Kisha Ford (Western) is watched closely by Broadneck's Tami Brown and her Wave AAU teammates.

Women's Basketball League

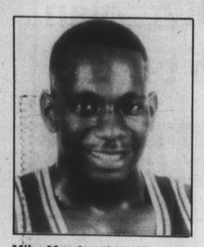
The Greater Baltimore Women's Indoor Summer Basketball League has entered its third week of play with little or no fanfare.

The new basketball league formed for girls 17 years and under at the Community College of Baltimore, has been operating on a shoestring budget, and is quietly filling a much needed void in the community by giving young ladies a control vehicle to develop and polish their athletic skills.

"This league is an opportunity for some of the best girl basketball players in the Baltimore area to play together," said league founder and commissioner coach Breezy Bishop. "The purpose of the league is to give these young ladies the chance to learn and play the game of basketball."

Consisting of six teams, including Seton-Keough, Mount Hebron, the Waves, AAU, Arbutus, Flaghouse and the United States Youth Games Team, the Greater Baltimore Women's League is hoping to grow and become a permanent fixture in the city.

"Everyone appears to be excited about the league and its possibilities," Bishop said. "We hope to expand next year, but only after we assess this season. Because we were unable to secure any corporate sponsorship, we had to operate with little of nothing. We just hope that our hard work and dedication will be an attraction to the Baltimore Business Community, so that we can improve the league.



Mike Morrison has the reputation for scoring points and rebounding.

Loyola's Morrison to the Pros

Loyola University's Mike Morrison was selected in the second round of the NBA draft by the Phoenix Suns.

The 6'4" guard is the third leading scorer in Loyola's history with 1,697 points.

A native of Takoma Park, Maryland, Morrison played for the Greyhounds from 1985-1989.

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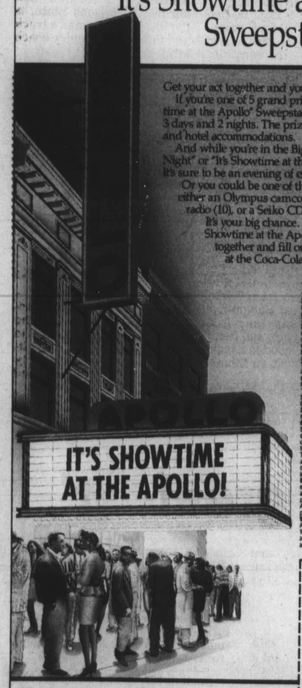

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Craig Cromwell Basketball

With a new emphasis on defense, the 1989 Craig Cromwell Summer High School Basketball League begins its second week with unusual intensity.

Overall, the players in the ten - team league appear smaller than in the past and founder and league commissioner William Wells says that defense has become the top priority for coaches and that the use of the "little man" is most important.

"More teams are using the pressing man-to-man defense than ever before, in this league," Wells said, "in an attempt to neutralize the talented big men we have playing. To ensure balance, the press gives each team a fighting chance for victory."

All teams will play a regular nine game schedule plus two or more playoffs games, before they relax in the final month of the summer in preparation for school in September.

The highlight of the summer league is its all-star game on July 31, featuring the best of Craig Cromwell against the York, Pennsylvania All-Stars.

"This year, as in the past, the league is very competitive," Wells said. There is no one great team. With graduating seniors leaving Lake Clifton and Dunbar, I think Walbrook and Southwestern are the teams to watch, but it will be interesting to view the matchup in the all-star game."

The teams competing this year are Calvert Hall, Cardinal Gibbons, Dunbar, Lake Clifton, Northwestern, Towson Catholic, Southern, Southwestern, St. Frances and Walbrook.

Gone, from this year's competition, are Carver, Wilde Lake and Woodlawn.

For the past two years, Ron Lucas (Lake Clifton) has been among the best to play in the Craig Cromwell League and this year he heads the list of the top ten players.

With the exception of Lake Clifton, there is a top ten player on every team," Wells said diplomatically. "I think Lake's Joe Curry is going to surprise a lot of folks, but some of the best players are Dontae Bright (Dunbar); Jake Davaille (Calvert Hall); Sylvester Banks (Southwestern); John Sally (Southern); Jerry McClain (Towson Catholic); Devin Gray (St. Frances); Ronald Spence (Northwestern) and possibly Steve Thomas (Walbrook)."

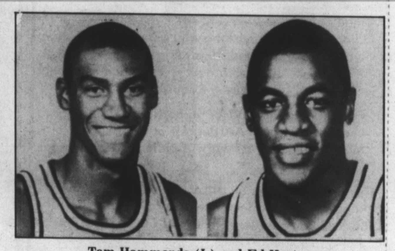
SPORTSCENE

By Fred Lindsey

According to Wells, they all should make basketball headlines next basketball season.

The schedule for the next six games is as follows:

Friday June 30	5:00	St. Francis	vs	Southwestern
	6:00	Walbrook	vs	Cardinal Gibbons
	7:00	Dunbar	vs	Towson Catholic
	8:00	Calvert Hall	vs	Northwestern
	9:00	Southern	vs	Lake Clifton
Wednesday July 5	5:00	Dunbar	vs	Southwestern
	6:00	Calvert hall	vs	Lake Clifton
	7:00	Northwestern	vs	St. Francis
	8:00	Southern	vs	Walbrook
	9:00	Cardinal Gibbons	vs	Towson Catholic
Friday July 7	5:00	Calvert Hall	vs	Southwestern
	6:00	Southern	vs	Northwestern
	7:00	Towson Catholic	vs	St. Francis
	8:00	Dunbar	vs	Walbrook
	9:00	Lake Clifton	vs	Cardinal Gibbons
Wednesday July 12	5:00	Cardinal Gibbons	vs	Southwestern
	6:00	Northwestern	vs	Dunbar
	7:00	St. Francis	vs	Lake Clifton
	8:00	Walbrook	vs	Towson Catholic
	9:00	Southern	vs	Calvert Hall
Friday July 14	5:00	Southern	vs	Southwestern
	6:00	Walbrook	vs	Calvert Hall
	7:00	Towson Catholic	vs	Northwestern
	8:00	St. Francis	vs	Cardinal Gibbons
	9:00	Dunbar	vs	Lake Clifton
Wednesday July 19	5:00	Towson Catholic	vs	Southwestern
	6:00	Walbrook	vs	Lake Clifton
	7:00	Southern	vs	Dunbar
	8:00	Cardinal Gibbons	vs	Northwestern
	9:00	Calvert Hall	vs	St. Francis



Tom Hammonds (L) and Ed Horton
Unseld pleased with Ga. Tech, Iowa products

Unseld gets self-image

Bullets hail draft selection of a player like the coach

LANDOVER, Md. (UPI) — The Washington Bullets, seeking to bolster a weak front court, used their top pick in Tuesday's NBA draft to select Georgia Tech forward Tom Hammonds, a player Coach Wes Unseld says reminds him a little bit of himself.

Unseld, the Hall of Fame center who guided the Bullets to their only National Basketball Association championship, marveled at Hammonds' muscular frame and intensity.

"Wait until you see him — this guy's built like I was, maybe a little better," Unseld said.

Hammonds said he relishes the opportunity to play for Unseld.

"I feel great about working with Coach Unseld because I think he's a players-type coach," Hammonds said. "He played in the NBA for a number of years, and he was a great player. He's a 6-8 type of center and he did a great job of really going in there and hitting the boards hard. I look forward to working with him."

Last season's leading rebounder, starting power forward Terry Catledge, was lost in the expansion draft to the Orlando Magic, while starting center Charles Jones averaged just 2.6 points and starting small forward Bernard King is playing on borrowed time at age 32.

Unseld likened Hammonds to Terry Cummings, the former All-Star forward of the Milwaukee Bucks who was recently traded to the San Antonio Spurs.

"I watched (Hammonds) play and I saw maybe a tougher, stronger Terry Cummings — maybe not quite with the outside shot of Terry Cummings," Unseld said.

Washington continued in its pursuit for big men with a pair of second-round choices, 6-foot-8 power forward Ed Horton of Iowa, taken with the 39th pick overall, and 7-foot center Doug Roth of Tennessee.

Horton, the school's all-time leading rebounder, was considered by some scouts as a potential first-round choice, but he slipped because of questions about his work habits, while Roth, legally blind in one eye, likely will be a project, drawing the attention of the Bullets because of his size and future potential.

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Cliche

"A plague on both houses" . . . . "A rose by any name" . . . . Think of an oft-used cliche' and it will be appropriate for this column.

It begins with Cincinnati's manager Pete Rose having the audacity to take the case of his alleged gambling activities out of the hands of the baseball commissioner, and continues with that commissioner, A. Bartlett Giamatti, having the stupidity to try to induce a judge to side with him in the case that was yet to be heard.

So, it is here and now wished that a plague visit both their houses.

The judge, too

Actually, Cincinnati Judge Norbert Nadel himself has asked for a visit . . . . Even without the law degree he cherishes, common sense (which is the foundation of law) says that you don't mess with the authority of a person who has been given that authority by election — not by appointment.

Baseball *elected* Giamatti (wisely or unwisely) to the commissioner post, and Pete Rose is no more than a minor entity in baseball . . . . not above it as he seems to think.

Black white sox

Seventy years ago, organized baseball decided it needed someone to rescue the game from the cesspool of behind-the-scenes gambling . . . . Kenesaw Mountain Landis was persuaded to take off his robes as a judge and assume the job as commissioner to rule on the fate of members of the 1919 White Sox who had wagered on the outcome of World Series games with the Cincinnati Reds.

They were barred from baseball for life.

Since then every clubhouse wall in the American and National leagues has been adorned by the warning that gambling on baseball games would call for immediate dismissal.

Others bet, but...

Today's Kenesaw Mountain Landis is named A. Bartlett Giamatti . . . . And today's equivalent of Joe Jackson, Buck Weaver, Ed Cicotte, et al, is Pete Rose.

If Pete Rose is a compulsive gambler, so be it . . . . There have been scores of top baseball people — front office men, managers, coaches and outstanding stars — who were and are familiar figures at racetracks and football and basketball games reading odds, point-spreads, etc.

Apparently, though, these people have been careful to avoid any connection with bookies and betting parlors connected with baseball.

Bardian flaw

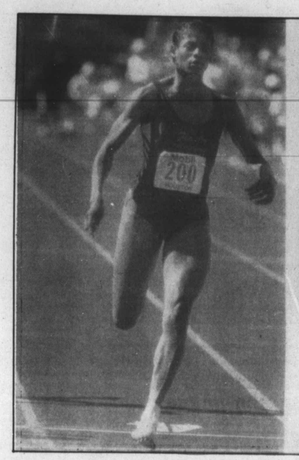
If the evidence holds up, Giamatti fully deserves the public spanking he received last Sunday when Judge Nadel agreed that he had "prejudged" the manager . . . . And the latter, without doubt, has made a liar of William Shakespeare who wrote 370 years ago:

"That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet."

Notable quotable

Former major league homerun champion, baseball MVP and horse-breeder Dick Allen, reacting to the trend toward artificial playing surfaces:

"If a horse can't eat it, then I don't like it!"



MOVE OVER, FLOJO AND JACKIE — Scoring handily in the 100-meter dash of the Flo Jo International track and field games, Dawn Sowell (left) threatens to challenge the world speed records held by Florence Griffith Joyner. Already, Sowell has won the collegiate 100 and 200 championships in record clockings. And Jolanda Jones (above) is focussing on the heptathlon superiority of Jackie Joyner Kersee, having won the 1986-87 and 89 NCAA titles.

SPORTS

2-gold Olympian Calhoun buried

MACOMB, Ill. (UPI) — Two-time Olympic gold medalist Lee Calhoun, the first man to win successive Olympic high hurdle titles, died Wednesday at Hamot Medical Center in Erie, Pa., from complications relating to a stroke he suffered earlier this year.

Calhoun, 56, who had been in ill-health the past four years was the head track and field coach at Western Illinois University in Macomb since 1980. Prior to that, he served as an assistant and head coach at Yale (1970-80) and Grambling (1967-70).

Virtually an unknown runner at the 1956 Melbourne games, Calhoun surprised U.S. teammate and race favorite Jack Davis in a photo finish in the 100-yard hurdles and set a new Olympic record with a time of 13.5. In the Rome Olympics four years later, Calhoun defeated fellow American Willie May in another photo finish to gain his second gold medal, the first man ever to win successive Olympic high hurdle titles.

A world record holder in the 110-yard high hurdles, and the 50-, 60- and 70-yard hurdles, the Laurel, Miss. native was a seven-time national champion in hurdle events. He is a member of the National Track and Field Hall of Fame and the United States Track and Field Hall of Fame.

Calhoun received his bachelor's degree in 1957 and master's in 1965 from North Carolina Central University, where he was an All-American in track and field. He earned a second master's degree from Western Illinois in 1985.

He is survived by his wife, Gwendolyn, and two children, Brenda Calhoun Cash, 28, and Daniel, 27. Cash, a four-time All-American sprinter and hurdler at Arizona State, is the third-year women's track and field/cross country coach at Memphis State.

Lee Calhoun won Melbourne, Rome

CAVALIER COACH? — Among top candidates to succeed Terry Halland when he leaves the Virginia job to go to Davidson in 1990, is Craig Littlepage, who formerly coached at Pennsylvania and Rutgers.

Clemente Award nominees chosen

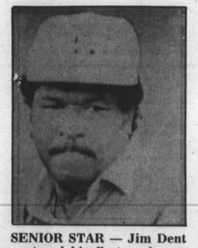
Twenty-six major league players, one from each club, have been nominated for the 19th annual Roberto Clemente Award, the Office of the Commissioner has announced.

The award is presented annually to the player who best represents the game of baseball both on and off the field through his humanitarian endeavors. Consideration is given to sportsmanship, community involvement and an individual's contribution to his team and to the game.

A panel of 11 baseball executive and media representatives will select the winner, which will be announced during a press conference in Anaheim the day before the 60th All-Star Game.

Four black players — Harold Baines, White Sox; Hal Reynolds, Mariners; Ozzie Smith, Cardinals, and Dave Stewart, Athletics — are among the 26.

Among previous winners are Willie Mays, 1971; Willie Stargell, 1974; Lou Brock, 1975; Rod Carew, 1977; Andre Thornton, 1979; Ken Singleton, 1982; Cecil Cooper, 1983; Don Baylor, 1985, and Gary Maddox, 1986.



SENIOR STAR — Jim Dent captured his first major on the senior golf tour Sunday with a one-stroke advantage over veteran Al Geiberger, 201-202. The win netted the big Georgian $45,000.

HE'S BACK — Despite the disfavor placed upon him after a disastrous 24-day strike in 1987, Gene Upshaw has bounced back to become unanimous choice to again head the National Football League Players Association. The Hall of Fame guard has led the 1600-player union since 1983.

Jabbar: this is final

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Kareem Abdul-Jabbar says short of a brief tour of Australia and Taiwan next month, he will remain retired from basketball.

Abdul-Jabbar, whose 20-year pro career ended this month when the Los Angeles Lakers were swept by Detroit in the NBA Finals, denied a report by Italy's Corriere Dello Sport that he was seeking $1 million a year from two Italian teams bidding for his services.

"He's not seeking any type of long-term basketball contract and has not received any kind of offer for that kind of money," Abdul-Jabbar's publicist, Lorin Pullman, said Wednesday.

Abdul-Jabbar, 42, is scheduled to play with a team of former NBA stars in Melbourne on July 24, Sydney on July 26, Brisbane on July 28 and Taipei on July 30.

Belated confession of a 'con artist'

Now it's out: Ali never thought 'greatest'

Throughout his career, former world heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali enjoyed a popularity unmatched in boxing history.

A large part of the popularity was due to the charisma he built up with his unabashed boasting.

"I am the greatest" was a trademark which stamped his every appearance, whether on the eve of a fight or during public interviews unrelated to the boxing ring.

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Now it comes out.

"I just *said* I was the greatest. I never really *thought* I was," he says.

"A long time ago I saw Gorgeous George promote a wrestling match he had coming up in Washington (DC).

"He promised blood and guts. He vowed he would mash his opponent to pulp; he'd make the other fellow beg for mercy. He said anything to sell tickets. And he sold out.

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"I saw an opportunity to do the same thing. If this 'gorgeous' wrestler could do it, this 'pretty' boxer could.

"George could have his 'gorgeous'. Muhammad would answer 'pretty'.

"So I started my 'I am the greatest'.

I began with the poetry and predicting rounds (knowing nobody but the newspaper guys would remember).

"And it worked.

"They started rushing in with their 10 and 20-dollar bills to get a look at this bragging 'n. . . . .r.' They got it.

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'How could I know who the greatest fighter was? How can anyone compare fighters from different eras? I was probably the best of my time, but how could I know what would have happened if I fought Joe Louis, Jack Dempsey or Jack Johnson?

'I've seen a lot of old boxing films, and some of those guys were tremendous."

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The present AFRO sports desk never saw Jack Johnson live, the original Joe Walcott or the many outstanding boxers prior to their time.

But it did see Joe Louis and Jack Dempsey, and others who came on the scene since the late thirties.

As a result, it would seem that Ali might be placed third on our rating list behind (1) Louis, and (2) Rocky Marciano, with Gene Tunney, Dempsey and Jersey Joe Walcott following in that order . . . LACY.