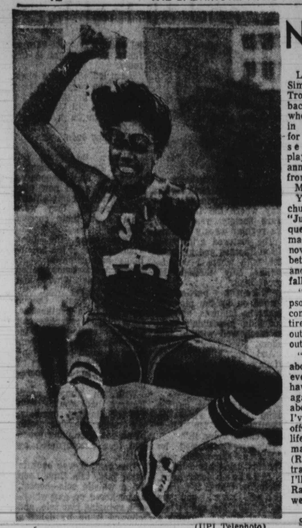

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THERE SHE GOES — Kathy McMillan, U. S. Olympic long jumper, loses her glasses as she competes in her event in a dual meet with the Soviet Union, last week. Kathy finished second in the long jump to a Russian competitor.

Crowds make Ali desert own camp

BERRIEN SPRINGS, Mich. (UPI) — Muhammad Ali, reportedly upset over crowds "bugging him" during his training activities, has left his 80-acre farm where he was preparing for a title bout against challenger Ken Norton.

Exactly where the champ has gone to finish out his training no one knows for sure, except his inner circle of associates. And they aren't talking.

Ali and his entourage quickly and quietly packed up and slipped away Tuesday, leaving behind a skeleton crew of cooks and grounds keepers to maintain the sprawling river front estate that had once been a Mafia hideaway.

Henry Greer, a staff cook said Ali left the camp to escape the crowds of gawkers whom he said have descended upon Muhammad Ali Farms by the hundreds every day for the past four weeks.

"The champ said people up here bother him too much," Greer said. "There are too many people coming around all the time, bugging him.

"They come before training, during training, after training, late at night, early in the morning. They were breaking his concentration, you know. The man can't even sit down at the dinner table without people coming around.

"He doesn't want to hurt people. He's not the type of person to say, 'You gotta leave.' They were running the man off his own place, you understand?"

Greer said Ali telephoned him Wednesday to leave word where he was planning to go.

"But I didn't have a pencil to write it down, and when I went to get one, he hung up," Greer said. "He might call again later. I don't know."

Ali bought the farm near this southwestern Michigan town northwest of Chicago a year ago and announced he would turn it into a hideaway and training camp. When he moved in last fall and began training, hordes of area citizens flocked to the camp to watch Ali job around a corn field and spar in a barn turned gymnasium.

Ali seemed to enjoy the audience last spring while he was training for his fight against Jimmy Young. Frequently he would joke and talk to the on lookers as he danced and sparred around the ring.

"I like this one-horse town," Ali would say. "I'm gonna put this one-horse town on the map."

Colts meet Bears in Chicago

The Colts take on the Bears in Chicago Saturday, Aug. 14.

The game will be aired on WCBM (630) radio and WJZ (channel 13) television at 8:05 p.m.

Both teams have 2 and 0 preseason records.

The clubs have met just five times in preseason play, with the series tied 2-2-1. Chicago won the last meeting 20-16 in Baltimore in 1974.

This is Baltimore's first visit to Chicago for a preseason game with the Bears, although the Colts have played preseason games there with the Chicago Cardinals and the College All-Stars.

Baltimore leads the regular season series 20-13, following last season's 35-7 win in Ted Marchibroda's debut as head coach of the Colts.

No more 'Juice'? Well, maybe . . .

LOS ANGELES — O. J. Simpson, former Heisman Trophy winning running back from Southern Cal who continued his legend in pro football by rushing for more yards in a single season than any other player in NFL history, has announced his retirement from football at age 29.

Maybe.

You had to hear the chuckle in his voice as the "Juice" responded to a question of whether he has made a decision to retire now that trade negotiations between the Buffalo Bills and Los Angeles Rams had fallen through.

"It's no decision," Simpson said. "As far as I'm concerned now, I'm retired. But I'm working out—just in case I come out of retirement.

"I haven't even thought about football. I work out every morning in case I do have to play the game again. But I'm not worried about it. It's not my end. I've gotten plenty of job offers and I'm enjoying life. I have no choice in the matter right now. If Mr. (Ralph) Wilson decides to trade me I'll play. If not I'll be a fan watching the Rams and SC play every week."

Simpson made the comments in the press box at Los Angeles Coliseum last Saturday night, standing only feet away from the private suite of Rams' owner Carroll Rosenbloom.

Rosenbloom, watching the Rams beat the Dallas Cowboys 26-14 for their second of exhibition win of the preseason, commented only briefly when he was asked whether trade negotiations for Simpson could be rekindled.

"In my opinion?" the owner said. "I think it's dead. I don't think there's any chance of it."

Only three weeks ago Simpson confidently maintained he would be traded to the Rams and lead them to the Super Bowl.

"Well, I'm not as optimistic as I was before," Simpson said Saturday night. "At one point I thought the deal wtuld be made. But in light of some of the things that happened back East since then and some of the words that have been expressed out of Buffalo, I'm as nearly as encouraged. Right now, no one's talking."

Active negotiations for the celebrated "Juice" between the Bills' owner and Rosenbloom had been underway early in July, but fell apart when Wilson said publicly that the Rams had offered him "a Cadillac, a Toyota and a Datsun for a $46,000 Rolls Royce." Names of players were not revealed.

"It upset me a little," Simpson said of the comments. "That's one of the reasons I agreed to go on with Howard Cosell (in a broadcast from the Montreal Olympics) because it had gotten to the point when Mr. Wilson was wise cracking and making jokes about the situation.

"There was nothing funny about it at all. Fortunately, even though a lot of writers and sportscasters got upset with Howard, that type of negotiations and that type of reporting and talk by Mr. Wilson and the Bills suddenly ceased. It helped the situation because it's serious, and they should take it seriously."

Simpson, who set a single season touchdown record in the NFL with 23TD's last year, said he thinks he could be an effective addition to the Rams even if a trade didn't come until the league season began.

"Even if I came to camp out of shape and they were playing league games, I think the Rams are a good enough football team to stay in the race and maybe I could help the team in the latter part of the season.

"But I think by that time it would be pretty tough for a deal to be made. The Rams wouldn't have the number of quality players that they have to give up now. With the Bills we had a situation where we had a lot of offense and no defense. And some of the requests by the Bills would have put the Rams in the same situation—a lot of offense with no defense."

(UPI Telephoto)
U. S. OLYMPIC BOXER, Sugar Ray Leonard, a gold medalist in the 1976 games, chats with guest host Joey Bishop (R) as he appeared on "The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson," Monday.

Archie shows 'em he's worth gamble

CINCINNATI — Archie Griffin is quieting his critics.

There were those who claimed the two-time Heisman Trophy winner was too small for the pros.

In fact, several NFL teams passed over the 5-foot-9, 189 pounder for other running backs in the college draft before the Cincinnati Bengals took a chance with him.

But it's beginning to look like the Bengals didn't take much of a gamble.

Less than five minutes into last Saturday night's preseason game against the Buffalo Bills, Griffin took a handoff on a draw play, crashed through the line and dashed 49 yards for a touchdown.

Griffin's gallop ignited the Bengals toward a convincing 31-10 victory.

"I was thinking before the game — what if I could break one of those long runs?" Griffin recalled. "So, the first thing I did when I got back to the sidelines was to get down on my knees and say a little prayer."

Because nearly every player on the roster got into the exhibition game, Griffin only played the first quarter, amassing 64 yards in five carries.

"There's room for improvement, but I feel like I'm doing OK," Griffin figured. "I know I've got a lot to learn here, so I just want to get in some playing time."

Griffin's performance against Buffalo was more than complemented by the Bengals' veteran passing combination of quarterback Ken Anderson and wide receiver Isaac Curtis.

The Anderson - Curtis connection netted touchdown passes of 44 and 51 yards, the second bomb coming just 31 seconds after the first thanks to a fumble recovery by Jim LeClair.

Cincinnati scored all its points in the first half, rolling up 320 yards, with reserves parading through a mundane second half.

Sprinter's rights upheld in court

TOPEKA, Kan. — A federal judge has ruled unconstitutional a regulation of the National Collegiate Athletic Association pertaining to eligibility of amateur athletes.

U.S. District Court Judge Richard Rogers issued an injunction preventing the University of Kansas, the NCAA and the big eight conference from denying sprinter Clifford Wiley, 19, the right to participate on the Kansas team.

Rogers ruled the defendants may not deny the Baltimore youth any rights associated with membership on the track team and may not withhold payment of his scholarship funds.

Rogers found Article 3, Section 4B of the NCAA constitution, pertaining to eligibility requirements for amateur athletes, in violation of the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment of the Constitution. He said the NCAA cannot count any federal educational assistance an athlete receives in determining whether he is eligible to take part in collegiate sports.

Counsel for the defendants said an appeal was expected.

Wiley was ruled ineligible to compete in NCAA - sanctioned meets as a member of the track team in March due to violation of the NCAA rule limiting athletes to the financial equivalent of each school year's tuition, fees, books, room and board, set at $2,755.

Officials determined Wiley had received more than the dollar total because of his participation in a federal program, Basic Educational Opportunity Grant, worth $1,400 per year.

The sophomore said he was denied due process of law granted by the Constitution when he was ruled ineligible without a hearing or formal notice. Also, he said the cutoff of scholarship payments is a breach of contract.

Wiley also said the ruling constitutes discrimination against the poor and indirectly against minorities. The suit, filed by Douglas County Legal Aid Society, said Wiley had no other funds to continue his education.

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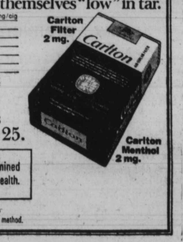

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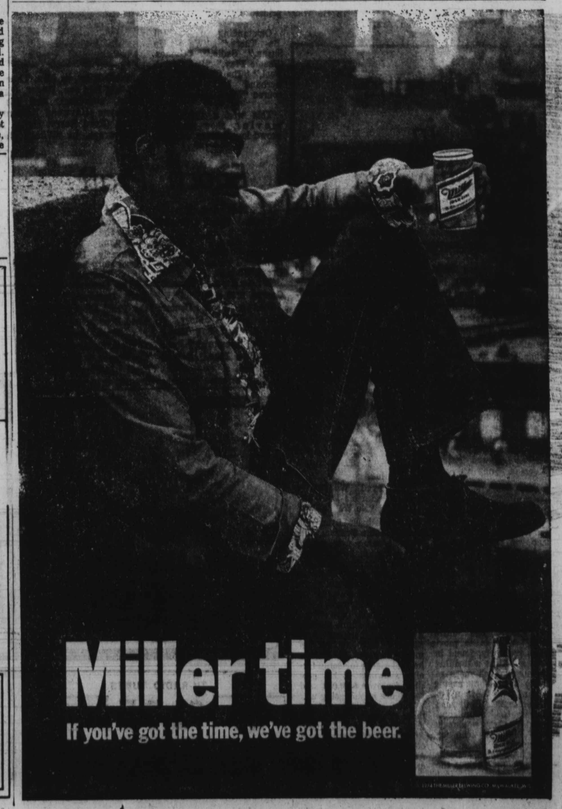

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Auerbach eats crow, says Erving best NBA forward

By Steve Wilstein
UPI Sports Writer

MONTICELLO, N.Y. (UPI) — Red Auerbach, pro basketball's venerable elder statesman and leading authority, had a few things to say Wednesday on the state of the game after merger, the secret of the Boston Celtics' success and his newest favorite ballplayer, Julius Erving.

"One of the best parts of the merger, maybe even the best thing to come out of it, is Julius Erving," Auerbach said at the annual Maurice Stokes charity game. "He is not only great, he's one of the greatest players who ever lived. He's right up there with Bob Pettit and Elgin Baylor and before long, this guy will supplant them."

Hold it! Is this the same Auerbach who for years wouldn't give ABA players the time of day, much less a compliment, and laughed when people mentioned Erving in the same breath with top NBA players.

"I know what I said," said Auerbach, owner of a record 938 NBA coaching victories and now president and general manager of the Celtics. "I said he'd have to prove himself in our league. That maybe he wasn't as good as a lot of people thought because he was playing against inferior talent.

"Well forget it. I watched him five times at the end of the season and I don't have to wait a moment. He is an incredible ballplayer and will be the best forward in the NBA. He can do everything on offense and defense. But what really makes him great is that he is as fine a person as he is a player, just like Pettit and Baylor. They conducted themselves honorably on the court and off."

Erving, the 6-6 star of the ABA champion New York Nets, now in the same division with Boston, was scheduled to play in the Stokes game Tuesday night but had to cancel out when the effects of hurricane Belle left his family without electric power on Long Island. Erving usually plays in charity games whenever asked.

Auerbach said he considers honor, loyalty and dedication to be as basic as any physical skills a ballplayer can have. That's something he said he hopes to see again now that the warring leagues have joined forces.

"The league war destroyed the concept of good organization," Auerbach said. "It brought salaries out of whack, long term contracts, no cut contracts, agents, lawyers and disloyalty into basketball. I don't think there'll be a settling-down period for six, seven years, until there's a gradual cutting down on no-cuts and the market tightens up enough to weed out the inferior players.

"I'm hoping there'll be a settlement of ideals. The whole schmeer is law-oriented. Agents and lawyers start to guide these fellas to play toward the dollar, to go for certain statistics."

Auerbach says he doesn't use statistics to appraise a ballplayer.

"I go by what he contributes to helping his team win," Auerbach said. "I don't care what kind of numbers he has. I'm not gonna buckle under to the agents who try to hold you up. You gotta do what you think is right. We've never traded a player in the height of his career. We want the kind of player who will have his whole career with us, who we can develop to his potential, guys like Cousy, Russell, Havlicek. Maybe that's the key to our success, loyalty to the club and loyalty to the player.

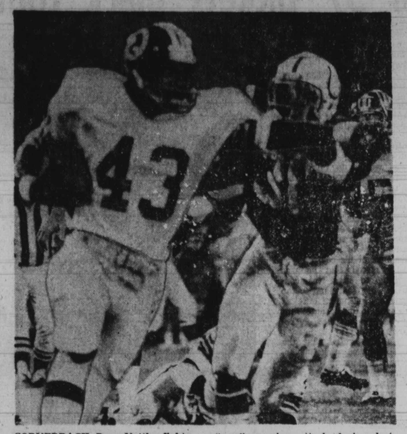
"I'm willing to be generous, but a player has to earn it. Let him work his way up to a top salary and even if he's not worth it as much when he gets older, I'd rather keep them on the club and let them get the extra money on the back end—after they've earned it."

Auerbach's principles may cost the Celtics their number one draft choice, 6-8 Norm Cook from the University of Kansas.

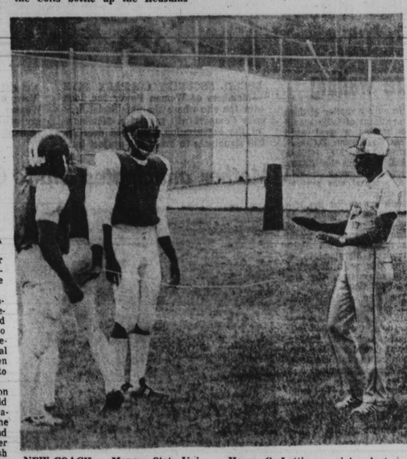
"He's got an agent who wants a long term, no-cut contract," Auerbach said. "Hell, he's not going to be a starter for us, he hasn't proved anything yet. If I lose him, I lose him. You have to do what you think is right."

If Auerbach does lose Cook, it will be a blow at another fundamental tenet of his success: building through the draft.

"It all basic," Auerbach said. "You can't win games with dollar bills: They don't rebound, shoot or play defense. You have to do it with the draft, with players you can develop."



CORNERBACK, Doug Nettles fights through Larry Brown's stiff arm as the Colts bottle up the Redskins' "new" running attack during last week's 20-3 win.



NEW COACH — Morgan State University's new head football coach Henry C. Lattimore giving instructions to player in fall practice session. The Golden Bears 1976 schedule includes a Sept. 25 date in Tokyo, Japan against Grambling State University.

BANJUL, Senegal — A giant causeway may be built across the River Gambia, if feasibility studies show the project to be practical.

The causeway would improve communications between north and south banks. It would also [illegible] links between northern Senegal and the Casamance region of Senegal, which lies to the south of the Gambia.

Also under investigation will be a proposal to build a dam at the same location. This would reduce the tidal range of the river and extend its fresh water limits, making more fresh water available for irrigation.

Next Sunny Sunday is fly a kite day

Kite enthusiasts are invited to join "Sunny Sundays" at the Inner Harbor on Sunday, Aug. 15 when the Maryland Kite Society will present "Make Your Own Kite."

In addition to a rare display of unusual kites, the Maryland Kite Society will conduct an outdoor kite-making workshop. Materials and instruction needed to make and fly a kite on the spot will be offered, free of charge, to all eager kite-flying novices.

History will also be in the making, when William R. Bigge, former Guiness Book recordmaker for flying the greatest number of kites on a single line, will test his new multiple kite-flying system designed to fly 2,000 kites at this week's "Sunny Sunday."

The Inner Harbor festivities will kick off at 12 noon to the tunes of strolling musicians, compliments of the Musicians Association of Metropolitan Baltimore. Featuring a variety of entertainment and activities for the entire family, "Sunny Sundays" will include rides, games and puppet shows for children of all ages in addition to arts and crafts exhibits by the harbor's edge.

Next week's "Sunny Sunday" on Aug. 22 will feature canoe races in the Inner Harbor and a chalk-along around Constellation Dock.

Aug. 29 will mark the final "Sunny Sunday" of the season when many of the working boats of the harbor will assemble at the Inner Harbor's west shore for "Sunny Sundays Salute to the Port." For additional information call Sunnypoop Headquarters office at 752-8632.

-Rights upheld

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The suit alleged the NCAA calculated the BEOG program and not other federal programs in determining aid to students. BEOG aid is based solely on financial need.

ACCRA, Ghana — Oil palm production in Ghana is set to move a further step forward with the development of an oil-palm estate at Twifo Mampong, in the country's central region.

A feasibility study to determine the exact location and organization of the estate, which will include an oil palm processing factory, is now in progress. It will also be concerned with devising planting and harvesting programs and assessing the scope for developing an oil-palm planting program by outgrowers on surrounding small holdings.

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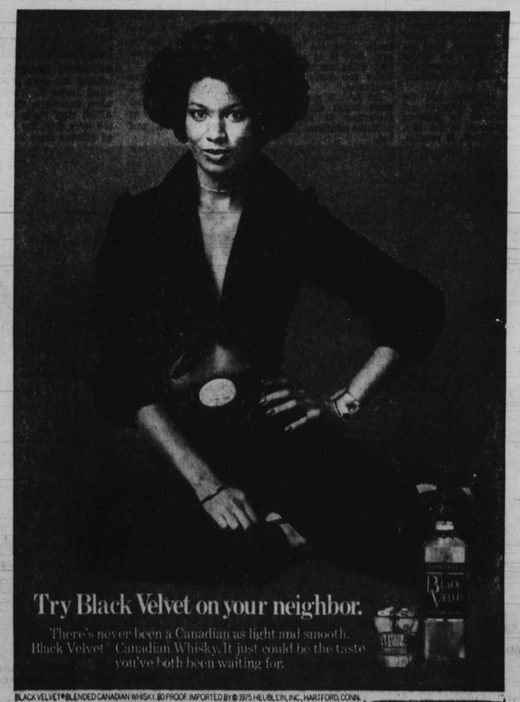

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