A look at MSA weekend

Mervo-Forest Park clash presents classic matchup

By Samuel Davis

Without a shadow of doubt, the top game this week in the MSA's "B" conference is Mervo at Forest Park.

The two, who were last season's conference co-champs, will square off at Kirk Field for a scheduled 3 p.m. start.

Mervo is off to a good start, capitalizing on opponent mistakes while winning two games and losing none.

The Mustangs, who had last week off, have defeated Douglass and Lake Clifton.

"We know it's going to be a big one," said Mervo coach Bud Waesche. "We have a few guys injured but they should be alright by game time."

The Foresters are expecting an injured member to return also, but he won't be playing. Greg Lemon who suffered a severe neck injury on opening day, is expected to be in the stands.

Forest Park is coming off of a 6-6 tie with Dunbar and, like Mervo, she expects this game to be a "big one."

"This is going to be the big one," said Forester coach Obie Barnes. "They're undefeated, but we're quite satisfied with our record also. We've lost only one game in five contests." The Foresters overall record is 2-1-2. Their league mark is 1-1-1.

Neither team offers a very explosive offense. The Mustangs have scored 32 points in two contests while the Foresters have tallied 35 in five games.

Additionally, they seem evenly matched on defense. Forest Park on the average gives up a little over seven points and Mervo exactly seven.

Dunbar invades Northern hoping to do with the Vikings what no other "B" conference team has been able to do. That is beat them.

The task won't be an easy one for the Poets, because Viking running backs Kevin Benn and DaVane Trent are at top form.

Benn scored twice in the team's 20-0 win over Carver while Trent scored once and with a 58-yard performance, moved his total rushing yardage up to 605.

Brown had an outstanding day against a tough Forester defense last week, rushing for 125 yards and a touchdown.

Douglass will travel to Walbrook to take on the Warriors, happy to get away from its home field where the Poets have lost three straight games.

For the Warriors, they'll play anywhere they can win. They are still looking for their first victory.

Despite the losing records of both teams, a very good running back show is anticipated.

Ronnie Johnson of Walbrook has rushed for over 300 yards and, on defense from the safety spot he has picked off three passes.

Douglass' Chauncey Adams has also rushed for over 300 yards including three touchdowns, and like Johnson he doubles as a safety and has picked off three passes.

Edmondson coming off a 22-0 win over Walbrook will host Carver.

Southern is hoping for a miracle when she takes on tough Curley at Curley. Southern took a demoralizing 63-0 whipping from Mt. St. Joe on Monday.

Head coach James Ward will pull out all of the stops when Northwestern entertains Gibbons. The Wildcats have yet to win a game, but have tied one, while managing to score only 20 points in five outings.

Poly, who found out what it was like to win again after losing two by defeating Loyola, 27-0, takes on Mt. St. Joe.

Gilman, another unbeaten club, battles Patterson at home.

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THEY CAME TO HELP — Their minds were on baseball, of course, but Orioles Eddie Murray (right) and Al Bumbry took respite at Memorial Stadium Sunday to watch the Colts play. Their presence could have brought some Bird luck to the Colts as the latter won their first victory of the year, 10-8, over the Jets. (Photo by Ana Ross)

Coach confident Morgan can play SC State tough

By Samuel Davis

Although South Carolina State currently leads the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference and is the perennial league champion, Morgan is not upset over the prospect of meeting the Bulldogs at Orangeburg tomorrow (Saturday).

After five games, on offense the Bulldogs led the conference in total output with 1600 yards and 21 touchdowns. The only category in which the Bulldogs fail to rank first is passing where they have totaled 392 yards which is good for fourth place.

Under first year coach William Davis, South Carolina has gotten off to an impressive start, showing an overall record of 5-1. Her only loss was a 20-6 setback by Alcorn. Last year the team's conference mark was 5-0-1. That one tie was the highlight of the Morgan season.

The main emphasis with the Bulldogs is defense. Last year's group allowed just 72 points which was number one in the conference and the NCAA Division 1-AA.

After six games, the defense has allowed just 52 points.

The Bulldogs take a slight edge over the Bears in statistics.

In total offense, Morgan ranks sixth, rushing seventh, passing and scoring second.

Defensively the Bears are second in total, rushing, passing and third in scoring (59 pts.).

Although South Carolina takes an edge in those categories, Bear coach Clarence Thomas feels his team excels in one phase that goes unnoticed.

"The thing people don't see is our kicking game," Thomas revealed. "Everyone is saying the two are evenly matched, but I would have to give us the advantage on kicking."

Punter Vaughn Dennis has 21 kicks for 639 yards which averages out to 30.4 and that isn't bad.

Jaun Jones is Thomas' backup punter. He has four boots for 111 yards a 27.8 average, and Gary Collins has kicked once for 40 yards.

Now, the odd thing about Thomas' remark is that SC's punting game ranks third while Morgan's is last.

The Bulldogs also have an advantage in field goals.

But where the Bears do have an advantage is kick returning.

Curtis Henderson tops the conference in punt returns with a better than 16-yard average and Cornelius Johnson and Maurice Burton led in kickoff returns before last week's game.

Maybe the premier matchup of the day will be at quarterback where Bear freshman Darrell Coulter will test wits with the more experienced senior Nate Rivers.

Rivers has established himself as one of the MEAC's best, being elected to the all-conference team and receiving the MEAC Offensive Player of the Year Award last year.

But Rivers is a running quarterback, he ranks ninth in rushing this season but has yet to enter the top eight in passing.

Coulter is a passer and a good one. His 473 yards and four touchdowns lead the conference in that department.

Darrell is a native of Charleston, S.C. where he was overlooked by the Bulldogs because of his 5-10 frame. His 13 of 22 for 222 yards and two TDs against UMES in the Bears' 41-8 win earned him ECAC Freshman Player of the Week honors.

Morgan 'Hall' to induct 8

The Varsity "M" Club of Morgan State University has announced the names of eight nominees for induction into the school's sports hall of fame.

They are Anthony Driver, football 1929; Ben Hawkins, basketball-football 1938; Laura Robinson Jones, tennis-basketball 1938; George "Rosie" Rosedom, football 1934, Harry Gross, track 1950; Carl Whitted, basketball 1953; Howard Morgan, track 1954, and Ken Kave, track 1956.

Induction ceremony will be held Oct. 27, at McKeldin Center beginning at 6:30, after the homecoming game.

NFL SCHEDULE

Sunday

Houston at Baltimore
Washington at Cleveland
Atlanta at Oakland
Buffalo at Miami
Denver at Kansas City
Detroit vs. Green Bay at Milw.
Los Angeles at Dallas

Scholastic Sports Schedules

FRIDAY

VARSITY FOOTBALL

SOUTHERN at CURLEY
CARVER at EDMONDSON
GIBBONS at NORTHWESTERN
DUNBAR at NORTHERN
MT ST JOE at POLY
PATTERSON at GILMAN
MERVO ON FOREST PK., KIRK FIELD
DOUGLAS AT WALBROOK
CALVERT HALL at SOUTHWESTERN

VARSITY SOCCER

SPALDING at LAKE CLIFTON
BOYS LATIN vs. SOUTHERN AT SWANN PARK
GILMAN at EDMONDSON
MERVO at LOYOLA
WALBROOK at SEVERN
SOUTHWESTERN at ST PAUL
CARVER at MCDONOGH

JV SOCCER

LAKE CLIFTON at SPALDING
SOUTHERN at BOYS LATIN
EDMONDSON at GILMAN
NORTHWESTERN at NORTHERN
LOYOLA at MERVO
CARVER at MCDONOGH
CITY at TOWSON CATHOLIC

VARSITY CROSS-COUNTRY

DUNBAR vs CALVERT HALL, HERRING RUN
NORTHERN at LAKE CLIFTON
GIBBONS vs N.W., DRUID HILL
MCDONOGH at MCDONOGH
FOREST PARK t SOUTHWESTERN
DOUGLASS at BOYS LATIN

JV CROSS-COUNTRY

NORTHERN at LAKE CLIFTON
GIBBONS vs N.W., DRUID HILL
MCDONOGH at PATTERSON
CITY at BOYS LATIN
FOREST PARK at SOUTHWESTERN
CALVERT HALL at DUNBAR, HERRING RUN
SOUTHERN vs. DUNBAR, HERRING RUN
NORTHERN at WESTERN
POLY at MERVO
WALBROOK at SOUTHWESTERN

SATURDAY

JV FOOTBALL

LAKE CLIFTON at FRIENDS

CROSS-COUNTRY MEET

HEREFORD INVITATIONAL

MONDAY

SOCCER

NORTHERN at LOYOLA
PATTERSON at SEVERNA PARK
LOYOLA JV at NORTHERN JV
PATTERSON JV at SEVERNA PARK JV

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

DUNBAR at LAKE CLIFTON
DOUGLASS at SOUTHERN
SOUTHERN at EDMONDSON

GIRLS SWIMMING

LAKE CLIFTON at SOUTHERN
DOUGLASS at NORTHWESTERN
CITY COLLEGE at NORTHWESTERN
CARVER at FOREST PARK
SOUTHWESTERN at EDMONDSON
EASTERN at NORTHERN
NORTHWESTERN at WESTERN
PATTERSON at WALBROOK
FOREST PARK at CARVER

GIRLS JV VOLLEYBALL

DUNBAR at LAKE CLIFTON
DOUGLASS at SOUTHERN
SOUTHWESTERN at EDMONDSON

How many times have you grumbled when you read or heard how more than forty percent of our Black youths are unemployed? What thoughts came to your mind? Racism? Unqualified? Well, some thoughts come to my mind, but they are not racism nor unqualified.

All negatives in the Black community are not the result of racism, and I am proud of the thousands of youthful Blacks who have acquired college educations. Unqualified is an excuse that the private sector will have to eliminate. But, my young friends, I want you to remember that acquiring an education should have done more than prepare you for a job, it should have also taught you how to think.

So, you haven't been able to find a position in the field in which you studied, but is that reason enough to sacrifice your pride and dignity. That's right! When you are not working, you are not only an unemployed statistic, but you are also without pride and dignity. You can't force business and industry to create new jobs, but you can retain independence and pride by working. Where? The same jobs that helped your parents and grandparents survive years ago... that's right, waiters, bellhops, and waitresses. As the old adage goes: "A bird in the hand beats two in the bush," and always remember that you can still look for your ideal position while working on the less desirable job.

Joe Black
Vice President
The Greyhound Corporation

Bits O' briefs

Thanks, Maury, Lou

If Pittsburgh wins the World Series from Baltimore because of a timely stolen base, the Orioles can blame it on Maury Wills and Lou Brock, the game's leading thieves

The Pirate swifties, Omar Moreno and Bill Madlock say they learned how to use their foot speed from tips by Wills and Brock. In fact, Moreno said he polished his base running technique at a 1977 clinic conducted by Maury in the Dominican Republic.

A Brown exchange

In his book "PB: The Paul Brown Story," the general manager of the Cincinnati Bengals refers to his association with Jim Brown during the period when he was the coach at Cleveland and Jim was enroute to becoming football's all-time greatest rusher.

"Jim," say Paul "as a pure runner, stands alone," but as a blocker for teammates he was a great deal less than adequate.

Replying to the Washington Post's Dave Brady, Jim declared: "Paul was absolutely right (in his criticism). It is difficult to be a race horse and a plow horse at the same time."

Odds favor O's

Harrah's Reno (Nev.) Sports Book lists Baltimore as the favorite to win the World Series, 5 to 6½.

The odds on Pittsburgh were 11 to 10.

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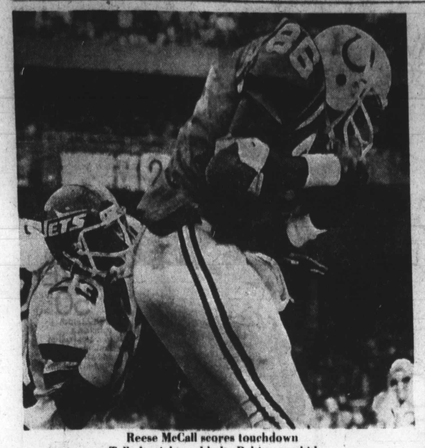

Reese McCall scores touchdown
Tally by tight end halts Baltimore skid

Buoyed by upset of Jets, Colts eager for Oilers

Having overturned the NFL applecart last Sunday by beating the favored New York Jets, the Colts are straining at the leash to get at the Houston Oilers here Sunday at the stadium.

Capitalizing on one of the rare (for the Colts) tight end calls, Reese McCall grabbed a Greg Landry pass and went in for the game's only TD.

But it was the determination of defensive back Doug Nettles that preserved the 10-8 margin.

Nettles had seen it happen three times this season — the Colts would take the lead into the fourth quarter, then find some way to lose the game. This game, the Colts' defensive back vowed, would be different.

Doug Nettles
"... not this time ..."

The Jets, trailing 10-6, had a second down and goal on the Baltimore 6 with less than four minutes to play when Nettles decided they weren't going to score.

"Dwight (Harrison) and I got together and we said, if ever there was a time in our life to make the play, now's it," he said. "We didn't think about those other games. We thought if they pass, we're going to break it up. If they run, we're going to stop them."

And that's what happened.

Harrison deflected a Richard Todd pass intended for Todd Gaffney in the end zone, and Nettles, on fourth down, broke up a potential scoring toss to Scott Dierking. The Colts had to endure a few more scary moments before winning 10-8, their first victory on the season after five losses.

Baltimore led Tampa Bay, Cleveland and Super Bowl champion Pittsburgh late in the fourth quarter before losing. Nettles and his defensive mates were determined not to let that happen again.

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World Series quickies

By United Press International

This is the series of the nicknames. Tim "Crazy Horse" Foli, Bill "Mad Dog" Madlock, Phil "Scrap Iron" Garner, and Willie "Pops" Stargell are on the Pittsburgh side. The Orioles counter with a man so colorful he needs two nicknames. Relief pitcher Don Stanhouse is called "Full Pack" because that's how many cigarettes Weaver will smoke during a typical stint. Some Orioles call him simply "Stan the Man Unusual."

Kent Tekulve, the human drainpipe who saved 31 games for Pittsburgh, has an unusual hobby. He collects published descriptions of his physical appearance.

Baltimore's Earl Weaver is managing his fourth World Series, making him only the 11th man to pilot that many. Casey Stengel (10), Joe McCarthy (9), John McGraw (9), Connie Mack (8), Walter Alston (7), Miller Huggins (6), Sparky Anderson (4), Frank Chance (4), Bill McKechnie (4) and Billy Southworth (4) are the others.

A select group of major league teams were selfish about sharing the world championship in the decade. When this series is over, either Baltimore or Pittsburgh will have won its second title of the 70s. Others are Oakland (three), Cincinnati (two) and the New York Yankees (two).

In the 1971 meeting between the clubs, Pittsburgh won all three games at Three Rivers Stadium and won the series by capturing one of four games in Memorial Stadium. This year, Baltimore will again have the extra home game.

Baltimore is playing in its fifth series, having won in 1966 and '70 and lost in '69 and '71. This is the 10th anniversary of the Orioles' loss in five games to the miracle New York Mets.

Willie Stargell was voted the most valuable player in the National League playoffs. The American League does not have such an award. Stargell hit .455 in the playoffs with a record 1.182 slugging percentage. He has 461 lifetime homers.

Visitors and dignitaries at the series are enjoying Oriole hospitality in Baltimore style. The menu includes oysters, flounder stuffed with seafood, and the traditional crab cakes.

Skins and Colts rated underdogs

Oddsmakers are rating the Washington Redskins and Baltimore Colts underdogs in their respective NFL weekend games.

Both Harrah's Reno (New) Sportsbook and Jimmy the Greek give the Cleveland Browns a 3-point edge over the Skins, and a 5-point advantage for the Houston Oilers over the Colts.

Washington plays at Cleveland and Baltimore is at home.

Sandlot slate

FOOTBALL FLAG LEAGUE

SATURDAY

Oilers vs. Chargers, 6 pm (Druid Hill)

SUNDAY

Vharry Hill vs. Opn Vhamp, 10:30 am (Reedbird)
Hornets vs. Flames, 10:30 a.m. (Herring)
Dorsey vs. Westport, 10:30 (Carroll)

UPTON CUB LEAGUE

(ALL GAMES PENNA. AND DOLPHIN)

SATURDAY

Greater Model vs. Lexington, 10 a.m.
Murphy Homes vs. Harlem Pk., noon
L. Jones vs. Marshall, 2 p.m.
Carroll Pk. vs. Attucks, 4 p.m.

UPTON MIDGET LEAGUE

(GAMES PENNA. AND DOLPHIN)

SUNDAY

L. Jones vs. Greater Model, 2 p.m.
Lexington vs. Robt. Marshall, 4 p.m.

OLDTOWN 12-14 LEAGUE

(GAMES AT MADISON SQUARE)

SUNDAY

Madison vs. Somerset, 2 p.m.
Lafayette vs. Flag House, 4 p.m.

OLDTOWN LITTLE LEAGUE

(AT MADISON SQUARE)

SATURDAY

Guilford vs. Flag House, 10 a.m.
Somerset vs. Lafayette, noon
Johnston Sq. vs. Latrobe, 2 p.m.
Madison Sq. vs. Greenmount, 4 p.m.

PARK HEIGHTS LITTLE LEAGUE

(GAMES AT REISTERSTOWN TOWANDA)

SATURDAY

Father-Son Day

PARK HEIGHTS MIDGET

SATURDAY

CC Jackson vs. J.D. Gross, 10 a.m.
Gallowhill vs. Park Hgts., 10 a.m.
Redskins vs. Luckman, noon

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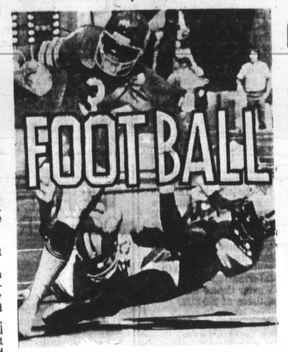


COLLEGE GAMES

Friday

Tuskegee - Morehouse at Columbus, Ga. (N)

Saturday

Va. State at Howard
Morgan at S.C. State
Md. E. Shore at A and T
Delaware St. at N.C. Central
UDC at Ft. Lauderdale (Fla.)
Bowie St. at Va. Union
Livingstone at J.C. Smith
Salisbury at Trenton St.
Frostburg at St. Francis (Pa.)
W. Salem at Fayetteville
Morris Brown at Fla. A and M
Albany St. at Alcorn
P. View at Texas Lutheran (N)
T. Southern at Bishop (N)

NBA weekend

CAGE SCHEDULE

Friday

Houston at Boston
Cleveland at New Jersey
Philadelphia at Washington
New York at Atlanta
Indiana at Detroit
Milwaukee at Kansas City
Golden State at Phoenix
Utah at Portland
Los Angeles at San Diego

Saturday

Washington at New York
Houston at Philadelphia
Boston at Cleveland
Atlanta at Indiana
Detroit at San Antonio
Milwaukee at Denver
Chicago at Golden State

Sunday

Chicago at Phoenix
Denver at Portland
Seattle at San Diego

Monday

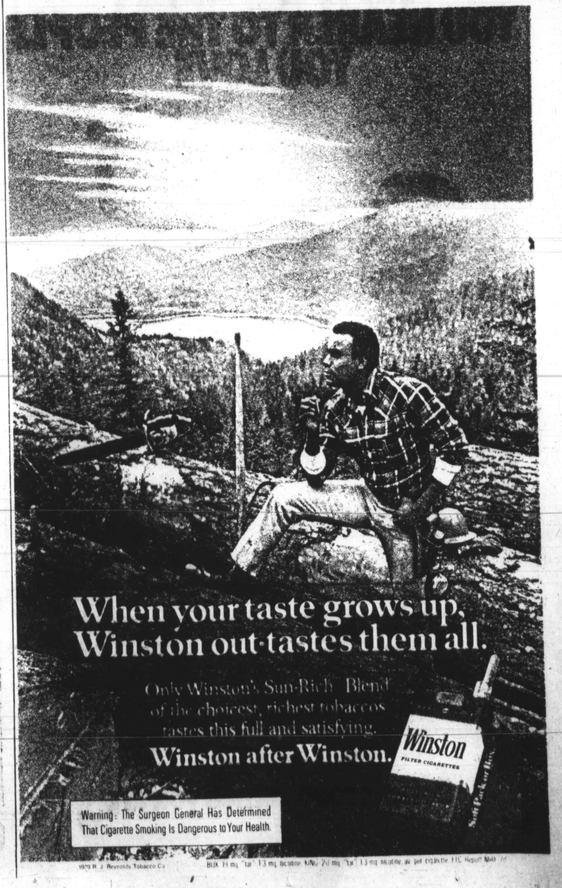
Milwaukee at Utah

Pirates' Stargell victim of thief

Pirates team captain Willie Stargell's downtown hotel room was robbed of $2,500 in cash, a cassette tape player and tapes and three checkbooks, police said.

Police said the robbery occurred Tuesday after Stargell left the Hilton Hotel for the first World series game with the Orioles, which was rained out. There were no signs of forced entry, police said.

Police distributed a picture of a Pirates fan who had visited Stargell before the robbery as a possible suspect. The man told Pirates players he was staying at the Holiday Inn but records show he checked out Tuesday at 2 p.m. and was using a different name than that he was known by among the Pirates, police said.

A Holiday Inn desk clerk said the man claimed to represent the National League and said he lived in Atlanta, police said.

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