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In the NBA

Friday
Chicago at Boston
Philadelphia at New Jersey
New York at Detroit
Cleveland at Indiana
Utah at San Antonio
Houston at Kansas City
Dallas at Denver
Phoenix at San Diego
Seattle at Los Angeles
Golden State at Portland

Saturday
Detroit at Washington
Milwaukee at Atlanta
San Antonio at Dallas
Utah at Houston
Seattle at Golden State

Sunday
Philadelphia at Boston
Washington at Cleveland
New Jersey at Indiana
New York at Chicago
Kansas City at Denver
San Diego at Phoenix
Portland at Los Angeles

Old Timers star game

Hank, Ernie and Minnie but no Willie for RFK

Hall of Famers Hank Aaron, Ernie Banks and Monte Irvin, and Cooperstown - elect Juan Marichal are among players committed to the Cracker Jack Old Timers baseball game at RFK in Washington, July 18.

Willie Mays, another Hall of Famer and one of baseball's most popular oldtimers, will not be on hand because of the ban imposed by Commissioner Bowie Kuhn two years ago.

Kuhn decreed that Mays and former Yankee Mickey Mantle could not participate in any baseball promotion because of their affiliation with Atlantic City hotels which house gambling casinos.

Among other black stars of the past who have accepted invitations are Earl Battey and Minnie Minoso on the American League side, and Lou Brock and Billy Williams for the Nationals.

Willie Mays he's not invited

Last year, the American League Old Timers beat the National League squad, 7-2, before 29,196 fans.

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This year's American League team roster:

Joe DiMaggio, Phil Rizzuto, Bob Feller, Sid Hudson, Camilio Pascual, Billy Pierce, Allie reynolds, Bobby Shantz, Early Wynn, Bill Dickey, Less Moss, Gus Triandos, Luke Appling, Bobby Doerr.

George Kell, Boog Powell, Brooks Robinson, Al Rosen, Bill Skowron, George Strickland, Mickey Vernon, Hank Bauer, Rocky Colavito, Tommy Henrich, Al Kaline, Bob Kennedy, Harmon Killebrew and Roger Maris.

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The National League team:

Stan Musial Johnny Antonelli, Don Drysdale, Carl Erskine, Vinegar Bend Mizell, Robin Roberts, Johnny Sain, Warren Spahn, Smokey Burgess, Joe Garagiola, Tom Haller and Tim McCarver.

Alvin Dark, Willie Jones, Ted Kluszewski, Johnny Logan, Eddie Mathews, Bill Mazeroski, Pee Wee Reese, Ron Santo, Red Schoendienst, Richie Ashburn. Del Ennis, Dee Fondy, Ralph Kiner and Enos Slaughter.

Mel wants Carl

After shattering the Dogwood Relays 100-meter record despite a strong headwind at Knoxville (Tenn) Saturday, Olympic sprinter Mel Lattany tossed a challenge to 2-time No.1 Carl Lewis.

He's a great athlete. He's been No. 1 in the world the last two years, but I want to knock him off his pedestal," Lattany said. "I want to show the world he's not a superman. When I'm at my best, I don't think he can beat me."

NEW TO NETS? — Longtime Washington Bullets assistant Bernie Bickerstaff is reported in line for the vacant head coaching job with the New York Nets, one of the NBA's most solid franchises.

BOTTOM FELL OUT—After heading the first two rounds of the Magnolia Classic golf tournament at Hattiesburg, Miss., Jim Dent suffered a disastrous final round and dropped to 4 - way tie for third. He managed, however, to pick up $7,250 of purse.

At the Masters

Cal Peete wanted out 'to stop the bleeding'

AUGUSTA, GA. (UPI) — Calvin Peete's words came back to haunt him the last two days of the Masters golf tournament.

"I feel that the Masters is overrated." Peete had said prior to the start of what was to be his fourth appearance in the tournament . "It's not that great a course and it's not that great a field. The media has made it into a big event. I just came here to play like I would any tournament."

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The first two rounds, he backed those words with deeds, shooting 70 - 72 to stand five strokes off the lead at 2 - under - par 142. But he staggered to a 15 - over - par 87 on Sunday and closed with an 80 on Monday to wind up at 21 - over 309 and destined to be last among the 49 golfers who survived the 36 - hole cut.

Peete was first off the tee Monday and the only one not paired with a regular partner, having instead a "non - competing marker" as his playing companion.

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When he finished, about three hours later, he truned to the small gallery waiting at the final hole and quipped, "Now, I can go home and stop the bleeding."

OUCH, THAT HURT! — Previously unbeaten James Broad (left) bends in pain after being stung with a right by heavyweight Marvis Frazier, son of former heavyweight champion Joe Frazier, gained an unanimous decision over his Wildwood (NJ) rival to remain undefeated as a pro.

Birds back for 7-game home stand

Weather permitting, there is small doubt that an enthusiastic welcome will be awaiting the Orioles when they return to Baltimore (tonight) Friday for a week's hiatus at Memorial Stadium.

The Birds, having indicated that this will not be a repeat of previous Aprils, will entertain Cleveland in a 4 - game, weekend set with afternoon games Saturday and Sunday, and will then host Texas Tuesday and Wednesday nights and Thursday afternoon.

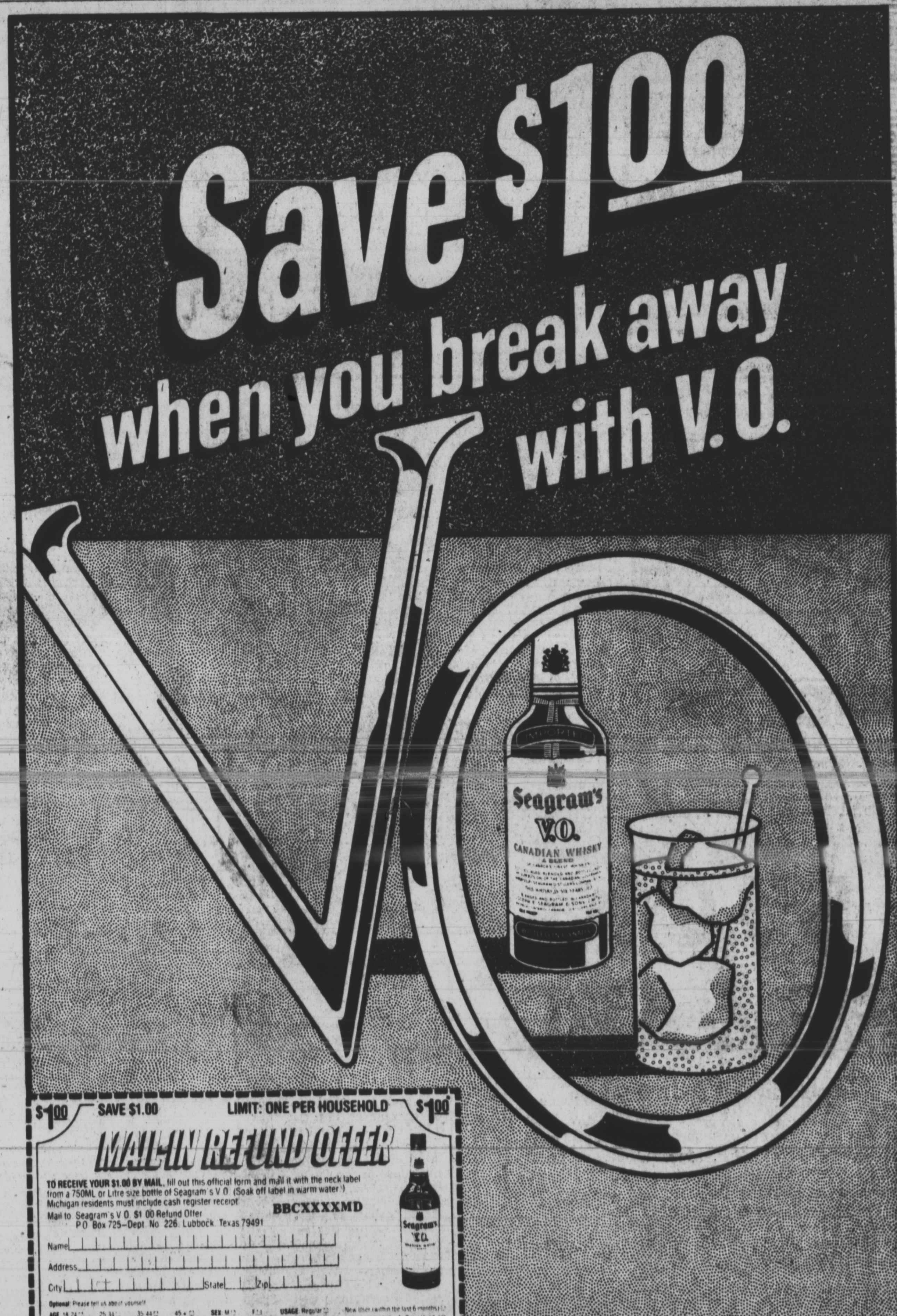
Junior tennis tryouts

Tryouts for next winter's Junior Tennis League schedule are currently being planned by the Greater Baltimore Tennis Patrons Association.

Initial drills will be held May 21, at McDonogh School for young prospects between 13 and 18 years of age.

Players must register for the tryouts prior to May 21. To get a tryout application, players should see their school coach or call Dennis Epley at 655-2973.

Applications must be returned on the day of the tryouts. Balls will be furnished by the Junior Indoor League.



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Scholastic Sports Scene

Williams to play for Georgetown Hoyas

By Martin Evans
AFRO Staff Writer

Dunbar All-American Reginald "Russ" Williams, the most hotly-recruited high school basketball player in the country, ended months of speculation Wednesday afternoon by announcing he will play for Georgetown University next year.

Williams, a silky-smooth 6'7" forward whose all-court jumpers and driving dunks electrified packed, standing - room-only gymnasiums for three years, spurned offers from virtually every major college and university before making his decision.

After narrowing his choices to a final list of five schools - Georgia Tech, Louisville, UCLA, Nevada-Las Vegas, and Georgetown - Williams gave Georgetown the nod.

Three factors together made up his decision, Williams said. The lithe, soft-spoken youth said Georgetown's business administration program, its proximity to home, and an appreciation of John Thompson's coaching style were decisive.

"The school, the education, and the coach. That's what did it. I could have gone anywhere, but it was the school and the basketball program that did it," the 19 year-old senior said.

Williams choice will reunite one of the best one-two frontcourt punches in Baltimore prep history.

Former Dunbar forward sensation David Wingate , a freshman at Georgetown, averaged 12 points and 3 rebounds as a first year starter with the young Hoya team.

Williams, flanked by his radiantly-smiling mother, Gloria Williams, and his coach, Bob Wade, made the long-awaited announcement at a heavily attended press City Hall press conference.

Mrs. Williams expressed both pride and relief with her son's announcement. The dual pressures of long practices and the intense recruiting blitz that brought a constant barrage of letters, telephone calls and visits to the Williams family since late last summer, had begun to wear on both Mrs. Williams and her schoolboy son.

"I'm so proud, you wouldn't believe it," Mrs. Williams said, adding, "I'm so glad its over, everyone coming to me and asking where he was going."

Williams' signing rekindled questions of who is the best player ever to have pounded the hardwood floor at Dunbar. The Poet's bench boss refused to be suckered into that controversy, however.

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"I can't say "Williams is the best' because the Wingates and the Grahams and the Wises will come to me and say 'I thought you said I was the best.' " Wade said.

But although the implication is that all superstars are equal, Wade hinted that some superstars are more equal than others

"He certainly is the most acclaimed player that I have ever coached," Wade acknowledged.

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Williams had no problems keeping his lips buttoned about his final decision. The youth of very few words said he decided only last weekend to attend the Washington, D.C. school.

"I really thought he was going to UCLA. He grew up watching Magic and Kareem, and when he went out there he met Magic. He really likes the way they play," Wade said, referring to Los Angeles Laker superstars Ervin "Magic" Johnson and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

Earlier, in the thick of the Reggie Williams sweepstakes, three schools made the mistake of breaking Wade's self-imposed recruiting rules. The rules stipulated no home phone calls, place strict school visitation restrictions, limit recruiting conferences to 15-20 minutes, and in other ways limit pressures on his highly-scouted players.

All three schools immediately were dropped from consideration by Williams, Wade said.

Although it is speculated that The University of Maryland is among the schools who broke the Wade rules, the Dunbar coach refused any comment.

Williams, who averaged 24 points, 13 rebounds, and four assists in leading the Poets to a 31-0 season and the city championship, is expected to add outside scoring punch to the Hoya offense, complimenting the inside strength of sophomore center Patrick Ewing.

The Hoyas posted a 22-10 record last year with a mostly freshman and sophomore team last year. They lost to Memphis State in the NCAA tournament second round.

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POLY VICTORIOUS — Mervo miler Kirk Washington and Poly's Kevin Setzer are a picture of exhaustion as they reach the finish line of the 1500 meter event at Tuesday's dual meet.

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FREE BALL — Poly midfielder Darren Blackwell reaches for a pass as two Cardinal Gibbons players close in. Poly won the Tuesday afternoon contest, outscoring the Crusaders, 11-5.

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GEORGETOWN BOUND — Poet star Reggie "Russ" Williams gets in position for a pass during a March 10 game at the Civic Center. Williams signed a letter of intent to play for the Hoyas.

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