish a broad framework for evaluating the issues which arise regarding the present and future location of Major League teams.

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As has been repeatedly stated over many months, no timetable has been set for Major League Baseball expansion nor have any commitments been made regarding possible locations.

It is clear, however, that Baseball intends to address this subject in a deliberate, business-like fashion with a full opportunity for all concerned to address the Long Range Planning Committee.

Criteria

A. Ownership

1. Significant community identification
2. Long Term commitment to the club and community
3. Preference for "individual" ownership interests as opposed to corporate interests
4. Net worth
   a. $100 million or more
   b. Ownership's full financial resources available to Baseball operations
5. Regardless of ownership form:
   a. One person ultimately responsible for all Club decisions
   b. Commitment to operate in Baseball's interest rather than for the enhancement of other business activities
6. Multiple ownership interests preferred
   a. Non-majority owners' willingness to step-up to majority status if necessary

B. Management

1. Personnel with Baseball experience helpful
2. Consideration of recommendations from Long Range Planning Committee on staffing and operations
3. Production of pro forma Club balance sheets and financial statements of baseball operations over first five years

C. Stadium

1. Private ownership preferred
2. Baseball-only facility with natural grass and adequate lighting
3. If leased facility:
   a. Baseball use priority
   b. Long-term agreement with flexibility
4. Capacity: 35,000 to 45,000 with appropriate scale and seat locations
5. Size: minimum field dimensions in conformity with playing rules and subject to League and Commissioner's Office approval
6. Parking: minimum of 25% of capacity
7. Location: proximity to public transportation and highway access
8. Luxury suites; state-of-the-art video board; satellite receive/send capability recommended

D. State & Local Government

1. Long-term commitment to viable working relationship with the club; minimize or eliminate political pressures
2. Recognition of necessity of club receipt of parking, concession, signage, pay TV and luxury box revenue
3. Facilities/Manpower commitment: office space; practice facilities; traffic control; police (in and around stadium); feeder roads; airport access and use
4. Taxes
   a. Minimization or elimination of tax disincentives
   b. Cooperation in Baseball efforts for uniform tax policies on visiting club receipts and player withholding

E. Location

1. Demographics must adequately support club, including local population, television households
2. Analysis of proposed drawing area and radio and television networks
3. Commitment of 10,000 full season ticket holders for first five years of operations
4. Analysis of location vis-a-vis existing Clubs in one or two-team markets; effects on divisional alignments.

F. Other

1. Expansion clubs to indemnify Major Leagues for costs of acquisition of National Association territory if applicable
2. Operation of minor league affiliates prior to first Major League seasn if appropriate
3. Identification of spring training facilities
4. All control interest transfers, leases, television contracts, bank loans, concession agreements and contracts of greater than five years duration to be filed with and subject to League and/or Commissioner's Office approval for considerations related to operational control of the Club and actual or potential conflicts of interest.

second SPORTS

Middleweight unification in '90?

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — International Boxing Federation middleweight champion Frank Tate Wednesday said Iran Barkley's startling victory over Thomas Hearns will push a unification series into the next decade.

"They are going to have a rematch late in the year and then we'll be into 1989," Tate said at a news conference promoting his July 28 title defense against unbeaten Michael Nunn in Las Vegas, Nev. "The titles are so spread out. All we have to do is get the division unified. That will probably come in 1990."

Barkley became the World Boxing Council titleholder by knocking out Hearns in the third round June 6. Sumbu Kalambay successfully defended his World Boxing Association crown last weekend with a unanimous decision over Robbie Sims.

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"A lot of people talk about Sugar Ray Leonard, Thomas Hearns and Marvin Hagler," Tate said. "Forget them. We can still make this a very exciting fighting weight."

Tate, from Houston, said he is among those who question Nunn's punching power, Nunn, from North Hollywood, Calif., is 30-0 with 20 knockouts.

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One-on-One

Olympic gold medalist Roger Kingdom ran the world's fastest 110-meter hurdles since 1985 and University of Texas football star Eric Metcalf won the long jump to highlight Friday's competition in the USA/Mobil Track Championships.

Emmit King won the men's 100 meters in 10.04 seconds and Sheila Echols easily captured the women's 100 meters in 11.04.

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Ahmad Rashad, NBC's afternoon anchor for the Seoul Games, has joined the staff of "Entertainment Tonight." The former Vikings star will be based in New York and report on entertainment and sports stories.

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Entertainer Sammy Davis, Jr., is ending his 15-year affiliation with the Greater Hartford Open, citing demands on his time from "professional commitments,"

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His & Hers Seiko Quarts Watches with goldtone case, link bracelet and faceted crystal will be awarded to the top duckpin and tenpin finishers in the Fair Lanes Bowl For The Gold Tournament, which will take place in all Fair Lanes' centers July 10-23. The grand prize winners will receive both watches. Over 30,000 bowlers are expected to compete.

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Larry Bird, Magic Johnson and Michael Jordan will play in a benefit game June 26 in Indianapolis. Bird is the official host for "Larry's Game," which will provide college scholarships for Indiana students.

South Korean police in full dress rehearsal prepare for terrorist control

U.S. Olympians face strongest challenge in years in Seoul

By James Dunaway
Written for UPI

NEW YORK — The Seoul Olympics will produce the closest, most exciting sports competition in history, but don't expect the United States to win the most gold medals.

For the first time since 1972, almost all the major sports powers will be competing - 161 of the 167 nations invited. The major exceptions are Cuba, which is strong in boxing, baseball, gymnastics, women's volleyball and track and field; Ethiopia, which has some of the world's best distance runners, and North Korea.

The United States won a record 83 gold medals and 174 medals at Los Angeles in 1984, but should expect totals closer to 40 gold medals and 90 total medals at Seoul.

There are three major reasons why we won't do as well in Seoul as we did in Los Angeles.

First, we won't have the "home-team" advantage we enjoyed in Los Angeles. At home, our athletes don't have to worry about anything except the competition. Abroad, especially in an exotic locale like Seoul, everything is different — the food, the language, the customs, the water, the television — and these distractions can make it different for a young athlete to concentrate on competing well. In addition, more of our athletes are likely to suffer from flu-like "viruses" than when they're competing at home.

Second, the Iron Curtain countries that boycotted in 1983 — the Soviet Union, East Germany, Hungary, Poland, Czechoslavakia and Bulgaria — all will have strong teams at Seoul. Even in a "normal" Olympic year, they would win a large share of the medals; this year, their athletes will have the extra motivation of the Olympic opportunity they missed in 1984. It worked for Americans in Los Angeles; it will work for Soviet bloc athletes in Seoul.

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Third, Asian athletes — especially from China and South Korea — area coming into their own. These two nations will take their places as major sports powers at Seoul.

Week in boxing

June 23 at Atlantic City, N.J. — Vinnie Burgese vs. John Rafuse, 10, welterweights.

June 24 at Atlantic City, N.J. — Harold Knight vs. Manuel Batista, 10, junior lightweights.

June 24 at Las Vegas — Lupe Aquino vs. Royan Hammond, 12, vacant NABF super welterweight title.

Son of former NFL great dreams of Seoul gold vs. Heisman Trophy

By Ira Kaufman

TAMPA, Fla. — Eric Metcalf could be one month away from elation.

And agony.

The son of former NFL star Terry Metcalf won the men's long jump Friday at the USA/Mobil Track Championships. He shared the spotlight with 1984 Olympic gold medalist Roger Kingdom, who ran the world's fastest 110-meter hurdles since 1985.

Metcalf, a star running back at the University of Texas, will compete in next month's Olympic Trials at Indianapolis. If he earns a spot on the U.S. team for Seoul, South Korea, Metcalf would have to decide between the Olympics and a possible Heisman Trophy. The Longhorns would red-shirt Metcalf for his senior season if he chooses to pursue Olympic competition.

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Metcalf, who rushed for 1,161 yards at Texas fast season, leaped 27 feet, 8½ inches on his final jump. Only three other Americans have jumped farther and only seven long jumpers in the world have surpassed that distance.

Michael Conley, the 1985 outdoor champion, finished second with a best leap of 26-9¾.

"I was right at the end of the board and hit it as well as I have all year," said Metcalf. "It surprised me. I didn't think I could get much over 26, but then everyone else started jumping. This is the first time I've beaten Mike — he's one of the great long jumpers in the world. I'll go to the trials next month. Previously, my thinking was that if I make the Olympic team, I would turn it down. Now, if I make the team, I might say I wanted to go to the Olympics. I'm right in the middle now."

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Masters rock and roll

By Fred Lindsey
AFRO Sports Writer

At Cloverdale, Masters basketball is starting to heat up as players become more physical and testy as they round into shape.

This week, the Orange beat the White 59-50, in spite of Donnie Evan's 24 points.

The White team had a chance to win down 44-43 with two minutes to go in the game, but the Orange smartly froze the ball and made their free throws to pull away and secure the victory.

Ernie Bell led the Orange with 12 points.

In the second game, the Gold remained undefeated as they eased away from the Red 45-40.

It was a struggle for the Gold because they played like "lost sheep" in the first half, but regrouped during the second twenty minutes to preserve their unbeaten mark.

Garland Johnson led the Red with 14 and John Chase led the Gold with 11 points.

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JUMP SHOT — An exciting basketball game was held at the Tawonda Recreation Center. In competition was the John Eager Howard Rec. and Liberty Road Rec.

Bocek pace picks up

By Fred Lindsey
AFRO Sports Writer

At Bocek, last weekend, the Family fell from the unbeaten ranks by losing to the Running Revels 56-41. It was simply a matter of missed free throws as the Family failed on several opportunities to connect from the charity stripe in crucial situations. They made less than fifty percent and as a consequence suffered their first defeat.

Ronald Boyd led the way for the Rebels with 18 points with steady support from Sam Cassell and Sam Smith.

The Family was led by Count Williams with 15.

In Saturday's action, beginning with the 18-19 and under:

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Ashland Street Runners	41
Kays	33
Murray's Fuel	104
Sommerset Hustlers	76
Westside	54
Eastside	49
Greyhounds	44
Bojangles	40
King Cobras	64
Collington Square	50
Kendro Kings	49
Junior Rebels	44

On Sunday, beginning with the 18-10 and under:

Little Family	50
Express	29
The Ball Players	39
Charm City Brakers	35
Rockets	53
Warriors	47
McDonalds	46
U-Jazz	39
Adidas	39
Didaredman	38

Saturday Standings (Unlimited)

Murray's Fuel	4-0
Greyhounds	4-0
Westsiders	3-1
Eastsiders	2-2
King Cobras	1-3
Sommerset Hustlers	1-3
Bojangles	1-3
Collington Square	0-4

18-19 (Saturday)

Ashland St. Runners	3-0
Kays	1-2
Junior Rebels	1-2
Kendro Kings	1-2

Sunday Standings (Unlimited)

Running Rebels	4-0
Family	3-1
The Ball Players	3-1
Rockets	2-2
Charm City Brakers	2-2
McDonalds	2-2
Warriors	0-4
U-Jazz	0-4

18-19 (Sunday)

Didaredman	2-1
Adidas	2-1
Little Family	2-1
Express	0-3

Who are the best players in the Bocek League?

Would you include Kirk Lee or Ronald Boyd for their scoring?

Would you include Sam Smith, Spoon James or Percy White for their rebounding?

Would you include William Banks or Yarbourough Roberts for their leadership?

Let me know your choice and why for a special feature.

Monday the finals for the BNBL girls championship took place at the Virginia Baker Recreation Center at the 13, 15 and 18 and under age levels (Results will be in next week's edition).

On June 27, the drawing for the City-Wide Boys Tournamine the position of teams for the Boys Championship Tournament beginning July 5, 1988. The finals for the City-Wide Championship will be at Morgan State University, Tuesday, July 12.

A salute goes to BNBL Players of The Week and to the undefeated teams.

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ACTION — The John Eager Howard Recreation Center competed against the Liberty Road Recreation Center at a heated basketball game at the Tawonda Recreation Center.

City keglers meet in competition

By Fred Lindsey
AFRO Sports Writer

For the last five years, the Baltimore City All Star Annual Bowling Tournament has been a big event for city employees.

This year, as the tournament got larger, the enthusiasm continued to grow as some of Baltimore's best workers competed for trophies in the semi-final round at the Inner City Bowling Family Fun Center on Pennsylvania Avenue.

Viewed as a mood builder, the Tournament is only one of many sporting activities for city employees, but it is considered, by far, the most benevolent.

"The tournament is a morale booster," said Walter Horton, tournament chairperson and a Department of Housing employee. "This event allows people to generally have fun, compete and network. Through bowling, city employees take the time to talk to other employees from different city departments. They make friends and they share ideas. It's a hookup."

With estimates of over 400 participants, the bowling tournament is one of the largest happenings for government workers that Baltimore City maintains and perhaps that is done by design.

"The tournament, aside from being good, clean fun is really for city bragging rights," Horton said. "We try to find out what agency or department is the best at what they do and that extends to sports. Last year, Orange Crush (Dept. of Public Works) barely edged the Red Chiefs (Baltimore City Fire Department) for the team trophy and they are at it hot and heavy again this year."

The finals will take place, Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. with the team trophy presentation by Mayor Kurt Schmoke.

"I think the success of the tournament is attributed to the President of the Morale Board, Kewanee Smith from the Department of Social Services," Horton said. "He knows how to please everybody."

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SMOOTH FORM — Carol King of the Orange Crush tries for a strike.

THE ELECTRICITY IS BACK!

BNBL stars shine on court scene

BNBL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

K. Anderson Northwood 13-U
Eric Carroll St. Edwards 15-U
C. Hayabert Jon E. Howard 18-U

UNDEFEATED TEAMS

11 & UNDER BOYS	W	L.
Bentalou	10	0
Oliver 'A'	10	0
Webster Kendrick	10	0
13 & UNDER BOYS		
Bentalou	10	0
Oliver 'A'	12	0
Robert Marshall	10	0
13 & UNDER GIRLS		
Liberty Road	10	0
John E. Howard	8	0
15 & UNDER BOYS		
Bentalou	12	0
Cecil	12	0
Oliver 'B'	12	0
Webster Kendricks	10	0
16 & UNDER GIRLS		
Liberty	10	0
18 & UNDER BOYS		
Cecil	8	0

State games big draw

By Fred Lindsey
AFRO Sports Writer

Over the weekend, the fourth Maryland State Games took place at the University of Maryland, College Park.

Patterned after the summer Olympics, this amateur sports festival showcased many of Maryland's best athletes, including a large representation from Baltimore City.

Complete with 24 sports and nearly 2,000 participants, the games were initially thought to be a vehicle to discover some unknown amateur athletic talent and to bring about new interest in amateur sports, but state coordinator Jim Narron thinks there is more to it than that.

"The purpose of the State Games is to provide a multi-sport event for everyone to compete in," Narron said. "It is to provide more awareness to the Olympic type sports and the athlete. While we encourage all participants to come to the games, we want to build a quality-like festival."

Competing from Baltimore are last year's Maryland champions Tina Stump (Judo); Albert Holder (Field Hockey); and Walter Stude (Field Hockey). In track and field, Catondra Moore, Ann Watts, Cantrece Simmons, Kevin David Hughes, Erik Howard and Nathan Curbean, are competing and a host of others in fencing, field hockey, tennis, volleyball, basketball and other sports.

"This is the Olympics for the State," Narron said. "We are one of eight out of 35 state games that has been designated for Olympic state support and that is because we have a good reputation and good athletes."

The highlight of the Games was the Salute to the Olympics Show, Saturday, in which honor was made to all Olympians and Pan American Athletes from the State of Maryland.

McKim matmen excel

By Fred Lindsey
AFRO Sports Writer

From 1921 to the present, McKim Community Center has been a focus of attention in Baltimore City.

Beginning as a free school, McKim became a place for delinquent boys and eventually changed to its present form—a community center with a heart and a hub for quality wrestlers.

Celebrated and recognized for their second place finish in the Maryland Junior Wrestling League and third in the Maryland State Tournament, the McKim wrestlers, one of the finest programs in the State of Maryland, gave praise for another productive year in their annual awards ceremony.

"Although, we are recognized as a wrestling center, said McKim executive director Dwight Warren," we do a lot more than just wrestle. True, this year's team of thirty had a good year, but we normally rank high in our competition. However, we are extremely proud of our wrestlers' accomplishment."

At the ceremonies, Brian Cosby (Southern High) and Keon Barnes Lemmel, Jr. High) were considered the best of McKim's mat men this year. Barnes was undefeated with a 24-0 record and Cosby maintained a 22-2 mark. Both were Maryland Junior Wrestling League State Champions.

"Unique about this year's group," Warren insists, "was that we had a lot of new kids who did well, including Doniele Cooper, the only girl on the squad. Cosby is a first year wrestler and he won the State. I think that was quite a feat."

"Last year," Warren continued, "we had more individual talent, but as a team, this year, we finished higher. It's hard to explain why."

As far as the wrestling program is concerned, McKim begins their kids at age seven to learn how to wrestle.

They are trained and they compete until their sophomore year, where it is then expected that one of the area high schools will take over a kid's development.

"Our central purpose at McKim is to help kids become equip to take their place in society," Warren said, a 1975 graduate of Morgan State University, "by affording them the opportunity to grow physically, emotionally and spiritually through several well-planned activities. Wrestling is just one part of that growth."

Still, the greatest beneficiary of the McKim wrestling success appears to be Southwestern High.

"It is true that a lot of our wrestlers have gone to Southwestern. It was something that just happened, because it is my feeling that a kid should go where he/she feels comfortable, but Fred Bullock (wrestling coach at Southwestern) is a knowledgeable coach and the kids appreciate this," Warren said. "The bulk of our kids attend Southern High school, where there is no wrestling program, and as a consequence, we sometimes lose a few."

Working with Warren as part of the McKim wrestling team are Ron Jackson and Ray Vaughn, both federal employees with the Social Security Administration and they too share the success of the McKim wrestlers.

"I am generally regarded as a one-man shop here at McKim," Warren said, "but without Ron and Ray, the wrestling team would suffer greatly."

Some of McKim's former wrestlers include Gary Coleman, a graduate from Mount St. Joseph School, Darrin Allen of Southwestern High, who will attend Morgan State University, this fall, both are M.S.A. Champions.

"Over the years, we have had many of our athletes graduate from college and continued their growth pattern by being productive citizens," Warren said," and I certainly would like to think the McKim Community Center had something to do with that."

WRESTLING FANS — Richard Lane of the McKim Alumni Committee, (left) and Dwight Warren, executive director of the center, present Doris Duncan of School No. 8 with a plaque for her contributions to the wrestling program.