MEAC-CIAA Bowl finally wins OK

At long last, the National Collegiate Athletic Association has given approval to a post-season football game between the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference and the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

The champions of the two predominately black conferences will meet in what is to be known as the Bicentennial Bowl, Dec. 4, at Charlotte, N.C.

NCAA sanction of such a game had been sought for three years, but first one obstacle then another had been encountered by planners. Finally, the last hurdle — one which required application to the NCAA a year in advance — was cleared, and officials of the two leagues have moved forward.

At a meeting between MEAC and CIAA representatives last weekend at Durham, it was agreed that the CIAA would host the inaugural contest. Charlotte is the home of Johnson C. Smith University.

Memorial Stadium there seats 27,000.

Although there have been numerous inter-conference meetings between member schools, the bowl tilt will be the first football playoff between the two since six members of the MEAC left the ranks of the CIAA and joined with independent South Carolina State to form their own conference in 1970.

The MEAC consists of Morgan, Howard, Maryland-Eastern Shore, Delaware State, North Carolina Central, A and T State and S.C. State.

The CIAA includes Virginia Union, Virginia State College, Hampton Institute, St. Paul's College, Shaw University, Elisabeth City (NC) State, Winston-Salem (NC) State, Fayetteville (NC) State, Norfolk State, Livingstone and J. C. Smith.

Foreman 'not ready' asks delay

ATTLEBORO, Mass. (UPI) — Former world heavyweight champion George Foreman has asked for a one month postponement of his scheduled Sept. 17 bout in Miami with John "Dino" Denis of Attleboro.

"The guy now is giving us excuses he's out of shape," Denis' manager Ed Imondi said in announcing that Foreman wanted to reschedule the bout for mid-October.

"Foreman thought he was going to fight another stiff but after looking at the films, he realized he had better get himself in shape for Dino," Imondi said.

The 12-round bout at the Miami Convention Centre was to have been televised live by CBS-TV as part of its prime time "sports spectacular" presentation.

Denis is 28-0-1 with 13 knockouts.

MSA gridders set 6 Saturday tilts

Schoolboy football teams wrap up their third weekend of practice drills tomorrow (Saturday) with six inter-squad scrimmages on tap.

Douglass will entertain Lake Clifton at 11 a.m., and McDonogh will be at home to Southwestern.

In the other four meetings — all at 10 a.m. — City College visits Cardinal Gibbons, Northwestern travels to Southern, Patterson goes to Mt. Hebron, and Forest Park takes on Walbrook at Walbrook.

4 games scheduled in IFL Sunday play

The Baltimore Eagles will be idle this weekend as the Interstate Football League moves into its third week of play.

The IFL schedule for Sunday shows the Allegany Cougars visiting Frederick, the Harrisburg Cowboys invading Cumberland, Chambersburg journeying to Hanover to meet the Rhinos, and Carroll County hosting the Northeast Stars of Scranton.

AFRO Sports

Birds' flop hurts Lee May as candidate for MVP award

If Lee May had either a .300 batting average or John Sears running his campaign, he would be a virtual shoo-in to win the American League's most valuable player award this season.

The muscular Orioles' slugger has all the other credentials, including a league-leading 90 runs batted in and a share of the home run lead with 24. His most recent homer, a three-run shot, capped a five-run fifth inning Wednesday night to give the Birds a 7-1 victory and game sweep over the Kansas City Royals.

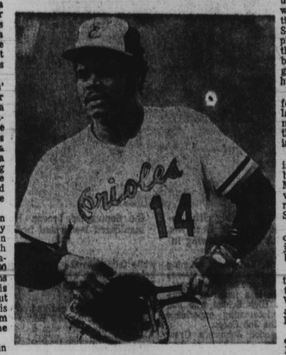
It is the eighth time in the last nine seasons May has topped the 20-home run plateau and the seventh time in the last eight seasons he has bettered the 90 RBI mark. He had 99 runs batted in last year in his American League debut and only a catastrophe this season will prevent him from topping 100 for the third time in his career.

"As long as I knock in 100 runs, I could care less if I lead the league in runs batted in," says May. "I've usually hit well toward the end of the season anyway. My hits come in spurts."

But for all of his power, May does not hit for average and is batting below .250.

That, and the fact Baltimore is a distant second behind New York in the American League East, will probably prevent May from seriously challenging for the MVP.

Both Lee and the Birds will be trying to do something about that beginning tonight (Friday), when the Yankees arrive at the stadium to open a 4-game series.



Lee May
run production erases low mark

Ali-Norton TV set at Armory

Some 8,000 general admission seats priced at $20 each are now on sale — so long as they last — for the scheduled 15-round title bout between No. 1 challenger Ken Norton and world heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali that will be moved by closed circuit color television from New York's Yankee Stadium to the 5th Regiment Armory here Tuesday night, September 28.

The armory's doors will open at 8:30 o'clock; a supporting attraction follows at 9:30, and tickets are now on sale at the Baltimore Civic Center's box office and at all ticketron locations.

This is the third meeting of these stalemated rivals, each having won an identical 12-round split decision in earlier confrontations.

Norton, then vastly underrated, fractured Ali's jaw in a stunning San Diego upset on March 31, 1973, and Muhammad was extended down to a fighting finish before evening that score by one point only on another split verdict in Los Angeles on September 10 of that same year.

Ex-Skin, ex-Oiler

NEW ORLEANS (UPI) — Verlon Biggs, a 12-year veteran cut last week by the Washington Redskins, left the New Orleans Saints training camp Tuesday without signing a contract.

Biggs had discussed a possible contract with the Saints but never signed. He showed up for one workout and reportedly left because of a knee problem.

Wheelchair tryouts scheduled by Ravens

Tryouts for positions on the 1976-1977 Baltimore Ravens wheelchair basketball team will be held on Monday, Sept. 20 and Wednesday, Sept. 22 at 7 p.m. in the Baltimore-Central Maryland League for Crippled Children and Adults gymnasium, 1111 East Cold Spring Lane.

Any new player should come out on these dates. For further information contact Mike Naugle, 235-0500.

Bi-lingual guide joins textbooks at Morgan

It is not by any stretch of the imagination, a Hank Lattimore requirement, but it shouldn't be surprising if a Morgan football player is seen carrying a Japanese language dictionary among the collection of books under his arm these next few weeks.

On the Hillen Road campus the major topic of football conversation is the upcoming trip to Tokyo, where the Bears take on the Grambling Tigers on Sept. 25. Naturally, the 48 players who figure to make the trek to Japan want to be ready in case any language barriers have to be hurdled.

Lattimore, however, feels the most important language for the Bears to master at the moment, is the Henry Lattimore gridiron vernacular.

"To heck with Grambling and Tokyo and all that business," says the new Morgan strongman. "What we must be concerned with right now is Virginia State."

The Bears open their campaign against the Trojans, Sept. 11, at Petersburg.

"After that, we'll have two weeks to think about the next (Tokyo) game. We can't afford to let it be a distraction now," fumes Lattimore.

Hank makes his head coaching debut against Morgan's traditional rival, hoping to get off well. The Bears, under former coach Nat Taylor, defeated the Trojans, 17-6, last year.

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Dubbed the "Pioneer Bowl," the Tokyo game will be held in connection with the Japanese celebration of the American Bicentennial. The game also marks the growing interest among Japanese in the sport of football.

The prominence of Morgan and Grambling sweatshirts, decals and banners, as well as the growth of organized football in Japan, are signs that the sport may eventually become a leading tjapanese pastime.

The 48 players include many who have never traveled abroad, and Morgan athletic officials are working hard to minimize any effects of "cultural shock" which might hamper the Bears' performance.

In addition to making final arrangements on the game contract, Earl Banks, Morgan athletic director and former award-winning Bear football coach, recently returned from a preliminary trip to Tokyo armed with an assortment of aids in understanding the Japanese language and culture which he has shared with the Morgan players.

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Colt trouble ahead? you bet your 'bippy'

By Sam Lacy

The dismal record of the Colts in their pre-season outings has served to temper the enthusiasm of some Baltimore football fans for the upcoming NFL season. And we'll it should.

From this desk it appears that trouble lies ahead for the 1975 AFC Eastern Division champions.

This assessment is not predicated on the 24-9 defeat suffered Thursday night in Detroit, nor on the scary 2-4 record of the just concluded pre-season schedule.

It is, instead, based on conclusions arrived at after weighing all the facets of a 1975 campaign in which the young Colts may have enjoyed too much success too soon.

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True, the Baltimore aggregation is pretty much the same one that catapulted from a 2-12 previous year and a 1-4 beginning to the top of the heap. It is for the most part, the same aggregation that ran off nine in a row — twice victimizing the feared Miami Dolphins in that span — and lifted rookie Ted Marchibroda to AFC coach of the year recognition.

As a team the Colts have the same quality personnel and with it more experience.

So, why the gloomy view from here?

Actually, the writer has no desire to spread gloom among Colt partisans. Rather, the intent is to advise caution, to warn Baltimore in advance of what can be a rude awakening.

Last year, aided by a losing past-performance chart, the Colts had the opposition set back on its collective heels by Oct. 26. That is the date on which they launched their spectacular comeback with a 45-28 victory over the Jets in Shea Stadium.

Then followed wins over Cleveland, Buffalo, the Jets again, Miami, Kansas City, the Giants, Miami again and New England.

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The fact is Marchibroda and his charges were virtually unstoppable after coming off the 21-10 humiliation at the hands of New England on Oct. 19.

Unstoppable, that is, until they ran into the Steelers in the AFC playoff at Pittsburgh, Dec. 27.

Much of this success was due to three mightily important factors: (a) Opposing teams were caught off guard by the local resurgence, (b) late-season rivals [illegible] to believe the Colts were real, and (c) the more players gathered momentum and desire with each victory.

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Now the young Colts are on the spot. Every opponent is aware of the Baltimore strength and looks upon its game with the Colts as a step toward respectability.

Nobody is going to be surprised this time around. And the schedule doesn't figure any easier. In fact, it may be a shade tougher.

There's no Los Angeles or Oakland ahead, but Cincinnati, Dallas, Houston and St. Louis do not offer relief, believe me!

Area bowlers lead Classic

Contestants from Washington and Odenton, Md., held narrow leads in the two divisions of the Championship Bowling Classic, which is nearing its conclusion at Bowl America, Odenton.

Following action of last weekend, Patricia Milhouse of Washington, is setting the pace in the handicap division, boasting a 6-pin advantage over Percy Mack of Baltimore.

In the scratch play, Jerry Mauk of Odenton, holds a 10-pin lead on Jules Falcone of Sharon Hill, Pa.

The top five in each division and their respective scores follow:

HANDICAP — Millhouse, 1169; Mack, 1163; George Johnson, Ft. Myer, Va., 1157; Kevin Timmons Baltimore, 1154, and Bernie Feingold Seven Corners, Va., 1144.

SCRATCH — Mauk-1118; Falcone, 1108; Eric Sider, Glen Burnie, Md., 1097; Robert Nurse, Brooklyn, N.Y., 1080, and Jack Mruk, Folsom, Pa. 1066.

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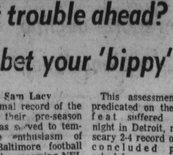

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Court orders Devine Seafood to leave Market

A motion signed by Circuit Court Judge Robert L. Sullivan this week orders the Devine Seafood Inc. to vacate its stalls in the Lexington Market no later than 6 p.m. tomorrow, Saturday.

The decision signed Monday, denied a request filed July 30 for a temporary injunction, by the attorneys for the corporation, requesting that the company remain in the market.

The request was filed after the state attorney general's office levied the largest court ordered fine ever imposed under the state's consumer protection law.

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The court fined Leo Devine, his company and two employes a total of $38,500 after the Consumer Protection Division of the attorney general's office filed suit in March, 1975 charging that Devine Seafood, Inc. with unfair and deceptive trade practices by "purposefully, intentionally and willfully overcharging" its customers on seafood purchases.

In addition to the fine, Leo Devine was accused of "personally instructing employes to overcharge customers at the rate of 10 cent per pound" specifying the price tag on a fish.

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The division had asked the court to enjoin both motions, fine the company and place the corporation into receivership for the purpose of dissolving it.

However the late Judge Harry Cole declined to place the firm into receivership for the purpose of dissolving it.

However, Judge Harry Cole declined to place the firm into receivership as long as the fines are paid.

ACCOLADE FOR ARTHUR — Professional tennis star Arthur Ashe (second left) is surrounded by sponsors of a recent "Arthur Ashe Tennis Week" salute in Los Angeles. Dr. Clyde Freeman of Washington, D.C., president of the National Association of Tennis Clubs, is shown at right. With him are Mrs. Nancy Freeman (left) and Cherri Freeman. The affair was co-sponsored by American Airlines, Budweiser and Schenley Distillers.

Sunday night WS game to be tried

NEW YORK (UPI) — Commissioner Bowie Kuhn Wednesday announced that the second game of this year's World Series would be played at night on Sunday, October 17 as part of a one-year experiment to determine whether such a move would stimulate increased fan interest.

The second game, traditionally played on Sunday afternoon, will be played at night to accommodate the many fans who would thus be able to watch the contest on television or listen to the game on the radio.

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