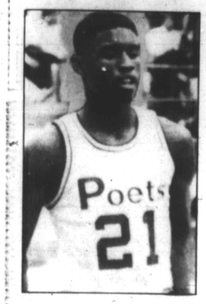
Public Schools Basketball Tournament



Poet Dietrich Williams exhibits his intensified style of play.

City College's Anna Green concentrating at the free throw line.

By Fred Lindsey
AFRO Sports Writer

"The more things change, the more things remain the same," said one philosopher. This was never truer than the 1989 Baltimore City Public Schools Boys and Girls Basketball Tournament. In Baltimore City, the "same" teams always manages to win.

In the semi-finals, Walbrook girls defeated City 59-46. Western defeated Poly 69-18. Dunbar boys defeated Walbrook 64-52 and Southern edged Lake Clifton 58-57.

Walbrook shocked most observers by stunning heavily favorite Western 49-43 to win the girls championship and it took a Hensley Parks tip-in, with five seconds remaining in the game, to give Dunbar a 54-53 win over Southern for another title.

While congratulations are extended to the victors, we often ask—where is the competition?

SPORTSCENE
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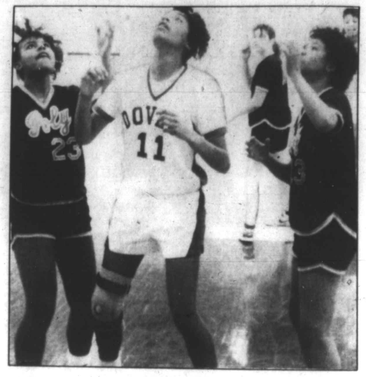


Shelanda Roundtree, Kelly Logan and Shavella Watkins prepare to rebound.

Girls All-Tournament Team: Henrietta Edmonds (W), Kelly Logan and Dana Johnson (Western), Shuna Carroll and Trevette Mitchell (W).

Boys All-Tournament Team: David Lewis (D), Hensley Parks (D), Craig Tyson (S), Dietrich Williams (D) and Lamont Wilson (S).

Annual Scholar Athletes Dinner

On Wednesday, March 8th, the 26th Annual Scholar Athlete Awards Dinner will take place at Martin's West.

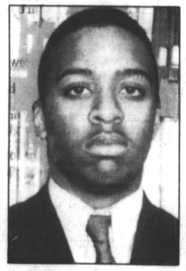
Sponsored by the Greater Baltimore Chapter of the National Football Foundation & Hall of Fame, the dinner will honor 90 of the top scholar athletes from football playing high schools in the Baltimore area.

The scholar athletes will be competing for a grand prize of a $4,000 scholarship to the college of his choice.

The Baltimore City selectees and their backgrounds are listed as follows.

MIKE BURKE OG-amg Douglass "Ducks" Two-way standout at offensive guard and middle guard . . . team captain of the Ducks who was a second team All-MSA pick . . . two-year starter on offense and defense . . . stands 5-11, 185 lbs . . . ranks in the upper ten percent of his class.

MARC BRAZILE OG-NG Forest Park "Foresters" Team's leading tackler at nose guard this seson . . . also played offensive guard for the Foresters . . . stands 6-0, 215 lbs . . . also wrestles and plays lacrosse . . . vice-president of the Varsity Club . . . secretary for Future Business Leaders of America . . . president of church youth group.



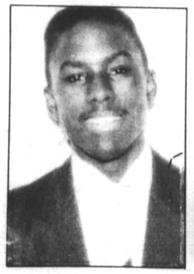
ZACKERY DINGLE DE-TE Northern "Vikings" First team All-MSA selection who played defensive end and tight end . . . defensive captain of the Vikings . . . stands 6-2, 190 lbs . . . led teams with 35 individual tackles last year . . . also caught 26 passes as tight end . . . played for MSA All-Stars against Baltimore County's best.

TERRY GILCHRIST WR-DB Lake Clifton "Lakers" Two-way standout at defensive back and wide receiver for the Lakers . . . team captain who caught 17 passes for 322 yards and one touchdown . . . stands 6-0, 150 lbs. . . . also intercepted four passes.

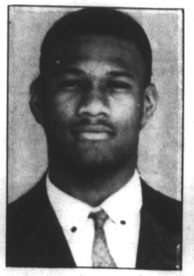
JEROME HAMILTON OC-DE Mergenthaler "Mustangs" Two-way performer at offensive center and defensive end . . . stands 5-9, 230 lbs. . . . member of tennis team . . . also belongs to Future Business Leaders of America . . . honor roll student . . . stands in the top five per cent of his class.

BRIAN FASSLER FB City College "Knights" Honorable mention All-Metro selection at fullback . . . helped the Knights to an 8-2 record this season and number one ranking in Baltimore . . . stands 5-6, 165 lvs . . . also played baseball for the Knights for three years . . . ran for more than 700 yards for MSA champions this season.

VAUGHN HERBON TB Cardinal Gibbons "Crusaders" Talented tailback who was named as the "Offensive Player of the Year" by the *The Sun and The Evening Sun* . . . team captain of the Crusaders . . . stands 5-10, 180 lbs. . . . also played for the MSA All-Stars against Baltimore County . . . led the MSA in rushing with 1,701 yards . . . also led the MSA by scoring 30 touchdowns . . . named first All-Metro.



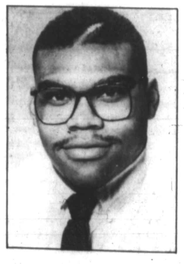
ALPHONSO HORTON TE Southwestern "Sabers" Solid performer at tight end for the Sabers . . . stands 6-1, 140 lbs. . . . also plays basketball and runs track for the Sabers . . . has played five different positions for the football team . . . stands in the upper fifty percent of his class.



ROD LEWIS QB Dunbar "Poets" First team All-Metro quarterback who led MSA in passing . . . team captain of the Poets who led team to 7-2 record . . . stands 6-2, 185 lbs. . . . starting quarterback for MSA All-Stars against Baltimore County . . . first team All-MSACHOICE.

FRED ROBINSON QB-DB Walbrook "Warriors" Two-way starter at quarterback and safety for the Warriors . . . named to MSA All-Star team . . . stands 6-3, 165 lbs. . . . also a member of the baseball team . . . member of the Computer Club and the Special Achievers Club.

REGGIE SUTTON OG-DT Edmondson "Redskins" Two-way performer at offensive guard and defensive tackle for the Redskins . . . stands 5-11, 210 lbs. . . . Cadet major in ROTC . . . freshman tutor at school . . . member of church community . . . honor roll student . . . stands 28th in his class of 350 students.



DOMINIC TAYLOR OG-NG Carver "Bears" Second team All-Metro selection who played offensive guard and nose guard . . . also named to All-MSA first team . . . stands 6-0, 230 lbs. . . . two-year captain of the Beas . . . played for MSA All-Stars against Baltimore County . . . honorable mention all-Metro as a junior.

SPORTS

Sam Lacy

Dawn

Wedged between signs promising "Baseball For Sure In '84," and "Baseball's Alive For '95" in this D.C. barbershop window, was notice of an observance of Black History Month scheduled for that evening.

There's no place on earth where a more suitable audience can be found for an old, opinionated sports-writer than the inside of a barber shop . . . . Especially if he's a first-name character with most of the barbers and customers.

That was the situation when the question of progress in sports came under discussion in connection with black history.

Sports history

Professional football with its ante-bellum attitude, was quickly dismissed . . . . On the other hand, pro basketball's record was totally acceptable, therefore only lightly addressed.

So, what about baseball?

Well, there still are a lot of black players — though two-thirds of them wear latin names — and no general managers, latin or otherwise . . . . And the Orioles have a black manager . . . . Fine.

But, consider this: in the halcyon days of the Orioles, four players formed the core around which success was woven . . . . They were Boog Powell, Jim Palmer, Brooks Robinson and Frank Robinson.

Since those joyful days, Boog became a millionaire selling beer, Jim acquired a fortune selling drawers, Brooks is all over television selling merchandise of every description . . . . Frank?

President White

Then came the inevitable question . . . . Is not the naming of Bill White as president of the National League a huge step forward for baseball? . . . . Surely, this must be looked upon as the most positive move since the signing of Jackie Robinson by the Dodgers in 1947.

Perhaps it is . . . . But for a restless old codger at the AFRO sports desk, it isn't nearly as exciting as many would expect it to be.

Of course, Bill White is glowing with accomplishment . . . . He's elated . . . . He's exultant.

Almost 200 years

But, Bill White also is intelligent . . . . He's a realist . . . . He's able to recognize the fact that the National League began play in 1876, and the American League in 1901 . . . . Combined, that is a total of 196 years that it took baseball to acknowledge that someone not of Anglo-Saxon heritage is able to assume a role of leadership.

So, why this sudden leap into the pool of affirmative action? . . . . Maybe the answer will come this summer.

One pilot, prexy

There's another oddity here . . . . With a 5-year contract in his pocket, Bill is promised a term of service that is *twice as long as the National League kept its only black manager in office* . . . . Frank Robinson did 2½ years at the San Francisco Giants' helm.

Finally, it is absolute among those who know him that Bill White has no timid in his mind or body . . . . But can we not understand that he will realize the irony if there should come a time when for some reason he must judge and discipline Dodger pitcher Orel Hershizer, who is being paid 35 times as much as his $250,000 salary?

Only the dawn

So, the barber's work done, the conversation ended, the shop door closed on his heels and the walk to the car begun, reflections came.

Yes, we've come a long way but it is still early dawn . . . . The glow shows on the horizon, but the sunlight has yet to come.

Notable quotable

Two-time National League MVP Joe Morgan, critiquing the managing technique of Oriole Frank Robinson:

"He's a guy who can step on your toes without messing up your shoe shine."

Zina Garrison
up-tempo game conquers USSR

Zina captures Cal-Slims title

Taking on the Soviets singlehanded, Zina Garrison wrapped up the Virginia Slims of California tennis championship with a smashing 6-1, 6-1 victory in Sunday's finale at Oakland.

Her victim was 23-year-old Larisa Savchenko of the Soviet Union. Adding to the uniqueness of the Garrison triumph was the fact that she had beaten another young Soviet phenom, Natalia Zrevera, the previous day, 7-5, 6-4.

The 24-year-old Houston (Texas) busybody without doubt, played her most up-tempo weekend of tennis in two years in pulling off the double victory.

To reach the final round, Zina had to defeat world-ranked Gigi Fernandez before taking on Zrevera on Saturday, and then Savchenko, who incidentally had dispatched Martina Navratilova in the semi-final.

In routing Savchenko, Garrison allowed her Russian opponent to hold serve in only her first serve in each set.

Witch-hunting Wade?

Maryland University Baseketball Coach Bob Wade last week, admitted that members of his staff unwittingly had violated NCAA rules.

He confirmed reports that some of his assistants had been involved in giving rides to a former player, Rudy Archer, to and from Prince George's Community College where Archer is attempting to remove the deficiencies which brought about his academic expulsion from Maryland last year.

No such "favors" are permitted under NCAA guidelines.

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Actually, this portion of the NCAA bylaws was designed to control the coaches' practice of providing cars or other transportation for the personal use of young recruits in order to ingratiate them when it is time to make a choice of schools.

In Archer's case, he had been in school at Maryland and a member of the 1987-88 basketball team, thus was not regarded as a "recruit" by the Terps' staff.

While Wade himself had no role in the concessions to Archer, he told Athletic Director Lew Perkins that he was aware of what was happening.

It was wrong.

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However, there are times when the NCAA has been known to become overzealous in its search for violations.

That may be what has happened here. It also may be explained.

In recent years, alumni groups have become more and more obsessed with winning programs. So, coaches are inclined to respond favorably and thus protect their jobs.

As a result, coaches have been known to bend the rules, offering out-of-bounds benefits to promising prospects, hiding ineligible players, easing academic requirements, etc.

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Because so much of this goes on undetected, the NCAA has become increasingly paranoid. What may be considered "nit-picking" by some has occurred on numerous occasions in the past at various colleges throughout the country.

So, Maryland is not alone.

But, how did word of this Maryland activity leak out? It certainly didn't come from Archer. Or from any of the coaches. Or from Wade. Or from Perkins.

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The revelation came from "sources," it was reported.

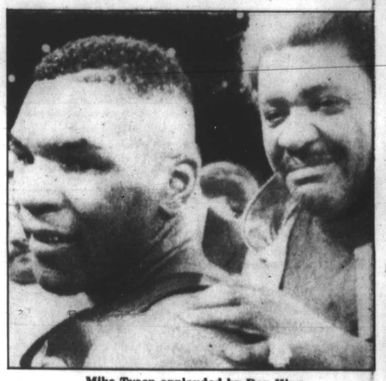
Perhaps these "sources" are die-hard Lefty Driesell sympathizers who never have accepted with grace the dismissal of the former coach, or certain members of the Terrapin Club (alumni) who continue to remain uncomfortable with Bob Wade at the helm in Byrd Fieldhouse, or some other disgruntled Terp fraternity.

Which are the witch-hunters?

Week in boxing

March 6 at Reno, Nev. — Ray Mancini vs. Hector Camacho, 12, junior welterweights.

March 6 at Stateline, Nev. — c-Jeff Franklin vs. Lupe Gutierrez, 12, USBA featherweight title.



Mike Tyson applauded by Don King
champion overcame foe's clutching tactics

Mike Tyson defends heavyweight title, but..

It was a plea from a young woman fight fan: "I wish Bruno would stop hugging so much."

The analysis was accurate. Frank Bruno's arms were curled around the neck and shoulders of Mike Tyson Saturday night at Las Vegas, so much that referee Richard Steele was thoroughly frustrated in his attempts to separate the combatants and keep the action going.

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But what my daughter-in-law didn't quite understand was that the European champion was designing to survive.

As it turned out, Tyson defended his world heavyweight title via a technical knockout in the fifth round.

But, it wasn't nearly as easy as many expected, including the AFRO.

Fans who watched the fight on TV and were able to look at it objectively, could have detected a marked vulnerability in this Mike Tyson.

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The champion missed overhand rights repeatedly and were it not for Frank Bruno's slowness the result may have been different.

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Certainly, it would have placed a greater demand on Mike's durability. This latter was questioned, perhaps, because of the crash diet the champion went on to pare 37 pounds (255 to 218) in the last two weeks of training.

Va. Union wins CIAA, MEAC under way

Flashing the form that has carried Panther teams to six titles in the past two decades, Virginia Union raced to a 20-point demolition of North Carolina Central in the final of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association Basketball Tournament.

The championship contest played before a huge crowd that braved blizzard conditions, ended up 78-58 at Norfolk (Va.) Scope.

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The two schools breezed through their respective fields as they headed for the Saturday night showdown.

As division champions, they shared first-round byes before taking off on their collision course.

Virginia Union scorched Virginia State by 31 points, 98-67, then reeled off a 28-point win over Elizabeth City, 108-80.

Central torpedoed Hampton's Pirates, 51-44, in a defensive faceoff, then romped, 62-49, over Norfolk.

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In earlier eliminations, perennial contender Winston-Salem State went out in the first round, bowing, 91-75, to Elizabeth City, and Livingstone succumbed to host Norfolk State, 86-47.

Norfolk went on to throttle St. Augustine's before absorbing a 13-point trouncing by North Carolina Central, 62-49.

Bowie bowed to Shaw, which later lost to Elizabeth City; Virginia State ousted Fayetteville, then themselves were trumped by Virginia Union; Hampton beat Johnson C. Smith, then lost to Central.

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The women's title went to Shaw University for the first time in the history of the tournament.

The Raleigh aggregation won an all-Carolina final in defeating Johnson C. Smith.

Early favorites Virginia State and Hampton were ousted in the preliminary rounds.

The women's championship participants arrived via surprising semi-final victories.

Johnson C. Smith upended defending champion Virginia State, 78-69, and Shaw University, long one of the league's relative doormats, took the measure of pre-tourney favorite St. Augustine's 73-69.

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The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference tournament, already under way, will conclude Saturday at Memorial Coliseum in Greensboro, N.C.

Seeding established and preliminary games out of the way, the MEAC member teams are expecting capacity crowds for the annual semi-final and final showdowns in the North Carolina hotbed of college basketball.

Regular season standings show (14-2) South Carolina State first, two games ahead of (12-4) Florida A&M.

Otherwise, Coppin State was third, Morgan, by grace of a commissioner's ruling in a halted game with Howard, tied at 8-8 with Bethune-Cookman, for fourth.

Delaware State, Howard and A&T were locked at 6-10, and Maryland, Eastern Shore finished ninth.