Powder-dry Bullets may be firing last blast

In what could be the last blast by their Bullets, Washington basketball fans are contemplating how to quiet the boom of the Seattle Supersonics tonight (Friday) at Capital Centre.

The defending NBA champions were in a sour mood as they returned from Seattle trailing, 3-1, in the best - of - seven playoff and facing extinction.

"I am very upset," Motta said following the Bullets' 114-112 overtime loss to the Sonics Tuesday. "Seattle played the last 14 minutes of that ball game and didn't have a single foul called. In an NBA game, at least one foul is committed in the last 14 minutes."

"In our last San Antonio game, the referees were accused of favoring the champions, that the Muhammad Ali privilege had been extended to the Washington Bullets," Motta recounted. "Tonight, I honestly feel we were the victims of (Spurs coach) Doug Moe's outbursts."

"It was just like an Ali - Frazier fight," said the Sonics' John Johnson. "It was a knockdown, drag - out, heavyweight affair. There's so much going on out there, it's hard for the officials to call it all."

Four players fouled out before it was over, including the entire Washington front - line of Elvin Hayes, Bob Dandridge and Wes Unseld.

"We felt it was a must game," said Seattle coach Lenny Wilkens. "We put pressure on ourselves because we knew they were going to come out and play tough."

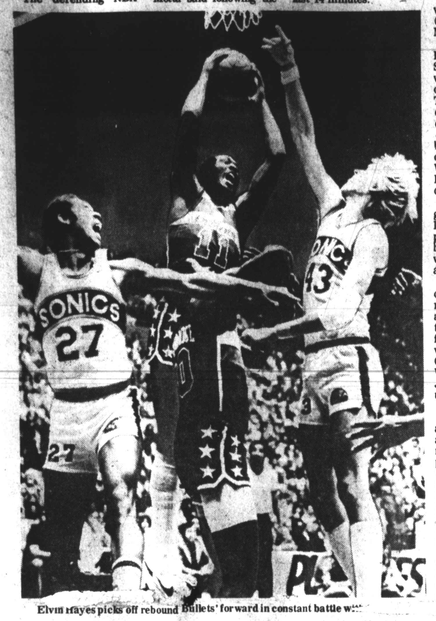
In all, 58 fouls were called and the two teams made good on 54 - of - 72 attempts from the free throw line. Lonnie Shelton fouled out for the Sonics, while Tom Henderson and Charles Johnson of Washington and Dennis Johnson of Seattle ended up with five fouls each.

Constoversy swirled around the officiating after game 1 when a number of the Sonic partisans, including the wife of team owner Sam Schulman, criticized a last - second foul call on Dennis Johnson that sent Larry Wright to the foul line for the winning points.

After game 2, which was won by Seattle, the Bullets were outspoken in claiming the Sonics had played an illegal zone defense.

"We haven't done anything easy in the playoffs yet," said Hayes. "We have to pay the price for Doug Moe's statement. A team goes 14 minutes without a foul — that's absolutely impossible.

"It's bad when two teams can't play and settle it on the floor. We'll play all three officials if we have to."



Elvin Hayes picks off rebound Bullets' forward in constant battle w...

Houston Rockets Malone MVP

Within a few weeks after receiving his diploma from Petersburg High School in June 1974, Moses Malone made a couple of turns.

He turned down offers from an estimated 70 college basketball scholarships and turned pro, accepting a $3 million contract with the Utah Stars of the now defunct American Basketball Association.

On Tuesday, the alive and healthy National Basketball Association said he was its best player in 1979.

The 25-year-old center of the Houston Rockets received 112 of 223 votes cast by NBA players for the Podoloff (MVP) Trophy.

San Antonio's George Gervin got 35 votes, Washington's Elvin Hayes 28, and Los Angeles' Kareem Abdul-Jabbar 15.

BITS O' BRIEFS

Carroll washout

Walter "Chink" Stewart was forced to call off last wekend's Baltimore Carroll Park Open golf tournament.

Rain and wet grounds prevented play in the scheduled 18-hole event. New date for the tourney will be announced later by Stewart, the Carroll pro.

Extension 2

All-Pro Elvin Bethea was somewhat less than enthusiastic when he learned early this month that his team, the Houston Oilers, had used its first two NFL draft choices on defensive ends.

The one - time star of A and T University football, himself a defensive end, observed:

"I'm not sure that our line will be better this year, but at least it will be longer."

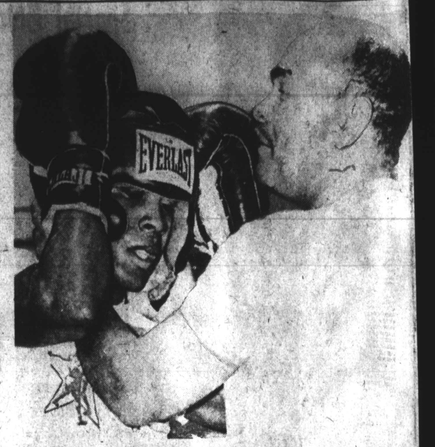
Down to size

PORTLAND, Maine — Middleweight Marvin Hagler, Brockton, Mass., knocked overmatched Jamie Thomas of Cincinnati through the ropes at 2:38 of the third round Friday night, taking one more step toward an eventual shot at the title now held by Hugo Coro.

Hagler said his opponent in the scheduled 10 - rounder was "awkward, mostly off balance. I had a problem with his height, so I had to knock him down to my "size."

Former Marquette University basketball coach Al McGuire says the 1980 NBA draft should be delayed two months so college seniors can play for the United States in the Olympics.

He says delaying the draft will hurt no one and it will give the nation a "representative chance of retaining the gold medal."



Sugar Ray Leonard and Dave Jacobs gear adjustment starts prep for tough battle

Leonard honeymoon over? Real life begins June 24

All those pleasant evenings of the past when Sugar Ray Leonard was enjoying the company of cooperative partners, appear to be ready to run out.

Like a spouse emerging from a honeymoon, the 23-year-old Palmer Park (Md.) youngster may be called upon to begin the reality of the ring on June 24.

That is the date for Sugar Ray to forget the light - punching, slow - moving, willing companions of the last two years, as he takes on one who figures to do a little scratching back.

Leonard is booked to meet North American middleweight champion Tony Chiaverini on the fourth Sunday of this month.

The two fighters were originally scheduled to meet in a nationally televised bout May 20 in Baton Rouge, LA., but the negotiations collapsed when the promoters could not reach a financial agreement with Chiaverini. Leonard fought middleweight Marco Gerlado instead and posted a unanimous 10 - round decision.

In the interim, Chiaverini had hoped to land a world title fight against either WBC middleweight champion Maurice Hope or WBA champion Hugo Curro. But the Hope camp has indicated its champion will remain idle until at least the fall and Curro has already contracted to fight Vito Antuofermo in late June.

"I'm not going to get a world title fight right now," said Chiaverini. "It'll be in the future, probably the end of the year at the earliest. So why not take the opportunity to fight Leonard now? It's a good chance for me to get some national exposure. It's a fairly good pay day. And I think I can beat him."

Chiaverini and Leonard have contracted to fight at 154 pounds in a 10 - round bout in front of ABC television cameras at Caesar's Palace.

Chiaverini, 26, has a 20 - 3 - 1 record with 20 knockouts. He is ranked fourth in the world among junior middleweights by the WBC and captured the North American title March 16 with a 10th - round knockout of Edgar "Mad Dog" Ross.

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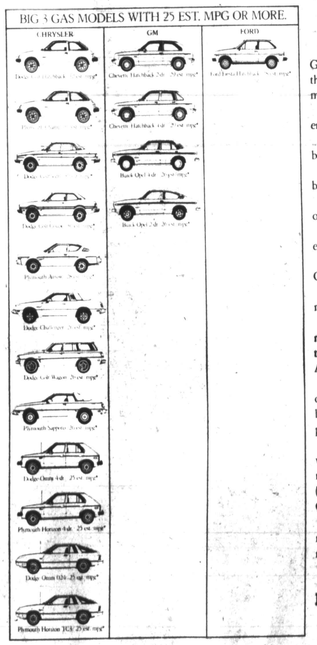

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Pittsburghers host festive scholarship dance

PENNSYLVANIA NATIVES — Officers and members of the Pittsburghers of Baltimore are (L to R): Mrs. Betty Lunn, vice president; Chuck Thomas, president; Jim Robinson, Mrs. Verna Day, scholarship; the Rev. Wendell Phillips, chaplain; Mrs. Marguerite Johnson, financial secretary; Ms. Grace Wallace, recording secretary and Lynwood Johnson, treasurer. The club members are all originally from Pittsburgh, Pa.

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By Pattie Hodges
AFRO Staff Writer

The Pittsburgers of Baltimore hosted their third Spring Scholarship Dance on Saturday, May 26.

The scene for this lovely affair was Martin's West, where more than 200 guests wined, dined and danced from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m.

Live music was beautifully done by Dennis Fisher's band, which featured the fantastically soulful singing of Debbie Jacobs, popular vocalist of this city.

Disco music during the intermissions was provided by Gil Crest, disc jockey of the Sound Professionals.

In addition to lively disco dancing, guests enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner of mammoth proportions and continuous open bar.

Everyone had a ball.

The Pittsburghers of Baltimore are a group of people originally from Pittsburgh, Pa., and part of the National Pittsburghers Organization, which originated in Washington, D.C. in 1964.

All monies raised from their affairs are donated to selected students in the Baltimore metropolitan area who wish to attend college or who are already attending college.

Highlight of the evening was when Mrs. Verna Day, Baltimore Pittsburgher member and chairman of the Scholarship Committee, presented Dr. Homer Favor of Morgan University with scholarship certificates from the Baltimore Pittsburghers.

Dr. Favor gave words of appreciation for the certificates and announced the names of the recipients, who are students at Morgan University.

Scholarship certificate winners are Shirley Richards, Timothy Smoot and Yelana B. Edwards.

The Rev. Wendell Phillips, pastor of Heritage United Church of Christ, chaplain of the Baltimore Pittsburghers and a representative to the House of Delegates from the 41st District presented three red roses to Mrs. Marguerite Johnson..

The roses were representative of the three years of existence of the Pittsburghers of Baltimore.

They were presented to Mrs. Johnson, financial secretary of the group, because it is felt that her vitality and dedication play a large part in helping to hold the group together.

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DANCE GUESTS — Ms. Anne Jackson, Mrs. Rosa Koonce and Leroy Koonce (L to R) were the 200 people who attended the recent Pittsburghers of Baltimore scholarship dance.

THE LATEST STEPS — A couple dances to disco sounds provided by disc jockey Gil Crest at the Pittsburghers' scholarship dance held May 26 at Martin's West.

Singing, dancing highlight School 102 talent show

MUSIC MAN — Stewart Scott croons "Mary Jane" at a recent talent show held at Thomas G. Hayes Elementary School number 102. Stewart is a fifth grader in Miss D. Burgess' class.

TINY DANCERS — April Knight (L) and Alison Jones, kindergarten students at Thomas G. Hayes Elementary, dance to "You Are My Friend." April and Alison are in Mrs. C. Green's class.

Pupils of the Thomas G. Hayes Elementary School No. 102 gave a talent show recently on May 4 which was so enjoyable that there was a repeat performance on Friday May 26 at 10:30 a.m.

At this time pupils from the neighboring Catholic school St. James and St. John, as well as pupils from T.G.H. School enjoyed the performance.

Under the coordination of Mrs. C. Green, Ms. Rhonda Spence and Darryl Anderson, teachers and Joseph T. Jones, assistant principal, participants performed a variety of acts - all very well done.

Masters of Ceremony for the show were: Anthon Johnson and Randy Gregory.

Stuart Scott, a fifth grader from Ms. Burgess' class, did a rendition of the song, "Mary Jane," with Theresa Harris, Leslie David and Mattie Colson as a back - up group.

Darren Eubanks, a sixth grader from Mrs. V. Howard's class, did a tumbling act, with Wayne Dargan, a good drummer, accompanying him on the bongos.

April Knight and Alison Jones, kindergarteners from Mrs. C. Greene's class, danced to "You Are My Friend."

Damon Bell, a second grader from Mrs. Schmitz's class, did a humours pantomine call "Boy and the Bee."

Delsie Parker, a fifth grader from Mrs. Osteen's class, danced to "This Time I'll Be Sweeter," while Nathalia Drew and Terri Smith sang the song.

Khalil Dover, Leslie Fallin and Donna Berry, second graders, did a three-way interpretative dance to "The Greatest."

Tonia Parks, Ronia Harris, Helena Artis and Kimberly Smith, - third graders from Mrs Thompson's class, danced to "Free To Be Who We Are."

Joann Young, and Jackie Hunter, sixth graders from Mrs. Robinson's class, danced their interpretation of "Star Love."

Terry Dixon and Michelle Hill, third graders from Mrs. L. Lee's class, dramatically danced to "Be a Lion."

Latanya Solomon, from Mrs. Thompson's class, sang "Reunited."

Falisa McCall, fifth grader from Mrs. B. Richardson's class did a soulful rendition of "This Time I'll Be Sweeter."

Yolanda Baker and Patrice Brown, fouth graders from Mrs. S. Cartwright's class, did a scintillating tap dance to "A Fifth of Beethoven."

Tarhana Akhter, a fifth grader from Mrs. Osteen's class, played delightfully the harmonium, an instrument from India.

Participants enjoyed performing as well as the audience enjoyed viewing the show.

Warren Sears is the principal of Thomas G. Hayes, which is located in the 600 block of Central Ave. -

Pattie Hodges.

Model of the Year contest is a winner

By Pattie Hodges

On Sunday, May 27, Travis Winkey held his sixth annual Model of the Year Contest.

Called Travis Winkey Model of the Year Contest '79, this grand spectacular was held in the James Weldon Johnson Auditorium of Coppin State College, from 7:30 until 10 p.m.

It was simply out of sight. Not only were the models, both male and female gorgeous, they had showmanship in their modeling that was highly dramatic and entertaining.

Moderator for the show was Pat Johnson of WEAA radio. Director of the scintillating music was Alvin Parson.

The stage was lovely. It had a backdrop of billboard signs, giving it an outdoor look, and an elevated boardwalk for entry and exit of the models, with steps leading to center stage. The front of the boardwalk was decorated with palms.

Outfits modelled for the occasion were in three categories — evening attire, beach wear and personality outfits.

Personality outfits are those in which the model feels that he or she has really found the style of his or her own personality.

The fashions were daring, stunning, sophisticated and beautiful.

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WINKEY'S WINNERS — Finalists in Travis Winkey's Model of the Year Contest 1979 are (front row, L to R): Gloria Brown, female model of the year; Sabrina Kirby, first runner - up; (second row, L to R): Broderick Hawkins, male model of the year; Travis Winkey, executive director of the contest, and Eric Tharington, first male runner-up.

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