

Chuck's Chucks Cause Chuckles

If Chuck Thompson had hair, it could be said he "let it down" last Thursday evening for the Millington Lions and their Farmers' Night guests.

Even though Chuck's nogging has about as much fuzz as that sported by a newborn Chihuahua pup, he pleased the 60-some listeners with "inside" dope on the Baltimore Colts and Orioles.

The set part of his talk was about play-by-play announcing, in which he is one of the nation's tops. However, it was the olio, or afterpiece, a "question-and-answer" period, which provided the most interest.

Chuck enlightened his audience on the difference between studio announcing and the "on-the-spot" variety which has made him famous. The latter, of course, is more difficult. Words, once spoken, can't be erased but float around in the ether waves until the end of time. Boobos, or fluffs, as they are called by the air fraternity, remain to haunt the launcher forever.

Television, naturally, where the fan can see what is being described, toughened-up the play-by-play, or blow-by-blow, job.

Thompson recalled that in the pre-TV days it was easy to cover up when the announcer had the wrong halfback headed for a 50-yard sprint and a TD to get things back in focus by merely saying "Smith laterals to Brown who goes in for the score."

He told of Clem McCarthy's experience in calling the wrong horse all the way as the Preakness winner some years ago. Asked if he couldn't have, somehow, corrected the error, McCarthy replied: "How in the hell can you lateral a horse?"

Chuck cited, naturally, the sudden death playoff between the Colts and the Giants as the highspot of his announcing career. How he came to have the mike as the game went into extra time is interesting. He was chosen with Chris Schenkel to handle the broadcast and, as usual, both hoped for the second half assignment, just as announcers would rather have the later innings of a baseball game — there is apt to be more excitement then, which makes the calling job easier.

The late Bert Bell, NFL czar, had a system. The two announcers would be called to his hotel room and a coin tossed. On this occasion, Thompson lost and Schenkel chose the second half. But Chuck was the lucky one after all. When the game went into the extra period, it was his turn again.

Thompson spoke of the hardships of his job — such as the enforced six weeks in Florida, just in the offing, as he covers the spring training of the Birds. He didn't mention it but it can be suspected that the periodic check from a certain "well known local brewery" is hard to take, too. Not to mention fringe benefits such as a refrigerator kept full of the product of this same "well known local brewery."

There are hardships, though, real ones like the constant travel. With the Orioles, he literally, was in the air for 16 hours in a period of four days late last season as five games were played in that stretch.

The between season appearances, such as that at Millington, are no lark. After the "talk-for-your-turkey" tour is done, he couldn't be faulted for ordering pork chops for his Thanksgiving dinner.

The voice, the manner of this popular radio and television figure were pleasing in the main part of his speech but when the period for questions arrived and he could ad-lib, he was at his best.

The Millington folk, as is natural for that once hotbed of baseball enthusiasm, showed far more interest in the diamond than the gridiron. It wasn't until the very end that Carville Robinson, host to Thompson for the occasion, played the straight man and tossed in a query about the Colts.

The first question was about the chances of the Orioles in 1965 and the speaker joined in with Manager Hank Bauer, who has predicted a pennant. From there, he gave forth with frankness on the various squad members. Some comments:

Bunker — May not have as good a season this year but should still win 15 or more; a great youngster with lots of confidence who found the biggest difference between high school and big league ball the great amount of running required of pitchers in the latter.

Colavito — The Birds didn't get him because KC felt it got a better deal elsewhere.

Powell — Better at first base than outfield; a great youngster who will find "knife-and-fork" the greatest handicap in reaching real star status.

Siebern — Not used as lead-off man because he was paid to hit, not walk; underrated player whose bad year was helped by problems of health and eventual death in his family.

Brandt — To use the words of a well-known major league executive: "Smart, can run, field, hit but ain't worth a damn."

Estrada — Very serious arm surgery makes future unreliable.

Robinson — The Greatest.

When Lion Host Robinson tossed in his "What happened to the Colts?" Chuck sighed with relief. It wasn't hard to guess that football was his favored fare.

His answer was to the effect that Cleveland wanted to play more than the Colts. The Baltimore team, he opined, had been adversely affected by the absence of a need to win over the final month. Being plucked from a Christmas-night hearth-side to make the Cleveland trip ahead of schedule because of an impending storm didn't help the attitude of the players, he believed.

Along the line that nothing went right on that day for the Hosses, Chuck cited the pass from center on the game's first field goal attempt by the Colts which resembled nothing more than it did one of Hoyt Wilhelm's best pitches.

This is where Host Robinson, following the script no doubt, asked a question which led to one of the best curtain lines an after-dinner speaker has had in a long time.

The question: "Do you think there would have been any difference in the result of the game if that first field goal attempt had been successful?"

"Most certainly," came the reply. "The score probably would have been 27 to 3."

Thank YOU, Chuck Thompson.

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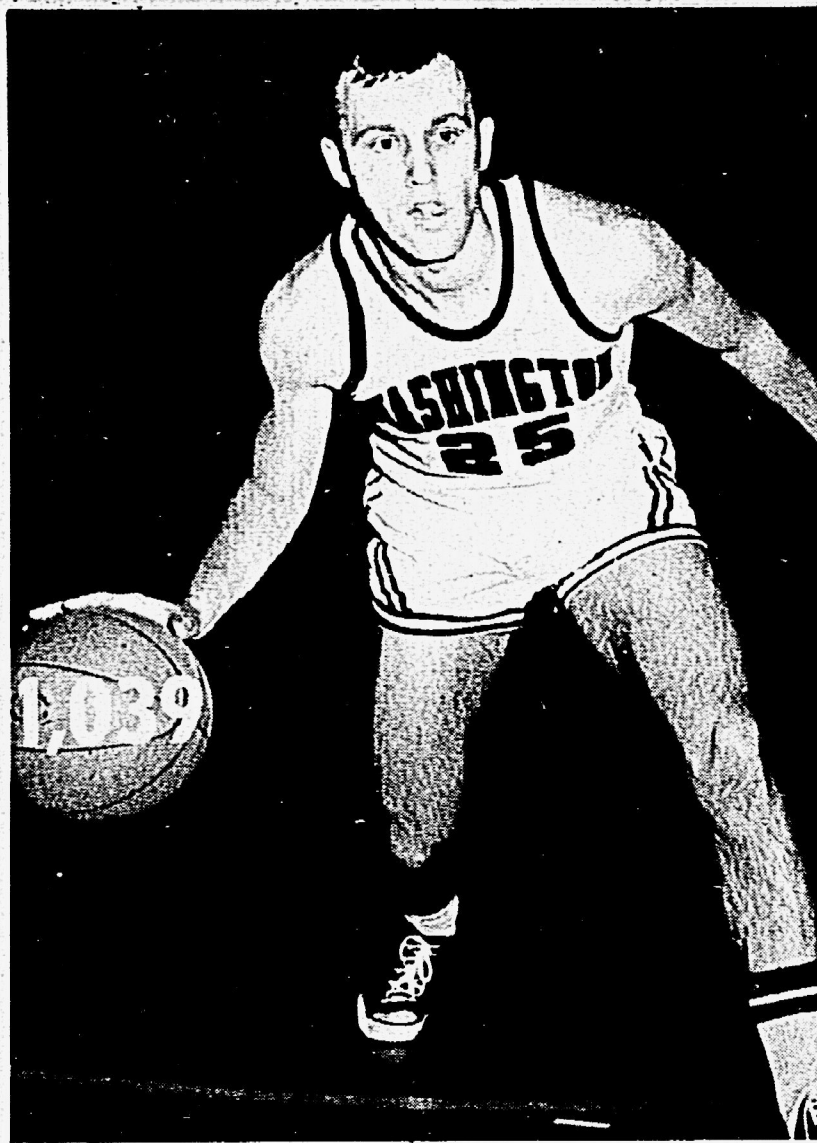
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IN LESS THAN TWO YEARS, Tom Finnegan, Washington College basketball star, has reached a goal which only few players attain in four — 1,000 points. Finnegan had amassed 1,039 through Sunday, with three games to go before his brief cage career ends. A transfer student, he is also completing his college courses in three years, two of them on the local campus. He hit the 1,000 mark midway of last Friday's game with Gallaudet.

Towson State Upsets Local Collegians By 97-88 Tally

Washington College's maroon-and-black was dipped for the 10th time this season last night as Towson State administered the Shore cagers a 97-88 drubbing on the latter's court. It was the sixth defeat for the locals in the M-D Conference. The Shoremen have a 2-6 log in the loop and a 5-10 overall. Tom Finnegan kept close to his season's scoring average by bagging 26 points but he got only three of these in the first half. He was joined in the select "1,000-point" circle by teammate Rich Carrell, whose 19 tallies brought his career total to 1,007.

After trailing 43-40, at the midway pause, it looked as if the favored Shoremen might pull it out as the second half advanced. With about six minutes to go, Washington nosed in front at 77-76 but it proved to be a dying flutter as Towson tallied ten straight points to take a lead which was never yielded again.

WASHINGTON — Carrell 7 (5-6) 19; Finnegan 11 (4-8) 26; Shipway 3 (0-0) 6; Eisel 3 (0-0) 6; Ripper 2 (1-4) 4; Sloan 8 (0-0) 16; Smith 3 (4-4) 10. Totals 37 (14-22) 88.

TOWSON — Casey 7 (1-5) 15; Dailed 5 (2-2) 12; Babizak 6 (4-6) 16; Hogarth 8 (4-8) 20; Ininga 5 (9-13) 19; Newton 2 (0-0) 4; Terry 3 (0-0) 6; Riley 2 (1-1) 5. Totals 38 (21-35) 97.

Chestertown Loses Two At Cambridge

Last night in Cambridge, Chestertown's boys' teams lost two games and found the going rough against their Dorchester foes. Final score of the varsity game was Cambridge 63, Chestertown 41. The Jayvees fared even worse, losing 53-20.

Paul Bowman, finding baskets hard to cop, scored 12 points to lead Dragon scoring, while Rich Bramble and Joey Neal netted 10 points each.

Cambridge 19 15 13 16 — 63
Chestertown 3 4 9 25 — 41

Garnett Girls Win, Varsity Quint Bows

Edging a visiting Easton five in the girls' game last night, 22-19, Garnett lost its varsity contest, 106-78 as visiting Easton ran up the score on the home-town Tigers. High scorer for Garnett was T.K. Lively, with 39



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Rock Hall	1 3
Wesley Chapel	0 5

Schedule for Feb. 20, 1965:

GIRLS:
Sacred Heart vs. First Methodist, 12 n.

Fairlee vs. Betterton - Still Pond, 1 p.m.

Wesley Chapel vs. Episcopal 2 p.m.

Rock Hall vs. Christ Methodist 3 p.m.

BOYS:
Wesley Chapel vs. Episcopal, 12 n.

Rock Hall vs. Sacred Heart 1 p.m.

First Methodist vs. Christ Methodist 2 p.m.

Chestertown Is Dual Winner Over Rock Hall

Chestertown High took two from Rock Hall Friday night as the Dragon teams (varsity and girls) set a hot scoring pace on their home court.

In the girls' game Chestertown won 44-13 over the outclassed Baysider lassies, while the varsity found the Rock Hall basket vulnerable to the final score of 74-61.

Diane Meyer paced the Dragonettes with her 19 points in the girls' game.

Ed Pickering, the Baysider's backboard ace, wasn't easily controlled by Chestertown, and the game's high scorer with 31 points. Joey Neal penetrated Baysider defenses repeatedly to set the Dragon pace with his 27 points.

Chestertown: Stokes 5 (3) 12; Morris 1 (0) 2; Wilson 2 (0) 4; Bowman 6 (5) 19; Mills 0 (0) 1; Kratzer 1 (2) 14; Fry 2 (3) 7; Neal 13 (1) 17. Totals—30 (4) 61.

Rock Hall: Wilson 1 (0) 2; Parsons 4 (2) 10; Pickering 14 (3) 31; Jacobs 4 (0) 8; Orr 3 (4) 10. Totals — 26 (9) 61.

GALENA WINS TWO

Gaigen took two from Sudlersville last night at Galena as both varsity and girls' teams won their games. In the varsity game, the Falcons ran up the score to 57-29 by the final tally. The Falconettes triumphed 30-25.

Jim Woodall proved indispensable as he led scoring again, this time with a torrid 25-point pace.

WASHINGTON — Sloan 8 (2-3) 18; Finnegan 17 (10-14) 44; Carrell 8 (2-5) 18; Ripper 4 (4-8) 12; Shipway 6 (1-3) 13; Eisel 2 (5-5) 9. Total 45 (24-36) 114.

GALLAUDET — Milligan 18 (11-14) 47; Milford 3 (2-3) 8; Rieneck 6 (2-4) 14; Niemi 7 (4-6) 18; Hendrix 7 (0-0) 14; Cooper 3 (1-3) 7; NyGols 3 (0-0) 6. Total 27 (20-30) 112.

WASHINGTON — Sloan 4 (0-0) 8; Finnegan 15 (7-9) 37; Carrell 4 (4-4) 12; Ripper 0 (1-1) 1; Shipway 4 (1-3) 9; Smith 6 (3-4) 15; Eisel 2 (0-0) 2; Perry 1 (0-0) 2. Total—36 (16-21) 88.

SWARTHMORE — Fowley 4 (5-6) 13; Trull 11 (4-6) 26; Hitchner 11 (7-8) 29; Wright 2 (4-7) 8; Penrose 4 (2-3) 10; Blankertz 3 (2-6) 8; Lansberry 0 (2-2) 2; Hooke 0 (2-2) 2. Total—34 (28-40) 98.

Rock Hall, Garnett Vie For County Class 'C' Position

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RICH CARRELL This Washington College cager went over the 1,000 point mark in the Shore game at Towson last night.

Garnett Trips Galena, 69-56

Galena High's varsity was defeated by Garnett last Thursday on Garnett's court, 69-56, while at Galena the Falconettes overcame Garnett, 39-26.

High scorer in the varsity contest was Winfield Cooper with 29 points. Jim Woodall had a good day, pacing the visiting Falcons with his 21 points.

Rock Hall Five Beats Perryville

The Baysider varsity defeated Perryville last night, while its jayvees fell to the visiting Cecil County team, 51-40. Final score of the varsity game, after Ed Pickering had paced the home team with his 30 points, was 89-51. Pres Jacobs scored 18 points in the varsity contest.

Rock Hall 24 25 16 24 — 89
Perryville 4 7 17 23 — 51



PICK-A-STICK was the order of the day last Wednesday for Washington College lacrosse players. A Baltimore firm, which has an exclusive contract with Canadian Indians to make the "crosses", was on hand with an ample supply from which to choose. In most instances, like baseball gloves, the "stick" is bought and owned by the individual player. Coach Don Dely, who has had his squad active since last fall, is stepping up drills and soon will swing into high gear prepping for the Sho'men's most pretentious schedule — one which includes such stellar foes as Navy, Army, Hopkins and Virginia.

Pairings for opening rounds in the District IV state high school basketball tournament in Russell Gym, Washington College, on March 9 are complete except for determination of the Class C winner in Kent, which lies between Rock Hall and Garnett. Play is scheduled March 9, 12 and 13.

The two Kent teams will meet for the second time this Friday afternoon on the Rock Hall court. A victory for Garnett would carry with it the county title since it defeated Rock Hall by two points earlier on the Garnett floor.

A victory for the Baysiders would require a playoff game on a neutral floor.

The Kent winner will meet Kennard High, of Queen Anne's, in a 7 p.m. encounter Tuesday, March 9, to open the three-day tourney. Lockerman High, of Caroline, drew a bye, and will face the victor in the Kent-Queen Anne's tussle, the winner going to College Park. This game will be at 8:30 p.m. March 12th.

In Class B, Chestertown High does not play until Friday March 12, meeting North East High of Cecil, at 7 p.m.

On March 9, at 8:30, the Class B teams from Centerville in Queen Anne's and North Caroline, will meet. The winner of this contest will oppose the Chestertown-North East victor on Saturday, March 13, at 7 p.m., for the College Park jaunt.

The second half of the twin bill on the 13th will pit the Class A winner between Elkton and Belair against the District V (lower Shore) champions, in this class.

Elery J. Ward, Rock Hall High principal, is the District IV chairman. Other members of the tournament committee are Bill Moldock, Caroline; Bob Gaddis, Cecil; and Charles Zakarian, Queen Anne's.

The Minnesota Twins will play a night exhibition game at their Orlando, Fla., training base next spring. They meet the Houston Astros on Friday night, April 2.

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