Signing of Joe Morgan may save Frank's life

By Sam Lacy

The signing Monday of Joe Morgan by the San Francisco Giants could very well turn out to be the smartest move the National League club has made in recent years.

There are two reasons for this speculation: (1) It could mean saving the (managerial) life of Frank Robinson, and (2) it figures to improve the team immeasurably.

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Robinson's problem in his first test as a major league pilot at Cleveland was marred by his personality. A relentless seeker of perfection in himself as a player, he has little tolerance for athletes who are unable to perform reasonably close to his standards.

With the inept Indians, Frank could not abide mistakes and confrontations with players were frequent. Oddly, the beefs came mostly from his black Latin charges.

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While Morgan also is a perfectionist, a man from the same all - out mold of Robinson, he will have the advantage of pressing Frank's philosophy from the next - door locker.

Younger athletes are sure to react more readily to the prodding of a fellow player of Joe's long experience than they are to criticism — constructive or otherwise — of the manager.

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Moreover, Morgan is outspoken to a sometimes shocking degree. He is not averse to "telling off" anyone, from owner Bob Lurie down to the team's batboy. And Frank falls somewhere between those extremes.

With his own baseball sense balanced by Morgan's nudging, Robinson should be a much better manager his second time around. He needs to be unless he wants to risk another failure — which doubtless would be his last.

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Joe had a chance to sign with the Giants last season after leaving Cincinnati but chose Houston.

Named major league player of the year by the Sporting News in 1975 and 1976, Morgan has played in 18 World Series games and 19 league championship playoffs games.

He's tied with Harmon Killebrew for eighth place on the all - time list for walks with 1,559 and ranks 12th in stolen bases with 625.

For nine consecutive years, 1969 to 1977, Morgan walked 100 times or more and stole 40 or more bases in one season.

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A Bonham, Texas, native, Joe grew up in Oakland, signed his first professional contract in 1963 with Houston. In 1964 he signed with San Antonio and was named the Texas League player of the year.

He spent the next seven years with the Astros, then was traded to Cincinnati, where he spent eight years, during which the Reds won five division flags and two of three world championships.

Joe Morgan and Frank Robinson dynamic duo could rouse dull Giants

Navy's chief to speak to scholar-athletes

Vice Admiral William P. Lawrence, superintendent of the United States Naval Academy, will be the featured speaker at the 18th annual Scholar Athlete Awards Dinner scheduled for March 11 at Martin's West.

Tickets for the dinner are $20.

The dinner, being sponsored by the Greater Baltimore Chapter of the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame, will honor 87 scholar athletes representing football playing high schools in and around the Baltimore metropolitan area. One will be selected grand prize winner.

Four other regional winners, representing the remaining geographical areas, will receive scholarships of lesser amounts.

Brooks, Lem Barney win baseball-football golf

HONOLULU — Nick Carter, a business executive from San Diego, Calif., knocked in an 18 - foot birdie putt on the final hole Saturday, enabling former Baltimore Orioles star Brooks Robinson and ex-Detroit Lions great Lem Barney to win the 15th annual Baseball - Football Players Golf Tournament by a stroke.

In the scramble format being used this year for the first time, Carter and Dick Tarlow, of Brockton, Mass., wound up paired with Robinson and Barney in the final round of the 54 - hole event.

The ninth hole was the last played by the Robinson - Barney Team. The two former pro stars as well as Tarlow missed their putts from the edge but Carter sank his for the birdie and victory.

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Barney, an all - pro defensive back in seven of the 12 years he played for the Lions, and Robinson, a gold glove third baseman for 16 years, thus finished with a 63 for a 54 - hole score of 22 - under - par 194.

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Bits o' briefs

Aw, aw, here's Ted

Baltimore Colts fans will wonder whether the Chicago Bears are asking for unexcitement in their offense of the future.

Former Colts head coach Ted Marchibroda last week was signed as the Bears' offensive coordinator.

Black interest stems from the fact that Chicago has a black quarterback, Vince Evans, and one of the NFL's finest running backs in Walter Payton.

11 eye honor

Eleven black players are amont the 30 candidates nominated for the Wade Trophy, named for former Delta State coach Lily Wade and voted annually to the nation's best women college basketball players.

They are Valerie Walker, Cheyney State; Trudi Lacey, N.C. State; Sheila Foster, South Carolina; Amy Tucker, Ohio State; Stephanie Dorsey, Jackson State; Pam Kelley and Angela Turner, Louisiana Tech; Barbara Brown, Stephen F. Austin; Cheryl Williams, Detroit; Linda Roberts, Minnesota, and Wanda Hightower, Alabama-Birmingham.

Ken Singleton Sundays for elderly — Eddie Murray season reserves for kids

Eddie Murray, Singleton buy O's tix for needy

Baltimore Orioles Eddie Murray and Ken Singleton have each purchased blocks of reserved seats to be given to poor youngsters and the elderly who might otherwise not see the ball club play.

Murray, the Orioles' first baseman, Wednesday bought 50 upper box seat tickets for all 80 home games. They will be turned over to the Baltimore Jaycees, which will select 50 inner city youngsters for each game.

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Rightfielder Singleton bought 64 lower reserved seats for all 13 Sunday games, and they will be donated to senior citizens' groups.

Ron Shapiro, a Baltimore attorney and agent for both ballplayers, said his clients "were looking for a way to combine their involvement in baseball with the Baltimore community, and these projects accomplish that goal."

5 to test '80 champion in Bowie race Saturday

BOWIE, Md. — Mrs. Robert L. Beall's Dave's Friend, Maryland - bred champion last year in addition to runnerup nationally for sprint honors, heads the field of six rivals expected to go postward Saturday in the $50,000 added Native Dancer Handicap at Bowie.

The mile and one - sixteenth test for 3 - year - olds and up will have its 16th running and serves as a forerunner for the $125,000 added John B. Campbell, Maryland's richest handicap, on closing day, March 14. Last year Pole Position was the winner of both tests.

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Expected to oppose Dave Friend are J. Patrick Smith's Gasp, John D. Marsh's Majesty's World, Quality Hill Stable's Naughty Jimmy, Francis S. Barna's Telly Hill and Trenvant Stable's Sunny Winters.

Although sprinting is Dave's Friend forte, the son of Friend's Choice has proven this ability over a distance of ground. As a 3 - year - old, at Pimlico he established a mile and a furlong track record of 1.48 two - fifths to beat Star de Naskra by a length in the Marylander Handicap.

'Survival' youth paces Dons win

Quintin Dailey, winner of the 1979 Project Survival scholarship, scored 24 points and teammate John Hegwood added 23 Saturday night in leading San Francisc to a 101 - 71 West Coast Athletic Conference victory over St. Mary's.

The win kept the Dons atop the league with a 6-1 record. They rose to 18-4 overall. The Gaels slipped to 1-6 and 7-13.

The Dons broke the game open midway through the first half with a 10 - 2 run. They came from behind at 19 - 18 to take a 28 - 21 lead. Dailey accounted for six of those points.

Holmes sets April defense

NEW YORK (UPI) — Larry Holmes will depend his WBC heavyweight title against Canadian champion Trevor Berbick on April 11 in Las Vegas, starting a projected sweep of the division that could end with a showdown against top contender Gerry Codney and retirement by the end of the year.

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The bout between the 31 - year - old Holmes, undefeated in 36 bouts, and the 27 - year - old Berbick, 18-1-1, will be promoted by Don King and will be shown on cable television by home box office.

Holmes last fought in October when he stopped three - time champion Muhammad Ali in 11 rounds at Caesars Palace, the site of his fight with Berbick.

College scores

BASKETBALL

Clark 76, Ala. A and M 73
Eliz. City 93, Hampton 84
Delaware St. 81, Morgan 72
Grambling 87, Prairie View 68
Norfolk St. 112, Fayetteville 98
N.C. Central 98, Va. Union 86
Paul Quinn 79, Wiley 70
Savannah St. 69, Tuskegee 60
S.C. State 47, Baptist 45
Southern 71, Miss Valley 68
Stillman 62, Athens St. 61
Texas Southern 66, Alcorn 64
UDC 60, Radford 59
Virginia 58, Norfolk St. 57 (women)
Va. State 87, J. C. Smith 81
Wesleyan 93, Lincoln 82

Clips play pair

The Baltimore Clippers will play two of three weekend games on home ice, facing the Richmond Rebels Friday and Saturday night.

They then venture to Hampton for a 3 p.m., Sunday contest with the Aces.

Cage standings

MEAC Unofficial

A and T	5	3	.625
Howard	5	3	.625
Florida A and M	4	3	.571
Bethune	4	3	.571
S.C. State	3	5	.375
Dela. St.	2	6	.143

Friday
Morgan at N.C. Central
Spring Garden at Lincoln (women)
Claflin at Morris (women)
St. Augustine's at Shaw
Shaw at St. Augustine (women)
Tougaloo at Xavier (women)

Saturday
Howard at Delaware St.
Longwood At Md., E. Shore (women)
Coppin at Central St.
Norfolk St. at Va. Union
St. Paul's at Hampton (women)
St. Paul's at Hampton
Morris Brown at Tuskegee
W. Salem at J.C. Smith (women)
W. Salem at J.C. Smith
Xavier at Dillard
Belhaven at Xavier (women)
Grambling at Miss. Valley
Prairie View at Southern

Sunday
Morgan at American U. (women)

Monday
Towson St. at Howard
Md., E. Shore at Bowie (women)
W. Chester at Delaware St.
Cheyney St. at Lincoln
J.C. Smith at Sacred Heart (women)
Shaw at W. Salem (women)
Shaw at W. Salem
Tuskegee at Albany St.
Texas Southern at Southern

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

Saturday
Golden State at Cleveland
Washington at Detroit
Seattle at Chicago
San Antonio at Dallas
Milwaukee at Houston

Sunday
Golden State at New Jersey
Atlanta at Philadelphia
Chicago at Indiana
Milwaukee at San Antonio
Seattle at Kansas City
Boston at Denver
New York at Phoenix
Dallas at Los Angeles
Utah at Portland

Sugar Ray Leonard eyes unbeaten junior middleweight

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School Sports Scene

Wrestling

Lakers, Curley match ends in draw

MAKE THAT MOVE — Lloyd Williams of Curley and Alvin Wiley of Lake Clifton try to untangle themselves. Williams won the match, which was in the 158 lb. weight class.

By Kathy A. Ray
Student Intern

"Success is getting a wrestler to put out 100 percent in practice, attendance and effort... if he does at least 90 percent of these things everything else will fall into line," stated Coach Larry McCoy of Walbrooks Division II wrestling team.

However, Walbrooks 2-5 record hasnt really been put to the test. They are already more than halfway through the season and baye defeated only three fellow teams: Severn, Luthern and Forest Park.

"Cardinal Gibbsons was our most disappointing defeat, reason being because that was the hardest one we fought for and ended up losing it by 20 points," Coach McCoy said.

The coach feels that their losses were due to the building of a new inexperienced team. "The majority of them are sophomores and this is a new experience for them. They need more time to mature and expand their abilities. When these things are accomplished, positive results will definitely happen next year," Coach McCoy stated with much enthusiasm.

Coach McCoy confessed with a smile, that even though his job is quite time consuming, he still thoroughly enjoys coaching wrestling just for the love of the sport. He himself has been involved with the sport for 11 years and admits that its advantages as well as disadvantages.

"Dealing and working together with a group of guys for a team and personal union of advancement is an uplifting and fulfilling experience for me. When you arrive at team unity for the same causr... youre on cloud nine," he said.

On the other hand, the coach strongly feels thet team unity comes only after you have accomplished discipline and dedication for yourself as well as the team. "These things you must strive for as a unit," he added.

Coach McCoy first took on the task of coaching Walbrooks wrestling team in 1979. "Ive always had a personal interest in wrestling," he said.

"The uniqueness about wrestling is that you dont haye to be six foot tall or weigh 200 pounds, yet anyone can wrestle," the coach stated.

Coach McCoy strongly believes that winning is not always the key factor of accomplishment or success. Boxeye the unsung hero must be acknowledged.

"One of the goals, I feel of wrestling is to help build up the image of the unsung hero-the athlete who puts out the most effort and receives little recognition in return."

As a whole, Coach McCoy feels that his teams spirit is superior "when I can fire them up."

UPSIDE DOWN — Michael Phiefer of Lake Clifton and Kevin Heinecke of Curley, both try a new view of things. Phiefer won the match with a pin. (AFRO photo by Mark Gail)

Walbrook dumps L.C. in classic match

It had all the suspense and drama of a Hitchcock thriller. At many points in the game, the performance of the team had the crowd on their feet, cheering frantically and finally it was just one in a series of super games between division rivals Lake Clifton and Walbrook as both teams slugged it out into overtime before Walbrook finally prevailed 76-71.

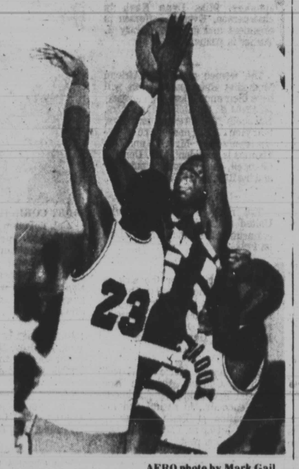
Its been said that the trademark of a championship team is its ability to rise to the occasion when its back is against the wall. In the Warriors case, this belief seemed to inspire them to Play their best game of the season.

Coming into the game against the Lakers, Walbrook had lost only one game in divisional play, to Lake Clifton in overtime. To haye any chance of playing Dunbar in the finals, they had to defeat Lake Clifton. It was the most crucial game of the season, a bid for the finals against Dunbar, and a chance to avenge their only loss in their diyision banded to them by the Lakers themselves.

The stage was set, the desire to win by both teams was present and no writer could have thought of a better Plot to lead to the exciting climax of the game. zhe fans came expecting another great game and none were disappointed.

The first period started quickly. Both teams displayed some nervousness, but the Warriors, in perhaps their best period of the game, got things rolling, due to exceptional play on offense and defense and support from the crowd. At the end of the first period, which Walbrook dominated, the score was 16-12.

Maybe memories of their loss earlier floated through the players minds, like some bad dream that they could never forget. They dominated the Lakers during the overtime period allowing them only three points and eventually going on to win 76-71.



NO YOU DON'T! — Lake Clifton Eddie Johnson tries to get pass a Walbrook's Frank James for two points, as the Lakers fell to the Warriors 78-71 in overtime Wednesday in an important "A" conference division I battle. AFRO photo by Mark Gail

Alton Smith

Bob Garrison

Basketball tournament to be full of surprises

The second season of basketball started last night with the preliminary rounds of the seventh annual Baltimore City Public School Basketball tournament.

Southwestern played Western, Patterson faced Edmondson, Northwestern played Dunbar and Southern faced Walbrook in first round girls action.

In last years tournament, Western faced Edmondson, losing just a week after beating the lady Redskins for the championship roundball title.

This year the favorites are Western, led by high scoring Sauncurae Alexander and teammates against this years surprise team, Walbrook.

The lady Warriors, who were 9-6 last year, are 14-0 this year, beating Edmondson twice with Rose Willis and senior Denise Brockington to name a few who have given them the upper hand.

But Western and Walbrook better keep an eye on Northwestern and Edmondson, who could pull a fast one on the top-seeded teams.

In the boys division last night, Forest Park played Lake - Clifton, Walbrook played Carver, Douglass faced Edmondson and Dunbar went up against Poly.

As in the girls division, last years finalists, Dunbar and Walbrook faced each other in the championship.

This years tournament should be a little different, with the top three teams all having tasted defeat, Dunbar, Lake Clifton and Walbrook.

Dunbar, it may be remembered, came to a split in its two bouts with Lake Clifton this season. The Lakers, likewise, won a bout with Douglass and lost the following one. Walbrook this season managed to beat Lake Clifton, but lost to Poly and Douglass.

The surprise teams, Poly and Douglass, are looking for a spotlight to shine on themselves this season in the championship bouts.

Lydia Carr

Deana Sims

Walbrook wrestlers face uphill battle

By Mark Gail
AFRO Staff Writer

"Heartbreak Hotel," a popular song by Michael Jackson, is where Lake Clifton Coach Donald Morrison and Arcgbishop Curley Coach Albert Udris felt like checking into after Tuesday's championship mat match ending in a 30-30 tie.

Both schools were undefeated coming into the "B" Conference showdown dual, the Lakers at 10-0 for the Division I championship berth, and Curley holding the Division II championship slot with a 9-0 record.

Lake Clifton jumped off to a great start rolling up four pins in the first five bouts, building up a 24-6 early lead.

Lakers Kevin Baylor, 101 weight class, Ken Lipka, 115 weight class, Nathan Rivers, 122, and Michael Phiefer, 121, recorded the pins. Curleys Joseph Yeater, 108 weight class, gave his team its only victory in the lightweights.

But just as fast as the Lake Clifton built its lead Curley came back in the middle weights with three pins out of five matches, going ahead, 30-24, with just two weight classes left.

Laker William Curtis brought his classmates to within three points with a 5-1 decision over Curley's Wayne Knoll bringing the score to 30-27.

The match came down, finally, to a bout between Lake Cliftons Dorian Gray and Curleys David Amend face to face on the mat.

Gray tried his best to pin Amend for the victory, but Amend never got caught off guard, leaving Gray with an 8-2 decision and the 30-30tie, giving each a co-championship.

"I have an empty feeling," said Laker Coach Don Morrison after the match. "Its sort of like we didnt wrestle, but I cant complain. The kids did a good job."

Curley's coach Albert Udiris echoed the same feelings.

So for Curley, the event is the MSA tournament at Poly Feb. 20 and 21, while Lake Clifton gets to blow off steam this weekend at Mervo in the public school tournament.

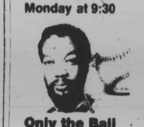
Sports Schedule

Friday, February 13
Gymnastics
Finals at Lake Clifton — 3:00
Wrestling
Public School Tournament at Mervo — 3:00

Saturday, February 14
Wrestling
Public School Tournament Finals at Mervo — 3:00
Basketball
Public School Tournament at Morgan State — 1:00, 2:50, 4:40 and 6:30

Sunday, February 15
Basketball
Public School Tournament at Morgan State — 1:00, 2:50, 4:40 and 6:30

Monday at 9:30



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