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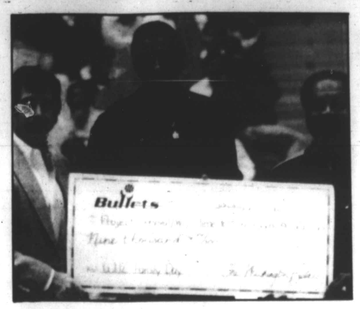

John Buren, Channel 13 sportscaster, Washington Bullet center, Charles Jones and Vernon Wolst, director of Project Survival hold a $9,000 check of which $4,000 is directed to the Project Survival Academic Basketball Clinics.

Project Survival receives donation

Recently, the Washington Bullets and WJZ-TV, Channel 13 gave a $4,000 donation to Project Survival to benefit the Project Survival Academic Basketball Clinic.

The scholastic program, geared for children between the ages of 9-12, will start this summer at Booker T. Washington Middle School, with plans of enrolling up to 80 boys and girls.

Designed specifically for four days of classroom activities which will include the basic educational components of reading, math and communication skills and the formation of a basketball league for the learning of Fundamentals, the Booker T. Washington location will be one of two educational clinics that the Baltimore Public Schools and Project Survival will operate this year. The other will be located at Thomas Hayes Elementary School on Central Avenue.

"The clinics will be used to reinforce and in some ways better prepare children for their academic future," said Vernon Wolst, director of Project Survival. "Although basketball is still a useful vehicle to attrack kids to the program, education is our primary concern."

Sportsman Lounge Basketball

The Sportsmen's Lounge Basketball League recently made its All-Star selections.

Into its second week of playoff competition, the League will have its championship game on March 25 at 10:00 a.m. at Carver high School.

Selectees, MVP and Coach of the Year are as follows:

SPORTSMEN'S LOUNGE BASKETBALL LEAGUE
ALL-STAR TEAM SELECTIONS

1. Chucky Newman	Red Team	41 Votes	
2. Don Johnson	Grey Team	40	
3. Mel Lamb	Purple Team	36	
4. Punch Edwards	Gold Team	34	
5. Tommy Fowkes	Blue Team	32	
6. Donnie Evans	Blue Team	31	
7. Eric King	Gold Team	30	
8. Mike Dabney	Blue Team	25	
9. Tar Dennis	Green Team	19	
10. Leon Love	Purple Team	18	
11. Greer McMillan	Gold Team	17	
12. Vance Young	Red Team	15	
	ALTERNATES		
Les Walker	Green Team	11	
Barry Scroggins	Green Team	11	
Bruce Williams	Red Team	11	
M.V.P. Selection	Chucky Newman	Red Team	23 Votes
Runner Up	Donnie Evans	Blue Team	12
Coach Of The Year	Ralph Lee	Gold Team	11 Votes
Runner Up	Bill Turner	Red Team	10

SPORTSCENE
By Fred Lindsey

McDonald's owners honor Dunbar

The Baltimore McDonald's owners honored Dunbar High School's boys basketball team by presenting them with a check for an unspecified amount and a lunch at the E. Fayette Street McDonalds.

The check was to help the team cover expenses from their trip to Hawaii for the "McDonald's Hawaiian Classic" early in the basketball season.

McDonald's has maintained a supportive relationship with Dunbar and other area schools by sponsoring various academic and athletic endeavors.

McDonald's philosophy has always been to put something back into the community where it does business," said Allan Bratton, manager of the E. Fayette outlet.

During the brief ceremony, seniors Spencer Ringgold and Hensley Parks received certificates of recognition for their nomination to the McDonald's All-American High School Basketball Team.

Standing left to right are Allan Bratton, McDonald's manager, Ringgold, Charlotta Stephens, McDonald's owner-operator, Pete Pompey, Dunbar basketball coach, Parks, Osborne Payne, McDonald's owner-operator and Ron Gantt, McDonald's field service manager.

AFRO All-Star basketball classic

The Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper is sponsoring it's first Girls High School Basketball All-Star Game at the Community College of Baltimore, 2901 Liberty Heights Avenue, March 18, 1989 at 4:00 p.m.

The proceeds from the event will go to assist the AFRO-AMERICAN Charities Program and to the basketball program at CCB.

The Baltimore team which include seniors from Seton Keough, Western, Walbrook and surrounding areas will play against seniors from the Philadelphia area including three high school All-Americans.

Tickets are $2.00 in advance and $3.00 at the door. For more information please call Fred Lindsey at the AFRO.

Short Shots

Sports Boosters Has Money To Give

Because of the generosity of many Marylanders both from the private and corporate sectors, the philanthropic-oriented Sports Boosters of Maryland has lots of money to donate to sports-related charitable organizations which benefit disabled and underprivileged children.

This money was raised from the ticket sales from the annual ticket sales from its sports award banquet and the traditional fundraising projects by the Sports Boosters of Maryland.

Send donation requests to Bruce Lessans, 4017 Winlee Road, Randallstown, Md. 21133 or call him at (301) 922-8014. In order to receive a donation, requests must be sent on organization letterheads and the recipients must be those which have sports-related projects which benefit disabled and underprivileged children.

Mt. St. Joe Hosts Baseball and Lacrosse Tournament

The Fathers' Club of Mount Saint Joseph High School will host a baseball and Lacrosse Tournament on Saturday, March 25th. Activities will begin at 10:00 a.m. on the Mount's campus.

In the Baseball Tournament, Mt. St. Joe will play Edmondson High School and Chesapeake will play Good Counsel. The Lacrosse Tournament has Mt. St. Joe playing Annapolis and Archbishop Curley playing Mt. Hebron.

For more information regarding the Tournaments, contact Br. Ward O'Connell at 644-3300, ext. 37.

Career Day

Youth Development presents Career Day on Thursday, March 30, 1515 E. North Avenue from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. For more information call: Ms. Audrey D. Boyce, 396-4319.

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Sam Lacy

Sisters

Actually, they're not sisters . . . . Sisters-in-law more accurately describes their relationship . . . . Yet, their deeds are so similar that, if we were to apply something akin to poetic license here, we might be permitted to look upon Florence Griffith-Joyner and Jackie Joyner-Kersee as twins.

When Flojo was named winner of the Sullivan Award last Monday (as the nation's top amateur athlete) she continued to match Jackie (her husband's sister) in the matter of awards.

Earlier, the two had shared Athlete-of-the-Year awards, Florence front-paged by Sports Illustrated and Jackie paged-one by The Sporting News in the same week.

Catching up

Also, the two had doubled in individual golds and world records, Griffith-Joyner in the 100 and 200 meters and Kersee in the heptathlon and long jump.

So, when the Sullivan nod went to Flojo, it was the crowning achievement of a galactic career for her . . . . Just the same, it still was catchup for her . . . . Jackie had won the Sullivan in 1986.

This, of course, is not meant to detract from the glory of these outstanding accomplishments . . . . Rather, it is designed to point up the fact that success has come in pairs. Sisters if not twins.

Trailblazer

It also is worth noting that both Flojo and Jackie were preceded at the Sullivan tribune by Wilma Rudolph, who forged a similar 3-gold Olympic performance 25 years before Jackie's 1986 crowning and 27 years prior to Florence's recognition.

Worthy of note also is the fact that Wilma, Florence and Jackie make up three-fifths of the women who have won the Sullivan . . . . Swimmer Ann Curtis was the 1944 choice and the other white honoree was diver Patricia McCormick, 30 years later in 1974.

The men

In addition to the three black female winners, there have been four male selections for the prestigious token.

Distance runner Mal Whitfield, a back-to-back (1948-52) Olympic half-mile gold medalist, was the 1954 choice . . . . Harrison Dillard won the honor in 1955, after he had performed the unusual feat of winning the 1948 Olympic 100 meters and backing it up with a gold in the high hurdles in 1952 . . . . It was unique because he failed to make the '48 team in his specialty, the hurdles, but qualified as an alternate for the 4 x 100 relay team . . . . Entered in the 100 at Rome, he was a surprise winner . . . . Four years later, he competed in the hurdles and captured the gold.

Decathlon champion Rafer Johnson at Rome was the 1960 honoree; Carl Lewis, the versatile sprinter-long jumper collected the bauble in 1981, and triple gold medalist Edwin Moses in 1983.

Notable quotable

Former NFL star **Reggie Rucker** after watching a Hertz TV commercial in which O. J. Simpson was shown soaring through the air:

"If this guy can fly, why does he need to rent a car?"

Maryland's Bob Wade felled by tension in victory

Sports

Winner or loser, pressure is same

By Sam Lacy

Three days after Bob Wade collapsed from dehydration in the wake of a stunning victory over North Carolina State in the ACC Basketball Tournament last weekend, the Maryland coach was reported "doing fine" at his home in Baltimore.

On the same day that Wade was hospitalized, Bernie Bickerstaff of the NBA SuperSonics was struck down.

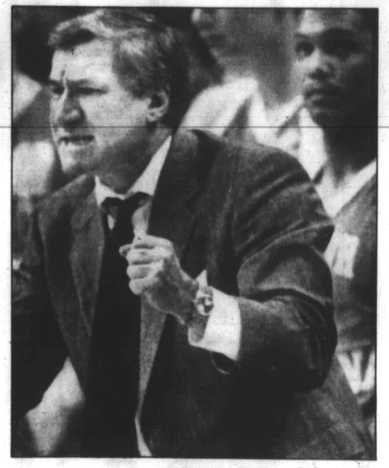
And Dean Smith, despite his North Carolina team's winning tradition, was emotionally rocked by a close tournament victory.

When one considers that he has been immersed in a cauldron of brutal criticism off-court as well as on throughout his term at Maryland, Bob Wade has proved himself an amazing individual.

Except for a brief period of begrudging praise when his team vindicated his coaching philosophy, he has lived a targeted existence — and by grace survived.

A lesser man would not today be facing NCAA penalties for something his aides are alleged to have done; a lesser man instead would be under scrutiny for playing the athlete (Rudy Archer), despite his academic deficiencies.

A lesser man would have wilted long ago.



Carolina's Dean Smith suffers from closeness of win

Week in boxing

March 20 at Inglewood, Calif. — c-Daniel Zaragoza vs. Paul Banke, 12, WBC super-bantamweight title.

March 21 at Atlantic City, N.J. — c-Tony Thornton vs. Kevin "Killer" Watts, 12, USBA middleweight title; Vinny Burgese vs. Billy "The Kid" Young, 10, junior middleweights.

Coach keeps job but has to learn

PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas (UPI) — The president of Prairie View A&M announced Tuesday that Haney Catchings will continue as the school's head football coach despite a boycott by 55 players who wanted Catchings fired.

"The level of morale on the team is low," said President Percy Pierre at a news conference to discuss the results of an internal probe into the football program.

"There are several reasons for this outside of Coach Catchings' control," Pierre said. "The coach needs to improve his oral and written communication with the players. Coach Catchings will continue as head coach."

Catchings will be instructed to communicate the priority of academics to his players, work out a program with the school's Accelerated Learning Resource Center for study hall, and limit his practice time, Pierre said.

The investigation was ordered after 55 players voted Feb. 5 to boycott all football-related activities until Catchings was fired.

NCAA achieved

South Carolina State and Southern University defeated Florida A&M and Texas Southern, respectively, last week to gain bids to the 64-team NCAA Basketball Tournament.

S.C. State represents the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference and Southern bears hopes of the SWAC.

L.A. scribe sees a different Murray

Flip side of Baltimore disc on Eddie

The Baltimore media, still singing negatives like a broken needle on Eddie Murray, are answered on the other side of the record in the following piece by L.A. writer Gordon Verrell in the March 6 issue of The Sporting News:

VERO BEACH, Fla. — To no one's surprise, Eddie Murray was front and center in the spotlight the moment he trotted onto the field for his first spring workout with the Los Angeles Dodgers. Writers huddled around him, photographers clicked away, TV cameras rolled.

Soon after, though, the media's attention was elsewhere. In the press room, someone had tacked up a large poster of the Laker Girls. No doubt, Murray was tickled.

"It's going to be much easier for him playing in Los Angeles," said catcher Rick Dempsey, a teammate of Murray's at Baltimore. "In L.A., he'll be Eddie Murray. He'll assume his role as first baseman and No. 4 hitter — and that'll be it."

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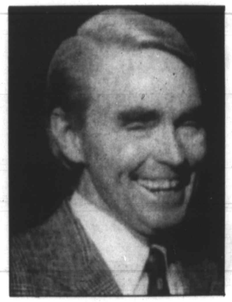
With the Dodgers, Murray won't have to be the whole show on offense, not with Kirk Gibson and Mike Marshall on hand. With the Dodgers, a club that's going to pay out more than $20 million in salaries this season, Murray's $2.5 million for 1989 is just one of many megabuck contracts. And with the Dodgers, Murray certainly won't be the only player quoted everyday. Not as long as Orel Hershiser is around.



Fred Claire happy Dodger GM

Then, around town, there are the Lakers (and the Laker Girls) and the Angels and the Rams and the Raiders and Wayne Gretzky and Disneyland and all the other attractions that make Southern California what it is.

"Eddie will not be as visible as he's been in the past," Dempsey said, "and that'll be good for him. But, statistically, he'll probably be more visible than anyone on the club."

Manager Tommy Lasorda bubbles at the thought of Gibson, Murray and Marshall batting 3-4-5.

"Gibby is going to be pitched to more with Murray hitting behind him," Lasorda said, "and Murray is going to be pitched to with Marshall hitting behind him. Eddie Murray is the ideal fourth-place hitter, a guy who can hit the ball out of the park. He's a home run man, an RBI man. I'm not going to say how many homers he's going to hit. I want him to hit as many as he can."

Murray hit fewer than 25 homers only twice in his 12 years with the Orioles, and one of those seasons was the strike year, 1981, when he still managed to hit 22. As Hershiser noted, "You take his worst year and it still looks better than most guys' best years."

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Murray turned 33 on February 24. Some of his critics claim his skills aren't what they once were, and they point to his averages the last two seasons: .277 and .284, solid marks but a good deal below his previous standard of .299.

"People who say that don't take note of who's there," said Murray, pointing to the Orioles' dismal record the last few years. "That's one of the things that never seems to be addressed. You've got to have a chance. A lot of times people just didn't want to pitch to you."

Dempsey offered another explanation.

"When the Orioles began to deteriorate, they needed a scapegoat," he said. "The biggest target is the highest-paid and most visible player. It's a fresh start for him here."

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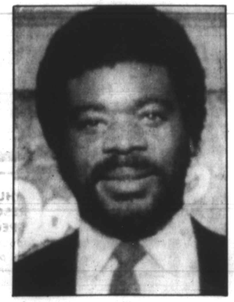
Executive veep Fred Claire declared:

"No one man can save a team. We're not looking for Eddie Murray to save the Dodgers. This is ideal . . . the ideal team for him, the ideal organization, the ideal situation."



Eddie Murray happy Dodger player

Murray, who grew up in Los Angeles as one of 12 children, seems to think so, too.

"Since the trade, things have been different," Eddie said. "I've been walking around L.A. for years. Then, all of a sudden, after I was traded, I couldn't go to a store without somebody saying, 'Good luck, glad to have you here.' It was like it used to be during the good times in Baltimore."

Those good times in Baltimore are long past. Before Murray left, he fell out with management, with the media and, ultimately, with the fans.

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That's over now. Murray was in the Dodgers' camp the first day the regulars were due to report. "I don't know the last time that happened," Dempsey said. And Murray did what anyone might do the first day on a new job.

"I went around and introduced myself," he said. "A lot of the guys I didn't know. It just feels good to be here. At Baltimore, it was time to go. Things changed, and I don't know why."

Dempsey knows it wasn't Murray's fault.

"Things snowballed over there, got ugly," he said. "In the clubhouse, he never caused trouble. He's the kind of guy who can carry a club. Why complain about him? The problem with the Orioles was not Eddie Murray."