SPORTS

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Ghosts

To the old eyes of an Olympics watcher, the 1988 Games seemed to have a ghost-like quality.

There were so many similarities to Games of the of the past that a sense of nostalgia could not be denied.

Begin with Florence Griffith Joyner who led all the women track athletes in medal-taking . . . . Her three golds in 100 meters, 200 meters and 400 relay represented a spectacular accomplishment and served as a mirror for similar brilliance 28 years earlier.

Cheers for both

At Rome in 1960, Wilma Rudolph turned in an identical performance, attaining gold medals in the women's 100, 200 and relay.

Conceivably, however, there will be two major differences between the two women . . . . Whereas Wilma never received the kind of post-career monetary rewards that already have begun for Florence, it isn't likely that Griffith Joyner will be memorialized in wax as is Rudolph in Madame Tussaud's Museum in London, nor is it probable that Flojo will be named to the Sullivan Award as was Wilma in 1961.

2 golds short

American boxers, trying to match the numbers in gold of their 1976 predecessors, fell two short . . . . In the Olympic ring that produced the Spinks brothers — Leon and Michael — Sugar Ray Leonard, Howard Davis and Leo Randolph, only Ray Mercer, Kennedy McKenny and Andrew Maynard (a Cheverly, Md. prodigy) were successful . . . . Close, but this wasn't horseshoes.

But Zina

At this stage, it should be pointed out that there were several noteworthy accomplishments by black athletes, such as in taekwondo, wrestling, etc., (previously documented) but this piece is meant to deal with unique repeats.

And while there was nothing in the past to compare it with, there was reward in Zina Garrison's 1988 tennis experience . . . . The inaugural of competition at the nets found the 23-year old Texan winning a gold and a bronze — the former in doubles with partner (and roommate) Pam Shriver and the bronze in singles (won by West German Steffi Graf).

On the other hand, the presence of Charles Lakes was not the first black competitor in gymnastics as many think . . . . Ron Galimore, son of the late Chicago Bears running back Willie Galimore made the U.S. gymnastics team (No. 1 on it as was Lakes) in 1980, but Ron was sandbagged by the American boycott of that year.

Good news and..

Those were the realities . . . . Then came the skeletons.

On the sadder side, brought back to memory was the banishment 20 years earlier of Tommie Smith and John Carlos from Mexico City, although theirs was for a victory stand political protest which differed of course, from the discrediting of Ben Johnson at Seoul.

And the 1988 American loss of the relay opportunity through a flawed baton-exchange at a time when Florence was sandbagging the rest of the world's runners individually, revived the haunting reverie of the same kind of mistake at Mexico City.

Elegant cry baby

At the end, many were empathizing with Carl Lewis because he fell short of his pronounced goal of four golds, settling for two, one of which — the 100 meters — should carry an asterisk (gained by default on the part of Ben Johnson) . . . . He was deprived of the other two by defeat to Joe deLoach in the 200, and because of the disqualification of the US 4x100 relay team in the preliminaries.

As for Lewis — otherwise a truly elegant athlete — he blamed everyone but himself for the shortage . . . . Barely mentioned was the fact that he insisted on living apart from the rest of the athletes, taking an apartment well away from the Olympic Village and training independently . . . . He complained about the handling of the athletes by the assigned coach . . . he griped about the scheduling of events he chose to enter, and appeared to feel vindicated when the relay was lost.

Notable quotable

The late Colts' defensive tackle Big Daddy Lipscomb on his tackling technique:

"I just wrap my arms around the whole backfield and peel 'em off one at a time until I get to the quarterback. Him I keep."

Football

COLLEGE SCHEDULE
Saturday
Bowie State at Fayetteville
Norfolk State at W. Salem
S.C. State at Morgan
Towson State at Howard
A and T at Fla. A&M (N)
Tenn. State at Grambling (N)
Southern at Nicholls State
Jackson State at Ala. State (N)
Texas Southern at Alcorn
Ark-Pine Bluff at Pr. View (N)
Mid-Tenn. at Miss. Valley

COLLEGE RESULTS
Va. Union 52, N.C. Central 36
Bowie State 10, Morgan 7
Va. State 26, Livingstone 0
Norfolk State 30, A and T 6
Salisbury State 52, U of DC 20
S.C. State 33, Eliz. City 0
Bethune 10, Delaware State 9
W. Salem 35, Fayetteville 10
Hampton 28, Morehouse 0
Fort Valley 43, Clark 0
Morris Brown 18, Savannah St. 7
Ala. A and M 17, Lane 0
Ky. State 31, Knoxville 20
Central State 26, J.C. Smith 19

A MEETING OF ROYALTY — Florence Griffith Joyner (L), speed queen of the 1988 Olympic Games, is greeted by Wilma Rudolph, a woman who held similar reign 28 years earlier. Meeting of the pair occurred as the Games came to a close in South Korea last week. Wilma, now a grandmother thanks to daughter Yolanda, worked on the Seagram's "Send the Families" program and was responsible for the presence of Al Joyner, Florence's hubby, in Seoul.

FAMU forfeits in MEAC

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (UPI) — Florida A&M must forfeit a Middle East Athletic Conference win over Delaware State last month because the Rattlers used an ineligible football player, conference officials said Monday.

Florida A&M must forfeit their 35-31 victory over the Hornets because runningback Bryan Moore already had used up his eligibility.

Moore played in three games during 1984, his redshirt season, and had five rushes for 29 yards.

The game in question was a Nov. 3 contest against the Prairie View A&M, when he rushed for 23 yards on two carries, according to a letter to Florida A&M officials from the conference.

NCAA rules prohibit a player from red shirting if the player performed in any games during the final half of a season.

NFL SCHEDULE
Sunday
Washington at Dallas Cowboys
Chicago at Detroit
Denver at San Francisco
Indianapolis at Buffalo
Kansas City at Houston
Los Angeles Rams at Atlanta
Miami at Los Angeles Raiders
New England vs. Green Bay at Milwaukee

Week in boxing

Oct. 7 at Copenhagen, Denmark — c-Greg Haugen vs. Gert Bo Jacobsen, 12, IBF lightweight title.

Oct. 7 at West Berlin — c-Graciano Rocchigiani vs. Chris Reid, 12, IPB super middleweight title.

Oct. 8 at Las Vegas, Nev. — Michael Johnson vs. Robert Guy, 10, junior welterweights.

Women power: story of Seoul

Through eyes of Alisa Samuels

Sisters are doing it for themselves.

If by chance you were asleep for 20 years like Rip Van Winkle, and missed it, American women have expelled and shined in the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul, South Korea.

"Sisters Are Doing It For Themselves!" declared the Queen of Soul Aretha Franklin and Eurhythmic Annie Lennox in a 1987 feminist tune.

And Franklin and Lennox's declaration have come to fruition in this year's international athletic competition.

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Florence "Flo-Jo" Griffith Joyner, track's wonder woman, and her sister-in-law Jackie Joyner Kersee, the first American woman to win a gold medal in the long-jump, have made Americans proud.

Each is physically fit, fast and hard as nails.

Speaking of nails, Flo-Jo, known for her myriad of colored claws and sexy track garb, zipped past her contenders to set a new world record in the 200-meter dash in 21:34 seconds.

Earlier in the Olympics, Flo-Jo, who is coached by her husband, Jackie's brother, Al, fixed an Olympic record in the 100-meter dash by running 10:62 seconds.

Can you imagine? Is that fast or what?

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If the Olympics had been a motion picture it would be very difficult to determine which woman would win the Oscar for best actress.

Because Jackie was no slob, either.

She earned 7,291 points in the heptathlon to seize the highest medal. Some sports analysts have called Joyner-Kersee the greatest female athletes alive.

If you think they are the only women to excel in the Summer Olympics, you are wrong. They just stand out more.

Griffith Joyner for instance, ran the third leg of the gold-medal 400-meter relay team, taking the baton from Alice Brown and handing off to Evelyn Ashford for the victorious run to the finish line. It was Ashford's former supremacy that Flo-Jo undid.

In tennis Zina Garrison won a gold, teamed with Pam Shriver in doubles, and a bronze in singles play.

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And the U.S. women's basketball team led by the superb point-guard play of Teresa Edwards (who also was gold in 1984) clobbered opponents, including Yugoslavia in the championship round.

It was a way of showing the men (who bronzed) that all was not lost in the sport we invented.

Lynette Love surprised everyone winning a gold in taekwondo. And Sharon Jewell also scored in this new sport, gaining a bronze.

Tracie Ruiz-Conforto won a silver in synchronized swimming and teenager Janet Evans doubled in gold in speed swimming.

U.S. women truly stamped these Games with women-power.

The Russkies are here

Laurel Race Course announced Wednesday the arrival of the Soviet Union's entry in the $750,000 Budweiser International horse race, scheduled Oct. 23.

The Russian champion is the 3-year-old colt, "Rome," winner of three of four major events this year including the Grand All Union Stake (Russian Derby) at a mile and one-half.

Rome will be accompanied by the 3-year-old colt "Atlantic" who will serve as an alternate. As last year, if not used to substitute in the International, this horse will compete in another stakes event on International Day.

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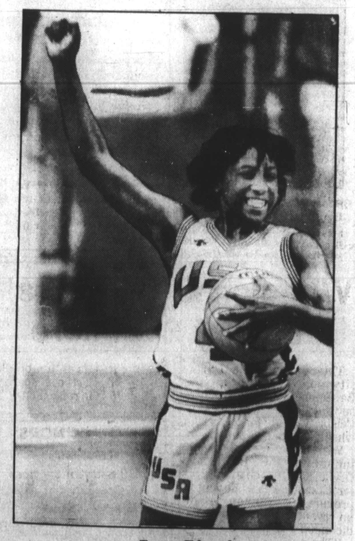
Atlantic was the Soviet's prized 2-year-old who registered four wins and a second in five starts in 1987. In 1988 he has been second twice in three outings.



Teresa Edwards
her play enabled U.S. to repeat '84

Lake Clifton coach finds new heights

By Fred Lindsey

Called the "Jesse Jackson of basketball" this summer at the Five-Star Basketball Camp in Pennyslvania, Lake Clifton's Charley Moore continues to be exultant about this year's experience.

Winning 21 of 22 games enroute to his second consecutive league and playoff camp championships, Moore established an all-time record for high school coaches at the infamous basketball camp.

With Baltimore players, Lenny Pindell, Joe Carey, Ron Lucas, Alphonso Barney and Ben Harle making the all-star team, in the NBA League (the camp's toughest), Moore is already preparing and hoping that his success continues for the "real" basketball season.

LAKE CLIFTON COACH—Charley Moore

"The success that the kids from Baltimore enjoyed a part of my success should make the City proud," Moore said. "We tried to show everybody we came up against that we come from a helluva basketball city."

Howard Garfinckel, director of the Five-Star Basketball Camp said that "Moore is efficient, energetic and enthusiasm as a coach, and he is destined to be the next Division 1 head coach from Baltimore City."

Moore will have the opportunity to display what he knows and the quality of his players. Pending the announcement, Lake Clifton will be the scene of the first Afro-American Tip-Off Tournament early in December.

Upton Football League

After its third of the season, the young participants of the Upton Football League are "hitting hard and heavy."

The Upton Football League is a supplemental recreation program funded by the Department of Housing and Community Development.

It is administered by Baltimore City Department of Parks and Recreation serves over 350 inner-city youths throughout Baltimore.

Playing in two divisions, the Cub and the Midgets, the program has reached 17 different neighborhoods, since its inception in 1978. While young boys, ages 10-14, play football with reckless abandon, commissioner Benjamin Washington says it's all in fun.

In 1981, the Upton Football League was nominated for both the National Hall of Fame and Baltimore's Best Award for its football programs.

Last season, the Upton Football Program became a member of Pop Warner Little Scholars, Inc., a national program in which academic and athletics are linked together.

In its first decade, Upton is credited with Baltimore City's first City-Wide Championship (Crispus Attucks Recreation Center) and six second place finishes.

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Poets say thanks

Recently, Dunbar High School presented the USF&G Insurance Company with a commemorative plaque to say "thanks" for supporting their basketball team's trip to Hawaii last season to play in the Inolani Prep Classic.

USF&G responded to Delegate Hattie Harrison's request for support, by providing the air far for five team members. Additional funds were raised through other sources to the Poets to compete in the championship tournament.

Men's Unlimited League Organizes

The organizational meeting for the men's unlimited basketball leagues was held Tuesday, October 4, 1988, at the Virginia S. Baker-Patterson Park Recreation Center at 2601 East Baltimore Street.

Both new and returning teams wishes to enter a team for the 1988-89 season had representatives present at the meeting. Competition is scheduled to begin October 25, 1988.

For further information, call 396-9314.

Sportsmanship Awards Presented

Each year, sportsmanship awards are presented to various members of the Maryland Scholastic Association for outstanding sportsmanship exhibited during the schoolyear.

This year, the Baltimore City Public Schools Sportsmanship Awards were presented to Forest Park of the Western Division and City College of the Eastern Division.

John Carroll received the Catholic School Award and the Gilman School received the honor for the independent schools.

Shown left to right are, Ray Short, President of the Booster Club of the Poets Followers; Pete Pompey, Head Coach; Mitchell Curtis, Senior at Dunbar and Poets team member; Jack Andryszak, Vice President, USF&G Insurance; and Delegate Hattie Harrison.

Wheelchair basketball at U of Baltimore

This Sunday, at the University of Baltimore, the Baltimore Ravens are presenting their 3rd Annual Celebrity Game for the best in wheelchair basketball.

With many special guests, including the Baltimore Oriole Bird, coach and director Eddie Diggs is hoping to provide the community with an event to promote handicapped athletics.

"The purpose of this event is to invite the community to experience wheelchair basketball," Diggs said. "This game is a fun-break before we start our season and an effort to raise money."

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