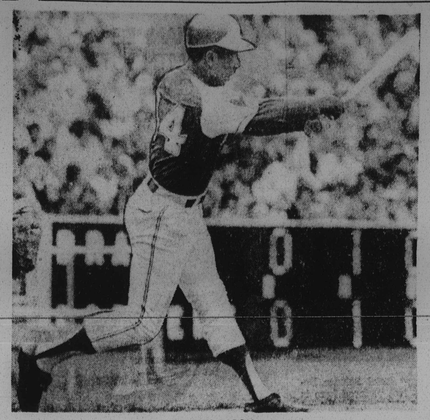

HANK AARON
going for fences 'every chance I get'

Hank Aaron getting test of mettle in 2-ply race

By DAVID MOFFITT

ATLANTA (UPI) — Hank Aaron is fighting back the panic, but he can't hide the concern.

If this were 10 years ago, or even five years ago, Aaron would laugh off a .125 batting average as "just a slow start."

But Hank Aaron is 39 years old and the lurking possibility that he may not be able to hike that meager average very much is no laughing matter.

The one saving grace has been that Aaron is still hitting home runs and if he continues to close in on Babe Ruth's record, few will worry about that batting average.

Through the Braves first 23 games, one-eighth of the way through the season, Aaron [illegible] five homers and a career total of 678, 36 shy of the Ruth record.

The Braves, who need Aaron's homers to hypo sagging attendance, point out that in five previous seasons when he had five homers in that span, he wound up with from 33 to 47 for the entire year.

Aaron, who came into this season with a 19-year major league batting average of .311, admits he is "embarrassed" by his early season failure.

But he is not convinced that the slump will continue. He feels that he may have taken it a bit too easy in spring training and thus is "behind schedule."

Anyway, Aaron, who had 3,020 hits as his prime goal until he reached that mark a few years ago, is now concentrating on catching Ruth.

"I don't know that I will ever hit .330 again, or even .270," said Aaron who hit .233 last season after batting .327 the year before.

"But I'm convinced I can still drive in runs and still help this ball club," continued Aaron who has said he would "not want to hang around when I no longer contribute. Given a choice between hitting .300 or catching Ruth, I'll go for those 714 homers every chance I get."

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Bears host MEAC meet; Eagles odds-on choices

North Carolina Central, romping winner of the division championship at Washington two weeks ago, rules as prohibitive favorite to annex her second straight Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference track and field title at Morgan State College this weekend.

The meet commences today (Friday) and continues through Saturday.

Some disappointment was felt over the weekend when injuries to key men — Mel Bassett and Larry Black — knocked out NCC hopes to repeat as 880 and sprint medley relay champions at the Penn Relays in Philadelphia. But both are expected to be ready for the upcoming conference competitions.

Last year, the Eagle thinclads captured eleven first place events in steamrolling their way to the MEAC's first track title, amassing a total of 81 points.

The mile relay event may be the feature event of the two-day card with the celebrated Eagle tandem of Porter Tompkins, Black, Robert Ouko and Julius Sang slated to duel Morgan [illegible]'s youthful foursome of Fred Colvin, Bill Walden, Gary Hinton and Greg Horne, all freshmen.

LARRY BLACK
hopes to be ready

The two teams collided two weeks ago in Washington, and Morgan led the race going into the final leg when the experience of Sang paid off as he caught Horne in the turn and coasted the Eagles to a 3:14.4 time. The Bears' foursome finished in 3:15.1.

Another duel expected to materialize on the Hughes Stadium turf is the classic match between Bassett and Morgan frosh Maurice Raeford in the 440 intermediate hurdles event.

The two clashed in the MEAC Regional and the younger Raeford pulled off a stunning upset, tapping the seasoned Bassett at the tape in 53.0 in the race over the 330-yard distance.

There was no confrontation between Bassett and Raeford at Philadelphia. But another young Eagle fencer, Charles Foster, scored in the high hurdles event in which Raeford finished sixth.

In addition to Bassett (440 intermediate hurdles), Black (100 and 220), Sang (440 and long jump) and Ouko (880 and mile run), three other defending champions will be back to contest for their No. 1 position.

They are Anthony Morgan of Morgan in the pole vault; Foster in the 120-yard high hurdles, who has already zapped off a :13.6 clocking this year; and Delaware State's Mike Wilson in the two-mile.

Wilson, who led the Hornets in a 1-2-3-4 sweep in the two-mile run last year, has been clocked in 9:03.5 this spring.

Model Cities Summer arts project slated

The Model Cities Cultural Arts Project is offering summer enrichment studies in the arts this summer.

Classes will begin on June 25 and continue through August 3. Only students in grades 7 through 12 are eligible to attend. Students must also have a recommendations from their music art or drama teacher.

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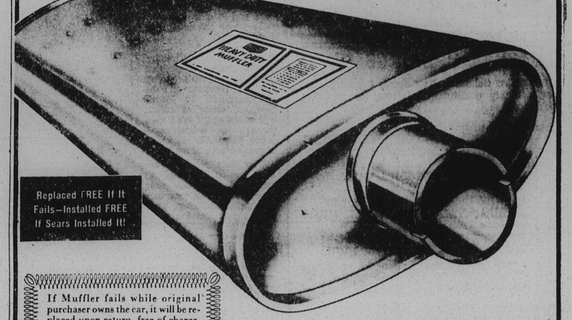

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As a prelude to the regular-season schedule, three NFL pre-season games will be broadcast at night. They are Miami at Minnesota Friday, Aug. 31, Miami at Dallas Thursday, Sept. 6 and Chicago at Washington Sunday, Sept. 9.

Four NFL post-season games will also be carried. They are the National Conference playoffs Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 22-23, the NFC championship game Sunday, Dec. 30 and the Super Bowl game in Houston, Sunday, Jan. 13.

The 83 regular-season games will be broadcast regionally and coast-to-coast. The season opens on Sept. 16 with the first of eight doubleheaders. The other doubleheader dates are on Sundays — Oct. 7, 14, 21, November 4, 18, 25 and December 9.

Other coast-to-coast broadcasts are on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov 22, and Saturdays, Dec. 8 and 15.

Each NFL broadcast will be preceded by a 30-minute pre-game program, "The NFL Today," except on December 8 and 15, when the program will be 15 minutes. The game broadcasts will be followed by a 30-minute post-game program, "Pro Football Report."

The modified blackout will again be used this season.

When an NFL team is playing at home, another game will be broadcast in that city. On doubleheader dates, only one game will be carried in cities where an NFL game is being played.

'Pete' Bennett named track 'Coach of Year'

PETERSBURG — William "Pete" Bennett, Virginia State's veteran track and field coach, has been voted the first Virginia College Athletic Association's Track and Field Coach of the year.

Bennett, a native if Portsmouth, has served as head track coach and assistant football coach at VSC for 20 years.

His coaching magic guided both his 1973 indoor and outdoor Trojans to VCAA championship crowns.

"We didn't have the personnel to give us the depth and superior talent to match the other teams in the newly formed league," said Bennett, "but I moved my guys around from event to event, both field and running, to get the most of the talent we have."

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Christian signs another player

NORFOLK — A guard with size and intellect was the prized catch of Norfolk State College Basketball Coach Charles Christian when he signed 6-3 170-pound Glenn Carrington to a Spartan grant-in aid athletic scholarship.

Carrington of Hardsom, Va. moved into the Norfolk State fold as Christian's second re-recruit with the following credentials: [illegible] at Southampton High School in VHSL Group II, [illegible] District play: All-District, three years and All-Tournament, three years.

The 19-year old youngster finished 10th in his graduating class of 110, was a member of the honor society and was named to Who's Who among high school students.

At Southampton High Carrington averaged 17 points per game under the tutelage of coaches Charles [illegible] and Jack Hale.

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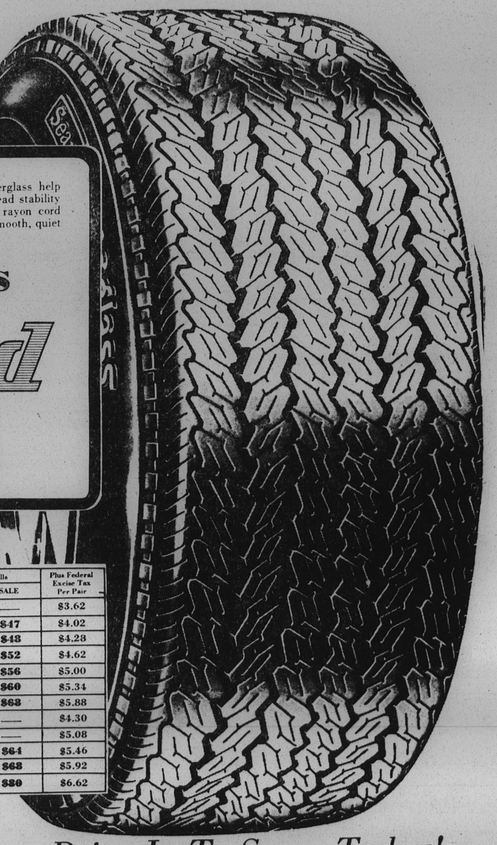

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