AREA SPORTS

CCB finds success in Detroit

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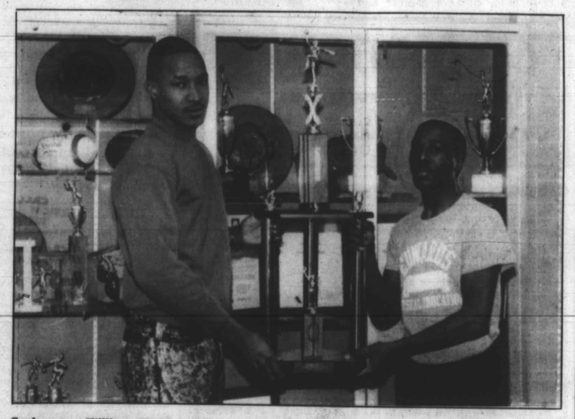
"Rising to the occasion" was the sentiment expressed by coach Roger Dickens as his Red Devil basketball team swept through the Highland Park Community College Optimist Tournament, in Detroit, Michigan, winning their first Christmas Tournament in the school's history.

Competing with three highly regarded teams from the State of Michigan, the Community College of Baltimore conquered HPCC (12-5) 87-85 in the opening round and after losing a 20-point lead held on to beat Muskegon Community College 97-92 for the championship.

"This was by far the best competition we've had all season," Dickens said, "and I'm really pleased by the team's performance. They came to the tournament with the attitude that they were going to win and that posture was sustained during the course of competition."



Sophomores William Gladden (All-Tournament) and Ernest Hall (MVP) hold the team trophy won at the Highland Park Optimist Christmas Tournament.

Highland Park CC, who is on the brink of being nationally ranked, has won its Great Lakes Conference Championship for the last two years and has sent several of its players to major colleges around the country.

And Although MPCC was favored to win its tournament for the second consecutive year, head coach Robert Dawson could not find solace in winning the consolation prize.

"As a team, we didn't play well against CCB," Dawson said. "They used a good, aggressive defense to stifle us at times and we really couldn't do what we expected. We didn't shoot well and that too was attributed to Baltimore's defense. They are a fine team and they deserved to win and we deserve what we got."

In this annual event, the purpose of the tournament is to use the proceeds to provide partial scholarship assistance to students attending Highland Park Community College and to bring some of the top junior college basketball players to Detroit.

The tournament was successful on both ends and it enjoyed very good crowds for the two days and it brought sophomores Ernest Hall (Dunbar) and William Gladden (Northern) to the Motor City.

Both second-year players proved in Detroit that they should be considered among junior colleges hoopsters as they respectively captured MVP and All-Tournament honors.

"In spite of the outstanding performances by Hall and Gladden, it was a total team effort," Dickens said. "Everybody played well."

"This experience," continued Dickens, left us with a good taste in our mouths. We played the best teams; we'll have to face and beat them. The team now knows what winning is all about."

Besides winning the tournament and gaining renewed exposure, the players from CCB were seen by many major college scouts and because of their fine achievement we may see a few of these players in Division 1 next year.

Baltimore Hosts Mitre Soccer Tournament

BALTIMORE — Regional playoffs for the nation's only national indoor soccer tournament will take place in Baltimore at Myers Pavilion, beginning Saturday, Jan. 14.

Myers Pavilion, 4300 West Bay Avenue, will host competition in three categories: Men's Open, Jan. 14-15; Boys' 19 and under, March 24-25; and Boys' 16 and under, March 24-25. The games will begin at 8 a.m. and continue till 6 p.m. for all dates.

Baltimore is one of 24 sites nationwide, hosting regional competition for the fourth consecutive Mire/Soccer America National Indoor Soccer Championships.

Teams are vying for a slot in the national playoffs, with winners of the regional playoffs advancing to national championships at the following sites:

Men's open in Phoenix, March 3-5; Boys' 19 and under in Dallas, May 27-29; and Boys' 16 and under in Chicago, May 20-22.

"Soccer is an extremely popular sport in the Maryland area and we're pleased that Baltimore is playing an important role in the only national indoor soccer championships," said Keith Heyes, president of Mitre Sports and chairman of the Soccer Industry Council of America.

Mitre is the No. 1 manufacturer and distributer of soccer shoes and soccer balls and is co-sponsoring the tournament for the forth consecutive year, along with Soccer America, a weekly publication that features national and international soccer stories.

According to Heyes, more than 12,000 players participated in last year's Mitre/Soccer America National Indoor Soccer Championships and tournament organizers are expecting even greater participation this year.

"Soccer is experiencing tremendous growth in America and Baltimore is no exception," said Heyes. "Approximately 12 million people play organized soccer in the U.S., with the biggest growth at the youth and college level."

A maximum of 20 teams will be invited to participate in the national tournament, with wild card teams added to the field of regional winners.

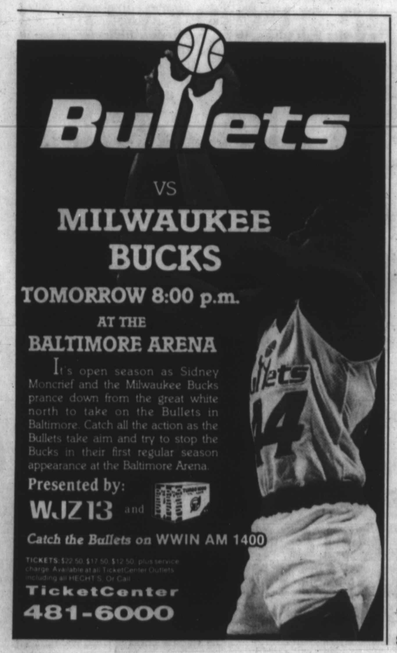
The winners of the 1989 Mitre/Soccer America National Amateur Indoor Soccer Championships will receive the Mitre Soccer America Trophy.

Mitre also will donate $12,000 retail vlaue selected Mitre products to the club or organization that the winning teams represent.

Team trophies will be awarded to the second and third place winners and $1,000 and $750 retail value in Mitre products respectively.

The top goal keeper of each national tournament will be awarded a trophy from Reusch, the official supplier of goal keeping equipment. Peter Green LTD, manufacturer of the Cannon soccer uniform and the official uniform sponsor of the tournament, will provide prize packages to the winning teams in each championship series.

For more information about the playoffs in Baltimore, contact Mike Woodard at Myers Pavilion, 301/396-5782.



Short Shots

Watch For the Afro-American All-City Basketball Teams

For the course of the 1988-89 basketball season, the Afro-American Newspapers will pay tribute to the boys and girls whom we consider the best basketball players in the city for the first Afro-American All-City Team.

With the assistance of the public schools athletic directors, men's and women's varsity basketball coaches and AFRO staff, the All-City teams will be selected based on the player's performances against his/her MSA opposition.

In addition to the players, we would also choose a men's and women's Coach-Of-The-Year, without regard for conference.

Each public high school will have ten (10) selections (5 boys and 5 girls). No school can select a player from its own school, nor can more than two players from one team be selected. With the exception of number, the same rules will apply for the selection of coaches.

When the selections have been received, the Afro-American Selection Committee will compile a first and second All-City team that will include honorable mentions and the men's and women's Coach-Of-The-Year.

The players receiving the highest number of votes will be recognized as the Afro-American Player Of The Year and will be so honored at an awards ceremony.

For more information, call Fred Lindsey at 728-8200.

Holiday Basketball

In high school basketball tournaments, Lake Clifton (5-1) suffered its first loss of the season, losing to DeMartha High of Hyattsville, Md. 77-53 in the War Memorial Invitational Tournament over the Christmas Holidays.

Outrebounded by 16, in the championship game, the top-ranked school in Baltimore was led by Ben Harlee's 26 points.

St. Frances Charles Hall (2-2) lost twice in the Bladensburg Holiday Tournament. They were beaten by Bladensburg (Md.) 63-47 in the opening round and they were beaten by First Colonial (VA) 74-53 in the consolation game.

After beating Crossland, (MD) 77-62 and Brunswick (VA) 58-47, Calvert Hall lost the championship game 59-44 to the host team at the Benedictine Capital City Classic in Richmond, VA.

Forest Park Little League Needs People

Forest Park Little League is looking for interested adults who would like to get involved in little league baseball.

They are looking for managers, coaches, umpires and auxiliary members and will have their next registration on Thursday, January 12th at Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial United Methodist Church at Forest Park Avenue and Windsor Mill Road between 7-9 p.m.

The cost of registration will be $25.00 per child ($45.00 for two relatives living in the same household). All registrants must register with a parent or guardian and a copy of the child's birth certificate must be presented for the records.

Everyone old and new, must register. Checks and money orders should be made payable to Forest Park Little League, Inc.

For additional information, call Mr. Blackwell at 448-1663, Mr. Brown at 664-9429 or Ms. Gilmore at 947-4387.

Baltimore Ravens Basketball

On Saturday, January 7th, the Baltimore Ravens Wheelchair Basketball Team will host the Virginia Beach Sunwheelers at the Community College of Baltimore, Liberty Campus. Game time is 2:00 p.m. Donations is $2.00 and will be directed toward the Raven's Sectional Tournament Playoffs in Canada in March. The Ravens are 16-2 on the season.

For more information call Eddie Diggs at 679-9264.

Southwestern In Wrestlers Top Ten

In spite of the recent problems at Southwestern, the Sabers continue to do well in wrestling.

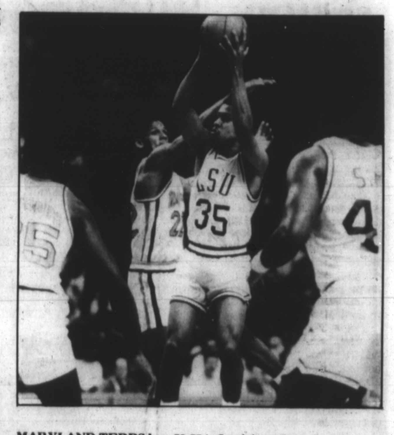
Southwestern ranks sixth, according to the Maryland State Wrestling Association, in the state and is pushing upward.

Individually, Caldwell Veale is tops in the 125-pound class, Sean Crockett is fifth at 145, Marcus Jenkins is sixth at 152, Durrell Jenkins is fourth at 160 and Walter Reed is first at 171.

Fun day

Come celebrate Family Fun and Fitness Day at the Druid Hill YMCA. In conjunction with radio station WEBB, the Druid Hill family YMCA announces Family Fun and Fitness Day on January 7, 1989 from 1-5 p.m.

Activities will include a weightlifting contest, health screen fair, aquatic rodeo, family fitness and aerobics



MARYLAND TERPS lose 79-77 to Louisiana State U. on a two point basket by Chris Jackson with eight seconds left in the game. Jackson (35) gets between two Maryland defenders; Tony Massenburg (25) and Greg Nared (22), as teammate Wayne Sims watches him score two of the games high 30 points.

SPORTS

Sam Lacy

Money

With Christmas merchants grinning with gratitude just behind and the Internal Revenue Service licking its chops with expectancy just ahead, many minds are today thinking money.

So, it probably is in easy understanding that young people who are athletically inclined will be hard to convince that the degree we preach about is all that important . . . . They don't realize, of course, that to become one of the chosen few who reach the pro level in any given sport, is every bit as difficult as catching a multi-million-dollar lottery.

So, lacking that sense of reality, the youngster is lured away from the classroom with the dreams of dollar signs dancing in his head.

Millionaire Row

And since it isn't hard for a 22-year-old to turn his back on reality, why not?

If he looks at baseball, he sees the world champion Dodgers with two fellows drawing $2 million each (Fernando Valenzuela and Eddie Murray), plus five priced at $1 million each . . . . and the unabashed Yankees also with two $2 million men, and three $1 million chattels, which is the same as the Kansas City Royals.

Then come the Red Sox with one $2 million guy, Jim Rice whom they're trying to unload, and five poor people they reward with a mere $1 million annually.

The peons

The backsliders are the Angels, Orioles, Rangers and White Sox, each with only one player cashing $2 million checks: Mike Witt, Cal Ripken, Jr., Charlie Hough and Harold Baines, respectively.

The Cardinals have one $2 million collector, Ozzie Smith, and four guys set at $1 million a year . . . . The Mets are in the same category, paying Gary Carter $2 million; Dwight Gooden and Darryl Strawberry and a couple of others $1 million each.

The Phillies and Cubs (for what) pay one $2 million and three $1 million players . . . . and the Braves' salary sheet includes one $2 million, and one millionaire.

Oh my, Cubs?

Every other team in major league baseball, except the Indians and Mariners, includes on its pay roster at least one million-dollar salary — the Tigers with five, the Brewers with four and the Athletics and Padres with three each.

The kid sees even the Astros and Blue Jays with potential . . . . They have two athletes apiece whom they consider worth $1 million a year.

Incidentally, the Chicago Cubs who have not won a pennant since 1945, had a 1988 payroll in excess of $13.8 million, including a $2 million player and three players earning (rather collecting is a better term) $1 million, plus.

Bait less enticing

Unfortunately (?) the National Football League does not have the same cash allure.

Yeah, there are some millionaires but not in the same number as in football's baseball counterpart.

Top check goes to Aundray Bruce of Atlanta with $1.9 million . . . . Then come Herschel Walker at $1.8, Tampa's Paul Gruber at $1.55, Dan Marino at $1.45 mil Wilber Marshall and John Elway at $1.4 million, and Cincinnati's Rickey Dixon and Boomer Esiason at $1.3 and $1.2 million, respectively.

Also at a million-plus are Eric Dickerson of the Colts; Tim Brown, Marcus Allen, Bo Jackson and Howie Long of the Raiders; 49er Joe Montana, Buffalo Bills' Jim Kelly, Washington's Doug Williams, Seattle's Steve Largent, and the Giants' Lawrence Taylor and Eric Moore.

Good bye, hello

Now of course, the NBA should not be overlooked . . . . That basketball crowd includes three $3 million players — Magic Johnson and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar of the Lakers and Patrick Ewing of the Knicks . . . . It also pays four athletes in excess of $2 million each, and 34 others $1 million apiece.

Bye, Santa . . . . Howdy, IRS.

Notable quotable

Comedian Bob Newhart on his days as a high school running back:

"Every time I went into the line on a fake play, I shouted, 'I don't have it!' "

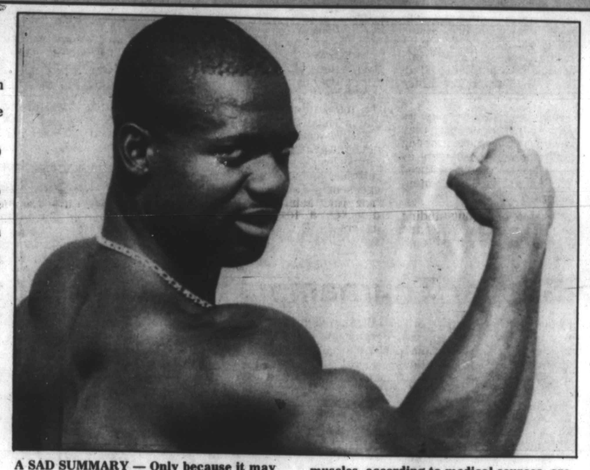
Basketball

Wednesday
Morgan State at Ark. State
Southeastern at T. Southern (women)
Jackson State at Tenn. State
Grambling at Missouri
Mid-Tenn. at Ala. State
Alcorn at La. State (women)

Thursday
Coppin State at S.C. State
Coppin at S.C. State (women)
Xavier at Nat'l Catholic tourney
T. Southern at S. Eastern (women)
Stephen F. Austin at Tex Southern
Miss. Valley at Nicholls State

Friday
Bowie St. at Columbia Union
Lincoln at Va. State tourney

Saturday
Morgan State at S.C. State
Morgan at S.C. State (women)
U of DC at Hampton (women)
Bowie St. at Columbia Union
St. Augustine's at N.C. Central
St. Aug at N.C. Central (women)
Lincoln at Va. State tourney
Alcorn at Lamar (women)
Stockton at Lincoln (women)
Ala. State at Ala. A and M
Paul Quinn at T. Southern



A SAD SUMMARY — Only because it may aid in emphasizing the warnings against young athletes' use of steroids, this picture illustrates what can happen to the body. Sprinter Ben Johnson's bulging deltoid muscles, according to medical sources, are typical of steroids' impact on the body and enhance performance only temporarily. Subsequent side effects, they report, can be life-threatening.

Baltimore charity

Bowlers pitch in for Save-a-Heart

The Save-A-Heart Foundation in Baltimore will be the beneficiary when the Fair Lanes $150,000 PBA Open Celebrity Pro Am takes place on Monday, April 3, 1989, 8:30 p.m., at Fair Lanes Woodlawn in Baltimore.

For every pro am entrant, Fair Lanes will be contributing $25 to the Save-A-Heart Foundation.

Celebrity Pro Am bowlers will get to bowl three games with area celebrities and PBA bowlers. Each will receive a Fair Lanes $150,000 PBA Open Souvenir Jacket, enjoy a private party with the celebrities and bowlers, and have a chance to win the first place trophy. Entry fee for the Celebrity Pro Am is $100.

In addition to the Fair Lanes contribution, Save-A-Heart Pin Pals will be paired with the celebrities. The Pin Pals will have gathered money pledges per pin, so the higher the celebrities' scores, the more money will be raised.

"This is a great concept for one of our fundraisers," said Nadine Weinstein, Save-A-Heart Foundation Director of Development. "We are confident this event will raise over $5000."

Entry into the Celebrity Pro Am is limited. Entry forms are available at all Baltimore/Washington area Fair Lanes tenpin centers.

Anyone interested in being a Save-A-Heart Pin Pal should telephone Nadine Weinstein at 301-653-3131.

A look at 1988 in the ring

Tyson, Leonard, Hagler, Seoul and others

The theory that only Mike Tyson can stop Mike Tyson from becoming a great heavyweight champion gained greater credence in 1988.

Tyson reached the peak of his short career with a 91-second knockout over Michael Spinks, then spent the last six months of the year starring in his own long-running soap opera.

His knockout over Spinks June 27 was Tyson's third and final ring appearance of the year. His career has since been sidetracked by personal problems that include a failed marriage to actress Robin Givens, two legal battles with his manager Bill Cayton, an auto accident and a broken hand suffered in a street fight.

Tyson, 35-0 with 31 knockouts, seemed invincible six months ago, but there is a question of how his personal life will affect his boxing. His next title defense against Frank Bruno has been pushed back five times since September and is planned for Feb. 25.

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Tyson, who has been spotted drinking frequently and whose weight ballooned to about 250 during his layoff, also faces a potentially messy divorce trial and a $125 million defamation of character suit filed against him by Givens.

Mike Tyson
had assortment of fights

"I love chaos," Tyson says. "That's the way I am. It doesn't bother me, it just revolves around my lifestyle."

The chaos in the 22-year-old fighter's life put a damper on Cayton's 1989 plans for the champion, which included defenses against Adilson Rodriguez of Brazil, Francesco Damiani of Italy, Carl Williams and perhaps cruiserweight champion Evander Holyfield.

Tyson sued Cayton to break their contract after the Spinks fight. They settled out of court, but Tyson filed another suit against Cayton for fraud in late November, as a result of an ongoing feud between Cayton and promoter Don King — a constant Tyson companion since Givens left.

He then fired trainer Kevin Rooney in December because of comments he made about Tyson's life outside the ring. Rooney has trained Tyson since the 1985 death of Cus D'Amato, who rescued Tyson from an upstate New York reform school and became his legal guardian.

Tyson forced Spinks to retire a month after the loss, his first in 32 pro bouts. Spinks fought 12 years and held the undisputed light heavyweight title and a piece of the heavyweight championship before losing to Tyson.

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Sugar Ray Leonard ended his fourth retirement to stop Donny Lalonde in nine rounds Nov. 7. The victory gave Leonard Lalonde's World Boxing Council light heavyweight and the new WBC super middleweight titles — making him the only boxer to win world titles in five weight divisions.

Leonard quickly gave up both titles, indicating he will stick to fighting middleweights or junior middleweights. He did not, however, retire again.

Sugar Ray Leonard
out of retirement again

Former undisputed middleweight champ Marvin Hagler said goodbye to boxing. He retired in May, 13 months after losing his title to Leonard. Hagler resisted a rematch against Leonard, making him — for now — that rare champion who knows when to stay retired.

The same cannot be said for former heavyweight champions Larry Holmes and George Foreman. Holmes came back to test Tyson, losing on a fourth-round knockout Jan. 22. At 40, Foreman continues to plow through club fighters in an attempt to lure Tyson into a title shot. Foreman weighs about 250 pounds. He is fat and slow and has lost the devastating punch that destroyed Joe Frazier and many other top heavyweights of the 1970s.

At the Seoul Olympics, the U.S. boxing team made frequent headlines and won three gold medals: heavyweight Ray Mercer, light heavyweight Andrew Maynard and bantamweight Kennedy McKinney.

However, junior middleweight Roy Jones and middleweight Anthony Hembrick emerged the best known. Jones dominated his gold-medal bout against South Korea's Park Si-Hun, only to lose a highly controversial decision. As consolation, Jones was voted the tournament's outstanding boxer. Hembrick showed up late for his opening bout and was disqualified. Two of his coaches, Ken Adams and Hank Johnson, misread the schedule.