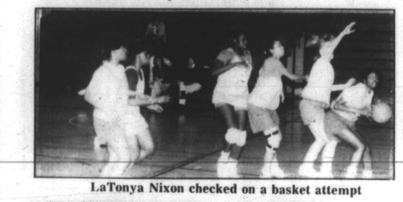
Afro-American Newspaper High School Basketball Classic

THE BALTIMORE ALL STAR TEAM — L to R, back row: Coach Trish Cook (Seton Keough); Coach Herb Simons (Western); Jeanne Scott (Seton Keough); Henrietta Edmonds (Walbrook); Crystal Houchens (Southwestern); La Tonya Nixon and Kelly Logan (Western); Shawan Roberts and Adrienne Boatwright (Mervo); Kiah Stokes (Western); coach Pete Connally (Walbrook); and Stacy Engleman (Inst. of Notre Dame). L to R, front row: Jeannie Metrinko (Archbishop Spaulding); Erica Herbert (Western); Trevette Mitchell (Walbrook); Stacy Smith and Anna Green (City College) and coach Diana Perpich (Western).



LaTonya Nixon checked on a basket attempt

Shawn Roberts going for the basketball.

Stacy Engleman scored ten points.

By Fred Lindsey

The excitement of the first AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper High School All Star basketball Classic lingers a week after Philadelphia beat the home team 72-58.

Composed of senior girls from Baltimore City, Baltimore area Catholic schools and Howard County, the Baltimore team had to stage a rally to overcome a 35-35 halftime deficit.

Trailing much of the game and at various points by as many as fifteen points, offensive and defensive charges were led by the uncommon duo of Kiah Stokes (Western) and Trevette Mitchell (Walbrook) in the third period to make the game appear more competitive. Together, the twosome worked their particular magic to close a large margin to four points at 58-54 late in the third quarter.

With Stokes making three point jumpers and Mitchell applying standout defense on Philadelphia's point guards, forcing turnovers, many in the audience began to hope for an upset of a team that noted three high school All Americans, including Val Whiting, who was named to Parade Magazine's first team All American list for the second consecutive year.

However, the comeback of Baltimore fell short when Philadelphia began to use its decided height advantage to retake control of the game in the fourth period. With frequent trips to the free throw line, the team from the City of Brotherly Love put the game away.

"We had fun," said Walbrook's Henrietta Edmonds, "and I wish we could have won the game. They had a strong team and we made a lot of mistakes, but everybody seemed to enjoy themselves."

The Classic, held at the Community College of Baltimore, was an attempt to raise the consciousness level of girl sports around the Baltimore area and to raise money for AFRO Charities, Inc. (a subsidiary of the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper).

"I think it was a significant vent, in reference to the Classic, with a lot of potential," said Herb Simons assistant coach at Western High School. "It was a wonderful opportunity for seniors around the Baltimore area to show what they could do before college scouts who may be interested in recruiting them to their institutions. We'll be looking forward to the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper All Star Classic next year."

An estimated 25 college representatives were on hand to look at the talent from the two cities.

Stokes and Stacy Engleman scored ten points each for Baltimore. Maureen Dolphin from Cardinal Dougherty High School led all scores with sixteen points.

Box Score:

Baltimore	FG	FT	TP
Herbert	1	2	4
Stokes	3	2	10
Edmonds	1	4	6
Scott	1	0	2
Mitchell	2	1	5
Engleman	4	2	10
Smith	1	1	3
Logan	3	3	9
Metrinko	1	0	2
Nixon	3	1	7
			58

Philadelphia	FG	FT	TP
Rehill	2	0	4
Dolphin	8	0	16
Foster	1	0	2
Filiphone	3	0	6
Barton	3	1	7
Lynch	1	1	3
Carney	2	3	7
Whiting	4	5	13
Wilson	4	6	14
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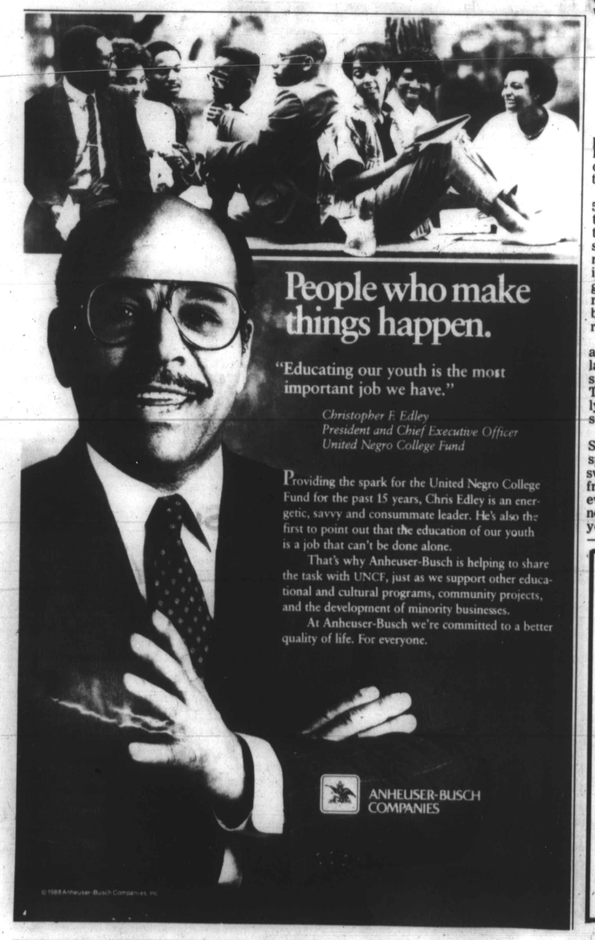
THE PHILADELPHIA ALL STAR TEAM: L to R, back row: Ann Barton; Denise Wilson; Michelle Carney; Val Whiting; Kay May Lynch. L to R, front row: Lisa Moore; Leah Rehill; Maureen Dolphin; Sharon Filiphone; Jennifer Kane; and Debby Foster.

Stacy Smith being blocked out.

Kiah Stokes—A star in the first Afro-Basketball Classic.

Eric Herbert heading for the hoop.



A Tennis Eye on Sharon Stowers

Fred Lindsey

"Moving up at a steady pace, is the way Goucher College junior, Sharon Stowers describes her progression on the "Gopher" tennis team.

While this spring marks the 50th year of intercollegiate tennis at the famed institution, Stowers has only considered herself a serious tennis player for two years. Having played since the tenth grade, she is represented as making tremendous stridesin becoming "the new Zina Garrison."

"Sharon has made an amazing turnaround in the last couple of years," notes sports information director Tim Spurrier. "She is quickly developing into an outstanding tennis product."

Stowers, an Eastern High School graduate, is a two-sport athlete. She is also a swimmer, participating in the free-style and the butterfly events, but confesses that she never competed until last year. Most importantly, Stowers is an excellent student.

Sharon Stowers is hot on the tennis court.

Carrying a scholarship average of 3.2 on a four point scale, Stowers, the sports editor of the Quindecim, Goucher's college paper, hopes to become a journalist when she graduates. However, tennis is the motivating factor for her to do her very best at all of her endeavors.

"Tennis has fast become my first love," Stowers said, "and I think my game is getting stronger because I am minimizing my weaknesses and perfecting my strokes. At Goucher, we really try to do everything well."

In the area, Goucher College has always been in the forefront of women's tennis, having won or placed second in the Chesapeake Women's Athletic Conference for the last few years.

This year's tennis season began at Goucher with eighteen players competing for twelve available slots. As with Stowers, seven of the dozen are returning players and much may be expected from Stowers' improved play.

"Sharon is number three on our tennis team," Spurrier said. "She is third in the singles competition and second in the doubles. She has developed well, both as a student and an athlete."

According to most reports, the Gophers will have a very tough schedule this year, including three Division I schools before concluding April 23 at the CWAC Championships at Hood College, but Stowers is taking everything in stride.

"I will try to do whatever I can for the team," Stowers said. "We just hope that we can maintain Goucher's winning tradition."

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Inside

If you were among the millions who watched the heavily favored Georgetown basketball team compete against Princeton in the opening round of the NCAA Basketball Tournament, you heard television and radio announcers expounding on how close the underdog Tigers came to making tournament history.

They pointed out repeatedly that a victory for the lowly seeded (16th) Princeton five over the top-seeded Hoyas would have shattered all reason .... would have marked the first time ever such a thing had happened.

They were right .... Georgetown's 50-49 survival barely thwarted an achievement that would have been etched indelibly in the archives of collegiate basketball.

The inside story

Now, while that was an historic event that didn't take place, there was one that did .... There was an inside story written on that day and two days later, which was as uniquely historic as any that is likely to occur in the future.

Exactly 30 years earlier, a high school run by the Catholic hierarchy in the District of Columbia was defeating every scholastic basketball team in the area .... John Carroll High located in Northeast Washington had a wealth of talent that was loaded with outstanding athletic ability as well as superb academic skills.

80 percent

Four of the five starters on that historic John Carroll team celebrated Palm Sunday in Providence, R.I.

Georgetown coach John Thompson was there with his Hoyas to meet Notre Dame .... On the bench beside him was son Ronnie, and seated in the stands behind his bench was older son John III, who had played at Princeton the previous year .... John III said, incidentally, divided loyalties gave him heart flutters.

George Leftwich Sr. was there (Sunday) after having watched his son, George Jr., compete for Princeton in that near-historic shocker on Friday.

There's more

And, as though that isn't enough to whet the appetite for sports drama, more was added on Sunday when Georgetown played Notre Dame in the second round.

John Thompson was sending his irrepressible Hoyas against a determined Irish five whose president was another ex-teammate of the Georgetown coach.

Dr. Edward Malloy, top man under the Golden Dome in Indiana is none other than "Monk" Malloy who shared backcourt duties with George Leftwich Sr., on that 1959-60 high school championship aggregation at John Carroll.

And more yet

But, hold on, friends, there yet is more to come — a final quirk.

One of the many officials working the NCAA tournament might well have been tested for objectivity had he been assigned to call either (or both) of the games between Georgetown and Princeton or Georgetown and Notre Dame.

His name is Jim Howell, who does his officiating when he's not serving as principal at Taft Junior High School in Washington, D.C.

James "Beanie" Howell was one of the forwards on the John Carroll champions that had John Thompson at center, George Leftwich Sr., at guard and "Monk" Malloy at the other guard.

Notable quotable

Bill Cosby, recalling the hapless football team he played on at Temple University:

"We lost every week. We lost to schools I never heard of. I think guys used to get together and invent a name just so they could play us. One year we lost to a school called 'We Want U.'"

Korean judges rapped but U.S. loss stands

NAIROBI, Kenya (UPI) — The International Amateur Boxing Association Sunday refused to overturn Roy Jones' loss in the Olympic light middleweight final, and suspended five Korean officials and a boxer for their part in a scuffle with a referee at the Seoul Olympics.

BURIED — Services were held last Sunday for Bill Harvey, lefthanded pitching star of the old Baltimore Elite Giants. Harvey, 80, died Friday following a long illness. He came to the Elites in 1944 after terms with the Memphis Red Sox and Pittsburgh Crawfords. Wife Charlotte survives.

The United States claimed Jones' 3-2 decision loss to Korean Park Si-hun should be reversed because a Moroccan judge admitted to falsifying his scorecard. The IABA, winding up its four-day meeting, said the U.S. appeal was filed too late. However, the Moroccan was one of five referees given two-year suspensions by the IABA for inefficiency.

The United States submitted testimony from three judges to back its claim that Huad Larbi falsified his scorecard to vote for Park. The committee ruled that the United States had failed to submit its appeal within 30 minutes of the bout, as required by Olympic boxing regulations, and that there was not enough evidence to support the claim.

However, the committee listed Larbi among five referees suspended for two years for "being inefficient" and failing to officiate in accordance with international rules. Details of their shortcomings were not released.

Two-year suspensions were handed to Korean officials Yoo Ja-jun, Park Chang-chu, Yee Hong-su, Yen Sung-han and Yank Kwang-il for attacking New Zealand referee Keith Walker after Korean Byun Jong-il lost a 4-1 decision to Alexandar Hristov of Bulgaria. The Korean boxer was also suspended for two years for his 67-minute protest sit-in in the ring after the bout.

The six Koreans had been suspended indefinitely one day after the attack on Walker.

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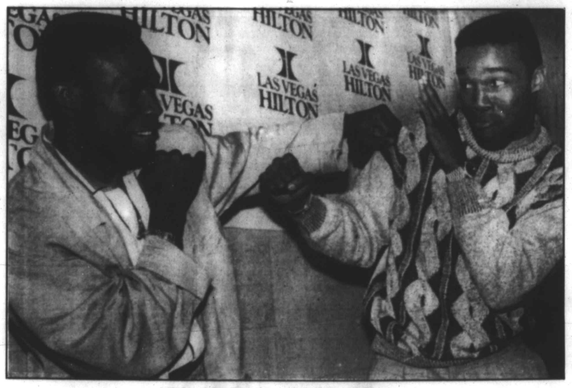

Michael Nunn (R) and Sumbu Kalambay WBA and IBF champs meet Saturday to consolidate

Brash young champ would consign Sugar Ray, others to 'senior tour'

By Jeff Hasen

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — International Boxing Federation middleweight champion Michael Nunn, impatient with his elders, said Monday the division's older fighters should hold an elimination tournament and then come to him.

"I can't afford to wait out these guys," Nunn said of Ray Leonard, Thomas Hearns and Roberto Duran. "Who knows if these guys are ever going to fight me? There should be a 'Seniors Open' like the golf tour for fighters over 32. The seniors winner should then be matched with the younger guys, the young turks."

Nunn, 32-0 with 22 knockouts, defends his title March 25 in Las Vegas, Nev., against Sumbu Kalambay, who recently was stripped of his World Boxing Association middleweight crown because the WBA claimed he did not fight a mandatory bout against Herol Graham.

Leonard and Hearns meet June 12 with the winner getting Duran, who last month won the World Boxing Council middleweight title with an upset of Iran Barkley.

"I can't control these guys outside of the ring, only inside," said the 25-year-old Nunn, who gets his first million-dollar payday against Kalambay. "It would be great if I could fight these guys for $3, $4 or $5 million, but the legends are fighting and playing their game.

"I can't say they're ducking me. They'd rather fight an old guy than a young man. It's weird that Leonard and Hearns haven't fought since '81 and they can generate $13 or $14 million. It means in a year I could get $20 million."

Quickies

Had it not been for the spectacular performance that gave Midori Ito Japan's first women's world figure skating championship in Paris Sunday, the star of the show would have been a spidery 15-year-old named Surya Bonaly.

Surya, a native of French colonial Africa, startled the ice world by finishing 10th in her first appearance in international competition.

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Heavyweight champion Mike Tyson and his latest mentor, promoter Don King, were in Bali for the March 23 mini-flyweight bout between two of the lesser lights of their sport, Samuth Sithnarverpol of Thailand and Nico Thomas of Indonesia. A local promoter said it was quite expensive to get Tyson to come for the fight.

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CLEVELAND, Miss. (UPI) — Anita Robinson scored 21 points Friday to lead Delta State to an 85-53 victory over the District of Columbia in an NCAA Division II women's quarter-final game.

Pam Lockett had 20 points and Crystal Hardy chipped in 16 as Delta State, 28-4, advanced into the final four against Central Missouri State, an 87-71 winner over St. Cloud State Friday.

Delta State led 35-29 at halftime.

Nada Jefferson led the District of Columbia with 18 points.

Week in boxing

March 25 at St. Croix, Virgin Islands — Ras-I Bramble vs. Juan Minaya, 10, lightweights.

March 28 at Las Vegas, Nev. — c-Terry Norris vs. Anthony "Nightmare" Pearson, 12, NABF junior middleweight title; Ray Mercer vs. Garing Lane, 4, heavyweights.

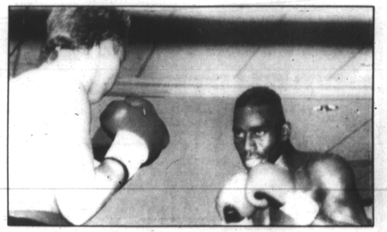
Boxing at La Fontaine Bleu

Fred Lindsey

At the La Fontaine Bleu, Tuesday night, the Maryland Showcase presented five professional boxing matches featuring three boxers from Baltimore City. Although all three boxers lost, the event was in grand style and appears good for the boxing fortunes of the city.

In the featured event, lightweight Donnie Parker lost a unanimous decision to Chuck Sturm (Glen burnie).

Tracy Muse, junior welterweight, lost a close but unanimous decision to Carl Griffith (Sheffield Lake, Ohio) in a four-rounder and jr. middleweight, Gary Walker (155) was tko'd by Joseph Moore (Lorrain, Ohio) after getting hit by a barrage of punches in their four-round fight.



Tracy Muse sizing his opponent.

"Better things are expected from Baltimore fighters," said Mack Lewis, trainer of many of the city's best boxers. "We didn't fare too well tonight, but better days are ahead for us."

In the attempt to bring big-time boxing back to the Baltimore area, promoter Max Kisner has had, thus far, success with his dinner-boxing show on Ritchie Highway in Glen Burnie.

"Recognition of professional boxing is slowly coming back to Baltimore," Kisner said, "but it will take the help of everybody in the community to make Baltimore what Detroit and Philadelphia are to boxing. We are hoping to do that if we can get the support."

"Because most of the fighters are club-fighters — fighters on their way up — records don't matter much," Kisner said. "You can have a fighter with a 20-0 record against a fighter with a 10-10 record and the boxer with the 10 victories may be the better fighter."

The next boxing card at the La Fontaine bleu is scheduled for April 26. It will again include Muse and will offer Alex Stanley and William Galawingo from the Mack Lewis Gym.

For more information regarding Boxing At La Fontaine Bleu, contact Susan Garay at 255-8714.

Project Survival

Fred Lindsey

Project Survival is urging all basketball players to register for its Project Survival College Prep Basketball League at Lake Clifton High School.

The league is open to all varsity and junior varsity players and teams with classroom participation mandatory.

Starting April 1, the Project Survival College Prep Basketball League will operate every Saturday for ten weeks with classes held between games.

"It has been our experience," said Vernon Wolst, director of Project Survival, "that the great athletes, who may have problems in the classroom, are the last students to enroll. We want that to change."

For interested hoopsters, there will be two registration sites. You may register at the Urban Services Agency, 2330 St. Paul Street. The contact person there, is Vernon Wolst at 396-7160. Also, you may register at the Thomas Hayes Elementary School (No. 102), 601 N. Central Avenue. The contact person there is John Murdock at 396-9207.

"We are appealing to their coaches and the athletic directors to get basketball players to come to our classes," Wolst said. "It will be a situation where nobody passes or fails; it is just an exposure to learning which we see will be beneficial to the students down the road."

The registration fee is $10.00. For low income, the fee is reduced to $5.00.