Scribe takes one-liner look at Derby prospects

Veteran humorist Steve Snider of UPI takes his annual look at the prospective field for next month's Kentucky Derby and comes up with the following observations:

SEATTLE SLEW — Definitions of slew, whether Webster or Inland Florida, aren't exactly flattering but the horse ran well in darling — so far.

CORMORANT — He's a hungry bird, aching for a shot at Seattle Slew.

CLEVER TELL — Needs clever run as in Louisiana and Arkansas derbies.

BANQUET TABLE — No tipping.

CUZWUZWRONG — Don't know what Cuz did but the horsera n well in west.

NOSTALGIA — Best forgotten.

A LETTER TO HARRY — Telephone is faster.

SATAN'S THUNDER — Can scare you.

HABITONY — From the emerald isle, me bucko.

STEVE'S FRIEND — Not sure you can trust him.

KODIACK — A bear for work.

RULER'S BLADE — Sharp, as a rule.

GET THE AXE — Maybe later.

CATHY'S REJECT — Cathy could be right.

MR. RED WING — Flies, but not often.

NASHUA's SONG — Off key.

FLAG OFFICER — May be outranked.

WESTERN WIND — May be just a zephyr.

COINED SILVER — Beware of counterfeits.

FRATELLO ED — New York bred, may get lost in hinterlands.

NEARLY ON TIME — Not good enough.

HOT WALKER — Cold runner.

SIR SIR — No, sir.

GETTING EVEN? — One might suspect that Lola Falana won the 2-mile marathon run over Ed Asner (right) in the "Celebrity Challenge of the Sexes," to be shown Sunday, CBS-TV commentator Vin Scully appears pleased as well as Lola. Maybe it was because she felt she got even for a tennis defeat pinned on Bill Cosby by Farrah Fawcette Majors earlier. In still another matchup, O. J. Simpson, required to play lefthanded, battled Phyllis George on the tennis court.

Lee Elder 38th, Jim Dent climbs

Lee Elder dropped three places and Jim Dent moved up three notches on the pro golf tour money list last week.

Elder fell from 35th to 38th with $28,580 in winnings, $2,500 of which came from his 19th place tie in the Masters.

Dent, in 88th place the previous week, climbed to 85th with his year's earnings of $8,980.

Cage rosters completed for gals' spectacular

University of Maryland's Tara Heiss was added to the East squad early this week to complete rosters for the women's all-star basketball game, scheduled next Saturday (23rd) at George Washington University.

The game, known as the Underalls All-American Classic, will be played annually as a showcase of the growing sport which produced a silver medal for the U.S., at the Montreal Olympics.

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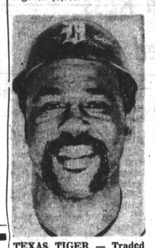
Comprising the East squad are Nancy Leiberman, 5-10 guard, Old Dominion; Cindy Brogden, 5-11 guard, Mercer (Ga.) University; Liz Gleason, 5-6 guard, So. Connecticut State; Tara Heiss, 5-6 guard, Maryland; Mary Scharff, 5-8 guard, Immaculata; Carol Blazejowski, 5-11 forward, Montclair (N.J.) State; Christy Earnhardt, 5-9 forward, N.C. State; Denise Burdick, 6-1 forward, Immaculata; Breena Caldwell, 5-11 forward, Wayland (Texas) Baptist; Genia Beasley, 6-2 center, N.C. State; Marie Cocurek, 6-1 center, Wayland (Texas) Baptist; and Marnie Dacko, 6-1 center, So. Connecticut State.

East coaches are Pam Parsons, Old Dominion; assisted by Chris Weller, Maryland.

Members of the West squad are: Ann Meyers, 5-9 guard, UCLA; Debbie Brock, 4-11 guard, Delta State; Ramona Von Boeckman, 5-10 guard, Delta State; Pam Cook, 5-11 guard, S.E. Louisiana; Rita Easterling, 5-6 guard, Mississippi College; Queen Brumfield, 6-0 forward, S.E. Louisiana; Sarah Williams, 6-3 forward, S.E. Louisiana; Pat Roberts, 6-1 forward, Tennessee; Kornelia Ward, 5-8 forward, Delta State; Doris Felderhoff, 6-0 center, Stephen F. Austin Texas); Lusia Harris, 6-3 center, Delta State; and Nancy Dunkle, 6-2 center, Cal State — Fullerton.

West coaches are Kay Yow, N.C. State, aided by her sister Debbie Yow, also of N.C. State.



TEXAS TIGER — Traded to the Texas Rangers after 14 years with Detroit, Willie Horton says he's accepting the move only because of the security. I'll always be a Tiger in my heart," declares the 33-year-old slugger who says he couldn't live with the thought of idleness of a designated hitter in Detroit.

NBA play-offs

The preliminary rounds in the National Basketball Association playoffs commence tonight (Tuesday) on three fronts — Boston, Portland, Ore., and Oakland, Calif.

The entire schedule, each a best-of-three series, follows:

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WASHINGTON VS. CLEVELAND
April 15 — Washington at Cleveland
X-April 17 — Celveland at Washington

BOSTON VS. SAN ANTONIO
April 15 — Boston at San Antonio
X-April 17 — San Antonio at Boston

WESTERN CONFERENCE

PORTLAND VS. CHICAGO
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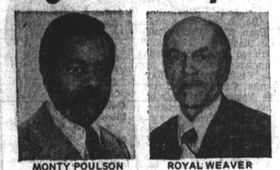

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Boxer-inmate challenges AAU ban from tournament

CHICAGO (UPI) — Heavyweight boxer Floyd "Jumbo" Cummings, an inmate at Stateville Correctional Center in Joliet, has filed suit in federal court charging the Amateur Athletic Union with violating his constitutional rights.

Cummings, who is serving a 52 to 75-year prison sentence for the murder of a Chicago grocer during a holdup, charges in the suit filed in U.S. District Court that his rights were violated because the AAU prohibits prison inmates from entering boxing matches.

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In 1975, Cummings won the heavyweight championship at the Illinois AAU boxing tournament in Waukegan and the Catholic Youth Organization tournament. He also defeated a Russian opponent in a November, 1975, U.S.-Soviet exhibition matchin Cincinnati, Ohio.

But Cummings was refused entry into the Illinois AAU boxing tournament scheduled April 23-24 and sponsored by the Springfield Breakfast Sertoma Club.

The suit charges the AAU and five of its officials with participating in an "illegal conspiracy" to prevent prison inmates from taking part in open amateur athletic tournaments in Illinois solely because they are prisoners.

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In an affidavit attached to the suit, Stateville warden David H. Brierton said, "In my opinion the (athletic) program has made a significant contribution to these inmate-rehabilitation and progress toward eventual re-entry into society."

The suit asks that the AAU be enjoined from prohibiting inmates from entering tournaments and that $50,000 in damages be awarded to prison clubs.

Ali exhibition on TV Saturday

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — Muhammad Ali, out of the ring since September when he defended his heavyweight championship, will fight a six-round exhibition tomorrow (Saturday).

Ali will take on Jody Ballard and Michael Doakes for three rounds each at the Miami Beach Convention Center. The event, to be televised nationwide, will be on the Top Ring United Star Boxing Championship card.

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Student interns critique Assembly

ANNAPOLIS — "But we need more black representation here," argued Miss Sheila Tillerson from her desk in Del. Walter Dean's office. "We need more black staff personnel, too."

Miss Tillerson, a sophomore at Morgan State University from Newport News, Va., was one of the 15 black student interns for the Maryland Legislative Black Caucus.

She is back in class full time now. The 1977 General Assembly is history. But the empty halls of the State House, the James Senate Office Building and the Lowe House Office Building still echo with the interns' voices on working assignments, talking about how they saw the General Assembly.

"You never got this studying the legislative process in American Government class," said Miss Zelma Mosley, also from Morgan. "It was an overwhelming difference."

"It's a well run organization," said Mike Carrington. "If I don't make it as an elected official, at least I will be able to understand what the politicans responsibilities are."

"Anybody that wants to know about the legislative process," Miss Mosely said, "should study the legislators and their relationship to the power structure."

The intern program was started two years ago by Del. Larry Young to handle the workload legislators face during the three month period.

The students were picked by their academic status and they spend two or three days a week learning the legislative process by doing. At the end of the period by report to their respective classes on what they learn.

"It was hard work," said Miss Clementine "Tina" Wells, a student of sociology at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

"I liked working and being part of the General Assembly and working with Del. Larry Young inspires me to get more involved in politices and political organizations," she said.

"I was exposed to information that is limitless and educational in content," said Keith Grimes, also from UMES.

"I'm thinking about a law career. The General Assembly is like any other political body in that. It serves the interests of diverse elite groups within our society. It's a practical reflection of the constitutional theory."

"The state treats the General Assembly as an extra-curricular activity," said Miss Sherone Simon, majoring in sociology at UMES. "It should be considered a major curriculum. A job rushed through the majority of the time is a half-done job. They (the legislators) need more time to get the job done right."

"I got a clearer meaning of everything," said Miss Phyllis Webb, a senior at Northern High School in Baltimore. "I knew how bills were adopted, drafted, amended and passed but I got to see the process in action."

"It is a totally different experience," said Miss Cynthia Collins, who is already on her way in politics at Morgan. "It's something that you can't get in textbooks.

"It's a good way of learning the art of working for the people," said James Kearney, majoring in business administration at Morgan.

"I got a better insight and understanding of how our government operates," said Miss Wells.

"I expected to see a lot of confusion," Carrington said. "But all I saw was hard working senators and delegates.

It is not known whether any of them or all of them will be back next year. Some student interns were here to have a good time. Others came to work.

But whatever the reason, the student interns were the harshest critics of the Assembly process because they represented the legislators voice to the people.

IN THE FINAL HOURS of the General Assembly, Miss Cynthia Collins, 19, of Morgan and Miss Sheron Simon of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore check several amendments to be presented Senate floor. (AFRO staff photo by Roman Hankewycz)

N.J. race track fire blessing for Pimlico

By Sam Lacy

The fire that destroyed the Garden State Race Track on Thursday seems certain to be a blessing in disguise for Pimlico, which opens its delayed spring meeting tomorrow (Saturday).

No one wished it, no one expected it, and no one will openly rejoice over it. But, let's face it, the situation evolves into a case where one man's misery is another man's joy.

Hard words? Insensitive attitude? Of course. But in Maryland the feeling has to be that which prevails throughout the racing industry. The guy next to you is sorry you lost your $2 bet, but he's glad it wasn't his.

The destruction of the track at Cherry Hill, N.J., removed a big competitor. And, after losing 22 days to a prolonged strike, Pimlico officialdom is happy for any help thrown its way.

Not only does the removal of the nearby competition virtually assure Pimlico more fans from Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Jersey, it promises a quick return of a large number of horses which had deserted the idle Maryland racing scene.

Old Hilltop gets the meeting under way at 1 p.m., with nine races on the card.

Scheduled are two stakes events, the Hirsch Jacobs at 6 furlongs, featuring Royal Ski, a highly rated Triple Crown candidate, and the Gallorette, a grass event for fillies and mares.

MSA Scoreboard

FRIDAY SCHEDULE
Varsity Baseball
S.W. vs. Forest Park, Sloman Fld
Spaulding at Walbrook
Dunbar at Edmondson
Douglass at Boys Latin
McDonogh vs. Mervo, Herring Run
City vs. N.W. at Pimlico
Carver at Lutheran
Gilman at Lake Clifton
JV Baseball
Forest Park at Southwestern
Lake Clifton at Gilman
Walbrook at Douglass
Edmondson vs. Dunbar, Clifton Park
Northwestern at City
Lutheran vs. Carver, Druid Hill
Mervo at McDonogh
Girls Softball
Northwestern at Carver
Northern at Notre Dame
Girls Badminton
(At Northwestern)
Northwestern vs. Western
Mergenthaler vs. Southwestern
Northwestern vs. Southwestern
Western vs. Mergenthaler
(At Northern)
Forest Park vs. Patterson
Eastern vs. Northern
Forest Park vs. Northern
Patterson vs. Eastern
(At Dunbar)
Douglass vs. Lake Clifton
Dunbar vs. Edmondson
Douglass vs. Edmondson
Lake Clifton vs. Dunbar
(At Walbrook)
Carver vs. Walbrook
Walbrook vs. Southern
Varsity and JV Track
Edmondson at Northern
Mt. St. Joe at Forest Park
Poly at North Harford
Lake Clifton at Gibbons
Southwestern vs. Dunbar, Kirk Field
Mervo at Gilman
Southwestern at Dunbar
Mervo at Gilman
Poly at North Harford
Southern at Curley
Lacrosse
Edmondson at Walbrook
Forest Park at Southern
Lake Clifton at Southwestern
City at Northwestern
Northern at Park
Patterson at Wilde Lake
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MONDAY SCHEDULE
Varsity Baseball
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Carver at Southwestern
Mervo at Spalding
Forest Park at City

Joe Williams
Wooster captain

Baltimorean runs in Ohio

WOOSTER, Ohio — Joseph Williams of Baltimore is competing again this spring for The College of Wooster track team.

A junior English major, Williams was a co-captain of the Scots crosscountry team last fall and qualified for the NCAA nationals.

He earned his first track letter last year, primarily running the mile.

"Joe is undoubtedly one of the hardest workers on the team. All the mileage he's put in during cross country is certain to help him in the three-mile," said Wooster coach Jim Bean.

Williams is the son of Mrs. Dessie Williams, 2635 Puget St.

Pre-school program

The North Baltimore Branch YMCA is accepting applications for its Saturday morning Pre-school Fun Program which begins April 23 and will run for eight weeks.

The programs, for preschool children ages 3-5, may be taken individually or as a package. Arts and Crafts will include such activities as encaustics, puppetry and string art.

Kinder Movement will feature tumbling, obstacle courses and balancing activities.

Fun Day will be inclusive of art projects, films and movement activities.

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Unemployment rose in Feb.

An estimated 145,000 Maryland residents were looking for work during February, according to preliminary figures compiled by the U.S. Labor Department.

The Department said unemployment in the state increased by .7 per cent during the month to 7.7 per cent, compared with the national unadjusted figure of 8.5 per cent.

The Department said the figures, which are not seasonally adjusted, showed there were 13,300 more jobless Maryland residents in February than in January.

In Baltimore, the unemployment rate was 8.9 per cent, or 85,900, an increase of .8 per cent over January.

Last year's figures showed a 7.5 per cent unemployment rate in the state and an 8.3 per cent rate for Baltimore.

The statistics do not reflect whether the month-to-month changes are due to temporary seasonal factors or to underlying trends because of data limitations, the Department said.

The figures come from state unemployment insurance operations. (UPI)

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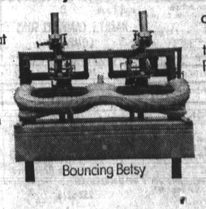

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