Coach describes '82 Bears: 'Young, a long way to go

A philosophical Morgan State head coach looks at his squad of 85 football prospects and shrugs his shoulders as though to say: "Well; we're going to show up."

That "showing up" will be essayed for the first time in 1982, next Saturday (Sept. 4) when the current edition of Golden Bears travels to Yankee Stadium to meet Grambling in the annual Whitney Young Classic.

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And "Young" is an apt description of coach Tom Morris' Morgan football team.

True, the Bears have back their all - MEAC quarterback Darrell Coulter and ball carriers Dave Fields and Phoenix Deakins. But except for center Cohen Cosby and tackles Demosthenes Christie and Hans Ramsey, Morris will be hard put to find hands with sufficient experience to handle the perennial Grambling powerhouse.

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As of the moment, the most advanced among freshman backfield candidates are Alphonso Harris and Jeff Tanner.

Harris is a 5 - 8, 160 - pound halfback from Hopewell, Va. Tanner, 6 - 3, and 220 pounds, is a fullback from South Ozone Park, NY.

Drew Troy, a tight end from the local Northwestern High School, may be moved to flanker because his 210 pounds is about eight or 10 pounds under what Morgan coaches expect of a tight end.

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Although final evaluations will be made in the upcoming two - a - day sessions, coaches are giving close attention to the likes of freshmen:

Ted Rogers, tackle, Roosevelt, NY; James Young, tackle, Richmond; Michael Fleming, tackle, Jersey City, NJ; Michael Carter, center, Richmond, and James Mitchell, defensive tackle, Flushing, NY.

Also local product Eric Felder, linebacker, Northwestern High; Tracy Jennings, linebacker, Brooklyn, NY; and defensive backs Alfred Braxton and Darryl Brown, both of Richmond.

All of these young people, however, "need a lot of work and have a long way to go," says Morris.

AW GEE!! — Cosmos' Darryl Gee (L) tries to muscle his way in front of Tulsa's Tasso Koutsoukos as they chase ball into the Roughnecks' end during first half of quarter - final game at East Rutherford, NJ. The Cosmos, with former Oakland Mills (Columbia) High School star in starting role, beat Tulsa Roughnecks in first game of best - of - three title series, 5 - 0.

Morgan-Grambling game to hold to tradition

The Grambling versus Morgan State football game next Saturday (4th) is expected to be one of the classic events in the history of the series.

Although Grambling has dominated play (they hold an 11-1) record the game has always provided excitement for the spectators. Morgan State's goal-line stand to win the first Classic; Doug Williams' rocket-like 60-yard passes; and countless other memorable incidents have made the contest a true classic.

But, like the game's slogan states, "It's more than just a football game." Eleven young New York City students will be the beneficiaries through scholarship funds, provided from proceeds of the game.

Each year an outstanding personality is chosen by the New York Urban League's Board of Directors to receive the Whitney M. Young, Jr. Memorial Award for outstanding citizenship and sportamanship. This year's winner is baseball's Larry Doby, the second black in major league baseball and the first in the American League.

Doby joins such luminaries as Roy Campanella, Paul Robeson, Willis Reed, Muhammad Ali, Jackie Robinson, Eubie Blake, Lennie Wil Wilkens, Buddy Young, Rosa Parks, Aretha Franklin, Fritz Pollard, and others as a recipient of the award.

Stacy Lattisaw, young singer with Atlantic Records will sing the National Anthem and the choir from the Temple of Faith and Hope will give its rendition of "Lift Every Voice."

The nationally celebrated marching bands from both Grambling and Morgan will do their thing at halftime. Extra added attraction, will be the jumping of the Green Beret Paratroopers from the 82nd Airborne. They are members of the 555th Paratrooper Association and will descend from 7000 feet and present the football to the referee to get the game started.

Larry Doby

City vs Poly reunion set

The second annual Poly-City Football Alumni reunion touch football game will take place on Sept. 11, at Lumsden Stadium at Poly (Cold Spring Lane and Falls Road).

Anyone who participated in a varsity Poly-City game or involved in any way with its staging over the years, is invited to play in a game of one-hand touch football.

It will be an opportunity to renew old "rivalries" and friendships. Also, there will be a special football clinic for children 8 to 13 years of age.

Refreshments will be available, and voluntary contributions will be requested to benefit the Baltimore Special Olympics. The rain date for this game will be Sept. 18.

More information is available at 235-3107.

Columbia team soccer champ

The under - 16 Columbia Kicks have returned to their Howard County home possessors of the North American soccer championship.

The youngsters survived competition among 5,000 young teams playing in the United States and Canada, and capped their effort in a title at Vancouver, British Columbia last weekend.

Included in the Kicks' lineup were Lloyd Hopkins, Keith Neale and John Hardwick of Oakland Mills High School; Paul Innerarity of Wilde Lake, and Mitchell Steele of Centennial High.

Soccer leagues to lay plans

The organization meeting for the 1982 - 83 Unlimited Men's and Unlimited Women's Soccer leagues will be held on Aug. 31, at the Patterson Park Recreation Center - 2601 E. Baltimore St. - 100 yards inside the park - at 7:30 p.m.

The league season will begin on Sept. 26, and run for ten (10) consecutive weeks. All city unlimited teams shall be affiliated with the Maryland State Soccer Association and all Cup tournaments shall be sanctioned.

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Bits o' briefs

Peete peaking

Calvin Peete, recognized for the past 19 months as the most accurate of all the touring pro golf players, has enhanced his stature even more.

The longtime undisputed leader in the "percentage in fairway" category and No. 2 in the "greens in regulation" statistics, has moved up to first the latter also.

Peete's fairway from tee percentage is .813, comfortably set over runner-up Bill Rogers' .777. And last week he moved ahead of Jack Nicklaus in reaching greens by a perventage margin of .725 to .722.

Three in 100

Calvin Peete, Jim Dent and Jim Thorpe are among the 100 top money winners on the PGA tour as Peete goes into this weekend's Tournament of Champions event at Akron, Ohio.

Peete's $223,111 places him 8th on the charmed list. Dent is in 84th place with $46,369, and Thorpe's $43,971 has him in 87th place.

US's best

In one of its rare statements of preferences, the U.S. Olympic Committee has opined that the American team which won the gold in the 1960 Games at Rome, was the best in amateur basketball history.

On that squad were Oscar Robertson, Bob Boozer and Walt Bellamy . . . along with Jerry West, Jerry Lucas, Darrell Imhoff, et al.

Announcer hurt

NEW YORK — Bill White, an announcer for the New York Yankees, was slightly injured in an automobile accident Monday on the New Jersey Turnpike.

A Yankee broadcast official said the 48-year-old former first baseman was released from the hospital after treatment and returned home. White's car was jammed in the rear as he was enroute from his home near Philadelphia to Yankee Stadium to broadcast the Kansas City Royals game.

Resurging O's decline premature burial

Hold it!

Don't cross the arms, and don't close the lid. Save the eulogies until a later date.

These are sounds emanating from Memorial Stadium as the Orioles are refusing to lay over and play dead in the race for the American League Eastern Division title.

Thousands of the once - faithful have given up on the Birds twice within the past month as a harried Earl Weaver and his O's suffered through late - July and early - August swoons.

But, despite playing so poorly as to drop from two games off leading Milwaukee to nine games back at one point, the Orioles find themselves once more in a challenging position.

Their aim tonight, as they head into a 3 - game, weekend set with the lowly Texas Rangers, is to continue within striking distance of the Brewers until a crucial 7 - game showdown next month.

Typical of a team that has retained the confidence, Baltimore has rebounded with the aid of a different contributor in each win.

And in focus now, of course, is the head - to - head series with Milwaukee that closes the season, Oct. 1 - 3. . . . at home.

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Sydnor, Jackson cut

'Up' Colts face acid test

Frank Kush and his surprising Colts arrived in Pittsburgh this morning (Friday) for tomorrow's 8 p.m., game with the consistently strong Steelers.

The Colts are understandably, on a "high", following victories over the New York Giants and Atlanta Falcons in pre - season exhibitions the past two Saturdays.

That the team is improving with each outing is obvious. And there can be little doubt that this improvement — with the subsequent results — has had great impact on the morale.

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Upgraded confidence, however, can be seriously affected by Saturday's performance against the always — tough Steelers, to whom the Colts have lost seven times in 10 tries.

This outing, then, is regarded as extremely important. It can mean much if the Colts win, or produce a strong effort, even in losing.

Three youngsters holding considerable local interest were among the 21 players released by the club on Monday.

Ray Sydnor, a tight end prospect from Wisconsin University; Howard Jackson, a Hampton Institute running back, and Marco Tongue, an All - CIAA safety from Bowie State, were among the cuts as the Colts reduced their training roster to 70 players as required.

Sydnor, who was a late arrival as a free agent, apparently was deemed too far behind the rest of the unit to catch up.

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And Jackson, though scoring the deciding touchdown in the Colts' surprising win over the New York Giants, faced odds that were too great, what with Randy McMillan, Marvin Sims and Cleveland Franklin ahead of him in the fullback quest.

Both Sydnor and Jackson are products of local high schools. . . . LACY.

'Flowers-from-Colts' program under way

Baltimore Colt Ray Butler's scoring touchdown in the exhabition game against the Giants on Aug. 14 signalled the first delivery of a new season of "Flowers from the Colts" to area nursing homes.

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Member florists of the Allied Florists Association of Greater Baltimore have renewed their agreement with the Colts and during the 1982 season will continue their community service to local nursing homes by sending flower arrangements for points scored by the Colts in Memorial Stadium.

Inaugurated at the opening of last season, "Flowers from the Colts" accounted for over 70 arrangements being delivered. Florists send an arrangement for every field goal scored and two for every touchdown. In addition, they send another Colt floral tribute for every three-point total of safeties and conversions.

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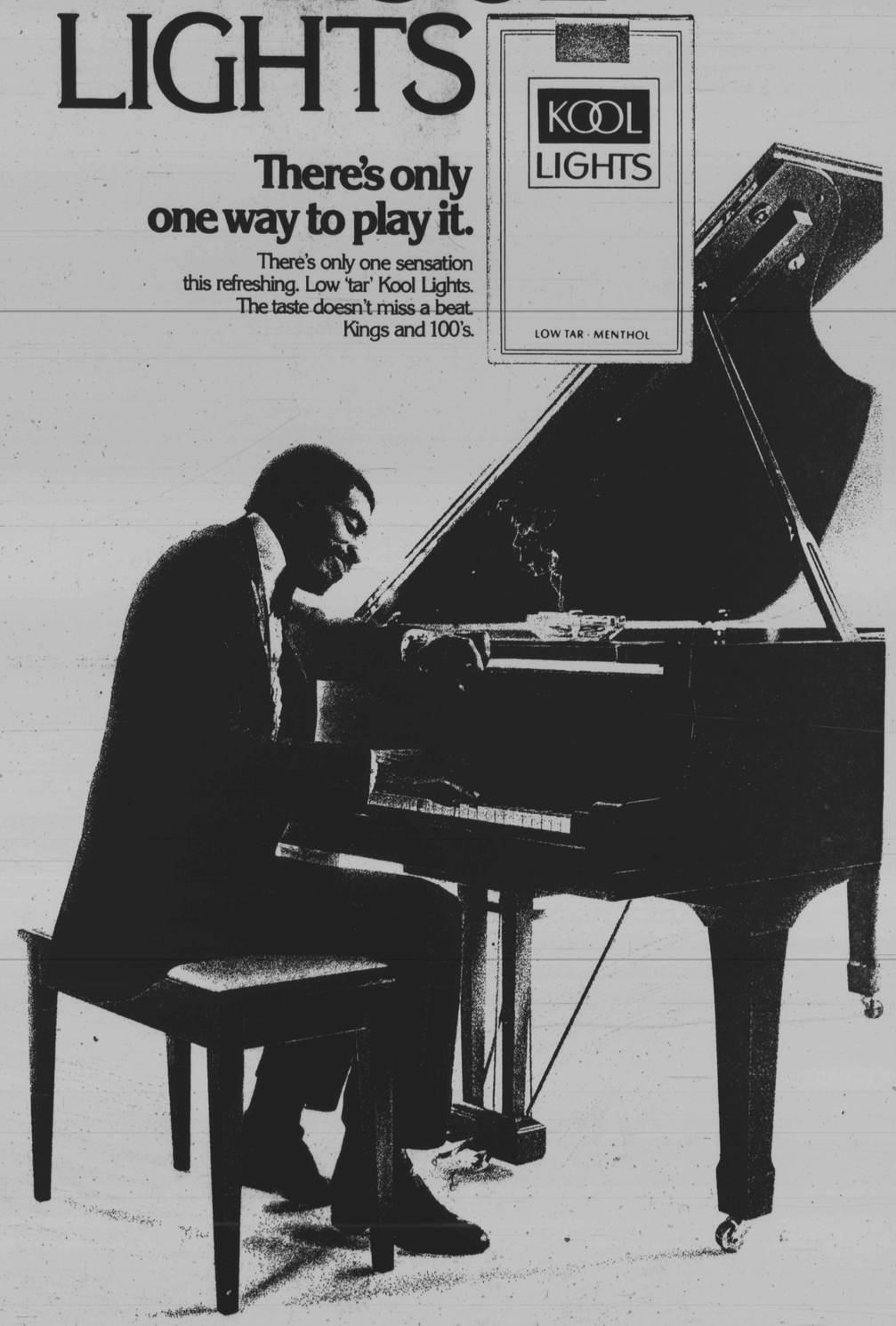

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