AFRO Sports

Ellis, Middleton ready for Monday night fight

Former heavyweight champion Jimmy Ellis and Baltimore contender Larry Middleton participated in a noon pre-fight physical examination at the Capital Centre on Thursday.

The two men will meet in a 12-round match at the Landover (Md) center on Monday night.

The Ellis-Middleton bout will be the feature of a six-event, 40-round card, which commences at 8:30 p.m.

Following the physical check-up at Capital Centre both principals participated in a public workout.

Middleton boxed two rounds each with Jimmy Young of Norfolk and John Berry of Washington, D.C., while Ellis worked with James L. Johnson, his stablemate, whose style resembles that of Middleton.

Ellis, six feet and 198 pounds, will concede both height and weight to the six-foot, four-inch, 210-pound Middleton, possessor of a booming right hand, terrific left hook and an educated jab.

Middleton has a 21-4-1 record in professional boxing, including 13 knockouts.

Ellis, a master boxer who can punch, has a 40-0 won-lost record as a pro and has defeated Oscar Bonavena, Floyd Patterson and Jerry Quarry while winning the World Boxing Association tournament several years ago after the WBA has vacated the world heavyweight championship of Muhammad Ali, then boxing as Cassius Clay, who is Jimmy's stablemate.

Angelo Dundee, trainer and advisor of both Ali and Ellis, joined Jimmy at the

NFL expansion decision proves AFRO wrong, right

The early-week AFRO prediction concerning expansion plans by the National Football League turned out to be a lose-one, win-one situation.

Clubowners at the Miami Beach (Fla.) meeting put off until April, the decision as to whether the league will add any new teams.

In his A to Z column written Sunday, sports editor, Sam Lacy wrongly predicted that the expansion matter would be settled this week. However, the AFRO assertion that Tampa (Fla.) is among the prime targets for a NFL club and that the league is likely to have its first black franchise-holder, seems to be borne out.

Tampa was among the five cities the owners identified as contenders for franchise acquisition. And the Tampa operation is headed by Rommie Loudd, a former player, assistant coach and personnel chief for teams in the NFL.

"The expansion committee reported to the owners the various aspects of expansion and reduced the number of cities in consideration to five," said commissioner Pete Rozelle.

"These five, in alphabetical order, are Honolulu Memphis, Phoenix, Seattle and Tampa. There are various aspects to be considered — the veteran and rookie allocation of players, money, realignment, ownership. — and that's why we have set aside a special meeting in New York.

"We felt it was advisable to advise the people in the other cities looking for expansion franchises of our decision. This should not to be taken as a decree that we are going or not going to expand. We're just saying that these are the five prime cities we have reduced the original applicants to and we'll make further decision in April."

Dan Rooney of the Pittsburgh Steelers, the chairman of the NFL's expansion committee, said the group will use the next two months to gather additional information, such as determining the status of stadiums.

"We have no real target date as such," Rooney said. "If a 1975 target date were to be set, then I would have to say we'll have to make a decision sometime this spring. There are so many things involved.

"Right now there is no cutoff date but the draft is held in January and if we wanted these teams in for the 1975 season, we would have to work back from that date."

Rooney said the original group of 24 cities applying for expansion franchises had been reduced to 12 and that an independent study by the Stanford Research Institute had provided the final 5 choices.

"Right now there is no cutoff date but the draft is held in January and if we wanted these teams in for the 1975 season, we would have to work back from that date." Rooney said the emergence of the new World Football League had no factor on the committee's decision.

"We did not take the WFL into consideration," he said. "We tried as best we could to put it out of our minds. We atnted to look at expansion in a sense of how it would help the National Football League, not as to how it would compete with the World Football League."

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GLAD HAND FOR ACE HAND— Baltimore Oriole manager Earl Weaver (left) beams pleasure while greeting relief ace Grant Jackson on arrival at Miami training camp. Jackson was Weaver's bullpen mainstay last year as the stylish left-hander scored eight wins without a defeat and posted an earned-run average of minus-2 for the 1973 season.

Draftee raps Colt bid in weighing WFL offer

LANSING, Mich. (UPI) — Herb Washington, the holder of the world record for the 60-yard dash, said he has gotten a "pretty good offer" from the Toronto franchise of the new World Football League.

"It's a pretty good offer," said Washington Monday. "But I would refuse it unless the franchise remains in Toronto."

The former Michigan State University speedster, who holds the record of 5.8 seconds for the 60-yard dash, was concerned over recent talk that Canada may ban the WFL from the country to prevent competition for the Canadian Football League.

Washington has in the past refused to entertain offers from the Baltimore Colts of the National Football League and the International Professional track circuit, saying that the money was not enough.

He said a year ago that Baltimore's offer "wasn't enough to pay for Carroll Rosenbloom's lunch." Rosenbloom is the former owner of the Colts.

52 TV games set for Birds

WJZ-TV 13 has announced its 1974 television schedule of 52 home and away games of the American League champion Baltimore Orioles.

This season's TV schedule opens Saturday, April 6, when the Birds meet the Detroit Tigers at Memorial Stadium in Baltimore. The list includes 28 night games, 24 day contests, and three doubleheaders in regular season play.

Nine home games and 43 away games will be televised. Viewers will see the Orioles in action against ten other American League Clubs.

Chuck Thompson and Bill O'Donnell will once again handle the play-by-play announcing for the telecasts.

Book by Knicks' Frazier tells 'Art of Being Cool'

NEW YORK (UPI) — Walt Frazier has joined the literary set.

The talented backcourt star of the New York Knicks has gone the route of many other star athletes and has written a book. Only this one differs somewhat from most of the others circulating these days.

Frazier has teamed with Ira Berkow, sports editor of Newspaper Enterprises Association, and put out a book entitled "Rockin' Steady," a guide to basketball and the "Art of Being Cool."

The book takes a different approach in that it is both autobiographical and instructional.

"It's a guide to basketball and cool," says Frazier, who is perhaps the best guard in the National Basketball Association now that Oscar Robertson and Jerry West have passed their peaks.

"It tells about the fundamentals of basketball, but it's also autobiographical.

"It gives kids an insight into the game and into myself. It will help them learn some things about the game and about the art of staying cool in pressure situations.

"Being cool has come natural for me, its nothing I worked out. By being cool you can live a longer life. People say I show no emotion no matter what the situation.

"Inwardly I feel anxiety, the same way other people do, except I don't show it. I didn't do the book for money. Money never entered into it.

"Lots of kids idolize me, and I felt this book may help them become better people."

Elder relinquishes lead in golf money

For the first time since he earned a place on the pro golf tour over 20 years ago, Lee Elder is not the leading money winner among black players on the circuit.

Jim Dent, a relative newcomer from Augusta, Ga., wrested leadership from the Washington (DC) veteran last weekend.

Going into the Florida Citrus event this week, Dent was winner of $13,508 to Elder's $5,976.

Curtis Sifford had won $5,226.

Colts players pick Lydell

Lydell Mitchell, who shattered the Baltimore Colts' one-season rushing game despite missing two games, was selected by his teammates as the club's most valuable player.

Mitchell won by a wide margin in a poll of the team conducted for the Newspaper Enterprise Association.

The former Penn State All-American running back gained 963 yards surpassing Alan Ameche's 18-year record of 961 in the season finale against New England.

Mitchell had his biggest game that day in the snow (142 yards) but also gained 104 in a stunning 16-3 victory over the Miami Dolphins and 123 earlier in the season against New Orleans.

The Colts won all three games in which Lydell topped 100 yards.

Foreman, wife reach $352G settlement

HOUSTON (UPI) — George Foreman and his ex-wife, Adrienne Ray, have agreed to a $235,000 property settlement, ending a two-and-one half week divorce proceeding that interrupted the heavyweight champion's training for a March 26 title fight against Ken Norton.

Mrs. Foreman's attorney, Huey O'Toole, said attorneys for the couple reached the settlement in San Francisco. Foreman is training for the Caracas, Venezuela fight in Oakland.

O'Toole said Mrs. Foreman would receive $235,000 in cash. As her part of the community property and child support for the couple's 13-month-old daughter.

"Foreman is responsible for any debts in the marriage and there are quite a few," O'Toole said.

Domestic Relations Court Judge Wells Stewart granted the Foreman a divorce Feb. 13 but attorneys were unable to reach a property settlement. Foreman contended he was almost broke.

Attorneys shuttled between California and Houston to gather necessary financial records while Foreman set up temporary training headquarters in Houston. The champion returned to California last week disgusted at the length of the Proceeding.

The Foremans were married in December, 1971.

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AFRO, Cong. Mitchell cited for honor

The AFRO Clean Block Campaign, Congressman Parren J. Mitchell and the Junior League of Baltimore are among those to be cited at the March 9, 6:30 p.m. Awards Night of the Baltimore Urban Environment Chapter, IWLA.

Henry Gibson, TV, movie personality, poet and environmentalist, is guest speaker at the event set for the downtown Holiday Inn.

Charles A. Haywood is BUEC awards committee chairman with Mesdames and Messers Mable Payne, Ed Green, Margaret Freeman, Paisley Graham and Larry Young, members.

HONOREES

Joseph W. Penfold Memorial Award—the Highest Award — goes to Paul Allen, executive director, Maryland Environmental Trust.

Environmental award: Cong. Parren J. Mitchell, Cong. Paul Sarbanes Sen. Julian Lapides, and F. Pierce Linaweaver, director, Baltimore Department of Public Works.

Honor Roll Award—to, AFRO-AMERICAN Clean Block Campaign, Trout Unlimited, Junior League of Baltimore, and Dr. Neil Solomon, Secretary, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Court clerks say 'no racial rift in office'

A group of clerks employed at Criminal Court told the AFRO, "There is not any racial rift in their office. The clerks were referring to an article published in a daily newspaper which said there is discord among black and white workers in the office.

The clerks stated they favor a pending bill in the Legislature to place all present deputies under the merit system. The statement was signed by Charles Richardson, Charles Waters, William Allen, Marvin Hewlin, Shantel Oliver, Mrs. Geraldine Rosemond, Miss Wanda Davis and Miss Thelma Kilby.

The signed statement said, "We the black deputy clerks wish to make it known and positively accurate for the record that there exists no racial strife among the black and white employees in the office."

The clerks said, "All personnel entering the clerk's office after the institution of the merit system will be subject to written examination."

According to the clerks signed statement, a similar bill in 1971 placed all deputy sheriffs then in office under the merit system and required future personnel to pass the test for employment.

Public energy hearing

Several community and workers organizations have come together to form a coalition to "Put the heat on." The coalition is calling for a peoples hearing on the energy crisis at the Union Square Methodist Church, Calhoun and W Lombard St., Sunday, March 3 at 3 p.m.

The hearing will focus on getting Baltimore residents who have been waiting in gas lines, gas station owners and attendants, poor and working people, all of us who are affected by this crisis together to exchange ideas about how to organize against the big oil companies and government policy makers who seem to be the real cause of peoples problems.

This meeting, to which everyone is invited, is seen as a first step in an ongoing struggle to get a fair shake from the corporations and the government, for the people.

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Sen. Blount's suggestion to end teachers' strike

Senator Clarence W. Blount (Balto. City, 5th) has called for immediate end to the teachers strike in the best interests of children, parents, teachers and the City.

He states, "I have asked the governor to call all parties together. I stand ready to assist."

Declaring that the positions of the parties involved is no longer that far apart, he suggested that negotiations conducted with good will by all parties ought to bring about quick resolution of differences.

Sen. Blount says all sides would have to compromise a little.

He calls for a lump sum payment of one-half of the salary which a teacher would have received if there had been no strike since teachers have negotiated in good faith and exhausted every administrative remedy before striking.

In addition, he says there should be written guaranty that there will be no reprisals for participation in the strike ought to be provided.

"This is no time for reprisals or punitive measure," Sen. Blount states.

"Such actions will create animosity that will outlast the strike and cause the education system of the city to regress."

Eight Per Cent Raise

The teachers' request for binding arbitration for grievances should be honored as well as the increased health and leave benefits agreed upon.

Finally, he suggested that an 8 per cent increase for next year was essential in light of the current rate of inflation.

All of this, Sen. Blount says, is immediate remedy.

However, he states, the City Administration and the state cannot afford to sit back once the strike is resolved, because the economic plight of Baltimore City is like a lighted keg of dynamite right now.

"The city must continue to pursue long range solutions for its fiscal problems," he said.

State Funding

"Full funding by the state for education, state assumption of the cost of teachers salaries, or at least an increase in the basic level of state funding from the present $610 per child to a more realistic level or an increase in density aid are possibilities which the City Senators are exploring," said the chairman of the Baltimore City Senators.

State takeover of local payments for health care of the indigent would also save the city $10 million which it could then apply to other programs.

The City Senators have introduced a bill to accomplish this.

Salaries Low

Historically, the city schools, as is well-known, have been on the short end of the stick in comparison to the surrounding subdivisions.

The teachers' salaries are lower; their working conditions harder, and their resources meager. Still, in that kind of climate, we have attempted to teach our young with well-worn textbooks and limited supplies.

What has been accomplished over the years is little short of phenomenal.

Nevertheless, there is a tremendous job to be done to keep progressing forward.

Patterson Must Have A Chance

The Superintendent of the City School System has the same responsibility as any other superintendent in Maryland. In addition, he must perform under the handicaps of decaying buildings, inadequate funds and political antagonisms.

In just two years, he has faced deficits of a million dollars a year, an organizational structure that had not undergone any significant change in decades and an educational delivery system that simply was unable to keep pace with the realities of the seventies.

I submit, that with regard to the many changes he has caused to be brought about, the time is too short to make any judgements about end results.

In other words, as regards the effectiveness of the reorganization for the Baltimore City School System, the jury is out!

And, so it should remain until Dr. Patterson's plans have had a chance to prove themselves one way or another.

City's Duty

"The City Administration should anticipate incrtased costs more realistically in establishing its budget projection for the year. The conflict between two representative organizations should not be used by the City Administration to duck its ultimate responsibility to the educational system of the City of Baltimore.

"In critical times it is too easy for one beauracracy to point to another for the money to bring about a solution, but," said the Chairman of the City Senators, "unless every level of administration and all parties involved in negotiations make some additional effort, no resolution will be found."

The Children

Sen. Blount declared that "of utmost concern to all parties should be the effects of this strike on the children who belong in the schools, many of whom have been left roaming the streets and losing valuable educational opportunity."

"If we can put a man on the moon, build a bridge across the bay, and sustain life through surgery, then certainly we ought to be able to settle the current teachers' strike," he said.

"I call upon all parties concerned — the Governor, the Mayor, the PSTA, BTU, Department of Education, the School Board and the General Assembly of the state — to meet around the clock until a contract is signed and teachers are back in the classroom," said Sen. Blount.

"Whatever time it takes to hammer out a satisfactory settlement will be well-invested. The return on that investment can be measured best in terms of our most important natural resource, our children!

"I ask the Governor to call all parties together. I stand ready to assist in any way I can," said Sen. Blount.

John A. Faulkner assistant to Dr. Bard

By Dr. Sidney Kobre

Four top administrative appointments to the Liberty Campus and the Harbor Campus were approved by the Board of Trustees of the Community College of Baltimore this week.

On the Liberty Campus, Mrs. Barbara L. Faw will become Dean of Student Activities and Joseph Stein will become Dean of Student Personnel Services.

The board also approved John A. Faulkner's appointment as administrative assistant to President Harry Bard. For the Harbor Campus, the Board approved the appointment of Mr. Jack W. Friedman, who will become assistant dean of the faculty there.

Mr. Faulkner, the new administrative assistant to the president, was appointed assistant director of Student Activities at CCB in January, 1969. Two years later he was promoted to his present post as Director of Student Activities.

A native Baltimorean, and a graduate of Douglass High School Mr. Faulkner was awarded his B.S. degree from Morgan State College, where he was active in athletics and student affairs. He has studied on the graduate level at Loyola College, Howard and Yale University and Morgan State College.

Students want volunteers to help Meals on Wheels

By Janet M. Gaston

Seven students in the Urban Affairs Seminar, Sociology 290 class at The Community College of Baltimore, are looking for volunteers to work with The Meals On Wheels Service that is offered by Douglas Memorial Christian Community Church.

The "Douglas Kitchen" is located at Madison and Lafayette Aves. where the Rev. Marion Bascom is pastor and Mrs. Martina Jones heads The Meals On Wheels Service. The Meals On Wheels central office is at 5820 York Rd.

There are many people on a waiting list who are in desperate need of this service, but cannot be served as of yet because of a shortage of volunteers.

With more volunteers, a new route can be established and more people can be served.

These people waiting are shut in because of age or some physical disabilities and cannot prepare regular meals for themselves.

Some live alone and are often very lonely.

They live on fixed income and find it very hard to prepare proper meals with their limited funds.

The "Douglas Kitchen" is the only one serving an entire Black community.

Volunteers are needed to drive their cars and friendly visitors are needed to ride along and take the meals in and spend 5 to 10 minutes talking with the people being served.

If you are available at least 1 day a week between 11 A.M. and 1 P.M. and are willing to give some of your free time to make life a little easier for someone else please contact Mrs. Christine Hall in the Urban Affairs Dept. at The Community College of Baltimore at 462-5800 Extension 233 or 234, or call Mrs. Janet Gaston at 362-6879.

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