SPORTSCENE

By Fred Lindsey

The 1989 Metro Classic

MSA "C" Conference Champion
(16-6) Friends 57
(19-6) St. Paul 48

Jared Morris 25 points (MVP)
Zeke Marshall 11 points

MSA "B" Conference Champion

(14-2) Douglass 75
(20-10) John Carroll 50

Seamus Robinson 21 points
Joe Ward 15 points (MVP)

Catholic and Public League Girls Champion
(24-1) Seton Keough 61
(15-4) Walbrook 43
Meagan Miller 24 points (MVP)
Henrietta Edmonds 15 points

MSA "A" Conference Champion
(22-5) Dunbar 77
(18-5) Lake Clifton 65

David Lewis, 22 points
Ron Lucas 20 points
Charlie Hurt 13 points (MVP)

Douglass's MVP Joseph Ward

Friends' MVP Jared Morris

The Douglass team and coaches

Dunbar's MVP Charlie Hurt

Walbrook's Henrietta Edmonds "going to the hoop"

There is a need in your own hometown. Please join your local chapter.

American Red Cross

The Lake Clifton Team

Class "A" Action

Budweiser Charm City Pro AM Basketball League

The public is invited to attend the Charm City Pro Am Basketball League games at Carver High School on Sunday afternoon, March 12th. Admission is free .

Game times are as follows:
1:30 p.m. — St. Edward vs. Broadway Payne
2:45 p.m. — Quillens Amoco vs. Sparky's Cleaners
4:00 p.m.—Renta Center vs. Sportsmen's Lounge
5:15 p.m.—Coach's Place vs. William C. March

In the featured game at 2:45, former Baltimore Bullet and Boston Celtic star Jim "Bad News" Barnes will coach the Sparky Cleaners team.

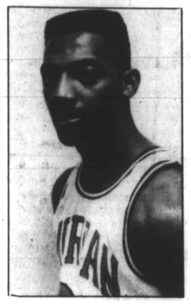
League Standings:	W	L
Sparky's Cleaners	5	0
Coach's Place	4	1
Broadway Payne	3	1
Quillens Amoco	2	3
Sportsmens Lounge	1	3
Renta Center	1	4
St. Edwards	0	4

All-American at Morgan?

While Morgan State University finished fourth in the MEAC with an even record (15-15, 8-8), the Bears are touting forward Anthony Reid for All-American honors.

Ranked in the top ten in five of eight MEAC statistical departments, the 6'5"-190 pound senior was selected three times as the MEAC and ECAC (East Coast Athletic Conference) independent-player of the week.

At season's end, Reid was averaging 21 points and nine rebounds per contest. In the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, Reid was fourth in rebounds; third in scoring; tenth in 3-point field goal percentage; seventh in free throw percentage and fifth in steals.



Anthony Reid

Maryland AAU Needs Teams

The Maryland AAU is inviting teams to participate in the AAU/Carrier Youth Sports for the Maryland State Basketball Championships, at the Community College of Baltimore, beginning March 31, 1989.

To determine the Maryland representatives in the various AAU/Carrier National Tournaments held throughout the USA, teams are being formed now for age groups between 10 and 19 years.

For more information, contact Mel Parker, in Annapolis, at (301) 269-1296 or Roger Dickens, at CCB, at 396-0993.

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SPORTS

Sam Lacy

Lineup

With eleven years having passed since they had me submit an article titled: "The Essence of Black College Sports," Sports Illustrated may not even know I'm still around . . . . (They haven't asked for any more).

But, be that as it may, the magazine piece, "Oklahoma: a Sordid Story," in its Feb. 27 issue, stung me on one of my theories, yet vindicated me on another.

I was stung because the behavior of coaches at Oklahoma (and at Colorado in an accompanying story) and their athletes, put severely in question the position I have taken in opposing the controversial Proposition 42.

Vindication

I felt vindicated, however, for my long-held conviction that young black athletes should exercise great care in their choice of colleges following high school graduation.

No matter the exorbitant promises — cars, money, all kinds of attractive increments, etc., — used by athletic officials to lure prospects to their campuses, these kids (and their parents) are urged to understand that this is perimeter shooting, window dressing.

This we will get to later.

New look '42'

On "42" which I bitterly opposed on the grounds that it appeared (to me) to deprive deserving youngsters the opportunity for an education, the SI piece spoke to the other side of the issue . . . . It said these rigid guidelines also would ferret out the young people of superb potential but dubious character.

Character such as that exposed at Oklahoma where an incredible number of the athletes have been charged with an assortment of indiscretions ranging from petty theft and drug trafficking to gunplay and gang rape.

And the lineup

The accompanying article dealt with a similar situation at the University of Colorado . . . . That piece was illustrated with pictures of 10 athletes stretched across two tabloid pages.

Much like a police lineup.

The charges here were: left to right — rape and kidnap, criminal trespass (breaking into a dormitory room), second degree assault, assault, brawling, disorderly conduct, misdemeanor menacing, rape and burglary, misdemeanor assault, and rape.

Sentences already fixed range from 14 days in jail to one year deferred.

And these are "college kids?"

The foregoing does not mean, of course, that "42" would affect only the unsavory applicants . . . . There are thousands of worthy kids who might be victimized by the denial of support money for the college effort.

Care needed

So, here again, I must make the case for my choice-of-college theme.

In college communities of the deep south, young black women total not more than 15-20 percent of the black student population . . . . This means, then, that black students going to school in the hinterlands of Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, etc., work out to an estimated five-to-one over their female counterparts.

And five guys vying for the attention of one gal doesn't spell good mathematics for any of the fellows looking for companionship in study halls, at the movies or to dances.

Moreover, in today's permissive society these young men also must compete with their white teammates for black coed attention . . . . Unfortunately, a white guy with a black chick is looked upon with general, though reserved, acceptance . . . . Reverse the situation, though, and it is taboo . . . . a no-no.

Taboo, in fact, to the point that invariably it leads to such grave consequences as are detailed in the SI expose'.

Often unfairly.

Notable quotable

Southern Cal basketball coach George Raveling on how he became involved in the game:

"When I went to Catholic High in Philadelphia, we just had one coach for football and basketball. He took all of us who turned out and had us run through a forest. The ones who ran into the trees went on the football team."

Bison women capture 3rd straight

Winning MEAC is a habit

Howard University women, at the suggestion of coach Sanya Tyler in early February, latched onto the wings of Karen Wilkins and romped from a 2-8 record at the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Tournament championship.

The blend enabled the Lady Bison to defeat Delaware State, 75-61, Saturday at Greensboro (NC) and thus rack up their third successive tourney crown.

It also marked Howard's fifth title in the last eight years.

Wilkins was the game's top scorer with 24 points. Shellie Hunter (21) and Kim Taylor (20) paced Delaware.

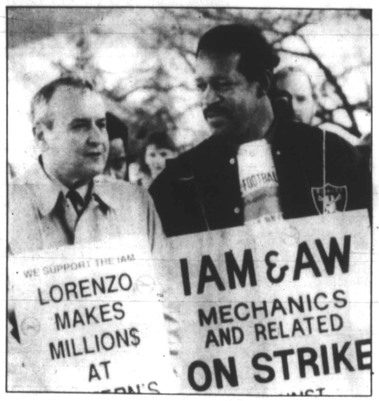
Rookie 2nd in national bowl

Competing in his first professional bowling championship tournament and making his television debut, Curtis Odom of Winston-Salem, N.C. overcame both Saturday — almost.

Odom fought his way through a tough bracket of the Showboat Classic at Atlantic City, sponsored by the PBA, to reach the final against veteran Mike Aulby of Indianapolis, already a winner of six tournaments on the tour.

Perhaps daunted by the pressure of going head-on with an established giant of the sport, Odom faded in the 9th and 10th frames after leading Aulby throughout the match, once by as many as 21 pins.

Aulby seized the openings and closed with consecutive strikes to claim the $27,000 first prize. Odom collected $17,000 as runner-up.



TACKLING AIRLINE — Gene Upshaw (R) who was an outstanding lineman during his pro football career, leads the NFL Players Association to a picket line against Eastern Air Lines. The NFLPA president joins the head of the Air Line Pilots Association, Henry Duffy in demonstration against the struck company.

S.C. State downs Fla. A&M for title

Baltimore thwarted in MEAC

South Carolina State defeated Florida A&M, 83-79, Saturday night to capture the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Basketball Tournament.

The championship matchup followed script to the letter, the two teams having finished one-two in regular season play.

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An all-Baltimore clash for the title was shot down Friday night in the semi-finals of the conference tournament at Greensboro, N.C.

Their eyes set on producing an unique intra-city showdown, both Morgan State and Coppin State were victimized by South Carolina and Florida A&M, respectively. Both, however, waged gallant fights before relinquishing their goals.

S.C. State edged Morgan, 71-69, and Florida eked out a 76-74 nail-biter from Coppin, thus spoiling what would have been the first meeting in MEAC history between schools from the same city.

To the obvious chagrin of most of the spectators, their hometown team, North Carolina A&T, was dispatched in the first round of play, the Aggies absorbing a 71-58 spanking by Coppin.

MEN'S SUMMARY

Tuesday
Coppin State 71, A and T 58
Fla. A&M 112, Delaware State 105
Morgan State 88, Bethune 56
S.C. State 89, Howard 75

Thursday
Fla. A&M 76, Coppin State 74
S.C. State 71, Morgan State 69

Final
S.C. State 83, Fla. A&M 79

WOMEN'S SUMMARY

First Round
Howard 107, Md., E. Shore 49
Delaware St. 67, Morgan 61

Final
Howard 75, Delaware State 61

Will Dunham for United Press

Hoya star shot down savvy of his coach

Georgetown Coach John Thompson is the first to admit he was wrong about guard Charles Smith.

In his four years with Thompson, Smith has developed from an obscure defensive specialist from a small high school in the nation's capital into one of the most dangerous guards in the nation. Thompson, who once thought Smith would be only a marginal college player, knows all too well that Smith's diminutive size (6-foot-1, 160 pounds) belies the size of his contribution to the Georgetown program.

"I think Charles is as fine a guard as there is around. I've heard all the accolades (about other players), but his teams get in the winning circle. Charles is a great player," Thompson said.

"He's always been the one who's had to show people. I've never had any problems with Charles in school, I've never had any problems with Charles as a person. And as a basketball player, he's hit as many big shots as anybody who I've seen," the coach added.

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While the Big East regular season champion and second-ranked Hoyas (23-3 overall and 13-2 in the conference) are known primarily for young stars such as Alonzo Mourning, Smith is the key player on the team, the one everyone else relies upon.

John Thompson
admits wrong guess on team leader

When Thompson recruited Smith out of All Saints High School in Washington, the coach made it perfectly clear that Smith should never expect to be anything more than a role player during his college career.

Thus, the praise Thompson lavishes on Smith represents quite a turnaround.

"I have a great deal of respect and affection for Charles. I think that Charles epitomizes the person who pulled himself up by his bootstraps," Thompson said.

"Here's a kid I can remember sitting down and lecturing to him in front of his mom — I wanted his mom to be present so he wouldn't forget it — that he was going to be a substitute and that I would take him only under those conditions," Thompson added.

"I told him, 'Don't forget what I am saying.' That's the kind of conversation we had. He sat there and looked at me and told me he would work as hard as he could and do the best he could. Now this kid is basically the man on this team. He's done that with hard work and determination," the coach said.

Smith said he remembers that conversation.

"It was a little motivation," Smith said of the lecture. "I remember it exactly. I remember it every day when Coach Thompson sat down and spoke to me about how I wouldn't get any (playing) time. But it didn't bother me at all because I was going to work as hard as I could and then eventually my time would come. And it did."

Charles Smith
'pulled self up by bootstraps'

Smith arrived at Georgetown the year after Patrick Ewing left. He averaged just 3 points as a freshman, playing mainly as a defensive sparkplug, then earned his first two starts as a sophomore. Smith became a permanent starter last season and led the team in scoring with a 15.7-point average, while developing a knack for hitting the critical shot, such as the desperation 3-point heave that banked in at the buzzer in an NCAA Tournament victory over Louisiana State.

Thompson, coach of the 1988 U.S. Olympic team, invited Smith to last summer's Olympic trials, then made him the starting point guard on the bronze-medal winning American team in Seoul.

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This season, Smith is the Hoyas' captain and leading scorer, averaging 18.8 points per game. He also leads the team in assists and steals and is fourth in rebounding. He set the school record for single-game assists earlier in the season with 16.

Smith rarely shows emotion on the court, whether he's stealing the ball from an opponent, making a non-look pass to set up a dunk or scoring on a scoop shot over the opposing center.

"I have to keep my concentration on the game and not worry about the calls that the referees make or anything else," Smith said. "You have to be mentally prepared. And I never let my opponent bother me at all. I just want to play my game."