School Sports Scene

Warriors still undefeated

Walbrook embarrasses Edmondson

By Mark Gail
AFRO Staff Writer

Suffering its first loss at home in three years, Edmondson folded under pressure and talents of Walbrook this week, 78-44.

"I said early in the season that no one is going to beat us and I still believe it," said Walbrook coach Peter Connally after beating the Redskins.

"We are the best in the city," he said.

The Warriors jumped off to a 10-0 lead in the first quarter, proving that they had come to play. Edmondson cut the lead by 8 in the first quarter, when 12-4, but never got closer than that for the duration of the game

A slow start, which has become a trademark of the Edmondson squad, proved to be a deadly blow to the Redskins, who averaged 60 points a game this season. Thirty turnovers by the Redskins, as compared to 11 by Walbrook, did not help to turn the tide of the game, either.

"Walbrook has a good team and they are a hard team to play catch up with," said Edmonoson's coach PaulShuford. "They are a well coached team and they know what to do with the ball when they got it."

Walbrookplaced three players in double figures, Nadine Walker with 11, Constance Garland, who is the tallest on the team at 5'11", who scored 17 points and Rose Willis, high scorer with 22 points and who pulled down 18 rebounds.

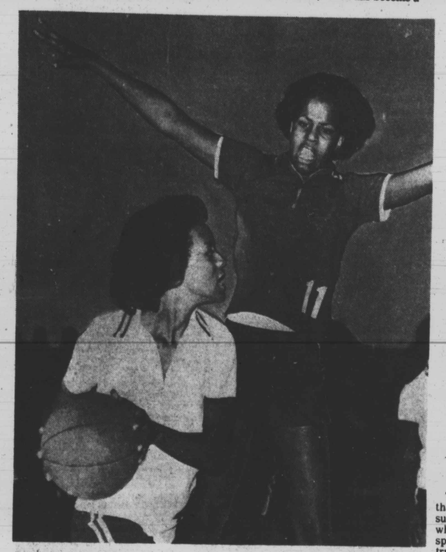
"Rose is the best offensive player around, she has smooth movements, while handling the ball well," said Connally.

The Warriors also knew what to do when Redskin star Lydia Carr got the ball. Using a 1-3-2 defense and zone pass, Carr was held to 17 points, her second lowest point average so far this season.

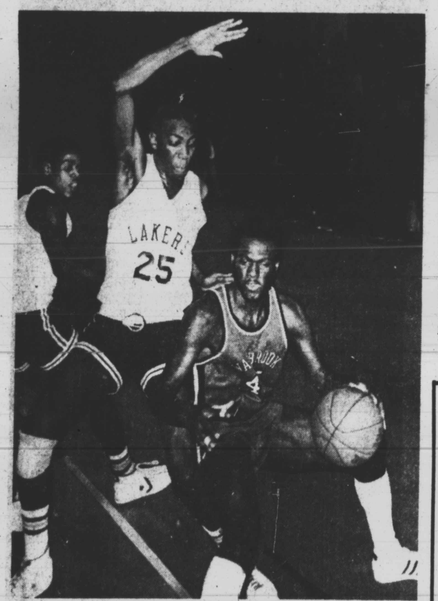
Tia Purvey added 11 points for the losing cause.

Rebounding played an important role, as Edmondson fell flat in that department only pulling down 26 to 42 by Walbrook.

But Edmondson will get a chance to even the score Feb. 9 at Walbrook in a game which will probably decide that division's champion.



IT'S NOT YOUR BALL — Nathea Hoyle of Edmondson heaves ball away from determined arms of Walbrook player Nadine Walker as Hoyle brings down a rebound in Walbrook - Edmondson match this week. Walbrook came out on top, 78 - 44.



TRY IT! Lake Clifton forward Dave Bartholomew challenges Walbrook's Mike Speight as Speight tries to move both himself and the ball into another position. Lakers beat Warriors, 54-52 in overtime.

Lake Clifton swimmers stroke towards winning season

By Mark Gail
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Lake Clifton, last year's swimming tri-champion, will be taking one meet at a time, according to Lakers coach Tom Gorski.

Posting an 11-1 record last season, the Lakers ended up sharing the title with Northwestern and Severn, all of whom have 5-0 records so far this season.

"We lost half of last year's squad...five kids," said Coach Gorski, which is a lot when you only have a ten-man team."

But the half of the team which is left, says Gorski, has much to offer. Gerald Winder finished second in the MSA finals and is the best all-around swimmer for the team.

Also returning are Terry Brown, Greg Drown, Wilbert Braxton and freestyler Chris Wallace.

Newcomers who have potential to help the Lakers to the top are Darryl Weston, Counthius Foote, Lester Jorm and Curtis Cannon, who Gorski describes as a sleeper" and who has surprised a lot of people this year.

The first big test for the Lakers will be today (Friday) when they face the Wildcats of Northwestern.

"They (Northwestern) are the cream of the city. We may have bodies but we lack experience," said Gorski.

"Another problem is that some of my swimmers lack the experience of dealing with the pressure of a big meet," Gorski continued.

They may not be ready for the big meet mentally, but Coach Gorski has seen that the Lakers will be ready physically. Gorski has instituted a weight - lifting program and an entire regimen of stroke techniques required by all team members. Gorski said that for the first three weeks of the season, the team did nothing but practice strokes.

In addition to the extensive training program demanded by Gorski, Lake Clifton has still another boost in the form of a junior varsity program. Gorski said that the training of junior varsity swimmers is crucial for building the base for next year's team.

Only four of the 15 teams in the MSA "B" Conference have such junior varsity training programs.

"I hope that swimming in the city gets better, teams get stronger, and the junior varsity program picks up," said Gorski.

"I would hate to see the sport die in this city," he said.

Players to watch

FAITH PERSON — A City College junior, Faith plays forward and is the team's leading scorer and rebounder. Person also runs track and cross country for the Black Knights.

ERIC JONES — City College junior is guard, captain of the basketball team, averaging 14 points a game. Also a member of the school's football and baseball teams, Jones plays both third base and shortstop on the latter team.

YVONNE TANNER — Western senior is member of dance troupe, a group for which she has been a member for four years. Tanner is also a dance student at the Peabody Conservatory.

Poly gymnasts show skill, talent

By Mark Gail
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There is an old saying that the essence of success is preparation, which is true in all sports, but especially true in the relatively new sport of gymnastics.

Poly's gymnastic coach Paula Rooks agrees with the saying 100 percent.

"We practice about 26 hours a week, before school, after school and on Saturdays," she said. The time spent in preparation takes on added significance when one considers that most gymnastic events last only from 60 to 120 seconds.

The Lady Engineers are 1-2 this season, and are part of what is at this point a very small league. Only Lake Clifton, Forest Park and Western have been able to produce gymnastic teams this season.

"Our seniors are the backbone of the team," said Coach Rooks. "Without them, we would have no team at all." Rooks explained that there are five seniors on the 11-member team, Marjorie Edmonds, Develyn Matthews, Tracey Jackson, Mary Rice and Wynne Smith.

"They have been a great help when it comes to freshmen who have little or no experience," said Rooks. "That's important...because those freshmen are the base for the next year's team."

Out of the four events held at a meet, vaulting, beam, uneven bars and floor exercise, the Engineers' strongest point is the beam, with newcomers Andrea Young, Kimberly Foreman and Brenda Long showing potential.

According to Coach Rooks, television has made this sport look easy, but it is harder than any sport in the MSA. There is also a high risk factor in gymnastics with plenty of bruised bones and torn ligaments to worry about. Last year, Rooks said the team was plagued by sprained ankles, fractured toes and fingers.

"There are a lot of academic pressures on girls at Poly (females number only 450 out of the total student body of 2178), so you have to be a good student to be an athlete here," said Coach Rooks. "But with everything in place as it is....we are going to have a great season."

5-0 record

Lady Poets surprise foes

By Mark Gail
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When Dunbar's Coach Jennifer Jones lost four of her five starters to graduation last year, she did not know what to expect this season.

But the lady Poets have fooled Coach Jones, among others, on the MSA, going 5-0 and 5-1 overall. With the lone loss coming at the hands of new powerhouse Walbrook early in the season, 49-31, the Poets have virtually nothing to be ashamed of; they have played beyond the requirements of a good game into a status which commands respect.

"I was kind of surprised since we only have two on the squad with varsity experience," said Coach Jones. "Bernadette Harris and Jerlynn Booker, both seniors, are excellent players."

Harris is the team captain and one of the leading scorers and rebounders for Dunbar. As team captain, Bernadette is the team if she is up, while the same is true if she is down, according to Jones.

Jerlynn Booker, a forward and good defensive player, manages to pull down an average of 15 rebounds every game.

The lady Poets have brought up several players from the junior varsity championship team from last year to fill the vacancies.

Sharon Thomas, a small guard (5'2") has quickness which makes up for her height. Carolyn Allen, the "floor general", can shoot with either her right hand or her left, bringing in an average of 22 points a game.

Rounding out the starting five is Donnita Monk, a junior who plays great one-on-one ball.

Coach Jones told the AFRO that Kim Holiday, Daphine Boone Towenna Brown and Tammy Morris are players to watch, all of whom have had decision roles in the Dunbar winning season thus far. The four young women have proved to be important factors in tight games where quick thinking and fast footwork has been required.

One such tight game will be played today (Friday) when the ladies face the undefeated Western Wildcats, who have a 5-0 record thus far and who have been able to do great things with star junior center Sauncirae Alexander.

The Poets will have two more important games, one with Towson Catholic and a Jan. 30 match with Calvert Hall.

"Our quickness and talent will hopefully give us a good game against Western, while our defense can slow down Alexander," offered Coach Jones.

"It will also give us some extra experience when we face Towson Catholic." Towson Catholic has beaten Catholic, a formidable opponent, who beat Western in last year's match, 77-46.

Dunbar hopes that the fast break will make up for the lack of varsity playing experience that many of her players lack, but despite the weaknesses of her team, she is resting comfortably on what she considers their greater strengths. She says the team is looking forward to each game and is eager to better last year's record of ten wins and four losses, overall.

DUNBAR STAR FORWARD — rebound in recent game against City. Bernadette Harris pulls down a Poets beat Black Knights, 55-38.

Sports Schedule

Friday, January 16
Basketball - Boys

Edmondson at Lake Clifton - 7:30
Patterson at Northern 3:15
Southwestern at Poly - 3:30
Walbrook at Mervo - 3:15
Northwestern at Douglass - 3:15
Forest Park at Carver - 3:15
Southern at City - 3:15

Basketball - Girls

Northern at Northwestern - 3:30
Edmondson at Southwestern - 3:30
City at Southern - 3:30
Dunbar at Western - 3:30

Wrestling

Poly at Mt. St. Joe - 3:00
Walbrook at Gibbons - 3:45
Dunbar at Gilman - 3:45

Swimming

Northwestern at Lake Clifton - 3:30
Walbrook at Northern - 3:30
Forest Park at Severn - 3:00
Edmondson at Mervo - 3:45
Southwestern at Dunbar - 3:45
Douglass at Carver - 3:45

Saturday, January 17
Basketball - Boys

Walbrook at Dunbar - 8:00

Monday, January 19
Basketball - Boys

City at Patterson - 3:15

Basketball - Girls

Towson Catholic at Northern 3:30

Sports medicine course at Union Memorial

The Union Memorial Hospital Sports Medicine Center is conducting a ten-week Basic Sports Medicine course for athletes, coaches, student trainers and the gereral public beginning Jan. 19, 1981.

The course is designed to present the basic principles of sports medicine based on lectures and practical labs. Lectures focus on basic joint anatomy, how to recognize injuries and what to do when they occur.

Lab sessions will include preventive and support taping and strapping techniques. Also included is the role of those involved in the process of returning an injured athlete to his sport.

The class begins on Monday, Jan. 19, 1951, and will run from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. one evening a week at the hospital, 201 E. University Parkway. Cost for the course on a non-credit basis is $75 and includes texts and supplies.

Enrollment is limited to 25 persons.

The program has been approved by the Maryland State Department of Education for three college credits. Registration for college credit must be made through Loyola College or Western Maryland College.

Inservice credit is available for teachers.

For more information on the Basic Sports Medicine course, call the Union Memorial Hosptial Sports Medicine Center at 235-7200, ext. 2253.

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INAUGURAL SOUR NOTES

Ben Vereen 'shuffles' for President Ronnie
Charley Pride grins for 'Miz' Nancy

By Sue Williams
AFRO Staff Writer

The city's black population is up in arms this week over what some have called the "despicable" performance of actor Ben Vereen at President Reagan's inauguration festivities.

Vereen, the popular actor who perhaps gained the nation's respect for his performance of "Chicken George" in the epic television drama, "Roots," enraged blacks with his impersonation of Bert Williams, the mythic black comedian of the 30s who were blackface in his climb to the heights of his Broadway career.

In its entirety, Vereen's impersonation is quite outstanding, as he first performs as Williams must have done in his era, but finishes the act with the legendary actor leaving his act and the stage in disgust, determined not to perform within the narrowly defined limits posed for black actors of that day which kept them duty bound and in their places, so to speak, for digestion and acceptance by white audiences.

At the inauguration, however, Vereen cut his act short, leaving out the resolution of the problem of being told how and what to perform. Vereen's act was no more than a re-creation of the blackface routines that blacks were forced to perform in order to survive.

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2 exclusive photo pages of Marylanders at Inaugural Ball

What can we expect from Reagan?

Republicans may try to slash food stamps, Social Security benefits

After hosting one of the most lavish inaugurations in the nation's history, President Reagan and his administration began their first day in office by taking moves which will reportedly help "shore up the nation's economy."

The new president reportedly called together his economic advisors and told them that "we have got to get control of the budget. It's out of control."

And David Stockman, director-designate of the Office of Management and Budget, said that although he is not ready to outline the specifics of the new administration's economic program, he promised that it will "jolt" the economy and show the nation that "we mean business."

Critics of the new administration have found the comments particularly interesting in the wake of the Reagan inaugural activities, which cost in excess of eight million dollars, the most expensive inauguration bill in this nation's history.

Earlier in the week, sources said that the Reagan ushering-into-office was a far cry from that of former President Jimmy Carter, whose activites were so modest that Reagan was able to use funds for his ceremonies that were left over from the previous administration.

Reagan inauguration officials insist that despite the excessive money spent on Tuesday's activities, American taxpayers will not have to foot the bill. They have not elaborated, however, on how

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Local buy black campaign set

It has been said that the key to black survival is for blacks to support other blacks. That means not only creating and providing those services needed but buying from those black persons and companies that provide those services.

A local organization is trying to generate enough momentum to accomplish just that. HUB, a non-profit organization of black businesspersons is planning to kick off a week of activities relating to the Afro-American businessman March 7 and 8.

Special emphasis will be placed on the theme "Buy, Buy us." All black Baltimoreans will be asked to channel their purchases to black vendors. This may include food-stores, restaurants, boutiques, newspapers, radio stations, beauty salons, physicians, insurance brokers, etc.

No extra purchases or donations are requested. Plans are underway to distribute bumper stickers, buttons, tee shirts and other paraphernalia carrying HUB's logo "Buy in, Buy us."

HUB Organizations, Inc. was created out of a need to fill a vacuum that exists between the black and white communities in the city. The group's overall emphasis is to build a strong economic base in urban and metropolitan Baltimore.

Tears of joy

After 444 days of stoic silence and composure, hostage wife Mattie Jones of Detroit bursts into tears upon learning that her husband, Charles Jones, was safe and sound.

Jones was the lone black hostage detained for the entire 14 months. His quick action at the time of the attack on the embassy

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Police have good intentions ... but wrong man

It started out to be a normal day for 22 year old Bryan Beverly.

Recently named as a junior deacon at his church, New Metropolitan Baptist, the Morgan State University graduate student had just purchased a new Bible from a downtown bookstore and had stopped at the Gino's on Howard St. for something to eat.

He was walking down Eutaw Street to get to his parked car, when he suddenly found himself surrounded by a maze of police cars.

One officer got out of his patrol car and demanded that Beverly stop where he was. The officer proceeded to frisk him and to search the contents of the bag he was carrying.

By this time, even more police cars had stopped at the scene. Beverly said that he watched a local television news van drive up and begin to stop and wonder if his minister would drive by and see all this.

The reason? A woman had just been robbed at a downtown store. The only description that she was able to give to officers was that the burglar was black and was wearing a green army fatigue coat and jeans.

Which is what Beverly, who is black, just happened to be wearing.

"I wasn't particularly worried," Beverly told the AFRO. "I knew I hadn't done anything. I live in the Park Heights area of the city so I know how to act when police are frisking you and all."

Beverly said he wasn't even angry. When the woman who had given the description to the police was driven to the scene where Beverly was being held and said he was not the suspect, he said he just smiled.

"No, I wasn't angry. It was all very interesting to me. I wanted to see what would happen next."

After thinking a second and glancing at the newly-purchased Bible he held in his hand, he smiled.

"I hope this isn't an indication of what the Lord has in store for me," he said.

NAACP backs new state hiring plan, blasts white critics

Tha Maryland NAACP jumped into the battle over state hiring practices this week with a slap at a comment made by Delegate Timothy Maloney (D-Prince Georges, who believes the state plan constitutes "reverse discrimination."

The plan, proposed by the highest ranking black in Governor Hughes' cabinet, State Secretary of Personnel Theodore Thornton, is scheduled to take effect July 1.

It calls for giving blacks and women three out of every four openings for many high level jobs.

Maloney branded the plan as "reverse discrimination" and the NAACP Maryland director charged Maloney with "trying to torpede this first affirmative action step."

Nathaniel K. Smith, NAACP director, said people opposed to the plan "have never proposed any solutions to job discrimination in state government and are now attacking those who are trying to do something."

"They prefer," he said, "things as they are but the status quo is not acceptable to the NAACP."

Of 54,000 Maryland state employees, more than half are women and 29 percent are black. But of the state's 1,600 jobs that pay more than $25,000 a year, 14 percent are filled by women and 9 percent by blacks.

Maloney is backed by Appropriation Committee Chairman John Hargreaves, (D-Caroline), and several other legislators.

Thornton proposal would speed affirmative action

The state attorney general's office has investigated the plan and preliminary indications are that a draft opinion says the plan is legal.

But Delegate Paul Muldowney (D-Washington) said last week he would ask the General Assembly, now in session in Annapolis, to prevent Thornton from making any hiring changes without the approval of the legislature.

Thornton, who was appointed by Hughes in 1978, has already overhauled the state's testing system to give women and minorities a better chance at the state's jobs.

Maloney said the methods used by the state hiring office will "create a new minority" — the white male. We've moved away from the concept of merit, and any time you do that, you're in trouble."

Smith said the NAACP is exploring legal and political avenues of support of Thornton's plan.

"There are many citizens who feel it is about time for some affirmative action for women and blacks in state government and the NAACP won't sit by. We'll do something and it won't take long," Smith said.

Reeves, Brailey hospitalized

City Councilman Norman V. A. Reeves, D-5th, is reported in satisfactory condition following surgery at Provident Hospital. He was admitted to the hospital a week ago and his illness was first diagnosed as "flu like."

Del. Troy Brailey, recently released from St. Agnes after a brief stay, was readmitted Tuesday, Jan. 20 for further tests. His condition is listed as satisfactory.

Pomerleau says we are 'recycling' criminals

Local crime rise linked to repeaters

"The crime situation is serious," said Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau in the annual yearly crime report for 1980.

The report that was released this week by the Police Department states 2,209 crimes were committeed by criminals who were on parole, probation and escapees.

During 1980, 6,744 (5,649 in 1979) persons who were on parole, probation or had escaped from correctional facilites were rearrested and charged with additional crimes. This represents 15.8 percent of all adults arrested within the city.

All recidivists, in 1980, including parolees, probationers and escapees, committed 155 murders; 210 rapes; 1,305 robberies; 780 aggravated assaults; 1,986 burglaries; 4,262 larcenies and 44 auto thefts.

Of the 6,744 arrestees, 962 persons were charged with committing crimes while they were on parole from a correctional institution within the state of Maryland and 5,232 persons were charged with the commission of a crime while on probation after conviction of a previous crime.

The report states 229 were charged withthe commission of a crime while they were on both parole and probation and 321 were charged with the commission of a crime after having escaped from correctional institutions.

Pomerleau stated the figures indicate logical yet unnecessary consequences of the revolving door syndrome which afflicts some components of the criminal justice system.

Examination of this data reveals that one parolee charged with murder was on parole after having been convicted and sentenced for the commission of a previous murder.

According to the report, 49 of the persons who were on parole after having been convicted of previous robberies were rearrested for the commission of robberies and three people on parole for robbery were charged with a murder. Three persons on parole for rape were arrested for an additional rape, one individual on parole for robbery was subsequently charged with rape.

Pomerleau stated that although various and perhaps conflicting conclusions can be drawn from

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Black delegates fight budget cuts aimed at poor

By James M. Abraham
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ANNAPOLIS — The black legislative team in Annapolis is off to a fast start this year, and four members of the Black Caucus have already unveiled a startegy they say is aimed at insulating their constituents from the effects of the current budget-slashing policy in Annapolis.

To date, several social service and health assistance program have been cut and will face additional funding decreases in the future, due to a projected $127 million deficit in the 1982 state fiscal year. According to Del. John Douglass, D-45, "we feel that there should be some type of comprehensive strategy on the part of the black community to minimize the effects of those cutbacks."

Douglass is working in concert with delegates Howard "Pete" Rawlings, D-40; Walter Dean, D-41; and Larry Young, D-41.

The four legislators say that their strategy involves a four-pronged approach aimed at identifying areas which may be cut and then finding alternative programs which they feel should be trimmed instead. They then plan on introducing legislation aimed at accomplishing those twin objectives.

Rawlings will concentrate on education issues, Dean will focus on social services, and Young will be responsible for health matters.

The three will be developing "defense strategies" for programs in their respective fields which may face the possibility of having their funding reduced or eliminated altogether from the 1982 state budget.

"What we are doing," said Douglass, "is proposing a series of actions which will give us the best possible opportunity to preserve as many of those programs as possible."

One example of this effort was revealed two weeks ago, when Douglass announced that he would be sponsoring legislation to repeal "Project Open Space", a land acquisition program, and divert the monies to social service and health programs which may face trimming or extinction. He said that the land acquisition program netted the state $20 to 25 million in revenue and that currently the state devotes 7 percent of its land mass to recreational use.

Douglass feels that the monies saved by curtailing the land use measure should be used to replace the $16.2 million cuts in the state Health Department and the Department of Human Resources.

The group has also targeted 20 tax exemptions which they say cost the state $160 million in lost revenue annually. Some of these included tax except bowling lanes, newspapers, and houseboat dwellers.

In another development, the entire black caucus has co-sponsored a bill introduced by Prince Georges County delegate Sylvania Woods, which would call for the creation of a committee to monitor state police hiring, advancement and recruiting procedures, with special regard to minorities and women.

Woods said that he had planned to introduce his bill last year, but was persuaded not to by the state corrections hierochy and Governor Hughes, since the state had plans to start its own investigating committees.

But, after spending the off-session attempting without success to determine the progress of the commission, Woods said that he decided to re-introduce his measure.

"I put the bill in," said the young politician, "because state police hiring, recruitment and advancement of women and minorities has been atrocious."

He slammed the fact that, while the state populationincludes 19 percent minorities, the state police force has only 7 percent of its trooper positions filled by that group.