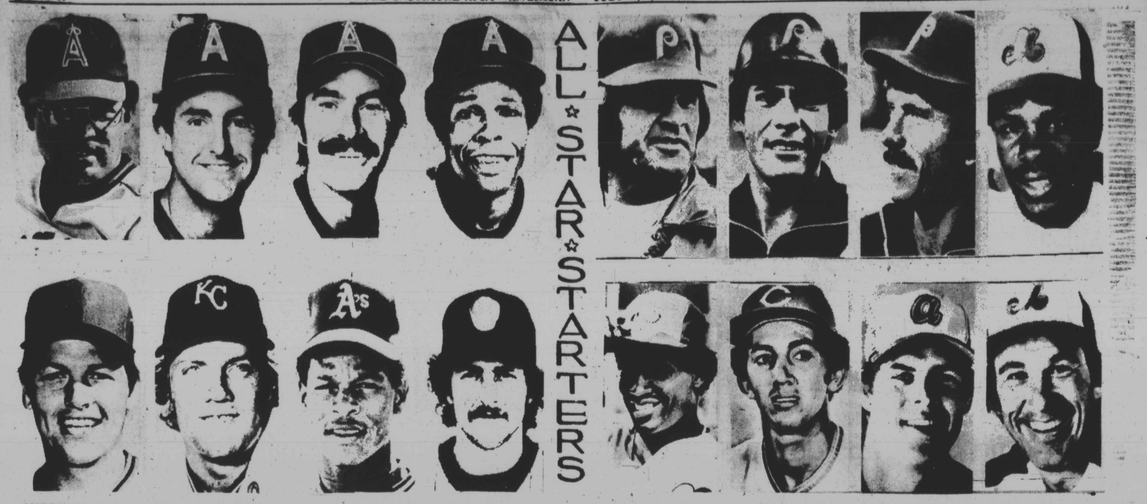

AMERICAN LEAGUE — Top row (l to r) Reggie Jackson, Fred Lynn, outfielders; Bobby Grich and Rod Carew, infielders of California Angels; bottom row (l to r) Carlton Fisk, catcher, Chicago White Sox; George Brett, Kansas City Royals, infielder; Ricky Henderson, Oakland A's, outfielder, and Robin Yount, Milwaukee Brewers, infielder. Manager will be Billy Martin, Oakland A's.

NATIONAL LEAGUE — Top row (l ro r) Pete Rose, Manny Trillo, Mike Schmidt, all infielders, Philadelphia Phillies, and Andre Dawson, outfielder, Montreal Royals; bottom row (l to r) Tim Raines, outfielder, Montreal Royals; Dave Concepcion, infielder, Cincinnati Reds; Dale Murphy, outfielder, Atlanta Braves, and Gary Carter, Montreal catcher. Manager: Tom La Sorda, L. A. Dodgers.

McRae the players' choice

AL rule keeps top star hidden from 'Star' game

Considering the controversy that is constant over the matter of picking the teams for baseball's All - Star game, it is ironic that one of the league's most qualified candidates will have to depend on a manager's whim if he is to participate in Tuesday's classic at Montreal on the side of the American League.

He is Hal McRae of the Kansas City Royals.

If the players selected the All - Star team instead of the fans, it's a good bet that McRae would have received more votes than anyone in the AL.

Catcher Carlton Fisk of the Chicago White Sox was the top vote - getter in the balloting done by the fans to select the AL guard, but because McRae is a designated hitter he was not listed on the official computerized All - Star ballot and, thus, did not get any support.

Hal McRae
fans don't know him

Martin, if he is to compete against the National League.

McRae certainly has impeccable All - Star credentials. He hit a grand slam Tuesday night to raise his season's RBI total to 76 and spark the Royals to a 6 - 2 triumph over the Boston Red Sox.

It's doubtful that McRae, who appeared in the 1975 and 1976 All - Star games, will be bypassed by Martin but even if he is selected he probably will be limited to a pinch hitting appearance since the designated hitter isn't used in the All - Star game.

"It's in Billy's hands," said McRae. "There's nothing I can do about it. I won't be mad if I don't go; it wouldn't do me any good. It would just ruin my three days at home, that's all. My kids would probably be more disappointed than I would (if not selected)."

"The people in baseball know what I'm doing. If what I'm doing isn't good enough, going to the All - Star game doesn't mean anything anyway," he said.

Tracklights on 2 fronts

Familiar track and field names were in the spotlight on two European fronts earlier this week.

In Oslo, Norway, they won sprints, jumps and hurdles, and in Milan, Italy, they captured similar firsts, plus a distance event.

The Norwegian games saw Jeff Phillips and 1972 Olympic champion Don Quarrie run one - two in the 200 meters. And Willie Banks scored in the triple jump.

Additionally, James Robinson was runner - up in the 800.

In the women's 100, the redoubtiable Evelyn Ashford bested Jamaican champion Beverly Callendar.

Longjumper Carol Lewis was second in the 100 - meter hurdles which she entered in the absence of her favorite event.

The Milan meet was highlighted by the victory of 34 - year - old Rod Milburn in the 110 high hurdles. The 1968 Olympic gold medalist at Mexico City bested the younger U.S. champion Willie Gault.

Gault had taken the 100 meters earlier.

James Butler and Mel Lattany swept the 200 meters in the Italian competitions; Bert Cameron and Walter McCoy duplicated in the 400.

And Sydney Maree of Villanova and Wilson Waigwa of Texas - El Paso dittoed at 5,000 meters.

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Bits o' briefs

Three in 100

Jim Thorpe's 288 in last week's Western Open enabled him to join Calvin Peete and Jim Dent on the list of top 100 money winners on the 1982 pro golf tour.

Peete is 34th with $77,336; Dent is in 80th place with $35,750, and Thorpe is 88th with $38,256, after collecting $15,400 last Sunday at Oak Brook, IL.

Tit for tat

Or whatever other way one has for describing what appears to be an even exchange. That seemed to be the case Wednesday when the Phoenix Suns traded Len "Truck" Robinson to the New York Knicks for Maurice Lucas.

Both are 30 years old, both are established NBA stars, and both reportedly had differences with front offices of their teams.

New black face

Neduka Odizor of Nigeria, ranked 85th in the world, upset top seed Johan Kriek of South Africa in Wednesday's second round of the $1000,000 Hall of Fame tennis tournament at the Newport Casino.

The tournament is sponsored by Miller.

Kriek, ranked 11th in the world, lost a 12 - point tiebreaker in the third set to lose the match 7 - 6, 3 - 6, 7 - 6 in the last grass court championship in the United States.

Odizor, a three - time All - American at the University of Houston and a rookie on the pro tour, rallied from a five - game and two - point deficit in the third set to win the biggest victory of his career.

WBA threatens bantam champ

The World Boxing Association has reportedly threatened to strip bantamweight champion Jeff Chandler of Philadelphia of his crown if he does not defend it.

The chairman of the WBA Championship Committee, Luis Batista Salas, sent a telegram dated June 20 to Chandler's manager, Becky O'Neill, giving the champion 10 days to sign to fight the No. 1 contender. The current top challenger is Miguel Iriarte of Panama.

Jeff Chandler
challenger won't answer?

O'Neill received the telegram July 1, according to the report.

J. Russell Peltz, who promotes Chandler's fights, said there was a signed contract for Chandler to fight Iriarte, but Iriarte had not answered telegrams or telephone calls to finalize details.

Chandler, who gained his title in November 1980 from Julian Solis, last defended his crown March 22 against No 2 contender Johnny Carter.

Orioles miss as All-Stars

It could be one of two things that renders to Baltimore Orioles a non - entity for Tuesday's All - Star game starting lineup: (1) theirs is a team effort that has permitted them to attain their stature in the AL East race, or (2) they first just aren't appreciated by their own fans.

Why else would there be no member of the Bird entourage within shouting distance of the top vote - getters in the final balloting?

Of course, it is likely that either Dennis Martinez or Scott McGregor will be among the pitchers chosen by designated AL manager Billy Martin, and that the supporting cast will include first baseman Eddie Murray.

Elrod Hendricks, the O's bullpen coach already has been tapped for similar duty at Montreal.

But, if may come as a shock to Baltimoreans that the best showing by a Bird in the fan balloting was a sixth place among first basemen by Murray.

The No. 1 pick at that position is Rod Carew of the Angels. But the fact that KC's Willie Aikens and Chicago's Tom Paciorek outvoted Eddie is a reflection on local fans.

Next to Murray's sixth place finish was the seventh by Rick Dempsey among catchers. And after him, back in 13th position was Ken Singleton among the AL outfielders. .... SAM LACY.

Elrod Hendricks
named bullpen coach

Birds return home with new lineup

When baseball gets its customary All - Star game shenanigans out of the way, the Orioles will resume their chase of the American League East title at Memorial Stadium.

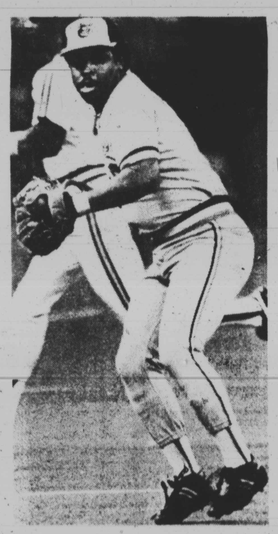
The Birds return home next Thursday from a western trip which at one point saw them with 2½ games of the lead — two games back in the vital loss column.

Credit the stepped up pace to the new lineup manager Earl Weaver has come up with, showing rookie Floyd Rayford at third base and Cal Ripken Jr., moved to shortstop.

The installation of Rayford is still under scrutiny, what with the chunky Tennessee - born Californian somewhat shaky on defense. However, his efforts at the plate have indicated an addition of power.

As of Thursday morning, Rayford had connected for two homers in 27 at bats. The shortstop combination of Lenn Sakata and Bobby Bonner, which he replaced, had only two in a total of 264 at bats between them.

Returning Thursday (15th) the O's entertain the pesky Seattle Mariners four times, the California Angels thrice, then the A's and White Sox three times each in a 13 - game home stand. . . LACY.



Floyd Rayford
seems entrenched at 3rd

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Record live

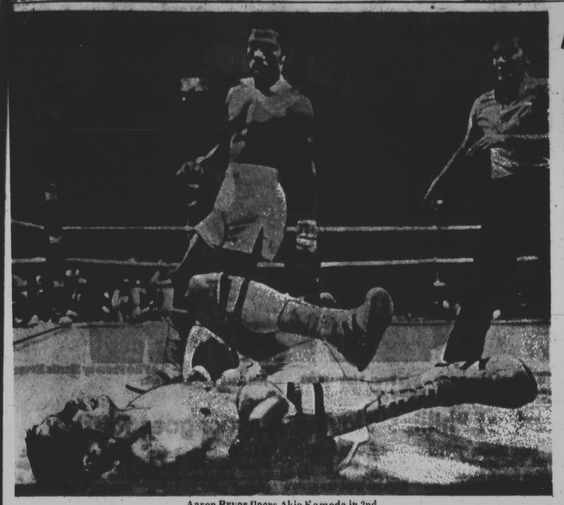
LAS VEGAS, NV (UPI) — Harry Wald, president of Caesars Palace Hotel - Casino, said Tuesday the live gate receipts from the June 11 Larry Holmes - Gerry Cooney world heavyweight championship bout established a world box office record of $7,293,600.

Wald said 29,284 fight fans passed through the turnstiles to witness Holmes retain his title as 755 journalists and photographers from 23 foreign countries and 38 states were present to report the event.

The gate receipts topped the Larry Holmes - Muhammad Ali championship fight in October, 1980, which generated $6.2 million with an attendance of more than 25,000 fans.

AFRO Sports

HE'S AT IT AGAIN — Jim Thorpe who seems to play the PGA tour's toughest courses well, did it again last weekend. The Falls Church (VA) native was 8 under par at 288, to finish tied for fourth in the Western Open at the difficult Butler National Course at Oak Brook IL. Tom Weiskopf won with a 280. Thorpe cashed $15,400 for his 4-day effort.



Aaron Pryor floors Akio Kameda in 2nd
but Japanese champion wouldn't stay down

Pryor looks to first million after kayo of Japanese champ

CINCINNATI (UPI) — Undefeated World Boxing Association junior welterweight champion Aaron Pryor has earned what he's been working toward — his first $1 million payday.

Pryor, who upped his record to 31 - 0 with a sixth round TKO over Akio Kameda of Tokyo, Japan, in a fourth of July title defense, will go against WBC lightweight titleholder Alexis Arguello in October.

That bout should be Pryor's toughest test to date, and by far his biggest payday. Pryor will receive more than $1 million for the fight.

Pryor's big payday against Arguello wouldn't have come off if Pryor hadn't defeated Kameda, and for a few seconds in the first round there was some doubt, as Kaneda surprised Pryor with a quick knockdown.

But Pryor said all the incentive he needed to storm back was Arguello.

"I just looked over at Arguello and got up," said Pryor. "I was a little off balance on that knockdown. I'm always a little frisky in the first round."

Pryor, with his hometown Cincinnati crowd cheering him on, bounced up and took complete control of the fight.

He went on to knock Kaneda down five times — twice in the second round, once in the third and twice in the sixth — before referee Ernesto Magana stopped the bout with 1:44 left in the sixth and awarded Pryor a TKO victory.

French champ Noah to play in D.C. tourney

In just two weeks, Yannick Noah, the reigning tennis champion of France, will be competing in the D.C. National Bank Tennis Classic, presented by New England Life, July 17-26, at the Rock Creek Tennis Stadium located at 16th and Kennedy Sts., NW.

Noah was born in the French Cameroons, where he was "discovered" at age 10 by Arthur Ashe, Ashe convinced the French Tennis Federation to help Noah move from the Cameroons to Paris, where he could face stiffer competition.

Over the next decade, Ashe's strategy reaped rewards as Noah inherited a French tennis legacy that had been dormant since the 1930's.

By winning the 1977 French Open junior title, Noah served notice to his countrymen, and on the world, that he would be a force to be reckoned with in the years to come. Since then, he has won eight Volvo Grand Prix singles titles, and was the runner-up at the 1980 Italian Open.

In 1981, Noah advanced to the quarter-finals-or-better of 13 tournaments, winning two. His most impressive showing came in Richmond where he defeated Ivan Lendl, Gene Mayer and Roscoe Tanner, en route to the championship.

That primed the pumps for 1982. In February of this year, he produced the biggest win of his career, accomplishing a feat that no other player in the world had been able to do in the previous six months, Noah defeated Lendl,

Czechoslovakian's torrid 45-match winning streak, and gave Noah the title at the Congoleum Classic in La Quinta, California.

Two weeks later, Noah led France to a 3-2 Davis Cup victory over Argentina, the 1980 Davis Cup champion and '81 runner-up. The win advanced France into the quarterfinals against Lendl and Czechoslovakia, July 5 - 11.

A month later, Noah derailed Borg's comeback try at Monte Carlo with a straight set, quarter-final win. In his most recent tournament, the French Open, Noah advanced to the quarter - finals.

At Wimbledon, the 10th seeded Noah was forced to withdraw before his first match because of a pulled hamstring, but he as well as other tennis superstars are expected for the D.C. National Bank Classic.

Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the Washington area Tennis Patrons Foundation, which helps fund, among other programs, the National Junior Tennis League, and numerous other youth tennis programs in Metropolitan area.

Reserved seat and general admission tickets are still available. For more ticket information, call 202-333-5610.

Yannick Noah
Ninth-ranked tennis star over DC

NBA drafts 2 Howard stars

Howard University's James Ratiff and James Terry were selected in the National Basketball Association draft held June 29, marking the first time two players from Howard have been drafted in the same year.

Ratiff, a 6-9, power forward, was chosen in the eighth round by the Atlanta Hawks, while Terry, a 6-11 center was picked up in the ninth round by the Washington Bullets.

"Ratiff is a good scorer and he has the size to play in the NBA," said Coach Kevin Loughery. "We will give him a good look and hope he's able to help our ballclub next season."

Since transferring to Howard three years ago from the University of Tennessee, Ratiff has led the league in scoring with 20.5 (1979-80), 18.3 (1980-81) and 19.2 (1981-82) averages. He also finished second in rebounding during both the 1980-81 and 1981-82 seasons with 9.1 and 9.2 clips.

At this writing Ratiff has not been able to be reached for comment, but A.B. Williamson, Howard's basketball coach said the following.

"Ratiff's competition is John Drew and Rudy Macklin. I think he can play with them. He has the athletic and mental ability, however he'll have to be in his best physical condition, have a positive attitude and be given a legitimate chance."

"He's a local player with good size, said Bill Gardinar, chief scout of the Washington Bullets. Terry still has a lot to learn, but he has the potential."

Coach Williamson adds: "In the situation Terry's in, the Bullets really don't have a center but if he works hard playing with the Urban Coalition League this summer he should have a good chance with the Bullets club."

JAMES TERRY

JAMES RATIFF

"However, I think he should go to the European League," said Williamson," I know the politics of the NBA and it might be wiser. He's only 21, he could take two years, work on his game, come back and have a legitimate contractual chance. With his jumping and running ability, Williams continues, he could make someone a good center. Right now, to make the Bullets it's going to be nig and tuck."

Terry learned of his NBA drafting on the 11 o'clock news, "They flashed it on the television, it's a great opportunity for me because the Bullets are a team on the upswing, they don't lay down when there is no way out. I respect that and hope I can be part of it."

Despite Terry being a ninth round draft choice his optimism still abounds. Terry said, "It's just a number, it's not going to stop me from performing to the best of my ability. I'm just asking the Washington Bullets organization to give me a fair chance. As for the European League offer it's still up in the air.

Terry pauses for a moment and concludes, "You know I would like to play professional basketball but if it doesn't work out that's what my education has been about, something you can always rely on." Terry majored in political science and minored in computer science at Howard. -

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