West All-Stars, front row, left to right, Jeffery Young, Ali Williams, Caparzio Chisholm, and Kevin Dargins. Second row: Coach Lee Michaels, Richard Elder, "Reds" Singletary, Michael Williams and Coach Michael Smith. Third row: "Tiddy" Johnson, Kernell Windley, Anthony Ford, and Brian Williams.

East All-Stars, front row; left to right: Aaron Perkins, Richard Kernard and "John" Noah. Second row: Coach Toni Glover, Gregory Moore, Thomas Jones, Maurice Byers, William Woods, Calvin Booth, Ricky Simmons and Coach William Wells.

SPORTSCENE

By Fred Lindsey

The Bocek Community Basketball League

In East Baltimore, the Bocek Community Basketball League will start this weekend with its Saturday, Sunday and 18 and Under Leagues.

Rivaled only by the Baltimore Basketball Association (BBA) for the destinction of being labeled "the best" summer basketball league in the metropolitan area, Bocek is sure to have its anxious moments.

Last year, it was Murray's Fuel that dominated the Saturday League with Kurt, Chet, Spoon (early) and others and they eventually beat the Ball Players in a one-sided game for the championship.

"More of the same is promised," said Anthony "Bone" Johnson, league commissioner. "Murrays always has a great team and its up to the challengers to take their championship."

Although Bocek had a few problems last year with rain days, scared officials and an unruly fan or two, the competition was top-notch.

"There isn't any place in the city like Bocek," Johnson said. "This year the problems have been cleared and we are ready to play, but you've got to come strong. To play at Bocek means you've got to come ready."

The Bocek league will feature two all-star games, a coaches game, an all-star slam dunk contest and a Saturday League vs. the Sunday League players game. It will also have playoff competition. The 18 and Under League will start next week, May 27th.

The first half scheduled for the Saturday and Sunday Leagues is as follows:

Saturday
May 20, 1989
Eight is Enough vs Baltimore Heat, 5:00
Eastsiders vs Westsiders, 6:00
Murray's Fuel vs Touch of Class, 7:00
King Cobra vs New Comers, 8:00

May 27, 1989
King Cobras vs Murray Fuel, 5:00
Baltimore Heat vs Westsiders, 6:00
Eastsiders vs Eight is Enough, 7:00
New Comers vs Touch of Class, 8:00

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Christian Basketball All-Star Game

Led by Gregory Moore, Thomas Jones and Maurice Byers, the East All-Stars beat the West 61-60 in the Young Men's Christian Basketball League, last week at Madison Square Recreation Center.

Combining for 41 of their teams total points, the "extraordinary" trio proved to be the major difference in the game that was played in the "christian spirit."

Olympians table tennis

On May 26-28, Baltimore City will be able to see firsthand the exciting sport of table tennis when the Eastern Open Table Tennis Championships are held at the Baltimore Convention Center.

Over 325 players from all over the U.S., Canada and Europe, including the top players who represented their countries in the 1988 Olympics, will be participating.

Ticket prices are $6 for Friday and Saturday, $8 for Sunday and $10 for an all-session pass. They can be purchased from the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation of Maryland (771-9000) or at the door.

The schedule of play is Friday, 5 p.m. - 10 p.m., Sat., 9 a.m. - 10 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; finals Sunday, 3:30 p.m.

Week in boxing

May 22 at Atlantic City, N.J. — Rocky Lockridge vs. Mike Grow, 10, junior lightweights.

May 23 at Atlantic City, N.J. — Micky Ward vs. Clarence Coleman, 10, junior welterweights.

Sam Lacy

Penance

Okay, they did it .... Now it is our turn.

Some may be inclined to regard as blackmail, the proposal that is forthcoming here .... I reject that on the grounds that blackmail is an action that occurs *before* the fact, in the nature of a threat.

What is advocated here is a campaign that does its work *after* the fact.

Look elsewhere

The suggestion is directed to black high school athletes who will be receiving scholarship offers (and the usual accompanying enticements) from colleges all over the country in the next few weeks .... It also urges parents, friends and teachers of these athletes to look toward college environments that treat blacks with dignity and respect.

The University of Maryland and its "old-boy" alumni — together with the area's vindictive media — completed the crucifixion of Bob Wade last Friday morning .... That was when university officials announced that the beleaguered basketball coach had agreed to a ($120,000) buyout of the remaining two years on his 5-year contract.

2 knives in back

The blade in his back was symbolic, striking at a time when Bob Wade was recuperating from the surgeon's knife on a disk in his spine at a nearby hospital.

No matter how hard Bob Wade's detractors try to justify getting rid of him — NCAA violations, losing record, image destruction, etc. — it was simply, and factually, that Bob Wade doesn't look the part of a Maryland Terrapin coach .... his complexion prohibits that.

If he were a player, it would be acceptable .... But a coach, no way .... That is why black prospects are advised to look elsewhere for athletic scholarships.

Maryland has sent out a strong signal that should be heeded.

Hello, y'all

How many college teams of today are enjoying success without black players? .... Think about it, friends, before answering .... Where do they find the running backs for football, the sprinters, long jumpers and relay groups for track, and winning basketball teams?

Is there some reason schools like Duke and Wake Forest and North Carolina and Georgia Tech and Syracuse and Georgetown and Northeastern, etc., have been flooded with Baltimore-Washington area kids? .... all of them University of Maryland potentials?

'taint blackmail

If Maryland doesn't want an honest, hard-working athletic coach because he is black, when its scouts come hunting, they should find that the rabbit has the gun.

Let 'em try fielding predominately white teams .... like playing solitaire with 51 cards.

No, friends, such an approach as recommended here is not meant to be looked upon as blackmail.

Make it penance.

Notable quotable

Hall-of-Fame fireball pitcher Bob Gibson: "When a hitter steps to the plate with an I-dare-you stance, look him dead in the eyes and then throw at them."

Record day marks Owens cinder meet

COLUMBUS, Ohio (UPI) — Records of all kinds were set and one tied Saturday in the seventh annual Jesse Owens Classic track meet at the Ohio Stadium.

Event and stadium records fell in the men's triple jump, women's long jump, men's long jump, men's 100-meter dash, and women's 400-meter dash, while the mark was tied in the women's 100-meter high hurdles.

Winners in four other events successfully retained their titles in competition in cool weather with intermittent light rain.

Charles Simpkins, competing unattached, won the men's triple jump with a leap of 57 feet, 6¼ inches, breaking the mark Steve Hanna of the Mazda-Bahamas team set last year of 54 feet 4 inches. Second-place Robert Cannon, another unattached competitor, surpassed the stadium and event mark with his leap of 54 feet, 5¼ inches.

Terri Turner, another unattached competitor, won the women's long jump with a leap of 21 feet 3½ inches, breaking the mark of 20 feet, 8 inches that Theresa Diggs of Ohio State set last year. The first four finishers surpassed Diggs' mark.

Diane Dixon, running for Athletics West, ran the women's 400-meter dash in 51.56 seconds, breaking the mark of 51.62 that Rochelle Stevens of Morgan State University set last year. Stevens, running unattached this year, finished second in 51.82 seconds.

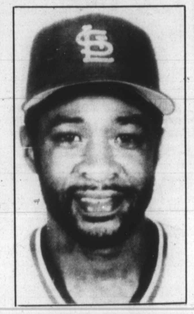
PERSONAL PINNACLES — Lenny Wilkens, William "Pop" Gates and K.C. Jones (L-R) reached basketball's top rung last week at Springfield, Mass. The three were inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame. Wilkens, a former collegiate (Providence) and NBA star, now coaches the Cleveland Cavaliers. Gates, who earned his nickname while playing with the crack Renaissance of Harlem for his unerring shotmaking, was a standout in early barnstorming and independent tours. And Jones, after playing on NCAA championship teams at University of San Francisco, and with the Boston Celtics, closed out a successful career as Celtics coach last year.

Local showdown

Little did either realize that their girlhood tennis careers would cross in the first round of the NCAA championships, when they were playing preteen in Largo, Md. and Silver Spring.

That is what happened Monday at Gainesville, Fla., when Largo's Stacey Martin defeated Silver Spring's Jeri Ingram, 1-6, 6-1, 7-5.

The two young women met as members of the 1988 U.S. Olympic team. Now Stacey is a freshman at Tennessee; Jeri is a freshman at Maryland.



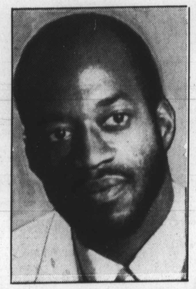
GLAD TO HAVE HIM — That was the word from St. Louis manager Whitey Herzog Saturday when Gold Glove shortstop Ozzie Smith signed a 2-year extension on his contract for estimated $2.9 million.

Save-a-Heart tourney set

The 13th Save-A-Heart Golf Classic tees off on Monday and Tuesday, June 12-13 at Turf Valley Hotel and Country Club in Ellicott City, Maryland. The tourney benefits the lifesaving cardiac care projects established by the Foundation in Baltimore metropolitan hospitals and other emergency centers.

A complete sellout last year, the tournament is limited to 200 community golfers and sixty local and national celebrities. A shotgun start at 9:15 a.m. preceded by a golfers' breakfast, begins the tournament each day.

Former Washington Senator baseball player was last year's long-drive champion.



HANGING ON — There's no quitting for Edwin Moses, two-time gold medalist in the Olympic Games, beginning at Montreal in 1976, and 400-meter bronze medalist at Seoul. He announced last weekend his plan to compete in the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona.

Nice guy Bob Wade

Sometimes, the Good Samaritan gets kicked in the teeth.

Is that what happened to Bob Wade?

Was it his fatherly instinct to help a young man like Rudy Archer in pursuit of his education?

Or was it his sensitivity toward a young assistant coach whose career might have been seriously hampered if he replaced him?

The coach, a holdover from the disgraced Lefty Driesell regime, is still there.

At the root of the case built up by factions determined to unseat Wade was a report that he permitted staff members to transport Archer to junior college classes where the player was seeking to upgrade his status in subjects failed at Maryland.

Wade supporters have wondered who blew the whistle on the aid to Archer (heretofore deemed a minor infraction of NCAA guidelines).

It isn't likely that it was Wade. Or Archer. Or the two assistants Bob brought with him.

Duckpinners here for $35G Classic

After a year of excitement and anticipation, the Stroh's/Stroh Light $35,000 Duckpin Classic will come to a head when 127 bowlers shoot for $35,000 this weekend. Top prizes of $5,000 will be awarded to the first place man and woman.

The national finals will take place at Fair Lanes in Linthicum, Md.

The Stroh's Classic features the richest total purse ever awarded in a duckpin event. Participating duckpin proprietor association member centers are each sending center champions to the finals, and uniquely, every bowler will cash in the national finals.

The national finalists advanced from a six-game scratch event on the bowling center level. Bowlers are invited to compete based on their averages. Entry fee was $2 per bowler, with that entire amount going into the national prize fund.

Bowlers will bowl nine-games scratch in the national finals Saturday, and the top seven men and women will then advance to one-game stepladder matches Sunday.

SECOND STRAIGHT TITLE? — The 1988 national minority golf championship team had eyes on a repeat victory at Cleveland last weekend. The unit represents South Carolina State and its members are (L-R) Rod Lathern, MVP and low-stroke winner; Lou Bell, Darnell McKandes and James Davis cited as 1989's most improved player.

Will Sunday offer encore on Saturday?

The question: Can Sunday Silence capture Saturday's Preakness at Pimlico to move a step closer to Triple Crown glory? Or was his victory in the May 6 Kentucky Derby a freak of nature, as proposed by supporters of the odds-on favorite Easy Goer who lament that the muddy track at Louisville did their horse in?

Despite the loss at Churchill Downs, the Easy Goer entourage clings to the claim that this horse is a super star.

Apparently ignored for the sake of shaping their convenience, is the fact that Sunday Silence ran in the same mud that confronted Easy Goer.

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Super horses — such as Triple Crown winners Affirmed, Seattle Slew, Secretariat, Omaha, Count Fleet, etc. — ran and won on all kinds of tracks.

Those of us, however, who adhere to breeding when speculating on the outcome of major races, will notice that the Derby winner's sire, Sunny's Halo, failed in both the Preakness (finished 6th) and the Belmont after having romped at Louisville in 1983.

He was defeated by Deputed Testamony at Baltimore and by Caveat in New York.

Perhaps it will be Easy Goer this time over "Sunday" this Saturday . . . LACY.

Bengal banned

NEW YORK (UPI) — Fullback Stanley Wilson of the Cincinnati Bengals, who was suspended from the Super Bowl this year for drug abuse, was banned for life from the NFL by Commissioner Pete Rozelle.

Wilson, who was found under the influence of drugs in his Miami hotel room on the eve of the Bengals' game against the San Francisco 49ers, can apply for reinstatement, NFL spokesman Joe Browne said Monday. However, Browne indicated for that to be possible, Wilson would have to make major changes in his life.

The 27-year-old Wilson is the first player Rozelle has suspended permanently — without the promise of a hearing — for repeated violations.

One-on-One

The Toronto Blue Jays, with the second worst record in baseball, Monday fired Jimy Williams, the first managerial casualty of the season. Hitting instructor Gito Gaston was named interim manager. Gastan is a black Cuban.

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Jim Dent, making his initial appearance on the PGA Seniors' golf tour, finished three strokes off winner Dave Hill and collected $21,800. Dent finished with a card of 209 over the Malvern, Pa. course in the St. Christopher's Classic.

Lee Elder and Charles Owens picked up $10,400 each.