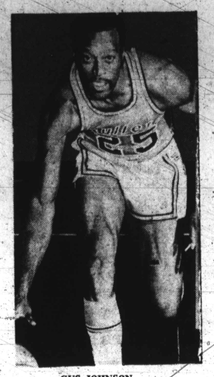
Bullets award Gus Johnson plush multi-year contract

Gus Johnson, the spectacular 6-6 forward who has spent his entire eight-year professional basketball career in Baltimore, has signed a new multi-year pact with the bullets.



GUS JOHNSON

Executive vice president Jerry Sachs announced the signing of Gus Friday morning. While the details of the contract were not made public—except for the fact that it is for more than one year—it was not hard to speculate that the terms were of a highly satisfactory nature, since there had been rumors last spring that Johnson had been approached by an American Basketball Association Club.

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Until a nagging knee injury slowed him down the last two months of the season, Johnson was headed toward what would easily have been the best year of his career. As it was he still managed to pull down a career high of 1128 rebounds, an average of 17.1 per game, despite missing 16 games.

Gus' 1202 points was enough for an 18.2 per game scoring average, the fourth best of his career, and just one-tenth of a point below his eight year NBA average.

Along the way there were many typical spectacular Johnson games. On Nov. 5 at Portland, Gus scored 20 field goals, a career high, on 31 shots and finished with a total of 43 points and 22 rebounds.

And on Jan. 23 against San Diego, he connected on 17 of 20 four shots, both also career highs.

However, it was on Dec. 17th-in New York that Gus put on one of the most sensational shows ever. Enroute to a season high of 32 rebounds, Johnson established two Madison Square Garden records with 15 rebounds in one quarter and 25 for one half.

With that effort, the high leaper from the University of Idaho set two Baltimore club records also, only to have Wes Unseld rub out the mark for rebounds in a quarter just a month later, when the big center collected 17 stray shots in one period.

Johnson's knee injury severly hampered him—and the Bullets—during the playoffs, but still the team captain managed to play vital roles in the crucial seventh game victories against Philadelphia and New York as the Bullets won the NBA's Eastern Conference Championship.

Gus played in 11 of the Bullets' 18 playoff games, averaged 13 points and 10.4 rebounds per game.

Johnson, last year was named second team All-Pro, was chosen to the NBA's ALL-Defensive team and was selected for the All-Star game for the fifth time.

Diahann at Columbia

By LARRY LIPMAN

Personality and music are the key words for the current attractions at the Merriweather Post Pavilion.

Entertaining all this week are Diahann Carroll and Sergio Mendes and Brasil '77 (new name). The program is divided in half, and could well be two separate shows.

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The beautiful Miss Carroll opens the show, and sings a variety of musical numbers. Dressed in a stunning blue bit-pants suit, TV's "Julia" is at her vocal best on Carol King's "I Feel the Earth Move," Neil Diamond's "I Am I Said" and Simon and Garfunkle's "Bridge Over Troubled Water."

While Miss Carroll displays her talent for various moods, the numbers that come across the best are the ones in which she lets those and really belts out the lyrics.

Other musical highlights for Miss Carroll include "Some of These Days," "Good Lovin'" and Blood, Sweat and Tears' "God Bless the Child."

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Sergio Mendes, and his popular musical aggregation "Brasil '77," came through with an act that was most refreshing. The basics tf Mendes' "Brasil '65" and "Brasil '66" are still there, only now the group appears more diversified and versatile.

Mendes, "Brasil '77" and Diahann Carroll put on a your attention. Their show continues through Saturday, Aug. 7, at the Merriweather Post Pavilion in Columbia, Md.

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Citizens from all walks of life at last rites for Walter Carter

By PAUL EVANS

Since 1954 America's black citizens have been accustomed to attending funeral services for leaders who have died on the firing line for their people's struggles.

A procession beginning with William Moore in April, 1963, Medgar Evers in June, 1963, Malcolm X in February, 1965 and Martin King in April, 1968 have led us to Walter Carter in August 1971.

A courageous widow, the flag-draped bier, the humid, crowded church, a sense of history; stirring eulogies; the presence of high and low from all walks of life each service shared a special style.

And that is the kind of funeral Walter Carter had.

Crowds had lined both sides of the 1200 block Druid Hill Ave. and inside and outside of Union Baptist Church one hour before the family arrived for the noon service where Mr. Carter collapsed on Saturday afternoon and died two hours later at Maryland General Hospital of a heart attack.

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A capacity audience of more than 550 rose as the processional, headed by the Rev. Vernon Dobson, pastor entered the main sanctuary followed by Mrs. Walter Carter, her children and other immediate family.

Pronouncing the age-old scripture, "I am the Resurrection," Rev. Dobson led the family to their place in the first six pews of the main part of the nave.

The coffin which had been open for one hour prior to the service was closed and draped with the stars and stripes. It rested, surrounded by floral tributes, mostly from the immediate family, directly in front of the pulpit.

Honorary pallbearers headed by Lawrence Cardinal Shehan and Parren J. Mitchell sat immediately behind the podium in the choir loft.

Active pallbears sat to the left of the family leaving the remainder of the auditorium to the audience.

Mrs. Carter was dressed in black with matching mantilla. The two daughters wore white.

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The opening prayer and scripture were by the Rev. Wendell Phillips, Heritage Unit Council of Christ and the Rev. Trevor Bentley.

Three representatives were chosen by the family to present eulogies. Speaking first was Norman V. A. Reeves, president of the William L. Moore Foundation.

Some excerpts from his tribute are:

"He had the hope that in his time all men, his brothers in particular who had suffered so much would no longer have to suffer the indignities, the inhumanity that had been vested upon them.

"Today Walter joins that long line of men who had a common idea of freedom and dignity for everyone . . . Walter would not want us to mourn him but to do what each of us could to make that dream come true. . . . It is hoped each of us can nurture that bit of love that Walter left behind. . . ."

Dr. Chester Wickwire, of Johns Hopkins University, said:

"Mr. Walter Carter was my friend. He let me walk with him. Those who came close to him knew and know that Mr. Carter stood at timberline on the edge of change and reaches for the summit for his people. He was often alone, above men of shorter vision and lesser courage. Walter Carter's life is distinctive in the elements of its style. . . .

"This tree of mr. was never quiet. He saw the loneliness of the city. He heard the cry of laborers when wages were kept back. He was angered when he could not break bread with his neighbor. He felt pain when the houses of his brothers were taken away. . . .

"In 1968 he tasted bitterness when we would not let him come down and help us with the city. Walter Carter was always a swift witness against oppression and exploitation. . . .

"His life became a mirror in which our injustices and hypocrisy make us ashamed. . . . He wore himself out for his people, for blacks, for whites, for Baltimore, for Maryland, for America. . . .

"Walter Carter was Baltimore's liberty great. Our tree of liberty. . . ."

FLASH

Slain matron's hubby in suiside try

Charles Lee, 40, against whom a case is now pending in Kenbridge, Va. the July 21 slaying of his wife, Mrs. Lillian Lee, was fo.cibly taken by police today (Friday) from his home in the 1500 block Patterson Park Ave., after swallowing some still unknown lethal substance.

At Johns Hopkins Hospital, Mr. Lee is reported to have become unusually disturbed while physicians were trying to determine what he had taken.

AFRO readers will recall it was reported in the July 24 edition that Mr. Lee tried to take his life in Kenbridge, after shooting his wife while the Eastside matron was on vacation with the well-known family there.

$11 million New Dunbar given bid

In an unanimous vote Wednesday afternoon, the Board of School Commissioners accepted an $11,942,000 bid for construction of the new Dunbar High School.

Bids will be asked for at a later date for construction of a $1 million neighborhood center which will be part of the new school. Rejection of bids for this projection was recommended by acting superintendent of schools, Sterling S. Keyes.

Mr. Keyes said the lowest bid was 68 per cent higher than estimated by the Department of Education.

The bid for the new school was presented by the John McShane Co. at $1.5 million higher than estimated. The board, however accepted the figure on Mr. Keyes convincing argument that further revision plans would result in a higher figure.

The bid will have to be approved by the Board of Estimates.

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