Campbell hailed for bringing Texans together

AUSTIN, Texas (UPI) — Texas legislators early this week honored Houston Oilers running back Earl Campbell and one state official praised the Tyler native as a man who had united Houstonians and Texans a notch before.

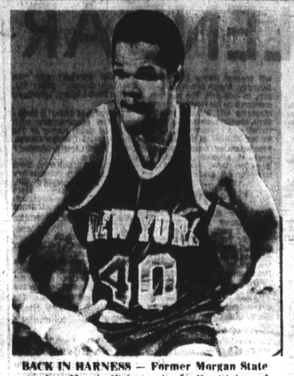
Earl Campbell saluted by state

Baltimore cager paces Bucknell

Al Leslie, a graduate of McDonogh school, shared top scoring honors on the Bucknell University five this season.

Leslie and Bob Barry posted identical 305 points and 18.7 averages for the 1978-79 Bison.

A sophomore, Al has 872 points for his two varsity years and is hopeful of setting a school record in the remaining two years at the Lewisburg (Pa.) institution.



BACK IN HARNESS — Former Morgan State standout Marvin Webster shook off criticism of New York fans Tuesday night when he hit 19 points, grabbed 20 rebounds and had four assists to lead Knicks to 104-91 NBA victory over New Orleans. It was Webster's second start since Feb. 2, after prolonged absence with knee injuries.

One-time Cowboy Bob Hayes admits trafficking in dope

DALLAS (UPI) — Bob Hayes, once described as "the world's fastest human," has admitted delivering narcotics to undercover officers.

Hayes, a former all-pro receiver for the Dallas Cowboys and an Olympic gold medal winner as a sprinter, pleaded guilty to three drug counts Wednesday.

He was granted a delay in sentencing until next week at which time his attorneys said they would present character witnesses. He could receive a life sentence on the charges of delivering cocaine and quaaludes.

Hayes, 36, was arrested at his Dallas apartment in the predawn hours of April 6, 1978, after a three-month investigation into drug trafficking in suburban Addison.

Two other men, Ben Charles Kimmell and Robert M. Adler, also were indicted on charges of delivery of cocaine growing out of their alleged involvement with Hayes.

Hayes, a gold medal winner in the 100-meter dash in the 1964 Olympics, had been free on bonds totaling $30,000. He was a star wide receiver for the Cowboys from 1965 to 1974.

O's must win 90-plus; Weaver optimistic

By Earl Weaver

MIAMI — Last year we won 90 games, the same number as the Phillies, and yet finished fourth, nine games back of the Yankees in what has to be the toughest division in baseball. If anything, the A.L. East should be even more competitive in 1979, so we've got to shoot for more than 90 victories if we hope to win.

I think we can do it.

In the second half of last year our pitching and infield defense were outstanding. We had good defense behind the plate and hit with power all year. Not many people realize that we were third in the league in homers behind Milwaukee and Boston.

We have to improve our outfield defense, and we have to hit with more consistency. Having Al Bumbry back should help us a lot in both areas. Al broke his leg last May and really didn't play the rest of the year. That hurt.

We've added a really solid veteran pitcher in Steve Stone to go along with our other four starters — Jim Palmer, Mike Flanagan, Dennis Martinez, and Scott McGregor. We might go to a five-man rotation so we can use everybody regularly, but, if not, the fifth man will be used in spots and in relief.

Speaking of relief, last year was the first time in a long while that we had consistent quality out of the bullpen primarily because of two guys from Montreal, Don Stanhouse and Joe Kerringan. I don't see any reason that our relief pitching shouldn't be even better this year.

We also have three good young arms up from Rochester in Dave Ford, Sammy Stewart, and Tim Stoddard. Ford and Stewart were both very impressive when they joined us in September and Stoddard, who is 6-7, had a good winter in Puerto Rico where he led the league in era.

Al Bumbry returns will help

Ken Singleton arm is okay

There is no real change in our catching. Rick Dempsey is the key. He's a good receiver, can throw with anyone and is getting better at the plate each year.

Our regular infield of Eddie Murray (1b), Rich Dauer (2b), Mark Belanger (ss), and Doug DeCinces (3b) put on one heck of a show with their gloves after the all-star break. The four of them made only eight errors from mid-season on.

Murray and DeCinces for the year hit 35 homers and 60 doubles between tyem and drove in 175 runs. Belanger is still the class of the field at short, and Dauer made only one error in 67 games at second.

Backing up, we have Kiko Garcia and Billy Smith. Both filled in well last year and will probably get a lot of playing time. Wayne Krenchicki, an all-AAA second baseman last year and can play all infield positions. He'll get a good look in spring camp.

Our two principal designated hitters are Lee May (righthanded) and Terry Crowley (lefthanded), and Terry is probably the best pinch-hitter in the league for consistency.

In addition to the return of Bumbry, Ken Singleton should be 100 percent. Ken, who's led our club in batting for four straight years, couldn't throw up to normal and lost a little power while recovering from an off-season arm operation.

Larry Harlow had some problems adjusting as a rookie, but he played a lot and should be much improved in 1979. He was the best outfielder in our system for two or three years.

Another one that could help us solve our outfield problems is Gary Roenicke who had a great last two months at Rochester then came up in September and hit everything in sight . . . Another kid we're going to look at closely is Mark Corey who has hit over .300 in his three pro seasons but knee surgery last spring slowed his progress a bit.

Obviously we can use some strengthening and it's possible we could swing a deal in the spring, but if we go into the season with the same players we have now, and can avoid the slow starts we've had the past two years (1st in '77 and 0-5 in '78), we will be a good ballclub. We'll have to win our division.

New stick team eyes second win

The recently formed Highlandtown Lacrosse Club travels to Dundalk tomorrow (Saturday) seeking its second win in three starts.

Winner over the Johns Hopkins B team, 6-2, in their opener, the Highlandtown stickers dropped a 10-5 decision to Anne Arundel CC last weekend.

The team is molded around a nucleus of three former local college and high school stars — Louie Carter of Morgan, Joe Holland of Parkville and Greg Swann of Patterson.

Cougar looking

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Sunday soccer

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Ajax vs. Tom's Produce, Eastwood (noon)
Team Sports vs. Sting, Lee Lower (noon)
Ukranian Sitch vs. N.E., Ortmann (noon)
Casa Bianco vs. St. Elis., Patterson 1 (2:30)
Hen's vs. Spain, Herring Run (2:30)
Post 38 vs. Italia - Pompei, Post 38 Fld (2:30)
Hazelwood vs. Hellenic 2, Lee Lower (2:30)
Boh National vs. Traveler, Ortmann (2:30)

Weekend basketball

IN THE NBA

Friday
Detroit at Boston
New Jersey at Golden State
Indiana at Philadelphia
Milwaukee at Washington
Atlanta at Los Angeles
Kansas City at New Orleans
Phoenix at San Antonio
Chicago at Houston

Saturday
New Jersey at Portland
Philadelphia at New York
Washington at Cleveland
Atlanta at Denver
Indiana at Detroit
Phoenix at Houston
Seattle at Chicago
Golden State at San Diego

Sunday
New York at Philadelphia
Cleveland at Washington
Phoenix at New Orleans
Chicago at Kansas City
San Antonio at Milwaukee
Boston at Los Angeles
New Jersey at San Diego

'Hell of a team' says coach after win over Alcorn State

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (UPI) — No one had to convince Indiana coach Bobby Knight.

"I'm telling you," he said after Indiana's 73-69 victory over previously unbeaten Alcorn State Monday night in the second round of the National Invitation Tournament, "that was a hell of a basketball team we played."

The Braves from Mississippi put their 28-game winning streak on the line and gave the Big Ten Hoosiers fits until the very end. In fact, a pair of free throws by freshman Randy Wittman with just eight seconds to go gave Indiana its final four-point margin.

Indiana, 20-12, broke the final tie at 20-20 midway through the first half and twice led by as many as 12 points. But Alcorn kept coming back.

"I don't think we controlled the tempo of the game," said Knight.

"We had a couple chances to break it open but they wouldn't let us.

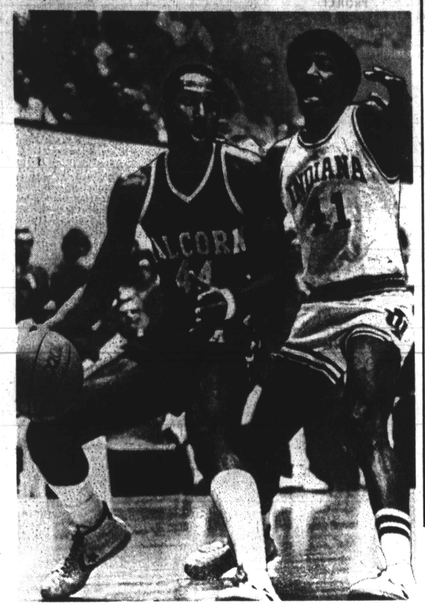
"We probably gave too much freedom offensively, but with their quickness, we felt we had to give them some room," he continued.

"You just can't shut off everything against a good team. We thought they were as good a rebounding team as we've played all year. They played it hard down to the very end with a chance to win."

Larry Smith led Alcorn with 18 points, fouling out in the final minute. James Horton, the Braves' 5-foot-7 sparkplug, tossed in 12.

"We pressed all night, but we lacked aggressiveness in the first half," said coach Dave Whitney.

"Indiana is the best team we played this year. They executed better than any team we played. Despite the loss, we proved our point that we're a good basketball team."



Alcorn's Clint Wyatt, Indiana's Butch Carter last-minute action in 73-69 Hoosier win.

Univ. of S.C. sports teams again nix segregated clubs

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The University of South Carolina golf team has been ordered to move its headquarters from an all-white country club.

USC president James Holderman has told the team it can no longer practice at Spring Valley Country Club because that club "doesn't have any black members," according to school spokesman Chip Gray.

The order was the latest in a series of changes that came after a state attorney general's ruling last Friday on a 1978 Anti-discrimination club.

Holderman also told USC football coach Jim Carlen not to speak at Gamecock Club meetings at the Country Club of Orangeburg, the club where an NCAA golf tournament was held last weekend. USC's team withdrew from the tournament.

The tournament prompted black legislators to object to South Carolina's participation because the lawmakers said the club was racially discriminatory.

College baseball

WEEKEND GAMES

Friday
Delaware St. at Pembroke
W. New England at Salisbury

Saturday
Delaware at St. Augustine's
Stockston St. at Salisbury

Sunday
Delaware at Norfolk St.

Monday
Westfield at Delaware St.
Salisbury at Glassboro St.

'Cheap shot' follows decision on jockey

By Sam Lacy

A racing writer in Washington did a "knockdown" piece on the owners and trainer of Spectacular Bid the other day. For what it means, the AFRO sports desk resents it.

None of the principals is black, so we could easily ignore the whole scenario.

Owner Harry Meyerhoff and his wife, trainer Buddy Delp and jockey Ronnie Franklin are all white. The writer of the piece is white. Even the horse, Spectacular Bid, is not black.

Why, then, does the AFRO project into the controversy over the stable's continued use of rider Franklin after what was considered a poor ride by him on their animal in the recent Florida Derby?

It is because the sports desk here abhors cheap shots. And that is exactly what the D.C. columnist's criticism became.

During the course of the critique, the writer deplored the fact that Meyerhoff and Delp planned to stick with Franklin when the likes of Willie Shoemaker, Jeffry Fell, Darrel McHargue and Angel Cordero Jr., are available.

All these fellows — as well as every guy who ever straddled a thoroughbred — have made at least one mistake during their careers.

After detailing how Franklin twice ran Spectacular Bid into trouble during the Florida Derby, the columnist wrote:

". . . Franklin's performance eclipsed Shoemaker's misjudged finish in the 1957 Kentucky Derby as the most egregious stakes ride of modern times . . ."

The official chart reading of that 1957 Derby race says: "Gallant Man, in hand and saving ground to the last three-eighths mile, moved up determinedly in the early stretch, reached the lead between calls and was going stoutly when his rider misjudged the finish . . . he could not overtake Iron Leige when back on stride."

Shoemaker was five years older than the 19-year-old Franklin.

Shoemaker lost the race of his error. Franklin didn't.

Willie's mistake cost his stable the difference between $107,950 for first place the $25,000 for second — a total of $82,950.

However, Shoemaker wasn't booted off the horse after his blow job. Trainer Johnny Nerud stayed with him and he and Gallant Man went on to win the Belmont after skipping the Preakness.

Preakness hopeful at Bowie Saturday

BOWIE, Md. — Harbor View Farm's Picturesque, an aspirant for a trip to Kentucky for the Derby and the Preakness two weeks later, will be in the starting field here Saturday in the $75,000 added Bowie Stakes.

The event for 3-year-olds was formerly contested under handicap conditions for older horses

Pratt Library schedules All documentary

"Float Like A Butterfly, Sting Like a Bee" is not only a fast-moving sports biography of world champion boxer Muhammad Ali, but also a stunning portrait of Ali's emerging black consciousness and conversion to the Nation of Islam.

This 94-minute film, the fifth in the Pratt library's special documentary series, "The Persuasive Force," will be screened at 7 p.m. next Wednesday, at the central Pratt library, 400 Cathedral Street.

William Klein's cinematography follows Ali's career from his first bout with Sonny Liston to his struggles with the predominantly white-controlled world of boxing.

Introducing the film and leading the discussion afterwards will be Walter Gill, director of Morgan State University's communication media center.

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